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TOWNSHIP OF WENTWORTH

Minutes of the special meeting held April 29th, 2019 at the Wentworth Community Center at 86 Louisa Road in Wentworth.

Present are: Jason Morrison, Mayor
Jean-Guy Dubé, Councillor #1
David Smith, Councillor #3
Jay Brothers, Councillor #5
Gilles Ouellette, Councillor #6

Absent are: Bill Gauley, Councillor #2
Maurice Pilon, Councillor #4

The members present form the quorum.

19-04-075 Declaration of the State of Emergency

WHEREAS section 42 of the Civil Protection Act (RSQ, c S-2.3) provides that a local municipality may declare a state of emergency in all or part of its territory when a major disaster, real or imminent requires, in order to protect the life, health or integrity of persons, immediate action that it considers not to be able to adequately perform within the framework of its usual operating rules or as part of a civil security plan applicable;

WHEREAS the mayor's declaration of 28 April 2019 declaring a state of emergency in the territory of Wentworth under section 43 of the Act provides that if the council cannot meet in due time, the mayor or, in case absence or incapacity, the acting mayor may declare a state of emergency for a maximum period of 48 hours;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation of Québec has ordered the complete closure of the Louisa Bridge, located on the territory of the Municipality of Wentworth-North, to all traffic including pedestrian traffic;

WHEREAS the population upstream of the bridge is landlocked and cannot access or be evacuated from their homes;

WHEREAS I believe that the Municipality cannot properly carry out, within the framework of its usual operating rules or as part of a civil security plan, the required actions;

THEREFORE it is proposed by Councillor Jay Brothers and
RESOLVED

THAT Council members declare a state of emergency on a part of the territory of the Municipality for a period of at least five (5) days due to the closure of the Louisa Bridge which enclaves and confines for all practical purposes, more than 140 residences of Wentworth-North and 12 residences of Township of Wentworth upstream of the bridge.

THAT Mrs. Natalie Black, General Director and Secretary-Treasurer be appointed to be empowered to exercise the following powers:

1° control access to the traffic lanes or the territory concerned or subject them to special regulations;

2° grant, for the time it deems necessary for the rapid and effective execution of the intervention measures, authorizations or derogations in the areas that come under the jurisdiction of the Municipality;

3° order, where there is no other means of protection, the evacuation of persons from all or part of the territory concerned that it determines or, on the advice of the authority responsible for the protection of health public, their confinement and, if they have no other resources, to ensure their accommodation, food and clothing and their safety;

4° to request the assistance of any citizen able to assist the deployed personnel;

5 ° to requisition in its territory the necessary means of assistance and private accommodation other than those required for the implementation of a civil security plan adopted under this Chapter or Chapter VI;

6 ° to make the expenses and to conclude the contracts that it deems necessary.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Natalie Black
General Manager
Secretary-Treasurer

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Given at Wentworth this 30th day of April, 2019