

Municipality of Morin-Heights

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC ARGENTEUIL COUNTY MRC DES PAYS D'EN-HAUT

MINUTES

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Of the regular meeting of the Municipal Council of Morin-Heights, held at the Community Room, 567, Village, on Wednesday, February 13th, 2008 at which were present Councillors Rita O'Donoughue, Claude P. Lemire and Gilles Coutu forming quorum under the chairmanship of Substitute Mayor Timothy Watchorn.

The Director General, Yves Desmarais, is present.

Mayor Michel Plante and Councillors Mona Wood and Owen LeGallee are absent.

At 7:30 p.m., Substitute Mayor Michel Plante states quorum and after a moment of silence, Council deliberates on the following dossiers.

23.02.08 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It is proposed by Councillor Rita O'Donoughue
And unanimously resolved:

That Council adopt the agenda as presented by the Director general.

AGENDA

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6	3	3	Progressive payment number 4 – Alpino, Bastien, Beaulieu and Salzbouurg aqueduct networks
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7			URBANISM AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING
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8	4	8 Acquisition of lot 3206410
9		New Business
9	1	Nomination
10		Question period
11		End of the meeting

24.02.08 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 9th, 2008 were given to members of Council, by the means of the electronic assembly file folder, saved on their portable computers.

Consequently, the Director General is exempt from reading them.

It is proposed by Councillor Gilles Coutu
And unanimously resolved:

That Council adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of January 9th, 2008.

25.02.08 EXPENSE STATEMENT

The lists of accounts payable and accounts paid during the month of January 2008 as well as the list of accounts to be paid to December 31st, 2007 were given to Council members by means of the electronic assembly as well as the list of authorized expenses as per the delegation of competency by-law 351;

Council has studied the lists and:

It is proposed by Councillor Claude P. Lemire
And unanimously resolved:

That Council approve the accounts as detailed on the lists presented.

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	Total
December 1st to 31st, 2007	
Accounts to be paid	\$ 88,303.85
Accounts paid in advance	\$ 14,875.56
Total purchases	\$ 103,179.41
Direct bank payments for the previous month	-
Total expenses	\$ 103,179.41
Net salaries	-
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	\$ 103,179.41

	Total
January 1st to 31st, 2008	
Accounts to be paid	\$ 320,288.41
Accounts paid in advance	\$ 311,277.51
Total purchases	\$ 631,565.92
Direct bank payments for the previous month	\$ 23,845.55
Total expenses	\$ 655,411.47
Net salaries	\$ 110,556.91
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	\$ 765,968.38

The Mayor and the Director General are authorized to make the payments.

Mr. Timothy Watchorn informs Council and the public that he is now employed by the company 9129-6558 Québec Inc. (David Riddell Excavation/Transport) and that consequently, will refrain from participating in discussions and votes pertinent to this company's dossiers.

EXPENSES STATEMENT TO DECEMBER 31ST, 2007

The Director general presents Council, who acknowledges receipt of the statement of revenues and expenses to January 31st, 2008.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Director general reviews the correspondence for the month of January 2008. Council acknowledges receipt of the scanned mail, saved on the members' laptops in the Assembly folder. The Director general will follow up if necessary.

26.02.08 PROCLAMATION – FEBRUARY, HEART MONTH

Considering the volunteer and charity health organization, the Fondation des maladies du coeur du Québec, leads the fight against eliminating heart disease and cerebral vascular accidents (ACV) and the reduction of their impact which actively contributing to the progress in research and the application and promotion of healthy lifestyles along with representations to authorities responsible for health policies;

Considering that, by its actions, the Fondation des maladies du coeur contributes to improving the quality of life and chances of survival for all of our citizens. The support that we give their actions allow them to pursue their mission and unite forces to better prevent and cure;

It is unanimously resolved:

That the Municipality of Morin-Heights support the Fondation des maladies du coeur and proclaim the month of February, heart month.

27.02.08 RENEWAL OF GROUP INSURANCE

Considering the Municipality offers a group insurance to its employees for which 50% is paid for by the Municipality;

Considering the broker requested offers and three companies presented offers, as shown on the chart attached herewith dated February 7th;

It is proposed by Councillor Claude Philippe Lemire
And unanimously resolved:

That Council renew the group insurance with the company Great West and that consequently, the Finance department be authorized to make the payments.

