



ORDINARY MEETING of the Council of Brome Village held in person on Monday, August 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at which were present Councillors Pat Panasuk, Lisa Belanger, Larry Royea, Wesley Patch, and Michael Allnutt. All members of the said council forming a quorum under the chairmanship of Mayor William Miller in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Code.

Councillor Christopher Whitehead was absent

The Director General and Clerk-Treasurer Gail Côté was present.

The citizens can attend the meeting and ask questions.

There were 4 people in the audience.

AGENDA

- 1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING**
- 2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- 3. **APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**
 - 3.1 Approval and adoption of the minutes of the July 8, 2024, ordinary meeting
- 4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES**
 - 4.1
- 5. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 5.1 Letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - 5.2 Letter from the Government of Quebec
- 6. **URBANISM**
 - 6.1 Municipal inspector's report
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- 9. **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**
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- 11. **ROADS**
 - 11.1 Road(s) reports
 - 11.2 Awarding of contract – Excavation and re-surfacing of Friars Lane
- 12. **ENVIRONMENT**
 - 12.1 Intermunicipal agreement for the delegation of jurisdiction and services for recyclable materials on the Brome-Missisquoi MRC territory - Approval and authorization to sign
- 13. **PUBLIC SECURITY**
 - 13.1 Request for support – Request to revise the Act respecting municipal taxation for Sûreté du Québec
- 14. **LEISURE AND CULTURE**
 - 14.1 Support for a multifunctional trail project between the Town of Sutton, the Village of Brome and the Town of Brome Lake
 - 14.2 Inter-municipal recreation agreement
- 15. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- 16. **SECOND QUESTION PERIOD**
- 17. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

1
OPENING OF THE MEETING
Resolution 2024-401

The members present at the opening of the meeting formed a quorum; the meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7:04 p.m.

The mayor addresses those present.

2
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Resolution 2024-402

IT IS
Moved by Lisa Belanger
Seconded by Michael Allnutt
AND RESOLVED

THAT the agenda be and is hereby approved.

ADOPTED unanimously

3
APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

3.1
APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 2024, ORDINARY MEETING
Resolution 2024-403

IT IS
Moved by Larry Royea
Seconded by Michael Allnutt
AND RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the July 8, 2024, ordinary meeting be and are hereby approved.

ADOPTED unanimously

4
BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES

- No business arising from the last minutes.

5
CORRESPONDENCE

5.1

A letter was received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, confirming the government contribution of \$576,421 granted to the municipality under the Infrastructure Transfer Program (TECQ) 2024-2028.

5.2

A letter was received from the Government of Quebec following the recommendation of our MNA, granting financial assistance of up to 25 000\$ for road improvements in the municipality.

6
URBANISM

6.1
MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The municipal inspector submitted his report for the month of July.

Number of permits: 3
Value of work: \$6 750
Revenues of: \$40

7
FIRST QUESTION PERIOD

- No questions were asked during the first question period.

8
OFFICER'S REPORT

1. The mayor met with the mayors of Sutton and Brome Lake to discuss a multifunctional trail project between the Town of Sutton, Brome Village and the Town of Brome Lake.

9
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- Nothing to discuss.

10
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

10.1
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
JULY 2024
Resolution 2024-404

IT IS
Moved by Pat Panasuk
Seconded by Larry Royea
AND RESOLVED

THAT the payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$155 044.66 be and is hereby approved.

