

MUNICIPALITY OF BRYSON

Regular meeting of the Bryson Municipal Council held on May 05, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the municipal office located at 833 Principale Street, Bryson (Quebec).

Present Mayor Alain Gagnon and Councillors, David Miljour, Joanne Ralston, Marc Gauthier, Jian Zhang, Serge Lance, Wayne Cameron and

Also present: Vanessa Dagenais, the Director General and Clerk-Treasurer.

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

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

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

Conflict of Interest Declaration
A conflict of interest arises when elected officials are placed in a situation where they must choose between their personal interests or those of those around them and the public interest. The conflict-of-interest sections of the Municipal Elections and Referendums Act are intended to ensure that the decision-making process within a municipal council is not tainted by personal considerations.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

033-05-2025 IT IS PROPOSED by David Miljour and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda of 05 May 2025 as amended. Adopted

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

034-05-2025 MOVED by Serge Lance and resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of April 07, 2025.
Adopted

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETINGS

LaSalle Property Maintenance Quote

035-05-2025 IT IS MOVED by David Miljour and unanimously resolved to continue with the bid of LaSalle Property for the maintenance of the land at Lions Park for the summer of 2025 in the amount of \$6,898.50. Adopted

Flag of Canada and Quebec
Cre. Ralston asked for a follow-up on the flag request and the executive director advised that we had received two Quebec flags from André Fortin's office, but no response from Sophie Chatel's office. We will check with JLS for a quote for flags.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayor presents his monthly report.

6. QUESTION PERIOD (public)

The members of the council were able to answer questions from the citizens present

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

7.1 ABOLITION OF THE RÉNORÉGION PROGRAM

The Municipality of Bryson is asking the Quebec government to urgently reconsider its decision

WHEREAS the Société habitation du Québec (SHQ) confirmed two days after the reading of the Quebec government's 2025-2026 budget that it is abandoning the RénoRégion program, an essential program to help the least fortunate homeowners in our communities, often seniors or single-parent families living in rural areas, to correct major defects in their modest residence;

WHEREAS this program has made it possible to keep several thousand people in their homes, in areas where the housing crisis is also raging, where there is no affordable housing or even less low-income housing;

WHEREAS there are more than a thousand families on the waiting lists of the Quebec RCMs;

WHEREAS on March 27, the Fédération québécoise des municipalités (FQM) asked the Premier of Québec, Mr. François Legault, to take care of our most vulnerable citizens and families by urgently remedying the situation;

WHEREAS this request has remained unanswered and that the 24- and 36-unit modular apartment projects in a few Quebec cities promoted since then by the Minister responsible for Housing, Ms. France-Élaine Duranceau, cannot meet the needs of the regions;

WHEREAS although the RénoRégion program has cost the Quebec government less than \$18 million per year and represents only 0.0001% of overall expenditures, the Minister justifies this choice for reasons of sound management of public finances;

WHEREAS the average subsidy for the program is \$19,309, a fraction of the actual construction costs of the new housing units promoted by the Minister;

WHEREAS the FQM tabled a series of proposals last year, at the request of the SHQ, in order to increase the effectiveness of the program and make it more accessible in order to better meet needs throughout Quebec;

WHEREAS the SHQ was to launch an enhanced version of the RénoRégion program following its consultations in 2025;

WHEREAS the abolition of this program harms the most vulnerable people in our communities.

036-05-2025

It is moved by the Municipal Council of Bryson to ask the Premier of Quebec, Mr. François Legault, and his Minister responsible for Housing, Ms. France-Élaine Duranceau:

TO immediately RELAUNCH the RénoRégion program for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and to commit to ensuring its long-term funding;

TO COMPLETE the process of enhancing the program to ensure greater accessibility in all regions of Quebec.

That this resolution be transmitted promptly to:

- Mr. François Legault, Premier of Quebec
- France-Élaine Duranceau, Minister Responsible for Housing
- Mr. Eric Girard, Minister of Finance
- Sébastien Schneeberger, Member of the National Assembly for Drummond–Bois-Francis, Chair of the Committee on Planning and the National Assembly
- Ms. Virginie Dufour, Member of Parliament for Mille-Îles, Official Opposition Critic for Housing
- Ms. Christine Labrie, Member of Parliament for Sherbrooke, Second Opposition Group Critic for Housing
- Ms. Catherine Gentilcore, Member of Parliament for Terrebonne, Critic for the Third Opposition Group on Housing
- Mr. Jean Martel, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Société d'habitation du Québec
- Your Member of the National Assembly André Fortin for the Pontiac
- Mr. Jacques Demers, President of the Fédération québécoise des municipalités

Adopted.

