

## MUNICIPALITY OF BRYSON

Regular meeting of the Bryson Municipal Council held on April 07, 2026 at 7 p.m. at the municipal office located at 833 Principale Street, Bryson (Quebec).

Present Joanne Ralston, Mayor and Councillors, David Miljour, Marc Gauthier and Serge Lance

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

Absent; Gerald Stewart

A quorum was met and Mayor Ralston presided over the meeting.

### 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

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

### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

30-04-2026 **MOVED** by Marc Gauthier and resolved unanimously to adopt the agenda for April 7, 2026 as amended. **Carried**

### 3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

31-04-2026 3.1 **MOVED** by David Miljour and resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of 02 March 2026. **Carried**

32-04-2026 3.2 **MOVED** by Marc Gauthier and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of March 10, 2026. **Carried**

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETINGS

4.1 Presentation of the 2024 financial report

**WHEREAS** the external auditor has completed the audit of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024;

**WHEREAS** the auditor has presented the financial statements to the municipal council;

**THEREFORE,**

33-04-2026 **IT IS MOVED** by Marc Gauthier and unanimously resolved that the Municipal Council take note of the filing and presentation of the 2024 financial statements as audited and that the said financial statements be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

4.2 Resident Contact Update Form

The mayor highlighted the good participation rate of the community in updating residents' contact information and thanked citizens for their collaboration.

### 5. MAYOR'S REPORT

5.1 The Mayor presents her 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 Planned visit by the Sureté du Québec

The mayor mentioned that we would have a visit from our sponsor to the municipality during our meeting on May 4th.

## 8. ADMINISTRATION

No new issues raised in administration

## 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 \$213,070.42.

034-04-2026 **MOVED** by David Miljour, and resolved unanimously, that the invoices received in the amount of \$213,070.42 be paid. Carried

### 9.2 Resolution of the 2024-2028 TECQ Temporary Loan Application

**WHEREAS** the municipality has taken note of the terms and conditions of the 2024-2028 Gas Tax and Quebec Contribution (TECQ) program;

**WHEREAS** the municipality wishes to carry out eligible work under this program;

**WHEREAS** the government financial contribution will be paid in accordance with the terms and conditions of the program;

**WHEREAS** the municipality must temporarily assume the costs of the work before the payment of financial assistance;

035-04-2026 **THEREFORE**, it was moved by Marc Gauthier seconded by Serge Lance and unanimously resolved:

**THAT** the Municipal Council authorize the municipality to take out a temporary loan from the CAISSE DESJARDINS for a maximum amount of \$640,356 to finance expenses related to the work carried out under the TECQ 2024-2028 program;

**THAT** this temporary loan be repaid from the amounts received from the program;

**THAT** Joanne Ralston, Mayor and Vanessa Dagenais, Chief Administrative Officer, be authorized to sign, for and on behalf of the municipality, all documents relating to this temporary loan. Carried

### 9.3 Submission V03 S-1926

036-04-2026 **MOVED** by Serge Lance and resolved unanimously the approval of the bid of V03 – S-1926 in the amount of \$15,999.00

#### 9.4 Île du grand Calumet invoice – Point lighting

037-04-2026 **MOVED** Marc Gauthier and resolved unanimously to approve the payment of Invoice No. 445 from the Municipality of L'Île-du-Grand-Calumet, in the amount of \$707.10, representing the 50% share of the bridge's lighting costs. **Carried**

#### 10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

#### 11. COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND REPORTS

Councillors David Miljour, Gerald Stewart, Serge Lance and Marc Gauthier presented reports and updates.