Supplier	Description	Amount
Agorasport	Four season skating rink	62 667.12
Benoit Jean	General maintenance	488.00
Enviro Connexions	Treatment of recycling	476.52
Excavation L G	Grating of roads	689.85
FNX	Engineering services (322 Stagecoach)	21 143.90
Gestim	Municipal inspection (23/06/24 to 20/07/24)	2 190.51
Home Hardware	Purchase of bins	137.96
Mégaburo	Meter reading photocopier	63.67
RIGMRBM	Landfill fees	1 691.94
Ville de Sutton	Intervention report (310 Stagecoach)	1 971.24
Ville de Sutton	Intervention report (104 Brome Terrace North)	97.65
Ville de Sutton	Intervention report (124 Warehill)	1 258.28
Ville de Sutton	Quote part 2024 – First Responders	8 566.50
Ville de Sutton	Quote part 2024 – Fire services	53 510.23
Ville de Sutton	Intervention report (147 Brome Terrace South)	91.29
TOTAL		\$155 044.66

10.2
ACCOUNTS PAID
JULY 2024
Resolution 2024-405

Supplier	Description	Amount
Barsalou Marie-Piers	Reimbursement of municipal taxes paid to the wrong municipality	5 240.05
BCAS	Rent & cleaning for July	718.59
Canada Post	Stamps	227.65
Ent Raymond Cherrier	Garbage, recycling, compost collection, and transport	4 623.80
Monthly remuneration of elected officials	July remuneration	2 146.76
Monthly remuneration of Director General	July salary	3 548.04
Revenu Canada	Deductions at source April -June	2 662.14
Revenu Quebec	Deductions at source April-June	6 751.86
TOTAL		\$25 918.89

Supplier	Description (direct debit)	Amount
Cogeco	Telephone, fax, internet	516.58
DFS Insurance	Group insurance	547.40
Hydro Québec	Street lighting	178.29
IT Cloud	Microsoft monthly subscription fees	40.19
Mastercard	Microsoft monthly subscription fees	76.34
TOTAL		\$1 358.80

TOTAL \$182 322.35

ADOPTED unanimously

**11
ROADS**

**11.1
ROAD REPORT(S)**

- No comments concerning roads.

**11.2
AWARDING OF CONTRACT – EXCAVATION AND RE-SURFACING OF FRIARS LANE
Resolution 2024-406**

WHEREAS a section of Friars Lane is showing signs of wear and tear;

WHEREAS we have received two quotes for the excavation and re-surfacing of the road;

IT IS

Moved by Larry Royea

Seconded by Michael Allnutt

AND RESOLVED

TO award the contract to Excavation David Cooke in the amount of \$39 750 plus applicable taxes;

TO finance this expense, net of tax refunds, from the municipal general fund;

TO authorize the Director General and Clerk-Treasurer to give all necessary instructions and sign all documents to this effect.

ADOPTED unanimously

**12
ENVIRONMENT**

**12.1
INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DELEGATION OF JURISDICTION AND
SERVICES FOR RECYCLABLE MATERIALS ON THE BROME-MISSISQUOI MRC
TERRITORY - APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN
Resolution 2024-407**

WHEREAS the Environmental Quality Act (RLRQ, c. Q-2) (“the Act”) was amended by the Act mainly amending the Environmental Quality Act with regard to deposit and collection selective (LQ 2021, c. 5), sanctioned on March 17, 2021;

WHEREAS section 53.31.0.2 of the Act as amended provides that no municipality or group of municipalities may, on its own initiative, develop or implement all or part of a selective collection system for certain recyclable materials when the development, implementation and financing of such a system are entrusted to persons by regulation;

CONSIDERING THAT the Government of Quebec adopted the Regulation respecting a selective collection system for certain residual materials (RLRQ, c. Q-2, r. 46.01) (“the Regulation”), which came into force on July 7, 2022;

WHEREAS Éco Entreprises Québec (ÉEQ) is the management organization designated by the government, which is entrusted with the responsibility of developing, implementing and financially supporting a selective collection system for certain recyclable materials at the Quebec scale;

WHEREAS the Regulation provides for the conclusion of an agreement between ÉEQ and a municipal organization, agreement relating to the collection and transportation of the materials referred to in section 24 of the Regulation;

WHEREAS the Regulation prescribes the minimum content of this agreement, in particular with regard to the parameters surrounding collection and transportation services, the conditions surrounding the awarding of contracts for these services and the terms relating to quality control;