A.M. 01.02.08 NOTICE OF MOTION – BY-LAW 439 REGARDING THE WAGES OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Notice of motion is given by Councillor Claude Philippe Lemire that By-law 439 regarding the wages of elected representatives will be presented at a future council meeting.

The draft by-law having been given to Council, the Director general is exempt from its reading.

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28.02.08 ADOPTION OF DRAFT BY-LAW 439 REGARDING THE
WAGES OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Council members renounce to the reading of By-law 439 and the Director general gives a summary.

It is proposed by Councillor Claude Philippe Lemire
And unanimously resolved:

That Council adopt By-law 439 as follows:

By-law 439
Wages of elected representatives

WHEREAS : The municipal elected representatives' wages, L.R.Q., c. T-11.001 determines Council's authority with regards to the determining the remuneration;

WHEREAS : Council agrees that By-law 376 adopted in 2004 must be updated in order to render its provisions in compliance to contemporary realities;

WHEREAS : That the notice of motion was given by Councillor Claude Philippe Lemire with the exemption of its reading at the regular meeting of February 13th, 2008;

WHEREAS : The draft by-law was adopted by resolution 28.02.08 at it regular meeting of February 13th, 2008;

WHEREAS : The Secretary-treasurer certifies that the public notice was published as required in Article 9 of said Law on February 20th;

CONSEQUENTLY, the following is ordained, statued and decreed:

ARTICLE 1: The preamble forms an integral part of the present by-law.

ARTICLE 2: The present by-law replaces the provisions of by-law 376.

ARTICLE 3: The present by-law sets a remuneration on an annual basis for the Municipality's Mayor and for each councillor, the entirety for the 2008 financial year and its subsequent years.

ARTICLE 4: The Mayor's remuneration, on an annual basis, is set at \$ 20,160 and each Councillor's remuneration is set at \$ 6,720.

ARTICLE 5: An additional remuneration is also granted in favour of the particular positions described below, as per the indicated terms :

Substitute Mayor : \$ 110 per calendar month or fraction of a calendar month during which the elected representative occupies this position.

President of the Finance committee \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of the calendar month during which the elected representative occupies this position.

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President of the work relations committee : \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of the calendar month during which the elected representative occupies this position.

Councillor-member of the Urbanism Committee and upgrading of the territory : \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of a calendar month during which the elected representative occupies this position.

President of the Environment Committee : \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of a calendar month during which the elected personnel occupies this position.

President of the Public Security Committee : \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of a calendar month during which the elected personnel occupies this position.

President of the Infrastructure and municipal projects Committee : \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of a calendar month during which the elected representative occupies this position.

President of the Family and seniors Committee : \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of a calendar month during which the elected representative occupies this position.

President of the Public works committee: \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of a calendar month during which the elected representative occupies this position.

President of the supervision of the fleet and rolling equipment committee: \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of a calendar month during which the elected representative occupies this position.

President of the Recreation and Culture Committee : \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of a calendar month during which the elected representative occupies this position.

President of the Community affairs Committee: \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of a calendar month during which the elected representative occupies this position.

ARTICLE 6: In the event that the Substitute Mayor replaces the Mayor during more than thirty days, the Substitute Mayor will have the right, as of that moment, and until he ceases to replace him, to an amount equal to the Mayor's remuneration, during this period.

ARTICLE 7: Also, including a fixed remuneration, each elected representative will have the right to an expense allowance of an amount equal to half of the amount of the remuneration, apart from the surplus stipulated in Article 20 of the Wages for elected municipal representatives Act, up to maximum stipulated in Article 22 of this Act.

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However, when the amount equal to half of the Mayor's remuneration stipulated in Articles 12 and 13 of the Wages for elected municipal representatives Act exceeds the maximum stipulated in Article 22 of this Act, the surplus is paid to him as a remuneration instead of an expense allowance.

ARTICLE 8:

Basic remuneration and additional remuneration as established by the present by-law will be indexed for each financial year following the entering into effect of the present by-law.

