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Notation No.

Minutes of the Council of the Municipality of Bonne-Espérance

A Regular sitting of the Council was held on July 21st, 2026 at 7:30 pm
under the chairmanship of the Mayor, Dale Roberts Keats.

Present: Mayor: Dale Roberts Keats

The following councilors: Angela Spingle
Clara Buckle
Chelsey Thomas
Ashley Roberts
Robbie Thomas

Absent: Joseph Bilodeau

Public Attendance: 0

Also present is the General Director, Leslie Woodland, quorum is verified
by the Mayor, Dale Roberts-Keats

2026-4706 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. Opening of the sitting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Adoption of the minutes from the regular sitting of June 16th, 2026
4. Adoption of the accounts payable for July 2026
5. Adoption of the financial commitments for August 2026
6. Resolution for the call for projects – protected areas on public lands and in the marine environment – consultation process
7. Notice of motion of a project by-law R0134-2026 on contractual management
8. Adoption of project by-law R0134-2026 on contractual management
9. Resolution to support the request from the Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent RCM regarding the port facilities transfer program – Transport Canada
10. Resolution regarding the land request by Douglas Griffin
11. Resolution to accept the bid for the demolition/clean up of the old school building in Middle Bay
12. Resolution to purchase a new municipal truck and give signing authority to Leslie Woodland, for all documentation
13. Resolution to accept the contract (#6706-26-4633) for Route Blanche and give authorization to Leslie Woodland, General Director to sign all documents
14. Resolution to place the MBE Garbage Removal Contract (5 years) on tenders.
15. Question Period
16. Closing of the sitting

It was proposed by Robbie Thomas, seconded by Angela Spingle and unanimously resolved that the agenda be accepted as presented.

2026-4707 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SITTING OF JUNE 16TH, 2026

It was proposed by Clara Buckle, seconded by Chelsey Thomas and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes from the regular sitting of June 16th, 2026.



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**2026-4708 PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR
JULY 2026 AT \$100,000.00**

It is proposed by Robbie Thomas, seconded by Ashley Roberts and unanimously resolved the presentation of accounts payable for July 2026 at \$100,000.00.

**2026-4709 ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS
FOR AUGUST 2026 AT \$120,000.00**

It is proposed by Chelsey Thomas, seconded by Angela Spingle and unanimously resolved to adopt the financial commitments for August 2026 at \$120,000.00.

**2026-4710 RESOLUTION FOR THE CALL FOR PROJECTS
– PROTECTED AREAS ON PUBLIC LANDS AND
IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT –
CONSULTATION PROCESS**

WHEREAS Quebec has acceded to the new Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and has committed to achieving the goal of conserving 30% of the planet's land and oceans (Target 3) by 2030;

WHEREAS in order to achieve this new target, municipalities and RCMs are called upon to play a leading strategic role due to their expertise in land-use planning;

WHEREAS in 2024, the Government of Quebec launched a call for projects open to the general public for the creation of protected areas on southern, continental, and marine public lands;

WHEREAS under the *Natural Heritage Conservation Act* (RLRQ, c. C-61.01), a protected area is a clearly defined geographical space that is recognized, designated, and managed—by any effective means, legal or otherwise—to ensure the long-term conservation of nature, as well as the associated ecosystem services and cultural values;

WHEREAS the prioritization of areas to be protected must take into account the vision of regional stakeholders;

WHEREAS the National Association of Regional Environmental Councils (RNCREQ) has been mandated to conduct regional consultations on proposals for protected areas in order to build a regional consensus on the territories to be recommended to the government for the creation of new protected areas;

WHEREAS the regional consultation process, led by Environnement Côte-Nord and the Zip Côte-Nord committee, should make it possible to gather all the information necessary for informed decision-making regarding which areas should be prioritized for protection in the region and within the territory of the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent;

WHEREAS protected area projects have a direct impact on land use planning and development, which fall within the MRC's jurisdiction;



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WHEREAS the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent participated in good faith in the call for proposals process for the creation of protected areas on public land and in marine environments, but the handling of this matter raises questions regarding the transparency of the process and its scientific merit;

WHEREAS the MRC does not wish to forgo an opportunity to protect certain parts of its territory;

WHEREAS the negative recommendations jointly issued by Environnement Côte-Nord and the Comité Zip Côte-Nord during the meetings held on May 21 and 22;

THEREFORE IT IS PROPOSED by Robbie Thomas, SECONDED by Chelsey Thomas AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

TO SUPPORT the negative recommendations of Environnement Côte-Nord and the Côte-Nord ZIP Committee regarding protected area projects within the territory of the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent, as these projects are not accepted by the public;

TO SUGGEST that the Ministry of the Environment, Climate Change, Wildlife, and Parks (MELCCFP) review the entire process surrounding calls for proposals for protected areas;

TO FORWARD this resolution to:

- Members of the local consultation committees;
- Environnement Côte-Nord;
- the Zip Côte-Nord Committee;
- Municipalities of the Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent RCM;
- Ms. Kateri Champagne Jourdain, Member of the National Assembly for Duplessis;
- Ms. Pascale Déry, Minister of the Environment, Climate Change, Wildlife, and Parks (MELCCFP)

2026-4711 NOTICE OF MOTION OF PROJECT BY-LAW R0134-2026 ON CONTRACTUAL MANAGEMENT

A Notice of Motion is hereby given by Councilor **Chelsey Thomas** that at a subsequent meeting will be submitting by-law R0134-2026 on Contractual Management and asks that the reading of the by-law be dispensed with, a copy having been given to all members of Council.

