



Resolution or
Notation No.

Minutes of the Council of the Municipality of Bonne-Espérance

A Regular sitting of the Council was held on November 18th, 2024 at 8:40 pm under the chairmanship of the Mayor, Dale Roberts-Keats

Present: Mayor: Dale Roberts-Keats

The following councilors: Angela Spingle
Garland Nadeau
Clara Buckle
Leon Keats
Robbie Thomas
Dwight Anderson

Absent:

Public Attendance: 0

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

2024-4478 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. Opening of the sitting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Adoption of the minutes from the regular sitting of October 21st, 2024
4. Presentation of accounts payable for November 2024 at \$140,000.00
5. Presentation of financial commitments for December 2024 at \$120,000.00
6. Resolution regarding a donation to Biotope Project
7. Resolution for the maintenance of integrated management of emergency call processing - Caureq
8. Varia
9. Question period
10. Closing of the sitting

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

2024-4479 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SITTING OF OCTOBER 21ST, 2024

It is proposed by Garland Nadeau, seconded by Robbie Thomas and unanimously resolved the adoption of the minutes from the regular sitting of October 21st, 2024.

2024-4480 PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR NOVEMBER 2024 AT \$140,000.00

It is proposed by Robbie Thomas, seconded by Garland Nadeau and unanimously resolved the presentation of accounts payable for October 2024 at \$100,000.00.



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**2024-4481 PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL
COMMITMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2024 AT
\$120,000.00**

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

**2024-4482 RESOLUTION REGARDING A DONATION TO
BIOTOPE PROJECT**

It is proposed by Garland Nadeau, seconded by Dwight Anderson and unanimously resolved to donate \$500.00 towards the Biotope Project, with the condition that the funding requirements are fulfilled through other supporters/sponsors.

**2024-4483 REQUEST FOR SUPPORT - CENTER D'APPEL
D'URGENCE DES RÉGIONS DE L'EST DU
QUÉBEC - INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF
EMERGENCY CALL PROCESSING**

WHEREAS the handling of primary (911) and secondary (fire) emergency calls for the territory of the Municipality of Bonne Esperance are the subject of two service agreements with the *Centre d'appel d'urgence des régions de l'Est du Québec (CAUREQ)* for the *centralized 911 emergency call service (SCAU)* and for the *secondary fire emergency call service (SSAU)*;

WHEREAS these agreements will be automatically renewed on December 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025 respectively;

WHEREAS the current operation of our services allows for the integrated management of emergency calls between the various departments involved;

WHEREAS the adoption of Bill 15, which has a direct impact on the governance of the *CAUREQ*;

WHEREAS the possibility that *CAUREQ*'s operations could be affected and the integrated management of emergency call processing compromised.

ACCORDINGLY,

It is proposed by Mrs. Angela Spingle
seconded by Clara Buckle
and unanimously resolved by Council

THAT the Municipal Council ask the *CAUREQ*, regardless of the mode of governance that will be put in place, to maintain integrated management for the handling of emergency calls from the territory of the Municipality of Bonne Esperance;

THAT should this not be the case, the Municipal Council reserves the right to study other options that would make it possible to maintain this standard and, if necessary, to terminate the said agreements in accordance with the provisions set out in Article 10 thereof;



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THAT a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the *CAUREQ* and to all member municipalities and aboriginal communities to solicit their support.

2024-4484 **REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR A REGIONAL CONCERTED APPROACH TO THE MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES MUNICIPALES ET DE L'HABITATION (MAMH) TO PROPOSE REALISTIC FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS ADAPTED TO SMALL, ISOLATED COMMUNITIES IN TERMS OF ACCESS TO MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRED FOR COMPLIANCE AND LOCAL AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

CONSIDERING THAT many cities and municipalities in Quebec are faced with the challenge of upgrading their water and wastewater infrastructures, yet lack the financial means to do so;

CONSIDERING THAT, despite well-known government programs (e.g. PRIMEAU, TECQ and others) available to towns and municipalities, even access to these funds is often restrictive, as it has a major impact on municipal debt levels and, consequently, on citizens' indebtedness;

CONSIDERING THAT, often in these small, isolated municipalities, where the impacts of local devitalization are also evident, not only does access to a government grant lead to excessive municipal indebtedness, but the basic municipal financial portion required to access the grant in question becomes impossible because the annual budget simply does not allow it;

CONSIDERING THAT this situation of documented and urgent local infrastructure needs versus non-availability of the necessary funds exposes municipalities to considerable financial sanctions and penalties, among others with regard to obligations under section 30 of the Act respecting the "Règlement sur les ouvrages municipaux d'assainissement des eaux usées du Ministère de l'environnement et de la lutte contre les changements climatiques (MELCC);

CONSIDERING THAT, once again, this situation is a hindrance to local economic development, all the more so for municipalities suffering from devitalization;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Bonne Esperance has documented and made financial projections of what its current need for a new wastewater infrastructure and associated significant operating costs represent for the Municipality and its citizens;

CONSIDERING THAT, without a change in the situation or in the financial tools that could be made available to it, it will be impossible for the Municipality to proceed and comply with the Act and environmental standards.

IT IS THEREFORE proposed by Robbie Thomas, seconded by Garland Nadeau and unanimously resolved:



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THAT the Municipality of Bonne Esperance approach the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent to obtain regional support in a desired approach to the Ministère des Affaires Municipales et de l'Habitation (MAMH) to analyze the situation and collectively produce possible solutions;

THAT the Municipality of Bonne Esperance be exempted from sanctions and financial penalties related to the fact that it is unable, not unwilling, but financially unable to comply with current standards and legislation.

**2024-4485 RESOLUTION TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE
IMPACT OF THE CANADA POST STRIKE ON
THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONNE ESPERANCE**

CONSIDERING that we consider mail to be an essential service;

WHEREAS our municipality does not have access to alternative transportation services;

WHEREAS our municipality does not have walk-in centers for services such as SAAQ, eyeglasses, dentures, hearing aids, health insurance card renewals, passports, etc;

WHEREAS our municipality relies heavily on Canada Post for all incoming and outgoing mail and parcels;

WHEREAS our municipality depends on Canada Post's delivery service for commercial supplies and online purchases (Christmas);

It was proposed by Angela Spingle, seconded by Clara Buckle and unanimously resolved to draw attention to the impact of the Canada Post strike on the Municipality of Bonne Esperance and to suggest that an alternative be imposed by Canada Post or another government entity, or that the government order the workers back to work.

2024-4486 CLOSING OF THE SITTING

It is proposed by Clara Buckle, seconded by Robbie Thomas and unanimously resolved to close the sitting at 8:45 pm.

DALE ROBERTS KEATS

MAYOR

LESLIE WOODLAND

CLERK-TREASURER