

**Minutes of the Council of the Municipality of
Bonne-Espérance**

A Regular sitting of the Council was held on June 16th, 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
Joseph Bilodeau
Ashley Roberts
Robbie Thomas

Absent:

Public Attendance: 0

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

2026-4695 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. Opening of the sitting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Adoption of the minutes from the regular sitting of May 20th, 2026
4. Adoption of the accounts payable for June 2026
5. Adoption of the financial commitments for July 2026
6. Resolution to accept the land request of Douglas Griffin
7. Resolution to purchase Grab n`Go bags for all residents in Bonne Esperance as part of the MBE emergency preparedness plan
8. Resolution, declaration of a local state of emergency by the Mayor
9. Resolution, declaration of a local state of emergency by the municipal council
10. Resolution, to name a person authorized to act during a local state of emergency
11. Resolution, concerns regarding section 54 of the territorial development agreement
11. Question Period
12. Closing of the sitting

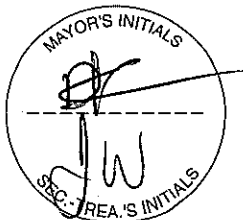
It was proposed by Robbie Thomas, seconded by Joseph Bilodeau and
unanimously resolved that the agenda be accepted as presented.

**2026-4696 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR SITTING OF MAY 20TH, 2026**

It was proposed by Chelsey Thomas, seconded by Angela Spingle and
unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes from the regular sitting of May
20th, 2026.

**2026-4697 PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR
JUNE 2026 AT \$130,000.00**

It is proposed by Robbie Thomas, seconded by Ashley Roberts and
unanimously resolved the presentation of accounts payable for June 2026
at \$130,000.00.



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2026-4698 **ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**
FOR JULY 2026 AT \$120,000.00

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

2026-4699 **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE LAND**
REQUEST OF DOUGLAS GRIFFIN

It was proposed by Angela Spingle, seconded by Robbie Thomas and unanimously resolved to accept the land request of Douglas Griffin.

2026-4700 **RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE GRAN N'GO**
BAGS FOR ALL RESIDENTS IN BONNE
ESPERANCE AS PART OF THE MBE
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

It is proposed by Robbie Thomas, seconded by Joseph Bilodeau and unanimously resolved to purchase Grab n'Go bags for all residents in Bonne Esperance as part of the MBE emergency preparedness plan

2026-4701 **RESOLUTION, DECLARATION OF A LOCAL**
STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE MAYOR

WHEREAS the first paragraph of section 19 of the *Act respecting civil protection to promote disaster resilience* (CQLR, c. S-2.4) states that "[a] local municipality may declare a state of emergency in its territory, for a maximum period of 10 days, when a disaster occurs or is imminent there, if the normal operating rules do not make it possible to take the immediate actions required to protect human life, health or integrity and if, for that purpose, the local municipality considers that it must resort to the extraordinary powers provided for in section 23";

WHEREAS section 20 of that act states that "[i]f a municipal council is unable to meet in a timely manner, the mayor may declare a state of emergency for a maximum period of 48 hours";

WHEREAS the municipal council is unable to meet in a timely manner;

WHEREAS normal operating rules do not permit the Municipality to take the immediate action necessary to protect human life, health, or integrity and, to that end, I believe it necessary to exercise [some or all] of the extraordinary powers named in section 23 of the *Act respecting civil protection to promote disaster resilience* in response to the situation;

It is proposed by Chelsey Thomas, seconded by Angela Spingle and unanimously resolved to approve the declaration of a local state of emergency by the mayor.



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2025-4702 RESOLUTION, DECLARATION OF A LOCAL
STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE MUNICIPAL
COUNCIL

WHEREAS the first paragraph of section 19 of the *Act respecting civil protection to promote disaster resilience* (CQLR, c. S-2.4) states that “[a] local municipality may declare a state of emergency in its territory, for a maximum period of 10 days, when a disaster occurs or is imminent there, if the normal operating rules do not make it possible to take the immediate actions required to protect human life, health or integrity and if, for that purpose, the local municipality considers that it must resort to the extraordinary powers provided for in section 23”;

WHEREAS normal operating rules do not permit the Municipality to take the immediate action necessary to protect human life, health, or integrity and, to that end, the Municipality believes it necessary to exercise [some or all] of the extraordinary powers named in section 23 of the *Act respecting civil protection to promote disaster resilience* in response to the situation;

It is proposed by Ashley Roberts, seconded by Clara Buckle and unanimously resolved to approve the declaration of a local state of emergency by the municipal council.

2026-4703 RESOLUTION, TO NAME A PERSON
AUTHORIZED TO ACT DURING A LOCAL
STATE OF EMERGENCY

It is proposed by Ashley Roberts, seconded by Robbie Thomas and unanimously resolved to name Leslie Woodland as the person authorized to act during a local state of emergency.

2025-4704 RESOLUTION (DRAFT), CONCERNS
REGARDING SECTION 54 OF THE
TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
OF THE REGIONS AND RURALITY FUND
INCLUDING COMPONENET 3 -
REVITALIZATION

WHEREAS the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent signed with the MAMH the “Regional and Rural Development Agreement of the Regions and Rurality Fund, including Component 3 – Vitalization” for the period from April¹, 2025, to March 31, 2028, on December 10, 2025;

WHEREAS Article 54 of said agreement stipulates: that no member of the National Assembly of Quebec, no municipal elected official, nor any member of their family, may be a party to any contract, agreement, or commission arising from the Agreement, nor derive any benefit therefrom;

WHEREAS the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent has a total population of approximately 3,500 residents, spread across 5 municipalities;



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- WHEREAS the least populous municipality has as few as 350 residents;
- WHEREAS in these small municipalities, the pool of potential developers and municipal council members is considerably small;
- WHEREAS the inclusion of elected officials' families under Article 54 of this new agreement makes it difficult to involve new municipal council members, as well as to submit applications for financial assistance to the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent;
- WHEREAS Article 54, as presented in the current agreement, may mean that in a small municipality, approximately 30 people (the mayor, council members, and their families) cannot submit projects under the FRR-2;
- WHEREAS this section could also mean that people's interest in running in the next municipal elections might be lower, knowing that there is a developer in their immediate circle;

THEREFORE

IT IS PROPOSED by Robbie Thomas

SECONDED by Ashley Roberts

AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

TO REQUEST a meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Samuel Poulin, in order to explain this situation and the potential impacts on small municipalities in our region, specifically those in the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent;

TO FORWARD this resolution to Mr. Samuel Poulin, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Mr. Mathieu Lévesque, Minister Delegate for the Regions; Mr. Yves Montigny, Member of the National Assembly for René-Lévesque; Ms. Kateri Champagne Jourdain, Member of the National Assembly for Duplessis; and Ms. Marthe Kleiser, Regional Director for the North Shore, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.



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2026-4705 CLOSING OF THE SITTING

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

DALE ROBERTS KEATS

MAYOR

LESLIE WOODLAND

GENERAL DIRECTOR