2026-4712 ADOPTION OF PROJECT BY-LAW R0134-2026 ON CONTRACTULA MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS By-law number R0134-2026 on contract management was adopted by the Municipality on July 21st, 2026, in accordance with article 938.1.2 of the Municipal Code of Québec ("MC");

WHEREAS following the entry into force, on April 1, 2026, of the new Act respecting contracts of municipal bodies, it is necessary to amend these Contract Management By-Laws;



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WHEREAS a copy of this project by-law was delivered to each member of Council no later than two legal days prior to this meeting, and all members of Council present declared having read it and renounced to its reading;

WHEREAS the president of the meeting mentioned the purpose of the project by-law and its scope;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Angela Spingle**, seconded by **Robbie Thomas** and unanimously resolved :

THAT the Municipality of Bonne Esperance adopt the project by-law bearing number R0134-2026 on contractual management, which, appended hereto, forms an integral part of the present resolution as if it were reproduced here at length.

**2025-4713 RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE REQUEST
FROM THE GOLFE-DU-SAINT-LAURENT RCM
REGARDING THE PORT FACILITIES
TRANSFER PROGRAM – TRANSPORT CANADA**

WHEREAS the Government of Canada, specifically Transport Canada, has established the Port Facilities Transfer Program (PFTP) for the purpose of transferring port facilities administered by Transport Canada;

WHEREAS seventeen (17) port facilities are available for transfer under this program for the province of Quebec;

WHEREAS of these seventeen (17) port facilities, seven (7) are located within the territory of the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent (Kégaska, La Romaine, Harrington Harbour, Tête-à-la-Baleine, La Tabatière, Saint-Augustin, and Blanc-Sablon);

WHEREAS the program states that financial incentives *may* be offered to individuals or groups interested in this program;

WHEREAS the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent is located at the easternmost tip of the province of Quebec, characterized by the absence of a continuous road link in the region;

WHEREAS the lack of a road link means that, for certain communities, maritime transport is the sole means of transporting goods;

WHEREAS maritime transport service to the communities of the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent is considered an essential service;

WHEREAS these seven (7) docks are used for at least 44 weeks annually to supply goods to the communities of the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent;



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THEREFORE IT IS PROPOSED by Chelsey Thomas, SECONDED by Clara Buckle AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

TO REQUEST that the Honorable Steven MacKinnon, Minister of Transport and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, exclude the seven (7) docks of the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent from the Port Facilities Transfer Program (PTIP) due to their essential role in freight service;

TO FORWARD a copy of this resolution to Mr. Steven Mackinnon, Minister of Transport and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons; Ms. Marilène Gill, Member of Parliament for Côte-Nord—Kawawachikamach—Nitassinan; Quebec, Mr. Samuel Poulin, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Mathieu Lévesque, Minister Delegate for the Regions, Mr. Yves Montigny, Member of Parliament for René-Lévesque, and Mr. Jacques Demers, President of the FQM.

2026-4714 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER, WITHOUT CONSIDERATION, OF LOT NO. 5932002 TO MR. DOUGLAS GRIFFIN AND AUTHORIZING LESLIE WOODLAND, MANAGING DIRECTOR, TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. MR. GRIFFIN WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS TRANSFER.**

It is proposed by Robbie Thomas, seconded by Ashley Roberts and unanimously resolved to authorize the transfer, without consideration, of lot no. 5932002 to Mr. Douglas Griffin and authorize Leslie Woodland, General Director, to sign all necessary documents. Mr. Griffin will be responsible for all costs associated with this transfer.

2026-4715 **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FOR THE DEMOLITION/CLEAN UP OF THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING IN MIDDLE BAY**

It is proposed by Robbie Thomas, seconded by Angela Spingle and unanimously resolved to accept the bid by Ms. Penny Buckle in the amount of \$500.00 for the demolition/clean up of the Old School building in Middle Bay

2026-4716 **RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE A NEW MUNICIPAL TRUCK AND GIVE SIGNING AUTHORITY TO LESLIE WOODLAND FOR ALL DOCUMENTATION**

It is proposed by Angela Spingle, seconded by Ashley Roberts and unanimously resolved to approve the purchase of a new municipal truck and give signing authority to Leslie Woodland for all documentation.



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2026-4717 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT
(#6706-26-4633) FOR ROUTE BLANCHE AND
GIVE AUTHORIZATION TO LESLIE
WOODLAND, GENERAL DIRECTOR TO SIGN
ALL DOCUMENTATION

It is proposed by Chelsey Thomas, seconded by Robbie Thomas and unanimously resolved to accept the contract (#6706-26-4633) for Route Blanche and give authorization to Leslie Woodland, General Director, to sign all documentation

2026-4718 RESOLUTION TO PLACE THE MBE GARBAGE
REMOVAL CONTRACT FOR FIVE (5) YEARS
ON TENDERS

It is proposed by Angela Spingle, seconded by Chris Beck and unanimously Resolved to place the MBE garbage removal contract for five (5) years on tenders

2026-4719 CLOSING OF THE SITTING

It is proposed by Chelsey Thomas, seconded by Angela Spingle and unanimously resolved to close the sitting at 7:39 pm.

DALE ROBERTS KEATS

MAYOR

LESLIE WOODLAND

GENERAL DIRECTOR