



Resolution or Notation No.

**Minutes of the Council of the Municipality of Bonne-Espérance**

A Special sitting of the Council was held on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 1:30 pm under the chairmanship of the Mayor, Dale Roberts-Keats

Present: Mayor: Dale Roberts-Keats

The following councilors: Angela Spingle  
Clara Buckle  
Leon Keats  
Robbie Thomas

Absent: Dwight Anderson  
Garland Nadeau

Public Attendance: 0

Also present is the Asst. Secretary Treasurer, Wanda Lee Keats, quorum is verified by the Mayor, Dale Roberts-Keats

**2024-4428 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

1. Opening of the sitting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Resolution to request financial assistance from Public Security for Firefighter I & II training for our volunteer fire fighters
4. resolution expressing the dissatisfaction with the services currently being offered by desjardins (caisse de minganie basse cote nord) to our municipality
5. Closing of sitting

It is proposed by Clara Buckle, seconded by Angela Spingle and unanimously resolved that the agenda be accepted as presented.

**2024-4429 RESOLUTION TO REQUEST FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM PUBLIC SECURITY FOR FIREFIGHTER I & II TRAINING FOR OUR VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS**

**Whereas** the regulation respecting the conditions of employment with a municipal fire department sets out the training requirements for firefighters in municipal fire departments to ensure a minimum professional qualification;

**Whereas** the purpose of this by-law is to guarantee municipalities the training of firefighting teams with the skills and abilities required to respond effectively in emergency situations;

**Whereas**, in April 2024, the Quebec<sup>1</sup> government established a new financial assistance program for firefighter training;

**Whereas** the main objective of this program is to provide municipal organizations with financial assistance to enable them to have a sufficient number of qualified firefighters to act safely and effectively in emergency situations;

**Whereas** this program is also intended to improve the disaster response capabilities of these municipal organizations' SSIs, to help them prepare for potential emergency situations and to respond quickly and appropriately when such events occur, thereby reducing their impact on life, property or the environment;



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**Whereas** the Municipality of Bonne Esperance wishes to benefit from the financial assistance offered by this program;

**Whereas** the Municipality of Bonne Esperance plans to train twenty-one firefighters for the Firefighter I program and/or twenty-one firefighters for the Firefighter II program over the next year to respond safely and effectively to emergency situations in its territory;

**Whereas** the Municipality must forward its request to the Ministère de la Sécurité publique through the MRC de la Golfe du Saint Laurent in accordance with Article 6 of the Program.

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It is proposed by Angela Spingle and seconded by Robbie Thomas and resolved to submit a request for financial assistance under the Programme d'aide financière pour la formation des pompiers et des pompières to the Ministère de la Sécurité publique and to forward this request to the MRC de la Golfe du Saint Laurent.

**2024-4430      RESOLUTION      EXPRESSING      THE**  
**DISSATISFACTION WITH THE SERVICES**  
**CURRENTLY BEING OFFERED BY**  
**DESJARDINS (CAISSE DE MINGANIE BASSE**  
**COTE NORD) TO OUR MUNICIPALITY**

**WHEREAS**, our municipality understood that with the recent bank merger, there would be no interruption of services in our service center;

**WHEREAS**, our municipality understood that there would be no loss of jobs;

**WHEREAS**, our population only has counter service three (3) days a week and outside of these three (3) days we have to travel up to 68 km to the next nearest center;

**WHEREAS**, there have been no job postings to fill any temporary staff shortages;

**WHEREAS**, our municipality has received numerous complaints from users regarding the cut in services in our municipality;

**CONSEQUENTLY**, it was proposed by Robbie Thomas, seconded by Clara Buckle and unanimously resolved to express the dissatisfaction with the service currently being offered by Desjardins (Caisse de Minganie Basse Cote-Nord) to our municipality and we request a date when full service will be restored.



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CLOSING OF THE SITTING

It is proposed by Clara Buckle, seconded by Leon Keats and unanimously resolved to close the sitting at 1:55 pm.

DALE ROBERTS KEATS

MAYOR

Wanda Lee Keats

ASS'T CLERK-TREASURER