WHEREAS ÉEQ has identified the MRC of Brome-Missisquoi as the signatory organization to conclude such an agreement;

Considering that the framework agreement drawn up by ÉEQ requires that the municipal body have “competence in the field of recyclable materials management, for the entire territory of application”;

WHEREAS it is appropriate for local municipalities to delegate to the MRC of Brome-Missisquoi certain of their powers, to allow the MRC to conclude with ÉEQ or any other management organization the agreement required by the provincial regulation;

WHEREAS THAT any local municipality may conclude with any other municipality, regardless of the Act that governs it, in particular with a regional county municipality, any agreement relating to all or part of an area within their jurisdiction;

WHEREAS THAT the year 2025 will be one of transition and that the delegation of authority relating to residual materials will be evolving and that adjustments to this agreement could be made;

WHEREAS the MRC of Brome-Missisquoi sent the intermunicipal agreement for delegation of skills and services for recyclable materials for comments to local municipalities and submitted an adjusted version ;

WHEREAS the Parties wish to avail themselves of the provisions of articles 569 et seq. of the Municipal Code of Quebec, RLRQ, c. C-27.1 and articles 468 et seq. of the Cities and Towns Act, RLRQ, c. C-19, in order to conclude the aforementioned intermunicipal agreement;

CONSEQUENTLY

Moved by Wesley Patch

Seconded by Lisa Belanger

AND RESOLVED

That the council of the municipality of Brome Village approves the *Intermunicipal Agreement for the delegation of skills and services for recyclable materials in the territory of the MRC of Brome-Missisquoi (the “ Agreement”)* .

That the council authorizes and mandates Mr. William Miller, Mayor and Madame Gail Côté, Director General, to sign for and on behalf of the municipality the said *Agreement*;

That the council appoints as a representative of the municipality Mrs. Gail Côté and as substitute Mr. William Miller to sit on the intermunicipal committee of the said *Agreement* and to actively participate in it;

That the council appoints as contact for the purposes of receiving the communications and transmitting the notices required under the *Agreement* , the resource occupying the function of Director General within the municipality;

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the MRC of Brome-Missisquoi.

ADOPTED unanimously

13
PUBLIC SECURITY

13.1
REQUEST FOR SUPPORT – REQUEST TO REVISE THE ACT RESPECTING MUNICIPAL TAXATION FOR SÛRETÉ DU QUÉBEC
Resolution 2024-408

CONSIDERING the request for support from the Municipality of Upton, by resolution number 2024.04.81, for a review of the Act respecting municipal taxation for Sûreté du Québec taxes;

CONSIDERING THAT, under the Act respecting municipal taxation, the Government of Quebec may introduce taxes on the services of the Sûreté du Québec (SQ);
CONSIDERING THAT local municipalities are required to pay 50% of the costs of SQ services, in accordance with the relevant by-law;

CONSIDERING THAT the tax burden on municipalities continues to increase;

CONSIDERING THAT local municipalities are subject to government decisions regarding SQ funding;

CONSIDERING THAT local taxpayers are under increasing fiscal pressure as a result of this high contribution;

CONSIDERING THAT the SQ tax rate is currently determined unilaterally, without consultation or consideration of the needs and financial capabilities of municipalities;

THEREFORE
Proposed by Lisa Belanger
Seconded by Pat Panasuk
AND RESOLVED

TO formally request that the Government of Quebec revise the Act respecting municipal taxation for police services to reduce the tax burden imposed on municipalities to finance the Sûreté du Québec; and

TO forward this resolution to the following authorities: Ministère des Affaires Municipales, Ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale, MNA Isabelle Charest, Brome-Missisquoi MRC, Association des Directeurs Municipaux du Québec, Fédération Québécoise des Municipalités du Québec, Union des Municipalités du Québec, MRCs and Municipalities of Québec.