#### 12. OTHERS

##### 12.1 Bryson Lion's Club -Supporting Resolution

**WHEREAS** the Bryson Lions Club wishes to apply for a grant for the replacement of the heating system (furnace) in the building located at 660 Main Street, Bryson, Quebec J0X 1H0:

**WHEREAS** this immovable belongs to the Municipality of Bryson;

**WHEREAS** the project aims to improve the energy efficiency and comfort of the building for the benefit of the community;

038-04-2026 **ACCORDINGLY, IT WAS MOVED BY** Marc Gauthier, seconded by Serge Lance, **AND RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the Municipality authorizes the Bryson Lions Club to apply for a grant for this project in relation to the building;

**THAT** Vanessa Dagenais, Executive Director, Clerk/Treasurer be authorized to sign any necessary documents in connection with this request. **Carried**

##### 12.2 Resolution Amending the TECQ Guide 2024-2028 Regarding Granular Hardfacing

**WHEREAS** section 66 of the Municipal Powers Act (chapter C-47.1) confers on the local municipality jurisdiction over roads on public highways the management of which is not the responsibility of the Government of Québec or the Government of Canada;

**WHEREAS** the Guide relative to the terms and conditions for the payment of the government contribution under the Transfer Program for Water and Collective Infrastructure of Quebec (TECQ) 2024-2028, published in July 2024, provided that the granular resurfacing of local roads was considered eligible work, without thickness specification;

**WHEREAS** the new TECQ guide, published in January 2026, now specifies that granular overlay must reach a minimum thickness of 300 mm (30 cm) to be eligible;

**WHEREAS** this thickness represents a considerable amount, which is more akin to a complete reconstruction of a gravel road than to a traditional granular overlay;

**WHEREAS** there is no standard prescribing a mandatory minimum thickness for granular overlay in the documents of the Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable or in the BNQ 2560-114/2014 R 2024 standard, and that the Ministry's documents - in particular Volume VI, Chapter 2, Standard 2204 - provide for a maximum thickness of 300 mm (30 cm);

**WHEREAS** the granular resurfacing normally carried out on the local road network generally varies between 4 and 6 inches (100 to 150 mm), which is the common practice for the maintenance of rural roads;

**CONSIDERING that** the application of a thickness of 300 mm leads to several major disadvantages, in particular: a significant rise in the level of the roadway, creating problematic differences in altitude with private entrances and access to properties; instability of the running surface due to too much material even if it is compacted; an increased risk of dispersion of the material in ditches, resulting in obstructions and poor stormwater flow; a significant increase in material, transportation and labour costs, making this work difficult for rural municipalities to sustain; accelerated deterioration of the roads due to a longer consolidation time and lower bearing capacity during the stabilization period; additional interventions necessary to adapt and extend culverts and private driveways, generating additional costs for citizens and the municipality;

**WHEREAS** this new requirement imposes on rural municipalities an administrative, financial and operational burden that was not foreseen when the TECQ 2024-2028 program was adopted:

**WHEREAS** maintaining granular refill without a mandatory minimum thickness, as before, would allow municipalities to better adapt their interventions to the reality of soils, climatic conditions and municipal budgets;

**FOR THESE REASONS,**

039-04-2026

**IT WAS MOVED** by David Miljour and resolved unanimously by the members present on the Council,

**Authorize** the Municipal Council to formally request the Government of Quebec to amend the TECQ 2024-2028 guide, published in January 2026, in order to remove the requirement for a minimum thickness of 300 mm for granular overlay and to return to a formulation without a quantitative specification, leaving it to municipalities to determine the thickness required according to their local context;

**Authorize** the Municipal Council to seek the support of the Fédération québécoise des municipalités (FQM), the Union des municipalités du Québec (UMQ) and all of Québec's municipalities in order to support this joint request to amend the guide;

**To authorize** the transmission of a copy of this resolution to the following bodies: the Fédération québécoise des municipalités (FQM); the Union des municipalités du Québec (UMQ); the Member of the National Assembly for the MRC Pontiac, the MRC Pontiac.

Carried

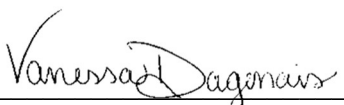
### 13. ADJOURNMENT OF THE SESSION

040-04-2026

**MOVED** by Davil Miljour and resolved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 8.17 p.m.

Carried

  
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Joanne Ralston  
Mayor

  
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Vanessa Dagenais  
Director General, Clerk - Treasurer

