

**PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC  
COUNTY OF GATINEAU**

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the Township of Low, held on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 7 p.m., in the Héritage room, located at 4C, chemin d'Amour, Township of Low (Quebec) J0X 2C0, under the Presidency of Mayor Carole Robert.

ALSO PRESENT WERE:                      Councillors Mrs. Joanne Mayer, Maureen Rice and Maureen McEvoy and Mr. Luc Thivierge, Lee Angus and Ghyslain Robert.

ALSO PRESENT:                              Madame Myrian Nadon, director general and clerk-treasurer.

Madam Mayor Carole Robert confirming that there is quorum declares the meeting open.

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

March 21<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Madam Mayor              Carole Robert  
Councillor Mrs.          Joanne Mayer, Maureen Rice and Maureen McEvoy  
Councillor Mr.            Luc Thivierge, Lee Angus and Ghyslain Robert

NOTICE OF MEETING is hereby given by the undersigned, Councilor Ghyslain Robert and Maureen Rice, that there will be an extraordinary meeting of the Municipal Council on Monday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. convened by Councilors Robert and Rice, during which Council will consider the following topics:

- 1. Opening of the extraordinary meeting of March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- 2. Adoption of the agenda
- 3. Receipt of the notice of meeting
- 4. Request for a Meeting with CLSC Authorities and our Provincial Depute Mr. Robert Bussière to discuss the proposed service cuts at our CLSC in Low
- 5. 1<sup>st</sup> Question Period
- 6. Closing and adjournment of the extraordinary meeting of March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

At this extraordinary meeting, to be held on **Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** in Heritage Hall, 4C chemin d'Amour, the deliberations of council shall be confined to the above-mentioned subject.

**Given at Low** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2025.

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Ghyslain Robert  
Councilor, Seat # 6

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Maureen Rice  
Councilor, Seat # 2

**2025-03-066 TO ADOPT THE AGENDA FOR THE  
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF  
March 24, 2025**

**PROPOSED AND SUPPORTED UNANIMOUSLY**

FOR THESE REASONS, this Council adopts the agenda as modified with the addition of the following item:

5. To mandate Me Rino Soucy, Lawyer of the firm DHC Avocats - To secure and proceed with the clean-up of site 322, Route 105.

Adopted unanimously.

**2025-03-067 TO REQUEST ACTION ON CLSC SERVICE CUTS  
AND HEALTH CARE ISSUES**

WHEREAS WHEREAS the CLSC of Low plays a vital role in providing healthcare and social services to our population, particularly for residents living in rural areas;

WHEREAS access to local healthcare services is a crucial issue for our residents due to the distance from hospitals and specialized services;

WHEREAS the population of our municipality and surrounding areas relies on the CLSC for essential services, including nursing care, home support, psychosocial services, and public health prevention;

WHEREAS the healthcare crisis in our province, including shortages of medical professionals such as family doctors, nurses, and emergency medical technicians, already has a profound and widespread negative impact on all citizens, with inadequate access to health care for seniors, youth, families, students, the disabled, and those requiring mental health services;

WHEREAS while Premier François Legault declares in his 2024-2029 Action Plan, *La Fierté de vieillir*, that we must continue to work to enable healthy and safe aging at home, his government is implementing a \$1.5 billion cut in healthcare funding;

WHEREAS the residents of our region, particularly seniors, are facing further significant loss due to proposed budget cuts to health care services, particularly with the Low CLSC reportedly reduced to only one service day per week, available by appointment only, beginning April 1;

WHEREAS the community has expressed concern about the local healthcare system's ability to meet the needs of our population, and that services for our citizens are being further diminished;

WHEREAS these challenges of access to healthcare are exacerbated for our bilingual community to receive care in their language;

WHEREAS health is a provincial responsibility, but representing our local population and advocating for its needs rests with municipal council;

WHEREAS municipalities are the closest level of government to citizens and must be informed of any changes to healthcare services to better respond to the concerns of their population;

WHEREAS communication between the CLSC and neighboring municipalities is essential to ensure proper planning of local services and to prevent negative impacts on residents;

WHEREAS maintaining and improving local healthcare services in rural areas requires close collaboration between municipal authorities and healthcare institutions;

WHEREAS the undersigned believe that the current healthcare system is broken and needs to be improved through collaborative efforts involving municipal, regional, provincial, and healthcare stakeholders to address the crisis effectively;

WHEREAS council of the Township of Low has previously passed multiple resolutions 2023-025, 2023-167, 2024-050 requesting statistics, assistance, enhancement and guarantee of service from various key players, including:

1. Mr. Marc Bilodeau– President and CEO of CISSS de l'Outaouais
2. Mrs. Marion Carrière – Commissioner for complaints and quality of services – CISSSO
3. Mrs. Claire Major – Users committee – CISSO
4. CISSSO Board of Directors
5. Mr. Robert Bussière, MNA for Gatineau
6. Mr. Mathieu Lacombe, Minister responsible for Outaouais,
7. Mr. Christian Dubé, Minister of Health
8. Mr. Lionel Carmant, Minister responsible for Social Services
9. Mrs. Sonia Bélanger, Minister responsible for Health and Seniors
10. Mr. François Legault, Premier of the Province of Québec

WHEREAS all attempts in discussion have not resulted in any response or action;

WHEREAS the Conseil des Maires of the MRC de la Vallée-de-la-Gatineau has also adopted several resolutions related to health care needs.