ADOPTED unanimously

14
LEISURE AND CULTURE

14.1
SUPPORT FOR A MULTIFUNCTIONAL TRAIL PROJECT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SUTTON, THE VILLAGE OF BROME AND THE TOWN OF BROME LAKE
Resolution 2024-409

CONSIDERING THAT a citizens' group wishes to build, with the help of government or para governmental subsidies, a dedicated multipurpose trail between Goyette-Hill Park in Sutton and Victoria Street in Brome Lake, passing through the Municipality of Brome Village;

CONSIDERING THAT this trail will be dedicated to bicycles and pedestrians and will be located for the most part outside the right-of-way;

CONSIDERING THAT this trail will approximately be 14 km and will provide a safe link between the Town of Sutton and the Municipality of Brome Village and the Route verte in Brome Lake;

CONSIDERING THAT the citizens' group needs the support of the three municipalities involved in their project, including possible grant applications;

THEREFORE
Moved by
Seconded by
AND RESOLVED

THAT the Town of Sutton support the multifunctional trail project between the Town of Sutton, the Municipality of Brome Village and the Town of Brome Lake;

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the following persons:

- Isabelle Charest, MNA for Brome-Missisquoi and Minister responsible for Sport, Recreation and Outdoors;
- Pascale St-Onge, MNA for Brome-Missisquoi and Minister of Canadian Heritage;
- Patrick Melchior, Prefect of the MRC Brome-Missisquoi;
- Richard Burcombe, mayor of Town of Brome Lake;
- William Miller, mayor of the Village of Brome;
- Robert Benoit, mayor of Town of Sutton.

The point was discussed but council would like more information on the project. Therefore, the request for support was not adopted at the August meeting. Council is waiting for a response from Ville de Sutton.

14.2
INTER-MUNICIPAL RECREATION AGREEMENT
Resolution 2024-410

CONSIDERING the Town of Cowansville has signed a recreation agreement with 10 neighbouring municipalities;

CONSIDERING that these agreements expire on August 31, 2024;

IT IS
Moved by Wesley Patch
Seconded by Larry Royea
AND RESOLVED

TO offer the signatory towns of the current recreation agreements with the Town of Cowansville, the possibility of extending these agreements until August 31, 2025, under the current terms and conditions except for Article 4, which will apply as follows:

Article 4 - Financial contribution

When registering for the activities specified in Article 2, citizens of the Municipality pay the same rate as citizens (residents) of the Town of Cowansville.

For registrations for the following activities, the Town of Cowansville will issue an invoice to the Municipality at the end of the registration period, in addition to the registration fees paid by the citizen:

a) Minor field hockey and figure skating:

2024-2025: \$642.77 x CPI to September 30, 2024, + applicable taxes per registration.

b) Town of Cowansville swimming lessons and Équipe de Natation de Cowansville (excluding specialized lifesaving courses - instructor):

2024-2025: \$321.39 x CPI to September 30, 2024, + applicable taxes per registration.

c) Town of Cowansville day camp:

Summer season 2025: \$150 XIPC to September 30, 2024, + applicable taxes per registration.

ADOPTED unanimously

**15
OTHER BUSINESS**

- No other business to report.

**16
SECOND QUESTION PERIOD**

1. It was asked since Brome Terrace North and South are privately owned by the residents living on the road, if there was a state of emergency and they had no one to deal with the situation would the municipality take the problem over. An example being the residents hire someone to plow the snow in the winter and that contractor decides for no given reason he doesn't want to finish the season, and they can't find anyone else to take the contract over.

The mayor explained that the municipality had approached all concerned residents, and they all decided that they wanted to keep both roads as private. One of the main issues is that neither of the roads are conform and to become conform many of the homeowners would lose some of their land, as the existing road is too narrow.

**17
ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING
Resolution 2024-411**

IT IS

Moved by Larry Royea

Seconded by Wesley Patch

AND RESOLVED

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

William Miller
Mayor

Gail Côté
Director General and Clerk-Treasurer

