

January 9, 2023

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council on January 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office located at 833 Principale Street, Bryson, QC.

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

Absent: Councillor Diane Lance.

A quorum was established and Mayor Gagnon presided over the meeting.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

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

2023-01-004

2. DIRECTOR GENERAL

MOVED by Dave Miljour and unanimously resolved that Council appoint Jacqueline Ralston as Director General, Clerk-Treasurer on an interim basis. Carried

*It is to be noted that Councillor Joanne Ralston left the room for this discussion.*

2023-01-005

3. PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Jian Zhang and unanimously resolved that the agenda as presented be approved. Carried

2023-01-006

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Wayne Cameron, that the minutes of the meeting of December 12, 2022 be approved. Carried

MOVED Joanne Ralston, that the minutes of the special meeting of December 22, 2022 be approved. Carried

MOVED by Serge Lance, that the minutes of December 29, 2023, as amended, be approved. Carried

5. QUESTION PERIOD

Attending are Roger Froment, Aline Dufault, Lucienne LaSalle, Marilyn Tanguay, Céline Bourguignon and Marc Gauthier.

The following items were discussed:

Resignation of Director General: Council was asked why the former DG resigned. Council replied that no reason was given, Ms Hérault simply tendered her resignation on December 26, 2022.

Auditing of Books: With the resignation of the Director General, Council was asked if an audit will be undertaken. Mayor Gagnon replied that in addition to our accountant, there is a second level of accounting which performs the yearly audit.

Working for Two Political Parties: Mayor Gagnon was asked whether he was in conflict working for another political party while holding office. He replied that there is no conflict and that he has received written approval

Seat Number 2: Council was asked about the status of this position. It is noted that when possible, Councillor Tourangeau is remaining active and has undertaken to carry out some work on her portfolios. Council values and appreciates her input.

Gym: To date, the municipality is not collecting any rent. The owner has been covering all related expenses, including some renovations and contributing to the maintenance of the building.

DG Salary: The accountant will be asked to attend the next meeting to answer queries related to this line item.

Composting (Line Item 423): Council was asked what was done last year to justify the expense. Mayor Gagnon will look into this and report back at the next meeting.

Plowing and Sanding: As the town truck is in disrepair, Stanton Enterprises has agreed to carry out these duties until further notice.

Water Advisory: An exit valve will be added inside the treatment plant. As a result, a boil water advisory will be issued via Télématic. Residents are asked to share this information with neighbours, as the municipality does not have all residents phone numbers. It is important that residents inform the office when changing contact information.

## 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There are no matters arising.

## 7. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

### Councillor Miljour:

Another pump was replaced again on Lance Street. In the last year, approximately five pumps were replaced at this location (5 x \$1,000). There is a recurring problem with non disposable items. The Director General will draft a notice to residents on this street, informing them of the issue and seeking their cooperation in preventing further reoccurrences. This notice will be delivered to each household on the street.

The electrician will be contacted to replace the burned out street lights. Bowers Mechanic is extremely busy, hence the delay in repairing the exhaust pipe on the snowplow. The garbage truck will also be looked at by the mechanic when he is here.

### Councillor Lance

The meshing at the rink has yet to be installed. Councillor Ralston added that she has contacted the company and requested that the installation be completed within seven days.

### Councillor Ralston

Welcomes all to the first meeting of our Sesquicentennial year. Positive comments were received in regard to the New Year's Eve party. Winterfest activities continue to be planned. The Fire Brigade

will take the lead on the fishing derby on February 11. Planning continues for events throughout the year.

FFR2 pertaining to Green Spaces, equipment was order before the new year.

Mayor Gagnon

A listing of activities / meetings carried out since the last meeting was provided verbally.

Of particular interest, the Quebec Government will provide \$8,109 to compensate for COVID related expenses.

8. REPLACEMENT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL

An add will run until January 20 in both The Equity and the Pontiac Journal.

2023-01-009

9. SIGNING AUTHORITY

MOVED by Jian Zhang, to undertake the necessary action providing signing authority to our accountant, Mr. Gerard Labelle, CGA.

Carried

2023-01-010

10. HIRING OF STUDENTS

MOVED by Dave Miljour, that the municipality proceed to apply for funding to hire two to three summer students for 2023.

Carried

11. CORRESPONDANCE

VEOLA, company who deals with sewage issues submitted price list.

Xylem; company dealing with big sewer pumps (flygts); pumps have not been serviced in 10 years. \$4,126 is the yearly cost to check the pumps.

Request from Serge Huard for a municipal pin.

2023-01-011

12. PAYABLES

A list of payables in the amount of \$28,501.67, was tabled.

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 \$28,501.67.

Moved by Jian Zhang, and unanimously resolved, that the bills presented in the amount of \$28,501.67, be paid. Carried

13. VARIA

Councillor Ralston noted that the Recreation Association requires keys for the outside bar. The locks were changed and no replacement keys were issued. Keys for the outdoor shed are also required.

Councillor Miljour and the Acting Director General will follow-up with workers, requesting that the walkaway around municipal building be cleared first thing in the morning.

Councillor Miljour will have the portable toilets stored at the sewer plant.

2023-01-012

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Dave Miljour, that the meeting be adjourned (20h23).  
Carried

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Alain Gagnon  
Mayor  
Treasurer

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Jacqueline Ralston  
Director General, Clerk -