The indexation consists of the increase of the applicable amount for the previous year, a percentage corresponding to the rate increase of the price index for consumption for Canada established by Statistics Canada.

When the product of the calculation stipulated in the second paragraph is not a multiple of 10, it is carried over to this number's closest multiple.

To establish the increase rate specified in the second paragraph :

1. We subtract the index established for the last month of December previous to the year that was established for the before last month of December.
2. We divide the difference obtained as per paragraph 1 as per the index established for the before last month of December.

ARTICLE 9:

A transition allowance is paid to the Mayor who ceases to occupy his position as long as he has occupied it for at least twenty-four months before the end of his mandate.

The calculation of the transition allowance is in accordance to the Wages for elected municipal representatives Act and for the purpose of the transition allowance, the remuneration used for the calculation includes what is paid to the members of the municipality's mandatory organizations or a supra municipal organization as these expressions are defined in said Act.

This allowance is paid in one instalment, at the latest, ninety days after the vacancy of the Mayor's position.

ARTICLE 10:

The present by-law enters into effect as of January 1st, 2008.

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ARTICLE 11: The present by-law enters into effect as per the Law.

Michel Plante
Mayor

Yves Desmarais
Director General
/ Secretary-treasurer

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR, FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Director general presents Council who acknowledge receipt of the monthly report for the month of January 2008 from the Director of the fire department as well as the list of expenses authorized during the month as per the delegation of competency, by-law 351 and the list of work to be done.

29.02.08 **NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

Considering the Director, Fire department's recommendation dated February 8th;

Considering the candidates have accepted to complete the training for officers;

It is proposed by Councillor Rita O'Donoghue
And unanimously resolved:

That Council name Mr. Mario Millette and Mrs. Vicky Deslaurier to the position of lieutenant on probation.

30.02.08 **AGREEMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT**

Considering that at its meeting of December 2007, Council created the position of Director, Fire department and first respondents;

Considering the draft agreement is attached herewith;

It is proposed by Councillor Claude Philippe Lemire
And resolved by majority:

That Council accept the terms of the agreement entered into with Mr. Charles Bernard and authorizes and the Director general to sign said agreement.

That, consequently, the remuneration policy for department heads be modified.

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**MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR,
PUBLIC WORKS**

The Director general presents Council who acknowledges receipt of the monthly report from the Director of Public Works department for the month of January 2008 as well as the list of expenses authorized during the month as per the delegation of competency, by-law 351.

31.02.08 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Considering the events involving an employee of the Municipality, whose identity does not have to be revealed in this resolution as all Council members are aware of the person's identity;

Considering the investigation prepared by Mr. Alain Bérubé, Director of the Public works department and the report that he presented to Council members;

Considering the specifications of the collective agreement;

Considering the letter dated January 15th, 2008 signed by Mr. Alain Bérubé and sent to the employee, with copy sent to the Mayor, the Director general and Mr. Pierre Côté, Union president, local 3950;

Considering the errors committed by this person;

It is proposed by Councillor Claude Philippe Lemire
And unanimously resolved:

That the letter dated January 15th, 2008 signed by Mr. Alain Bérubé, Director, Public works department and addressed to the municipal employee, whose identity does not have to be revealed in this resolution as all Council members are aware of the person's identity.

That a disciplinary suspension of three days without pay be imposed to this person.

32.02.08 PROFESSIONAL FEES – BY-LAW 421

Considering the contract for the supervision of the work to be done on Lac Echo road, by-law 421, was granted to Équipe Laurence, consultants;

Considering the invoice received from Équipe Laurence dated January 15th, 2008;

It is proposed by Councillor Rita O'Donoghue
And unanimously resolved:

That Council authorize the payment in the amount of \$ 3,950.63, including taxes, to Équipe Laurence, as per the offer of services dated January 17th, 2007.

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MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR,
ENVIRONMENT

The Director general presents to Council, who acknowledge receipt, the monthly report from the Director & Environment Inspector as well as the weekly water flow report for the month of January 2008 as well as the list of expenses authorized during the month, as per the delegation of competency, by-law 351.

