

Minutes of the Council of the Municipality of Bonne-Espérance

A Regular sitting of the Council was held on September 16th, 2024 at 8:05 pm under the chairmanship of the Mayor, Dale Roberts-Keats

Present:

Mayor:

Dale Roberts-Keats

The following councilors:

Angela Spingle
Dwight Anderson
Garland Nadeau
Clara Buckle
Leon Keats
Robbie Thomas

Absent:

Public Attendance: 0

Also present is the Secretary Treasurer, Leslie Woodland, quorum is verified by the Mayor, Dale Roberts-Keats

2024-4452 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- 1. Opening of the sitting
- 2. Adoption of the agenda
- 3. Adoption of the minutes from the regular sitting of August 19th, 2024
- 4. Adoption of the minutes from the special sitting of August 27th, 2024
- 5. Presentation of accounts payable for September 2024 at \$120,000.00
- 6. Presentation of financial commitments for October 2024 at \$120,000.00
- 7. Resolution for land request from Western Point Docks
- 8. Resolution to submit a project to the MRC to purchase new equipment for the MBE volunteer fire department
- 9. Resolution for purchase of control panel for sewer system
- 10. Resolution to accept the ADT tax exemption; credit all tax years with exception to the three (3) years that Patty's Diner was operating.
- 11. Resolution to support the Quebec Government's analysis of the proposal to create a protected area in the Municipality of Bonne Esperance.
- 12. Varia
- 13. Question period
- 14. Closing of the sitting

It was proposed by Garland Nadeau, seconded by Robbie Thomas and unanimously resolved that the agenda be accepted as presented.

2024-4453 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SITTING OF AUGUST 19TH, 2024

It is proposed by Dwight Anderson, seconded by Angela Spingle and unanimously resolved the adoption of the minutes from the regular sitting of August 19th, 2024.





Resolution or Notation No.

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2024-4454 <u>ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL SITTING OF AUGUST 27TH, 2024</u>

It is proposed by Clara Buckle, seconded by Dwight Anderson and unanimously resolved the adoption of the minutes from the regular sitting of August 27th, 2024.

2024-4455 PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 AT \$120,000.00

It is proposed by Angela Spingle, seconded by Robbie Thomas and unanimously resolved the presentation of accounts payable for September 2024 at \$120,000.00.

<u>2024-4456</u> <u>PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL</u> <u>COMMITMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2024 AT</u> \$120,000.00

It is proposed by Dwight Anderson, seconded by Garland Nadeau and unanimously resolved the presentation of financial commitments for October 2024 at \$120,000.00.

2024-4457 RESOLUTION FOR LAND REQUEST FROM WESTERN POINT DOCKS

It is proposed by Robbie Thomas, seconded by Leon Keats and unanimously resolved to accept the land request from Western Point Docks.

2024-4458 RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A PROJECT TO THE MRC TO PURCHASE NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE MBE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

It is proposed by Angela Spingle, seconded by Garland Nadeau and unanimously resolved to submit a project to the MRC to purchase new equipment for the MBE volunteer fire department.

2024-4459 RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE A CONTROL PANEL FOR SEWER SYSTEM

It is proposed by Robbie Thomas, seconded by Dwight Anderson and unanimously resolved to approve the purchase of a control panel for sewer system.

2024-4460 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE ADT TAX EXEMPTION; CREDIT ALL TAX YEARS WITH EXCEPTION TO THE THREE (3) YEARS THAT PATTY'S DINER WAS OPERATING.

It is proposed by Clara Buckle, seconded by Robbie Thomas and unanimously resolved to accept Resolution to accept the ADT tax exemption; credit all tax years with exception to the three (3) years that Patty's Diner was operating.



Resolution or

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2024-4461 RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE QUEBEC GOVERNMENT'S ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSAL TO CREATE A PROTECTED AREA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONNE ESPERANCE.

WHEREAS Quebec has adhered to the new Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, whose flagship target is to conserve 30% of the world's land and oceans (target 3) by 2030;

WHEREAS the Government of Quebec launched a call for projects for protected areas on southern public land on June 5, 2018, open to all and aimed at collecting proposals for protected areas from stakeholders from various backgrounds;

WHEREAS in order to achieve this new target, municipalities and MRCs are called upon to play a leading strategic role because of their expertise in land use planning;

WHEREAS Quebec currently protects nearly 17% of its continental territory, and ecosystems south of the 49th parallel are under-represented;

WHEREAS the Municipality wishes to play an active role in the protection of the natural and semi-natural environments of its territory;

WHEREAS under the *Natural Heritage Conservation Act* (CQLR, c. C-61.01), a protected area is a clearly defined geographical area that is recognized, dedicated and managed, by any effective means, legal or otherwise, to ensure the long-term conservation of nature and the ecosystem services and cultural values associated with it;

WHEREAS the government will carry out phases of analysis and consultation and will make it possible to adequately characterize the territories and gather all the information necessary to take an informed position on the territories to be protected as a priority in the region;

WHEREAS the prioritization of the territories to be protected will take into account the vision of the Municipality of Bonne Esperance;

WHEREAS the next step, in the fall of 2024, is a pre-analysis of the projects by the ministries concerned;

WHEREAS the municipality is requesting a review of the current boundaries of the protected area reserve, proposed by the Government of Quebec;

WHEREAS the municipality is requesting that the rights of occupancy be granted for vacation purposes, as well as the possibility of future development of facilities for the withdrawal of water for municipal purposes;

WHEREAS the municipality is asking for a reasonable grant of the rights to install sand and gravel pits;

WHEREAS the effect of this resolution is not to approve the proposed territories but to agree that the proposed territories be analyzed;

THEREFORE, it was proposed by Angela Spingle, and seconded by Garland Nadeau and unanimously resolved:

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Bonne Esperance support the Government of Quebec's analysis of the proposed protected area.



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2024-4462 CLOSING OF THE SITTING

It is proposed by Robbie Thomas, seconded by Angela Spingle and unanimously resolved to close the sitting at 8:14 pm.

DALE ROBERTS KEATS

MAYOR

LESLIE WOODLAND

CLERK-TREASURER

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