### **PROPOSED AND SUPPORTED UNANIMOUSLY**

FOR THESE REASONS, this Council:

1. States that the preamble is an integral part of this resolution.
2. Stands united with its citizens in protesting these cuts and commits to advocating for the future well-being of all residents, ensuring transparency and proper communication regarding any proposed changes to local services.
3. Formally requests an emergency meeting with Mr. Benoit Valiquette, Director of the CISSSO's Vallée-de-la-Gatineau local services network, Mr. Mathieu Lacombe, minister responsible for Outaouais and our Member of Parliament Mr. Robert Bussière, to discuss the proposed service cuts, explore potential solutions, and demand that all options be considered to maintain access to healthcare services for our residents.
4. Declares its commitment to actively engage through a crisis unit with stakeholders and government representatives, including healthcare professionals, social services, and emergency responders, to develop a comprehensive strategy to address the ongoing healthcare crisis in our region and to advocate for the restoration and improvement of healthcare services for our community.
5. Forwards a copy of this resolution to the MRC de la Vallée-de-la-Gatineau and its member municipalities as well as the Antoine-Labelle MRC, the Papineau MRC, the Collines-de-l'Outaouais MRC, the Pontiac MRC and the Vallée-de-l'Or MRC in Abitibi-Témiscamingue, the Fédération québécoise des municipalités and the Union des municipalités du Québec for their support.
6. Authorizes, hereby, Mrs. Mayor Carole Robert and/or the Director general and Clerk-Treasurer, Mrs, Myrian Nadon, or their replacements, to sign, for and on behalf of the Municipality of the Township of Low, all documents giving effect to this resolution.

Adopted unanimously.

### **2025-03-068 TO MANDATE RINO SOUCY, LAWYER WITH THE FIRM DHC AVOCATS - TO SECURE AND CLEAN UP THE SITE AT 322 ROUTE 105**

WHEREAS following the fire on May 7, 2024 at the property located at 322, route 105, the condition of the site poses a danger to public safety since the fences were removed by the insurance company;

WHEREAS the Department of the Environment and Urban Planning has enjoined the owners of the building concerned to comply with the regulations, and they are not complying with the Municipality's requests;

WHEREAS pursuant to section 231 of the Act respecting land use planning and development, the Municipality requests that a fence be erected to secure the site until it is cleaned up, and that if the owner does not comply, the cost of the work incurred by the third party to secure and clean up the site be billed in accordance with section 233 of the Act respecting land use planning and development.;

**PROPOSED AND SUPPORTED UNANIMOUSLY**

FOR THESE REASONS, this Council:

1. States that the preamble is an integral part of this resolution.
2. Mandates, on the recommendation of the Municipal Inspector and the approval of the Office of the Director General, the firm of DHC lawyers, located at 800 Square-Victoria, Suite 4500, Montréal, Québec H4Z 1J2, to represent the Municipality of the Township of Low before a competent court to immediately secure the premises by the installation of a fence and to proceed with the clean-up of the site in order to enforce compliance with the municipal by-law applicable in this case, as well as for any out-of-court or homologated transaction to intervene, as well as for any subsequent infraction involving the property concerned, and this, for the property known as 322, Route 105.
3. Authorizes, the Mayor, Carole Robert, and the Director General, Myrian Nadon, or their replacements, to sign any draft out-of-court agreement to be entered into with the property owners concerned for the settlement of this file.
4. Mandates, the firm DHC lawyers, 800 square victoria, suite 4500, Montréal, (Québec) H4Z 1J2, for the purpose of undertaking all appropriate proceedings, on behalf of the Municipality of the Township of Low, against the owners concerned, in order to enforce the judgments obtained and to recover, where applicable, the extrajudicial costs incurred by the Municipality of the Township of Low.
6. Authorizes, hereby, Mrs. Mayor Carole Robert and/or the Director general and Clerk-Treasurer, Mrs. Myrian Nadon, or their replacements, to sign, for and on behalf of the Municipality of the Township of Low, all documents giving effect to this resolution.

Adopted unanimously.

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**FIRST QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions on the topics on the agenda.

The question period begins at 7 :28 p.m. and ends at 7:55 p.m.

**2025-03-069    TO ACCEPT THE CLOSING OF  
THE SESSION**

**PROPOSED AND SUPPORTED UNANIMOUSLY**

FOR THESE REASONS, this meeting is adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Adopted.

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Myrian Nadon  
Director General  
and Clerk-Treasurer

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Carole Robert  
Mayor