

The regular meeting of the Municipality of Hinchinbrooke was held on **August 10, 2026** at the Town Hall, located at 1056 Brook Road, in Hinchinbrooke, Quebec. Mayor Wallace chaired the meeting with the following councillors:

Ralph Duncan
Tanya Clarke
Kirk Feeny
Laurie Ann Prévost
Andreas Gabriel
Elgin MacFarlane

Adam Antonopoulos, Director General, recorded the minutes of the meeting.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

26-08-01 **PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Prevost
SUPPORTED BY: Councillor Gabriel

That the regular meeting be called to order at 7:58 p.m.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

26-08-02 **PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Duncan
SUPPORTED BY: Councillor Prevost

That the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD IN JULY

26-08-03 **PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Clarke
SUPPORTED BY: Councillor Duncan

That the English and French versions of the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 6, 2026 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

4. URBAN PLANNING

Council noted the municipal inspection report submitted by the inspector at the August 5, 2026 caucus meeting.

5. PUBLIC WORKS

Council took note of the Public Works Report submitted by the Highway Supervisor at the August 5, 2026 Caucus Meeting.

6. COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

6.1 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report

6.2 ARENA

Nothing to report

6.3 LEISURE

Nothing to report

6.4 DONATION REQUEST

6.4.1 DONATION REQUEST – C.V.A.A.

26-08-04

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Prevost
SUPPORTED BY: Councillor Gabriel

That the Municipality of Hinchinbrooke pay for a garbage container to be provided for the C.V.A.A. event to be held on August 22 and 23 at the fairgrounds.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Wallace reviewed the list of correspondence received during the month of July 2026.

7.1 RED CROSS

26-08-05

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Prevost
SUPPORTED BY: Councillor Clarke

That Mayor Mark Wallace and Chief Administrative Officer Adam Antonopoulos sign the agreement and pay the annual fee of \$0.21 per person. The total cost is \$495.18.

CARRIED

7.2 WATERCOURSE MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS the Municipality recognizes the importance of a functional watercourse system to ensure adequate drainage of the territory, protect municipal infrastructure and promote agricultural activities;

WHEREAS agriculture is an important economic driver for the Municipality and the entire territory of the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent;

WHEREAS several watercourses have a significant siltation or require maintenance work in order to restore the normal flow of water;

WHEREAS heavy rainfall events are becoming more frequent and exacerbate drainage problems, causing damage to farmland and public and private infrastructure;

WHEREAS the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent is responsible for the management of regional watercourses in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Powers Act;

WHEREAS the representations made by the Syndicat local de l'UPA du Haut-Saint-Laurent to improve the monitoring, planning and implementation of watercourse maintenance work;

WHEREAS the Syndicat local de l'UPA du Haut-Saint-Laurent is seeking the support of the municipalities in the territory so that the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent has the necessary resources to effectively fulfill its responsibilities;

ACCORDINGLY,

26-08-06

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Prevost

SECONDED BY: Councillor Feeny

TO SUPPORT the demands made by the Syndicat local de l'UPA du Haut-Saint-Laurent aimed in particular at:

- Increase financial resources for the maintenance, cleaning and management of waterways;
 - Allocate additional human resources to the planning, coordination and execution of the work;
 - Update the watercourse maintenance table to ensure complete and transparent monitoring of interventions;
 - Reduce the time it takes to process applications and carry out work;
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- Establish a permanent monitoring committee bringing together representatives of the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent, the municipalities, the Syndicat local de l'UPA du

Haut-Saint-Laurent and staff responsible for managing watercourses;

TO ASK the Council of Mayors of the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent to take the necessary measures to improve the planning, financing and implementation of watercourse maintenance work throughout the territory;

TO TRANSMIT a copy of this resolution to the Prefect of the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent, to the Syndicat local de l'UPA du Haut-Saint-Laurent and to the municipalities of the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent.

