



ORDINARY MEETING of the Council of Brome Village held in person on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at which were present Councillors Pat Panasuk, Lisa Belanger, Larry Royea, Christopher Whitehead 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 Wesley Patch was absent.

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

The citizens can attend the meeting and ask questions.

There were 8 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 August 5, 2024, ordinary meeting
4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES**
 - 4.1
5. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 5.1 Request for letter of support
6. **URBANISM**
 - 6.1 Municipal inspector's report
 - 6.2 Request to the Commission de la Protection du Territoire Agricole du Québec for a use other than agricultural – Carried forward to another meeting
7. **FIRST QUESTION PERIOD**
8. **OFFICER'S REPORT**
9. **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**
 - 9.1 Offer of service for 2025 general consultations VOX Avocat(e)s Inc.
 - 9.2 Government contribution TECQ 2024-2028
10. **FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**
 - 10.1 Accounts payable
 - 10.2 Accounts paid
11. **ROADS**
 - 11.1 Road(s) reports
12. **ENVIRONMENT**
 - 12.1
13. **PUBLIC SECURITY**
 - 13.1
14. **LEISURE AND CULTURE**
 - 14.1
15. **OTHER BUSINESS**
16. **SECOND QUESTION PERIOD**
17. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

1
OPENING OF THE MEETING
Resolution 2024-412

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 2024-413

IT IS
Moved by Lisa Belanger
Seconded by Christopher Whitehead
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 AUGUST 5, 2024, ORDINARY MEETING
Resolution 2024-414

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

THAT the minutes of the August 5, 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 request was received from the Brome County Community Association concerning a letter of support from the municipality of Brome Village regarding the grant "New Horizons for Seniors Program – Community-based projects". The Association is applying for the above-mentioned grant to help with projects that are led by seniors and are volunteer based.

IT IS
Moved by Lisa Belanger
Seconded by Larry Royea
AND RESOLVED

TO support the Brome County Association with their request.

ADOPTED unanimously

6
URBANISM

6.1
MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT

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

Number of permits: 5
Value of work: \$8 000
Revenues of: \$70

6.2
SUPPORT FOR A NON-AGRICULTURAL USE REQUEST TO THE COMMISSION DE LA PROTECTION DU TERRITOIRE AGRICOLE DU QUÉBEC (CPTAQ) - AUTHORIZATION FOR A RESIDENTIAL USE ON LOTS OF NO. 4 267 651, 4 267 270 AND 4 267 277 (CORRESPONDING TO AN APPROXIMATE AREA OF 0.12 HA) AS WELL AS A REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT NO. 4 267 277
Resolution 2024-415

This point will be carried forward to another meeting.

7
FIRST QUESTION PERIOD

- No questions were asked during the first question period.

8
OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Councillor Lisa Belanger commented that the speed is a continuous problem in the village.
2. Councillor Larry Royea is going to fix the lock issue on the gate at Park Heritage.

9
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

9.1
OFFER OF SERVICE FOR 2025 GENERAL CONSULTATIONS VOX AVOCAT(E)S INC.
Resolution 2024-416

WHEREAS it is beneficial for the municipality to have a retainer service in force with a legal firm for general consultations;

WHEREAS an offer of service was received from Me. Elaine Francis from the firm VOX Avocat(e)s Inc. for the year 2025;

THEREFORE
Moved by Pat Panasuk
Seconded by Christopher Whitehead
AND RESOLVED

TO accept the offer of service for 2025 in the amount of \$500.00 plus taxes from Me. Elaine Francis of the firm VOX Avocat(e)s Inc.

ADOPTED unanimously

9.2
GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TECQ 2024-2028
Resolution 2024-417

CONSIDERING that the latest correspondence from the government regarding the Quebec Water and Community Infrastructure Transfer Program (TECQ) 2024-2028 announced the amounts allocated to each municipality;

CONSIDERING that there has been a decrease in the amounts received by all municipalities, and that this decrease is attributable to the less generous portion of funding granted by the federal government;

CONSIDERING that although the Québec government has increased its total share in the program, municipalities have growing needs in terms of infrastructure investment, and the costs associated with said work are increasingly high priced;

CONSEQUENTLY
Moved by Larry Royea
Seconded by Michael Allnutt
AND RESOLVED

TO denounce the reduction in the federal government's contribution to Quebec's Water and Community Infrastructure Transfer Program (TECQ) and request that the shortfall be redistributed to municipalities;

TO forward the resolution to the Quebec Minister of Municipal Affairs, Andrée Laforest, to the federal and provincial MPs and provincial deputies for our territory, the FQM, the UMQ and local municipalities for their support.