33.02.08 **AGREEMENT REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF
WATERWAYS**

Considering the recommendations made to the MRC des Pays-d'en-Haut by the Committee for waterways;

Considering resolution number CM 115-06-07 adopted by the MRC des Pays-d'en-Haut's council of mayors on June 12, 2007 pertaining to the management of waterways;

Considering the Municipality must replace its resolution number 152.06.07;

It is proposed by Councillor Gilles Coutu
And unanimously resolved:

That the Council of the Municipality of Morin-Heights subscribe to the recommendations and to the MRC des Pays-d'en-Haut's council of Mayors' resolution pertaining to the management of waterways;

That the Mayor and Director general be authorized to sign an intermunicipal agreement for which a copy is attached herewith forming an integral part hereof, by which the MRC des Pays-d'en-Haut will entrust to our town, the service of managing the maintenance and cleaning of waterways, of recovering debts and applying by-laws pertaining to waterways, if necessary.

That this resolution rescind resolution 152.06.07.

34.02.08 **PROGRESSIVE PAYMENTS NUMBERS 5 AND 6 –
WORK ON THE VILLAGE AQUEDUCT NETWORK**

Considering the contract for the upgrading of the Village drinking water network was granted to the company Gelco Construction;

Considering the recommendation of progressive payments numbers 5 and 6 for Gelco Construction prepared by Équipe Laurence, consultants;

Considering the request for payment of professional fees for supervision from Équipe Laurence for the work to December 21st, 2007 and January 15th, 2008;

It is proposed by Councillor Gilles Coutu
And unanimously resolved:

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That Council authorize the progressive payments numbers 5 and 6 and the supervision fees as follows:

Name	Amount
Gelco construction	\$ 103 794,37
Gelco construction	\$ 29,704.75
Équipe Laurence	\$ 5 079,38
Équipe Laurence	\$ 2 821,88

35.02.08 PROGRESSIVE PAYMENTS NUMBER 4 – ALPINO, BASTIEN, BEAULIEU AND SALZBOURG NETWORKS

Considering the contract for the upgrading of the drinking water networks was granted to the company Centre de pompes Villemaire;

Considering the recommendation for progressive payment number 4 for Centre de pompes Villemaire prepared by EnviroSol, consultants;

It is proposed by Councillor Gilles Coutu
And unanimously resolved:

That Council authorize the progressive payments number 4 as follows:

Networks	By-law	Centre de pompes Villemaire
Alpino	367	\$ 13 011,54
Bastien	387	\$ 37 118,61
Beaulieu	404	\$ 13 896,59
Salzbourg	365	\$ 28 643,45

36.02.08 BY-LAW 433 – VILLAGE DRINKING WATER NETWORK

Considering Council adopted By-law 433 in order to provide for additional costs for the upgrading of the Village drinking water network project;

Considering the Minister of municipal affairs and regions' Legal department asks that modifications be made to the wording of Article 1 and to Annex A;

It is proposed by Councillor Gilles Coutu
And unanimously resolved:

That Council modify Article 1 of By-law 433 in order to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Council decrees an expense and an additional loan not exceeding \$ 500,000 in order to compensate for the increase in the original costs and to cover additional costs linked to the original project to therefore complete the upgrading of the Village drinking water network project as decreed by By-laws 368 and 392 as shown in the budgetary estimated prepared by Équipe Laurence, consultants, dated September 5th, 2007, revised on February 11th, 2008 as Annex A.

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That Council approve the revision made to Annex A as of February 11th, 2008.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR, URBANISM

The Director general presents Council who acknowledge receipt of the monthly report from the Director for the month of January 2008 as well as the list of expenses authorised during the month as per the delegation of competency, by-law 351.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR, RECREATION AND CULTURE

The Director general presents Council who acknowledge receipt of the monthly report from the Director for the month of January 2008 as well as the list of expenses authorised during the month as per the delegation of competency, by-law 351.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The Director general presents Council who acknowledge receipt of the monthly list of activities and related documents from Mrs. Rita O'Donoghue, Councillor responsible for community services for the month of January 2008.

