



# MUNICIPALITÉ D'OTTER-LAKE MUNICIPALITY

## Réunion extraordinaire / Extra ordinary Meeting Procès verbale / Minutes

**Tuesday July 31, 2012**

At the extra ordinary meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Otter Lake, held on the above date at 6:17PM, at 15 Palmer Avenue (Municipal Office), and which were present His Worship the Mayor Mr. GRAHAM HAWLEY, Councillors LÉON LANCE, VICTOR BISSON, CLAUDIA DUBEAU, JACQUE GAUTHIER, CLAUDE PICHÉ all forming quorum under the chairmanship of the Mayor.

The Director General ANDREA LAFLEUR is also present.

### **109-07-2012**

- WHEREAS** a situation continues to exist because of the weather conditions on the territory of the Pontiac MRC and that these conditions have a major impact on ALL of the cattle and dairy farmers of the region;
- WHEREAS** the socio-economic impact will persist well beyond the present crisis of drought that has persisted since the beginning of June 2012;
- WHEREAS** the farming community is caught off guard with respect to their crops and the sustainability of their herds;
- WHEREAS** the drinking water on some farms for people residing there or for feeding livestock shows signs of drying up or have already dried up;
- WHEREAS** the artesian wells in several communities and groups are struggling with the same catastrophic situation;
- WHEREAS** several communities equipped with a water system has issued several notices to ban watering in order to meet the demand for potable water;
- WHEREAS** this emergency goes beyond the municipal powers to adequately respond to this natural disaster;
- WHEREAS** the Civil protection act is to protect persons and property against disasters. This protection is provided by measures of prevention, response preparedness, and response during a disaster or imminent as well as measures to restore the situation after the event;
- WHEREAS** a series of mandatory measures must be taken in the shortest possible time in order to support our producers;
- CONSEQUENTLY** we the municipalities of the Pontiac MRC urge the Government of Quebec to establish an emergency action plan due to this ongoing situation with respect to our territory;
- IN VIEW WHEREOF** we require that the agricultural expertise of all levels and other expertise be mobilized for the territory of the MRC Pontiac residents to compensate for all of our

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concerns; And provide immediate financial assistance to ensure the purchase and transportation of food and other mitigation measures for our farmers.

It is proposed by Léon Lance and unanimously resolved, at an extraordinary session of the Municipality of Otter Lake held on July 31, 2012

**THAT** the provincial government declare all of the Pontiac MRC an emergency situation.

Carried

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### 110-07-2012

#### By-Law number 07-03-2012 – Precaution Against Fire

**WHEREAS** the By-Law number 129 was created on and came into effect May 3rd, 1983;

**WHEREAS** modifications to By-Law number 129 were made May 3, 1995 (002-95) and December 2, 1998 (129-M002);

**WHEREAS** the council considers it necessary to add and modify several clauses in this By-Law;

**WHEREAS** Notice of motion was duly given by Claude Piché on July 5, 2011;

**For these reasons,**

It is proposed by Claude Piché and resolved unanimously to adopt the By-Law 07-03-2012 concerning an amendment to By-Law 129 Precaution Against Fire (see ANNEX)

Carried

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IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR  
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

JACQUE GAUTHIER

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 6:40PM.

Carried

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GRAHAM HAWLEY, Mayor

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ANDREA LAFLEUR, Director General