8. ADMINISTRATION

8.1 RESOLUTION concerning the list of buildings to be sold

The Secretary-Treasurer submits to the Council, for examination and consideration, a statement of property taxes due to the municipality, as of September 11, 2025, in order to meet the requirements of section 1022 of the Municipal Code of the Province of Quebec;

037-05-2025 **It was moved** by Joanne Ralston and resolved unanimously

THAT:

The said statement is and is approved by the Council and that the Secretary-Treasurer, Director General take the required procedures for the purpose of having the Pontiac Regional County Municipality (RCM) sell all the buildings of the municipality for which the property taxes charged on them have not been paid.

8.2 RESOLUTION – Mandate to Representative

To authorize the Secretary-Treasurer or a representative to bid for the acquisition of certain immovables put up for sale for non-payment of taxes

- EXPECTED

that the Municipality of Bryson may bid and acquire immovables offered for sale for unpaid municipal taxes in accordance with article 1038 of the Municipal Code;
- EXPECTED

that certain buildings will be put up for sale for non-payment of taxes, according to resolution number 036-05-2025;
- EXPECTED

that this Council considers it appropriate to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer, Director General or a representative to bid and acquire some of the immovables put up for sale for non-payment of taxes;

038-05-2025 **It was moved** by Joanne Ralston and resolved unanimously

THAT:

In accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Code, this Council authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer, Director General or Sophie Newberry to bid for and on behalf of the municipality for certain immovables subject to the sale for non-payment of taxes to be held on September 11, 2025, up to the amounts of taxes, in capital, interest and fees.

9. FINANCE

9.1 Accounts Payable

As confirmed by the Accountant, Gerard Labelle, CGA, I, Vanessa Dagenais, Director General and Clerk-Treasurer, certifies that there are sufficient funds to pay the invoices received in the amount of (14,128.12)\$.

039-05-2025 **MOVED** by Jian Zhang, and resolved unanimously, that the invoices received in the amount of (\$14,128.12) be paid. Adopted

9.2 Bid Pontiac Valley Electric

It is suggested that you request a second submission to make a comparison.

9.3 Techsport Submission – FRR Tier 2

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bryson has submitted an application under the Regions and Ruralty Fund (RRF) – Component 2: Support for the local and regional development competence of RCMs;

WHEREAS the municipality has received a bid from Techsport for the completion of the shading project eligible under this program;

WHEREAS the bid received complies with the requirements and the proposed amount is **\$56,596.44**, including taxes;

040-05-2024 **AS A RESULT,
IT IS PROPOSED BY DAVID Miljour**

AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:
THAT the Municipality of Bryson **accept Techsport's bid in the** amount of **\$56,596.44** under the **RRF – Component 2**, and that the municipal authorities be authorized to sign any document required for the implementation of the project.

9.4 Kalitek Submission

We will discuss this item at a working session and also awaiting further submissions.

9.5 Streamlight Submission

We have a meeting with the firefighters on Wednesday and we will discuss this point. Waiting for a submission from JLS.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

11. COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND REPORTS

Councillors Joanne Ralston, Marc Gauthier, Wayne Cameron, Serge Lance and Jian Zhang presented reports and updates.

12. OTHERS

12.1 MTQ Resolution for Pedestrian Crossings

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY – REQUEST TO THE QUEBEC MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

WHEREAS pedestrian safety is a priority for the Town of Bryson;

WHEREAS concerns have been raised by citizens regarding pedestrian safety at certain strategic locations in the municipality, particularly near parks;

WHEREAS some of these crossings are located on roads under the jurisdiction of the Ministère des Transports du Québec;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bryson wishes to work with the ministry to ensure the safety of vulnerable users, particularly children, seniors and families;

041-05-2025 **ACCORDINGLY,
IT WAS MOVED BY WAYNE CAMERON,
SECONDED BY MARC GAUTHIER**

AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

THAT the Municipality of Bryson send an official request to the Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable du Québec for the evaluation, authorization and development of safe pedestrian crossings at the following locations:

- 660 Main Street / 657 Main Street (from the sidewalk to the park) – 732 Main Street / 735 Main Street (sidewalk to the sidewalk) – 833 Main Street / 830 Main Street (Municipal Office, Park / Convenience Store)
- 919 Main Street / 0 Main Street (Parking / Post Office)
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THAT this resolution be sent to the regional branch of the Ministère des Transports du Québec – Outaouais;

THAT the Branch be authorized to transmit this resolution, together with any relevant documents, to the Ministry;

THAT the Municipality also express its intention to install, where permitted, delineators and signal silhouettes to encourage the slowing down of vehicular traffic and protect the most vulnerable users.

Adopted

13. ADJOURNMENT OF THE SESSION

042-05-2025 **MOVED by** David Miljour and resolved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Adopted

Alain Gagnon
Mayor

Vanessa Dagenais
Director General, Clerk Treasurer