CARRIED

7.3 CITIZEN REQUEST – PURCHASE LOT 5 267 847.

WHEREAS the Municipality has been approached by a citizen interested in purchasing lot 5 267 847 which is attached to his property;

WHEREAS the Municipality has no use for this Property;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Hinchinbrooke must mandate the persons authorized to sign the sale transaction with the notary;

26-08-07

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Feeny

SUPPORTED BY: Councillor Prévost

That the council have no objection to the sale of lot 5 267 847 if the citizen accepts the following conditions; 1. The sale price will be \$6,000.00. 2. The buyer is responsible for all other expenses related to the sale, including notary fees. That this Council mandate Mayor Mark Wallace and Chief Administrative Officer Antonopoulos to sign the sale of the transaction.

CARRIED

7.4 REFUND

WHEREAS clients 698, 588 and 1206 have benefited from a review of their municipal assessment;

WHEREAS these customers have paid too much for their municipal taxes.

26-08-08

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Clarke

SUPPORTED BY: Councillor Gabriel

That Council have no objection to reimbursing these customers for the overpayment they have made on their municipal taxes.

CARRIED

7.5 SPEED RADAR

WHEREAS the municipality has been asked by many citizens to install a speed radar outside of Rockburn on Route 202;

WHEREAS the site chosen by the Board and the MTQ is the following address: 2569 Route 202;

WHEREAS the citizen residing at this address requested that the speed camera not be installed on the electricity pole at this address;

26-08-09

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Duncan
SUPPORTED BY: Councillor Prévost

That the council after discussion and consideration of other possible locations, the council decided to install the speed radar on the hydro pole and see the results.

CARRIED

7.6 ALCOHOL SALES

26-08-10

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Prevost
SUPPORTED BY: Councillor Clarke

That the Municipality of Hinchinbrooke have no objection to the sale of alcohol by the Huntingdon Agricultural Society Inc. for the truck show to be held on September 19, 2026.

CARRIED

8. QUESTION PERIOD

At the regular meeting in July, a citizen who presented a proposal for water monitoring asked the municipal council if it had been able to review and respond to it. The mayor explained that council had discussed the proposal and informed the citizen that a water monitoring system would be installed in the new building to be constructed in Athelstan Park. The data from this monitoring will be uploaded to the municipal website.

A citizen informed City Council that data mining sites are becoming more prevalent in Canada and the United States. He asked council if it wanted to see such activities in Hinchinbrooke. He was told that no zoning in the municipality allowed it and that 96% of the territory was agricultural and protected by the MAPAQ and the CPTAQ against this type of activity. They were also informed that the municipality of Hinchinbrooke cannot speak on behalf of the rest of Canada or the United States.

A resident of Powerscourt Road reported that heavy trucks were driving past her home at all hours of the day, including very early in the morning on their way to the water bottling plant. She asked if this was normal. The mayor explained that there were no time restrictions on the circulation of heavy vehicles.

Citizens asked if there was anything new about the new water bottling plant and if it was possible that it would never see the light of day. They were told that the municipality had no information from the developer and that it did not know if the project had evolved.

A resident near the church on the 1st concession, near the corner of Montee Powerscourt Road, indicated that she wanted to help

clean up the area. The mayor explained to her that his father was the curator and informed her that any help would be welcome. He asked him to give him his contact details so that he could pass them on to the curator.

With no further questions from the meeting, the question period was closed.

9. **INVOICES TO BE APPROVED**

26-08-11

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Duncan
SUPPORTED BY: Councillor Prevost

That the accounts payable for the period from July 7, 2026 to August 10, 2026 in the amount of \$281,543.30 be adopted and paid and that the said accounts be kept in a register for that purpose and form part of these minutes.

CARRIED

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

26-08-12

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Prevost
SUPPORTED BY: Councillor Duncan

That the business of the meeting having been duly concluded, the meeting is adjourned at 8:15 p.m

CARRIED

Mark Wallace
Mayor

Adam Antonopoulos
Managing Director