

**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC  
MUNICIPALITY OF BONNE-ESPERANCE**

**BY- LAW R0125-2024**

**FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES**

**WHEREAS:** the municipal council judges it necessary to establish a fire protection service or all other measures qualified as emergency;

**WHEREAS:** this fire protection service will be placed under the administrative jurisdiction of the general director and assistant clerk treasurer;

**WHEREAS:** a notice of motion of article 555 of the Municipal Code;

**WHEREAS:** a notice of motion was given to this effect on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**CONSEQUENTLY,** it is proposed by Clara Buckle, seconded by Garland Nadeau and unanimously resolved that a by-law bearing the no. 2024-R0125 be and decree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

The following is an integral part of the present by-law

**ARTICLE 2**

The fire protection service of the Municipality of Bonne Esperance is established.

**ARTICLE 3**

The said service will have the mandate of preserving life and material goods as per municipalities of the same type and of equal importance by:

- a) the prevention, meaning the reduction of the number of fires;
- b) the development of means of auto protection;
- c) rescuing people, confining and extinguishing fires.

**ARTICLE 4**

This service placed under the administration jurisdiction of the general director and assistant clerk-treasurer will be comprised of a fire chief, two captains and firefighters (volunteers).

**ARTICLE 5**

The selection of the personnel for fire protection service will be made by the general director in collaboration with the fire chief;

**ARTICLE 6**

The council, upon recommendation from the general director and the fire chief, will name the members of the service and will fix their remuneration.

**ARTICLE 7**

The protective clothing and all other work clothes for the firefighters and officers will be furnished by the municipality.

**ARTICLE 8**

The council agrees to pay the cost of insurance, to compensate the victims or his legal heirs in the case of a loss of life and bodily injury of the members of the service.

**ARTICLE 9**

The general director and assistant clerk treasurer will be responsible for the administration of the service within the limits of the budget accorded to her.

**ARTICLE 10**

The fire chief will be responsible for:

- a) the achievement of the objectives described in article 3 of this by-law, taking into account the staff and equipment made available to it;
- b) the appropriate use of the human, material and physical resources made available to him.

**ARTICLE 11**

The fire chief, will be responsible for:

- a) seeing that the requirements imposed by provincial laws and in particular the law on fire prevention are respected;
- b) assuring the application of municipal by-laws directly related to fire security and favours the application of other municipal by-laws which has an influence on the aforementioned. Recommend to the general director all amendments to existing by-laws or new by-laws judged to be essential or important for the protection of lives and material belongings against fire;
- c) upon demand, seeing to the inspection of commercial, industrial and institutional buildings such as hospital, senior citizens homes, etc. He can also be called upon to visit private homes and educate its occupants in the matter of fire prevention and protection against the dangers of fire.

Note: The personnel of the fire protection service, could at the demand of the owner or the occupant, inspect the building or apartment;

- d) identifying to the attention of the members of the service, important buildings to make them aware in case of fire, the possible courses of the fire and smoke and prepare to their attention intervention plans to counter them;
- e) assuring the permanent promotion of prevention and auto protection measures;
- f) formulating to the general director pertinent recommendations with regards to the following subjects: the purchase of equipment and recruitment of personnel and all other actions that he considers justified for the upkeep or upgrading of fire security within the municipality, considering the degree of development of the municipality and of its capacity to pay and the increase of risk;
- g) organizing and participate actively in public educational activities with regards to fire security;
- h) Investigating after every fire in order to determine the cause and circumstance. If necessary, watch the place of the fire in order to control its access. If there is reason to believe that a fire is of suspicious origin, protect the evidence, call the police and collaborate with them.

**ARTICLE 13**

It is forbidden for anyone to voluntarily set a fire to any material, structure or building within the limits of the Municipality, without having previously obtained an authorization from the "Société de Conservation de la Côte-Nord" and informed the fire chief or his representative.

**ARTICLE 14**

Any members of the fire protection service will have the obligation to contain and extinguish any deliberate or unintentional fire by all means at their disposal, taking into account the need to minimize damage.

**ARTICLE 15**

The fire chief may request assistance from any physically fit person present at the scene of a fire, if he considers his participation essential.

**ARTICLE 16**

The fire chief can order the demolition of any building, fence, dependant building (shed) etc. if this action is judged imperative to stop the progress of a fire.

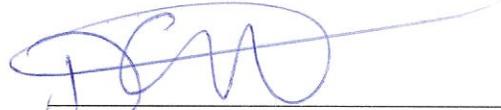
**ARTICLE 17**

The fire chief is paid on a monthly basis, an amount of \$ 300.00 per month. The fire chief and all fire fighters will be paid an allowance at the end of each year upon presentation of time sheet signed by the fire chief and volunteer firefighters.

**Notice of motion given on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

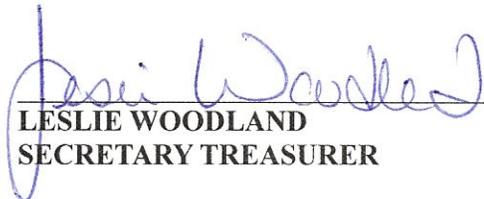
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