

## MUNICIPALITY OF BRYSON

Regular meeting of the Municipal Council of Bryson held April 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office located at 833 Principale Street, Bryson, QC.

Present: Mayor Alain Gagnon, Pro-Mayor Dave Miljour, Councillors Joanne Ralston, Jian Zhang, Serge Lance, Wayne Cameron and . Also present is the Director General, Clerk - Treasurer Jacqueline Ralston

Quorum is met and Mayor Gagnon presides over the meeting.

### 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mayor Gagnon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A minute of silence was held to commemorate the passing of Councillor Diane Tourangeau.

Conflict of Interest Statement –

*A conflict of interest occurs when elected officers are placed in a situation of having to choose between their personal interests, or those of their entourage, and the public interest. The conflict of interest sections of the Act respecting municipal elections and referendums are designed to ensure that the decision-making process on a municipal council is not tainted by personal considerations.*

2023-04-33

### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.3 Canada Summer Jobs
- 7.4 Summer Camp
- 7.5 Maintaining Bilingual Status
- 9.2 Monthly Fees – Accountant
- 9.3 Meeting with Auditor & Accountant
- 10.1 Fire Safety Cover Plan (Resolution)
- 12.1 Election Seat No. 3
- 12.2 Appreciation

**IT WAS MOVED** by Joanne Ralston and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda for April 17, 2023 as amended. **Carried**

2023-04-34

### 3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

**MOVED by** Dave Miljour and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of March 13, 2023. **Carried**

### 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillor Ralston noted that the installation of the climbing wall at Havelock Park will take place the first week of May.

### 5. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gagnon provided his monthly activity report.

### 6. QUESTION PERIOD (public)

**7. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION**

**7.1 Programme d’infrastructure de aînés (PRIMA)**

Regrettably the funding request by the Golden Age Club for 2022 was rejected. A new request will be worked on and submitted for 2023.

**7.2 Canada Summer Jobs**

It is confirmed that the municipality has been allocated 1 student for a period of 8 weeks (35 hours per week). The grant is in the amount of \$2,137.

**7.3 Summer Camp**

It is confirmed that the Recreation Association has been allocated 2 students for a period of 8 weeks (35 hours per week). The grant is in the amount of \$9,871.

2023-04-35 **7.4 Maintaining Bilingual Status**

**IT WAS MOVED** by Serge Lance and resolved to reaffirm maintaining bilingual status for the Municipality of Bryson. **Carried**

Currently, there are a number of municipalities within the province who have joined as co-plaintiffs in challenging Law 96 before the Courts.

2023-04-36 **7.5 Email from Daniel Corriveau and discussion**

Councillor Joanne Ralston proposes to contact the company VEOLIA to evaluate the sewer system on Lance Street with a camera. Dave Miljour volunteers to follow up with the company. **Carried**

**8. ADMINISTRATION**

**8.1 Human Resources**

2023-04-37 **8.1.1 Hiring of Director General**

**MOVED** by Joanne Ralston and resolved to appoint Mrs. Vanessa Dagenais to the position of Director General, Clerk - Treasurer. The starting date of Mrs. Dagenais is April 24, 2023.

2023-04-38 **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** to add the name of Vanessa Dagenais as signatory on all banking documents. **Carried**

2023-04-39 **8.1.2 Signing of Contract**

**IT WAS MOVED** by Joanne Ralston and resolved to appoint Mayor Alain Gagnon to present and sign the contract of the Director General, Clerk – Treasurer, Ms Vanessa Dagenais. **Carried**

- 8.1.2 Labourer Competition
- 8.1.3 Seasonal Worker Position
- 8.1.4 Training Plan for Director General
- 8.1.5 Office Hours

The above items will be subject for discussion at the working meeting of Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

**9. FINANCES**

2023-04-40 **9.1 Accounts Payable**

As confirmed by the Accountant, Gerard Labelle CGA, I Jacqueline Ralston, Acting Director General, Clerk – Treasurer, certifies that there are sufficient funds to pay the bills received in the amount of \$.24,374.53.

**MOVED** by Jian Zhang, and unanimously resolved, that the bills presented in the amount of \$24,374.53, be paid. **Carried**

**9.2 Accountant’s Monthly Fees**

This item will be subject for discussion at the working meeting of Tuesday, April 25, 2023

**9.3 Meeting With Auditor and Accountant**

This item is deferred to the next meeting and will be subject for discussion at the working session of April 25, 2023.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

2023-04-41 **10.1 Fire Safety Cover Plan**

**WHEREAS** the regional council, in its resolution C.M. 2016-02-07, mandated the public security and emergency preparedness coordinator (coordinator) of the Pontiac MRC to prepare a revised fire safety cover plan (revised plan);

**WHEREAS** the revised plan was prepared and presented to the fire safety committee (CSI);

**WHEREAS** the CSI recommended that the regional council approve the revised plan as presented;

**WHEREAS** the implementation plan was presented to the members of council.

**IT IS PROPOSED** by Wayne Cameron and resolved to adopt the implementation plan.

**MOVED BY** Wayne Cameron and unanimously resolved to adopt the Fire Safety Cover Plan. **Carried**

**11. MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councillors provided an update on their respective portfolios.

**12. OTHER**

**12.1 Elections Seat No. 3**

The MAMH has been informed of the passing of Councillor Diane Tourangeau. Currently awaiting instructions on how to proceed.

**12.2 Appreciation**

In the spirit of volunteer week, Councillor Ralston took the opportunity to express appreciation to all community volunteers. A special shout out to the Golden Age Club and the Lionettes for their enthusiasm and work surrounding the Sesquicentennial.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

2023-04-42 **MOVED** by Joanne Ralston and unanimously resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m. **Carried**

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Alain Gagnon  
Mayor

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Jacqueline Ralston  
Director General, Clerk - Treasurer

