

MUNICIPALITY OF BRYSON

Regular meeting of the Bryson Municipal Council held on October 01, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the municipal office located at 833 Principale Street, Bryson (Quebec).

Present were Alain Gagnon, Mayor and the councillors, David Miljour, Joanne Ralston, Marc Gauthier, Serge Lance, Wayne Cameron and

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

Absent: Councillor, Jian Zhang.

The quorum was reached and the mayor Gagnon chaired 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

073-10-2025

IT IS PROPOSED by David Miljour and resolved unanimously to adopt the agenda for 01 October 2025 as amended.

Adopted

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

074-10-2025

IT IS PROPOSED by Serge Lance and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of 08 September 2025.

Adopted

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETINGS

No business arising from the last meetings

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 Presentation of the 2022 financial report

Auditor Simon Thibault presented the 2023 financial report and answered the questions put to him.

7.2 Letter from the Mayor

The mayor reads the letter that he has prepared and submitted to council.

8. ADMINISTRATION

8.1 Water Management Technician's Report.

There is no report from the Water Management Technician.

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 \$156,222.10.

75-10-2025 **IT IS PROPOSED** by Serge Lance, and resolved unanimously, that the invoices received in the amount of \$156,222.10 be paid. **Adopted**

9.2 VO3 Submissions

WHEREAS the municipality received a bid from the company V03 for the purchase of parts related to the drinking water system, but this was rejected by the municipal council in order to obtain more details on the parts actually needed and the proposed costs;

WHEREAS the water technician has confirmed the parts deemed urgent and necessary, and those that can be carried forward to a future budget;
WHEREAS the municipality is still awaiting a revised bid from V03 reflecting the adjusted amounts;

WHEREAS the next regular meeting of Council is scheduled for the end of November 2025, and it is necessary to provide for an expenditure authority so as not to delay the required work;

076-10-2025 **IT IS PROPOSED** by Joanne Ralston and resolved unanimously to authorize an expenditure of \$8000 to V03 for the acquisition of parts deemed urgent pending revised submission of V03 **Adopted**

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 MAMH Resolution

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bryson has been experiencing financial difficulties for several months;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bryson is the subject of a collection action by a financial institution;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bryson is experiencing significant delays in the production of accounts and is facing a lack of liquidity;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bryson is facing certain issues in terms of budget planning and monitoring;

WHEREAS these difficulties may pose risks to the Municipality's ability to meet its financial obligations and maintain services to the population;

WHEREAS the auditor and the MAMH's Accompaniment and Finance Department have confirmed the importance of redressing the financial situation;

WHEREAS the Municipal Support and Finance Department of the MAMH proposes to accompany the Municipality of Bryson and to support it in the sustainable recovery of its financial situation and, in particular, by offering it:

- Assistance for the consolidation of the accumulated deficit
- Advice and support for the resolution of the collection dispute
- Support in revenue collection and liquidity recovery
- Tips for optimising accounting management
- Support for budget planning and taxation
- Strengthening municipal governance

WHEREAS the Municipal Council recognizes the importance of redressing the financial situation and wishes to make a firm commitment to this end through the measures proposed by the MAMH and any other relevant measures, including the hiring of an external resource;

WHEREAS the Board may terminate such support at any time

77-10-2025 **IT IS PROPOSED** by Joanne Ralston, **seconded by** Marc Gauthier

AND RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of Bryson mandate the municipal administration to implement all necessary and appropriate measures for the financial recovery of the Municipality;

That Council request specialized support in municipal finance from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the administrative and financial recovery of the Municipality, including the preparation of future investment projects;

That the municipal administration cooperates with the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation and its representatives, respond to any request from it and carry out all the follow-ups required by it, until the financial situation of the Municipality has improved to the satisfaction of Council and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

That the Municipality authorize the representatives of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to communicate and discuss with the Municipality's external auditor;

That this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the External Auditor to inform them of the Council's decision.

10.2 Meeting of the Month November 2025

WHEREAS the regular meeting of Council is scheduled for November 17, 2025;

WHEREAS the municipal election period will end shortly before that date;

WHEREAS leaves, approved several months ago, will follow the election period;

WHEREAS it is necessary to complete the documentation and administrative work required following the elections;

WHEREAS the Executive Director wishes to ensure that all documents and formalities are completed personally and in accordance with legal and procedural requirements;

78-10-2025 **IT IS PROPOSED** by Wayne Cameron and unanimously resolved that the regular meeting of council originally scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2025 be postponed to Monday, November 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at the usual place of sittings.

10.3 Resolution for the collection of compost and garbage.

WHEREAS the Municipality must ensure the regular collection of household waste and compost on its territory;

WHEREAS the service offer received provides:

- 26 garbage collections per year;
- 36 compost collections per year (i.e. one bi-weekly collection during the winter and one collection every week during the summer);

WHEREAS the total cost for these services is \$54,000;

79-10-2025 **IT IS PROPOSED** by David Miljour and resolved unanimously,
1. Accept the service offer for garbage and compost collection starting in 2026, for a total amount of \$54,000;
2. That the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign any agreement or document necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Adopted

11. COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND REPORTS

Councillors David Miljour, Marc Gauthier, Wayne Cameron, Serge Lance presented reports and updates.

12. OTHERS

12.1 Potable Water Source Protection Plan + Grant

12.2 Canada Post Resolution

The board chose not to pass the recommended resolution.

12.3 Adoption of a specific directive for the use of a language other than French

This subject is postponed to the meeting of November 24, 2025

12.4 Christmas Parade

WHEREAS the Municipality organizes a Christmas Parade each year;

WHEREAS Main Street must be closed from 501 principal street to 936 principal Street;

WHEREAS the Parade will take place on December 6, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.;

80-10-2025 **IT IS MOVED** by Dave Miljour and unanimously resolved that the Municipality of Bryson confirm its agreement with the closure of Main Street on December 6, 2024, and will also provide the barricades and detour signage.

13. ADJOURNMENT OF THE SESSION

081-10-2025 **IT IS PROPOSED** by David Miljour and resolved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 7.55 p.m. **Adopted**

Alain Gagnon
Mayor
Treasurer

Vanessa Dagenais
Director General, Clerk -

