



Session ordinaire du 4 mai 2021
PÉRIODE DE QUESTIONS /
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1	Q	<p>We have been raising our concerns all winter about trail safety where the trail intersects private roads and driveways in Ward 5 (Carnochan, Winnisic, Cora Rose, etc.). Bicycle traffic is already starting to increase significantly.</p> <p>1. When will stop signs and/or swing gates be installed on the trail at these intersections?</p> <p>To recap, our concern at these intersections is not just the grade of our roads, but also the limited visibility for drivers EVEN WHEN we stop at the trail. The curves in the trail and the foliage make it impossible to have a clear line of sight down the trail in either direction. The Municipality would have to clear hundreds of trees, displacing countless birds, to ensure clear visibility for drivers OR you could install a few stop signs on the trail to warn cyclists of the dangers and to slow them down. Surely our environmentally friendly municipality does not want to make the same mistake that was made in Cornwall on the Peanut Line Trail.</p> <p>2. When is the Municipality going to post signs at the bottom of our private roads redirecting drivers to park at Municipal lots instead of in front of our homes?</p>
	R	<p>1. Yield signs will be installed on la Voie Verte Chelsea and caution signs on the roads. The stop sign on either side of the intersections will be removed. The signs have been ordered and as soon as they arrive, they will be installed. Council has not made a decision regarding swing gates.</p> <p>2. Those signs also have been ordered and they will be installed as soon as they arrive.</p>
2	Q	Will the ward boundaries will be revised before the November municipal election?
	R	The ward boundaries were revised and accepted by the Directeur général des Élections du Québec (DGEQ) on March 26,2020. With all the work and planning that goes in an election the DGEQ asks the municipalities to give them the information in advance, more than a year before the election year. It is a picture of what the boundaries are in 2020 according to the deadline established by the law and not what the boundaries would look like on election day.
3	Q	<p>1. There is a turtle pond on River Road and la Carriere (Farm Point) would it be possible for the Municipality to post signs (during the summer months) on the road at both ends of the pond that read: Slow down turtle crossing?</p> <p>2. As well, we would like to know what measures will be put into place to protect the pond during the planned road reconstruction this summer?</p>
	R	<p>1. We will be installing signs required for the protection of turtles.</p> <p>2. During the work of River road, all the mitigation and containment measures will be put in place. These measures are established by our consultants.</p>
4	Q	<p>1. Critical path re river road construction: Where are we at in the process, what studies/assessments/steps have been completed, what are the results, what steps remain, is it construction expected to be completed before the election?</p> <p>2. When might the responses to questions of previous meetings be posted?</p>
	R	<p>1. Within the framework of the road repair on chemin de la Rivière, the consultant mandated by the Municipality is presently finalizing the plans and specifications to launch the call for tenders. As part of his mandate, the following studies have been carried out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geotechnical study; • Hydrological and hydraulic study; • Stability study of the retaining wall; • Televised inspection of the sanitary sewer network pipes; • Characterization study of the natural environment; • Environmental Site Study Phase I; • Phase II Environmental Site Study. <p>Applications for certificates of authorization from the <i>Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques</i> and applications for review by the <i>Ministère des Pêches et Océans</i> are being prepared to receive all the necessary authorizations for the work.</p> <p>The first part of the work is planned for late summer 2021, due to government restrictions related to deforestation and the migratory bird nesting period that ends in August. It will cover areas that do not require authorization or relocation of urban technical network.</p> <p>The second part of the work is scheduled to begin at the end of the thaw period in the spring of 2022. It will cover the remainder of the rehabilitation work planned in the mandate.</p> <p>2. The document resuming questions & answers was posted on the website last week.</p>



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5	Q	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We understand that ACRE has completed a partial mapping of the ecological function of undeveloped land in the Municipality. How exactly will that study be used? 2. When will a complete natural asset mapping be undertaken to ensure that there is a clear understanding of the ecological function of all unbuilt lands in the Municipality (forest canopy and wetlands in particular)?
	R	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data provided by ACRE may be used as a point of reference, but developers who want to develop unbuilt land, whether the developer is a private or public, will be required by the revised by-laws to submit a detailed ecological study of their land as part of their preliminary subdivision application. These studies must be prepared by a professional biologist and will show the ecological traits of the land at the time of the project. 2. A study on the ecological function of unbuilt land was not planned in this year's budget, but it's an action that could be implemented as part of the Action Plan on Sustainable Development to be reviewed this fall. It would have to be approved by the Council in the 2022 budget. <p>As for wetlands, the Municipality already has access to an extensive map identifying all the major watercourses and wetlands on its territory. It gets updated every few years. Furthermore, as part of a building permit application, any individual or developer who wants to build a new building on his property must submit a site plan, prepared by land surveyor, that identifies any creek or smaller wetland that our maps might have missed and the tree canopy outline. Recently, the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais was also tasked by the provincial government to prepare a map of all wetlands on its territory. Those results will be provided to municipalities as soon as it is completed.</p>
6	Q	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the municipality's current responsibilities to protect homeowners from water damage caused by the development of lots uphill from established homes? 2. More specifically, does the municipality have a duty to evaluate the natural asset functions of unbuilt land, such as water retention or sink capacity, and the capacity to prevent hillside erosion?
	R	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A homeowner must ensure that water, snow and ice that runs off their roof or gutters falls on their own property and not on their neighbor's property. The municipality ensures that this rule is respected by imposing minimum setbacks. So that this water has enough room to fall from the roof on the owner's lot and not directly onto his neighbor's. The narrowest setback in Chelsea for a building is 1.5 meter. <p>Also, according to the Civil Code, the owner of a lot located at the bottom of a hill must accept that rainwater falling on his neighbors higher up the hill, and it will naturally flow towards his lot if it is located lower in the land.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Real estate developers of residential projects have the obligation to manage their drainage and to retain the additional water generated by their projects within the lot. They do this by directing the water into ditches, storm sewers if available, existing green spaces, ponds, or wetlands, or if necessary, into a retention pond. <p>In the case of an application to build infrastructure (road, sewer, etc.), developers must submit a feasibility and drainage study to the Municipality that demonstrates the absorption capacity of the land and, if applicable, the infrastructure they will need to put in place to manage the additional water. In the case of a sloping lot in a landslide risk zone, the Municipality also requires a geotechnical study demonstrating that the residential project is safe and does not create a safety risk for the lot in question.</p>
7	Q	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The many small wetlands along Chemin de la Riviere are and should be considered as an interconnected network. Does the Municipality see them as one large integrated wetland and what processes will the Municipality put in place to ensure that these small, but integrated wetlands, are protected throughout the upcoming construction?
	R	(Please refer to the answer 4.1 above)
8	Q	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which Chelsea neighborhoods/ areas are and will be provided with full fibre optics -all the way to the home- and which parts of Chelsea are expected to put up with slower, less resilient, less secure, energy absorbing and harmful wireless 4 & 5G technology? 2. In what way are and will Chelsea's citizens be involved in the decision-making process about where these harmful (small cell) transmitters will be placed including add-ons on existing cell tower structures and/or new cell towers for wireless 5G technology?
	R	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There was another announcement today involving XploreNet and Cogeco, and that along with the Bell announcement a month ago, about installing full fiber optic by the end of September 2022. The provincial government and federal government are saying that all homes through Québec will be connected for High-speed internet by fiber. 2. With respect to citizen participation, Bell has asked us to identify the sectors which have poor internet connections, and this was done.