ADOPTED unanimously

10
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

10.1
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
AUGUST 2024
Resolution 2024-418

IT IS
Moved by Lisa Belanger
Seconded by Christopher Whitehead
AND RESOLVED

THAT the payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$18 855.81 be and is hereby approved.

Supplier	Description	Amount
Benoit Jean	Cleaning up branches/installing parking signs/general maintenance	1 324.00
Benoit Jean	Purchase of bins	408.48
Canadian Red Cross	Notice of contribution (September 2024 – August 2025)	225.00
DBR	Licenses for Office 365 (30/08/24 to 13/05/25)	517.60
DMS	Extra mowing of bridges	114.98
Enviro Connexions	Treatment of recycling	420.64
Gestim	Municipal inspection (21/07/24 to 17/08/24)	2 193.50
Globalstar Canada	Annual contract satellite telephone	1 242.33
Home Hardware	Purchase of bin and lock	300.01
Mégaburo	Meter reading photocopier	68.10
Plomberie Gilbert	Installation of new pump (skating rink)	5 756.94
Raymond Chabot	Professional services rendered (TECQ 2019-2024)	3 449.26
RIGMRBM	Landfill fees	781.88
Ville de Cowansville	Summer 2024 leisure agreement	450.00
VOX	General consultation service (retainer)	574.88
VOX	Professional services rendered	1 028.21
TOTAL		\$18 855.81

10.2
ACCOUNTS PAID
AUGUST 2024
Resolution 2024-419

Supplier	Description	Amount
BCAS	Rent & cleaning for August	718.59
Ent Raymond Cherrier	Garbage, recycling, compost collection, and transport	4 623.80
Monthly remuneration of elected officials	August remuneration	2 146.76
Monthly remuneration of Director General	August salary	3 548.04
Saner Kenny James	Reimbursement of municipal taxes paid to the wrong municipality	22.01
TOTAL		\$11 059.20

Supplier	Description (direct debit)	Amount
DFS Insurance	Group insurance	547.40
Hydro Québec	Street lighting	184.23
Hydro Québec	Electricity at Heritage Park	66.26
IT Cloud	Microsoft monthly subscription fees	40.19
Mastercard	Microsoft monthly subscription fees	76.34
TOTAL		\$914.42

TOTAL \$30 829.43

ADOPTED unanimously

**11
ROADS**

**11.1
ROAD REPORT(S)**

- Roadsides were mowed.

**12
ENVIRONMENT**

- Nothing to discuss.

**13
PUBLIC SECURITY**

- Nothing to discuss.

**14
LEISURE AND CULTURE**

- Nothing to discuss.

**15
OTHER BUSINESS**

- No other business to report.

**16
SECOND QUESTION PERIOD**

1. It was mentioned that there is some confusion concerning the location of the road signs "Tibbitts Hill" and "Warehill". Previously, the entire road was named Warehill Road, with signs at the top and bottom. Given that this road passes through both the Town of Brome Lake and Brome Village, this road now has two names, depending on location. It is called Tibbitts Hill within the limits of the Town of Brome Lake and changes to Warehill at the limits of Brome Village.

The mayor explained that the Municipality of Brome Village had approached the Town of Brome Lake concerning this subject. The Town of Brome Lake responded that it would be complicated to change the road names as this would require the residents to change their address.

2. It was mentioned that there are concerns about Japanese Knotweed. Japanese Knotweed is a woody-stemmed herbaceous perennial plant that has been noted to damage households by growing through concrete cracks.

The mayor suggested that the Director General contact the MRC Brome-Missisquoi and verify if they have any information concerning this subject.

3. A resident mentioned the Strategic Plan wondering if any further progress had been made concerning this subject and/or if the municipality had started thinking about forming a committee to work on it.

The mayor noted the resident's inquiry.

4. A resident was concerned about the site planning and architectural integration plans (PIIA) of the village. The PIIA is an assessment tool that complements the urban planning by-laws. Its purpose is to regulate the construction of new buildings and exterior renovations of existing buildings, considering the specific characteristics of the building. The aim is to preserve and enhance the special character of the village.

The mayor mentioned that Gestim Inc had been mandated to revise and update the municipal by-laws. The Director General will contact them to verify where they are at with this mandate.

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**ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING
Resolution 2024-420**

IT IS

Moved by Lisa Belanger

Seconded by Pat Panasuk

AND RESOLVED

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

William Miller
Mayor

Gail Côté
Director General and Clerk-Treasurer