37.02.08 PATROLLERS – CROSS-COUNTRY SKI NETWORK

Considering the Municipality manages the cross-country ski network and the aerobic corridor;

Considering the Director, Recreation and culture presented Council with a job description regarding these positions dated January 28th, 2008;

Considering these credits are available in the 2008 cross-country ski operations budget;

It is proposed by Councillor Rita O'Donoghue
And unanimously resolved:

That Council authorize the hiring of Mrs. Audrey Bouffard-Nesbitt as a patroller and ticket agent to work on Sundays (5 hours), as required, at the hourly rate of \$ 9.25, as per the snow conditions.

That Council authorize the hiring of Mr. Laurent Dallaire as a patroller and ticket agent to work on Saturdays (5 hours), as required, at the hourly rate of \$ 9.00, as per the snow conditions.

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38.02.08 **EXPROPRIATION OF LOT 36-2, RANGE 5**

Considering that as per Article 1097 of the *Municipal Code*, the Municipality of Morin-Heights may acquire, by mutual agreement or by expropriation, any property which is deemed necessary for municipal matters;

Considering the Municipality of Morin-Heights would like to develop a parking area, an access and greeting area for its cross-country ski and snowshoe trails on lot 36-2 Range V, township of Morin, Argenteuil district;

Considering these areas will be accessible to the public and will facilitate access to said trails;

It is proposed by Councillor Rita O'Donoghue
And unanimously resolved:

That the Municipality of Morin-Heights decree the purchase by mutual agreement or by expropriation, of lot 36-2, Range V, township of Morin, district of Argenteuil, in order to develop an access, a parking area as well as a greeting area for the cross-country and snowshoe trails located on the Municipality's territory;

That the firm Prévost, Fortin, D'Aoust is hereby mandated to undertake the above-mentioned expropriation procedures.

39.02.08 **FINAL OFFER TO PURCHASE LOT 36-2, RANGE 5**

Considering Council's decision to authorize the expropriation procedure of lot 36-2, range 5;

Considering Council favours negotiated agreements;

Considering the Municipality presented an offer of \$ 27,927 for said lot;

Considering this offer is for 50¢ per square foot which is 4¢ over the market value;

Considering the counteroffer of \$ 76,000 presented on December 20th is extreme;

Considering the costs relating to the expropriation procedure are estimated at \$ 7,000;

Considering the decision to improve the offer was taken in order to maintain good relations with the citizen;

Considering this last offer does not modify the market value of the property which is established at 46¢ per square foot;

It is proposed by Councillor Rita O'Donoghue
And unanimously resolved

That Council authorize the Director general to present Mrs. Nicole Robillard with a final offer for the purchase of lot 36-2, range 5 for the amount of \$ 35,000;

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That the Mayor and Director general be authorized to sign the purchase contract.

40.02.08 2008 MORIN-HEIGHTS VIKING LOPPET

Considering that the Municipality established that it would be host of the Viking Loppet which will be held next February 24th;

Considering that 350 skiers will be participating in this event;

Considering that Council the logistics surrounding this event;

It is proposed by Councillor Rita O'Donoghue
And unanimously resolved:

That Council ask the Ministère des transports' authorization to cover the route 329 with snow and close it sporadically in order to allow the skiers to cross vis-à-vis the aerobic corridor and vis à vis Allen road between 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.;

That Council authorize the sporadic closing and snow cover of Bennett and Rockcliff roads to cross the aerobic corridor and Echo road in order to cross the Triangle trail;

That Council authorize parking on Campbell, Voce, Mountain View and Glen roads on February 24th, 2008;

That Council notify the Municipality's insurers that, on this day, the elementary school's property as well as private properties surrounding the school will be used and that more than 125 volunteers will be guiding skiers.

41.02.08 DAY CAMP HIRING POLICY

Considering that Council needs to update the policy regarding the hiring for the day camp;

It is proposed by Councillor Rita O'Donoghue
And unanimously resolved:

That Council proceed with the hiring of employees pursuant to the selection committee's recommendation in a subsequent resolution.

That Council adopt the Policy entitled "Policy regarding hiring for the 2008 day camp" dated January 29th, 2008 which is attached herewith as if it was reproduced in its entirety and which replaces the one adopted by resolutions 40-02-07.

