

about following needs described in the private October meeting, but at the time, the attendees of the meeting had not been disclosed.

Dandenault denied that claim.

A follow-up question by a citizen, who made a point of introducing herself as a cashier, attempted to confront each councillor, one by one, asking if they felt at ease moving forward given the current controversies surrounding council.

She was stopped after Councillors Serge Poirier and Veerle Beljaars maintained council's position on the subject of the bylaws.

Transparency was the real issue at hand, according to another member of the public.

"You brought this on yourselves," she said. "The problem is not that you met with 12 people, it's that from the beginning, you tried to hide the names of those 12 people."

When first introduced to the public, the citizen said the zoning and subdivision changes included in bylaws 254 and 256 were supposedly geared towards supporting and attracting young families.

"Can you tell us, among the 12 people at the meeting, which ones were representing young families? I find there's

quite a bit of white hair in that group."

Council said young families were one motivation among others, but that notion was not accepted by the public, who rumbled in response.

Citizens then asked how many registered requests had been submitted, and how and when the process would continue.

Director of urban development, Real Girard, who was scheduled to be on vacation but was present at the meeting, said the requests are still being compiled, following the deadline on Thursday, July 30 at midnight.

Girard would not disclose the number of requests filed, adding that council reserves the right to remove a contentious measure from the bylaw rather than go forward with a register. In theory, any information regarding upcoming registers would be posted on the town's website, Girard said.

Another citizen, Robert Benoit, openly representing the company AddÉnergie, which manufactures charging stations for electric vehicles, revisited council's decision last month to sign an agreement with Tesla and install chargers at the Town Hall.

He first asked if council had actually signed and committed to the agreement. Dandenault replied yes. He then asked what type of economic and risk analysis had been done.

"Tesla contacted us," Dandenault said, adding that the company offered the chargers for free and would pay \$2,600 towards their installation, for a total value of \$7,600.

Benoît then volunteered a comparative study to council, based on three scenarios to measure the ultimate cost of accepting Tesla's chargers.

Before continuing, Councillor Kenneth Hill, combative on a number of occasions throughout the meeting, tried to shut Benoit down, saying that the decision had already been made and there was no reason to continue. The public disagreed and Benoit was allowed to continue.

Without including Hydro price increases, and without in-

cluding possible amperage upgrades to accommodate the power needs, Benoit suggested that the (free) chargers could cost the town \$50,000 over the next five years.

Part of the town's agreement with Tesla is to pick up the tab for the electricity, rather than follow the user pay model.

Benoît also said that Tesla chargers are not 'intelligent'

with a capacity to limit consumption and conserve energy, and that they are designed exclusively to accommodate Tesla vehicles.

Dandenault pointed out that Tesla told the town that adapters were available.

Later in the meeting, another citizen pointed out that when she receives an offer over the phone at home, she goes online to research its validity.

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