42.02.08 GRANT REQUEST – SHADOW PROGRAM

Considering the Minister of Education has set-up a financial assistance program for the hiring of specialized individuals who assist physically or intellectually handicapped children attending the day camp;

Considering the recreation department has received requests from parents of children that may benefit from this program;

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It is proposed by Councillor Rita O'Donoghue
And unanimously resolved :

That Council authorize the presentation of a request for financial assistance within the 2008 recreation employment shadowing program.

43.02.08 **FIGURE SKATING PROGRAM**

Considering the report prepared by the Director, Recreation and culture dated January 22nd, 2008;

It is proposed by Councillor Rita O'Donoghue
And unanimously resolved:

That Council approve the self-financed figure skating program as per the Director, Recreation and Culture's request which is attached herewith forming an integral part hereof;

That Council authorize the Director general to sign an agreement for the maximum amount of \$ 800 with Mrs. Marilyn McCullough.

44.02.08 **2008 RECREATION AND CULTURE GRANTS**

Considering the municipality has received requests for grants various non-profit organizations;

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Organization	Amount requested	Details
Arts Morin-Heights	\$ 500	Annual amount requested – use of the hall, photocopies
Theatre Morin-Heights	\$ 500	Annual amount requested – use of the hall for practices
Club Viking – Loppet	\$ 1,500	School and bus rentals – technical and administrative assistance
Royal Canadian Legion	\$ 250	Children's ski and snowboard races
Route des Arts	\$ 200	Publicity
Wild Roots performing Arts	\$ 200	Haunted house project and use of the community hall
Wild Roots music & Arts Festival	\$ 800	Conditional to activity being free to public
Morin-Heights Elementary School	\$ 350	Conditional to activity taking place
Club Optimiste Vallée de St-Sauveur	\$ 500	Plus support for torchlight ski (March 8) and initiation to cross-county ski for children (March 5)
Senior citizen Heritage Club	\$ 500	
Cozy Corner	\$ 500	
Soccer Club	\$ 6,500	Annual amount requested (2 nd instalment for line machine to be deducted from this amount)

Considering the credits are provided for in the Recreation and culture department's budget;

It is proposed by Councillor Rita O'Donoghue
And unanimously resolved :

That Council grant the requested amounts to the above-mentioned organizations.

45.02.08 TRACKSETTER FIRST AID PROGRAM

Considering the report presented by the Director, Recreation and culture dated February 7th, 2008;

It is proposed by Councillor Claude Philippe Lemire
And unanimously resolved:

That Council approve Mr. Richard Nesbitt's participation in the tracksetter – first aid training program between March 24th, and April 11th, 2008 in France.

That Council authorize the payment of participation costs of \$ 500.

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46.02.08 ACQUISITION LOT 3 206 410

Considering lot 3206410, property owned by Alan Lindsay is surrounded by Basler park;

Considering the taxes on this property have not been paid for a few years and that an agreement was entered into with the property owner;

And unanimously resolved:

That Council accept the terms of the agreement entered into on December 19th, 2007 with regards to acquiring lot 3206410 for the value of the taxes owed.

That Council authorize the issuance of a tax receipt for the donation.

That the Mayor and Director general be authorized to sign the purchase contract.

47.02.08 REPRESENTATION TO THE MRC DES PAYS
D'EN-HAUT

Considering the Municipality must be represented at the MRC des Pays-d'en-Haut's meeting, on February 20th;

It is proposed by Councillor Gilles Coutu
And unanimously resolved:

That Council name Councillor Claude Philippe Lemire as the Municipality of Morin-Heights' delegate to the meeting of February 20th, 2008 which pertains to the fonds de la ruralité.

That for this purpose, Mr. Lemire will act as substitute Mayor.

QUESTION PERIOD

Council answers questions asked by the public.

48.02.08 END OF THE MEETING

The agenda having been exhausted, the meeting ends at 8:25 p.m.

Timothy Watchorn
Substitute Mayor

Yves Desmarais
Director General /
Secretary-treasurer

Three people attended the meeting.