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**CANADA
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC
TOWN OF BROME LAKE**

January 12, 2026

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Brome Lake held on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at the Centre Lac-Brome, located at 270 Victoria Street, Brome Lake.

Present: Councilor Lisa Payne, and Councilors Claude Rajotte, Steven Beerwort, Pierre Laplante, and Patrick Ouvrard.

All forming a quorum under the chairmanship of Mayor Lee Patterson.

Also present: General Manager Gilbert Arel and Town Clerk Owen Falquero.

Absent: Robert Laflamme

Twenty-four people attended the meeting.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1. Opening of the meeting – General information

After confirming that a quorum was present, the mayor declared the meeting open at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Patterson opened the meeting by addressing the following topics:

Thank you to our front-line employees, including first responders, firefighters, and public works crews, who were very busy during the holiday season. I would also like to acknowledge the work of our subcontractors, who had to work very hard to deliver ice rinks in very good condition, despite the mild weather.

For residents on gravel roads, we were able to carry out some repairs, but unfortunately, we will have to wait until spring to continue the work.

I invite you to attend the budget meeting next Monday. Questions regarding the budget will be addressed following the presentation next week, not tonight. As indicated in the notice of motion that you can view on the website, as well as in the document presented tonight, the residential rate will be \$0.43, compared to \$0.42 last year. If all goes as planned, we will begin one of the most important projects in recent years: the complete repair of Fulford Road. More details will be presented during the budget presentation.

NRJ is now handling some of the collections in the territory. We can expect a few adjustments or corrections, but overall, we are satisfied with the first collection carried out with them.

2026-01-001

1.2. Adoption/Amendments to the agenda

It is

Proposed by Patrick Ouvrard

Seconded by Lisa Payne

And unanimously resolved by vote

THAT the agenda be adopted as written.

ADOPTED

2026-01-002

1.3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 1, 2025

The mayor and elected officials received a copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 1, 2025;

It is

Proposed by Steven Beerwort

Seconded by Patrick Ouvrard

And unanimously resolved by vote

THAT the Council approves the minutes of the regular meeting of December 1, 2025.

ADOPTED

2. FIRST QUESTION PERIOD

This question period was recorded live during the council meeting and is available at <https://lacbrome.ca/vie-municipale/seances-du-council/>

ORAL QUESTIONS DURING THE MEETING

The speakers are:

PATRICIA WAGNER

(00:00)

1. She inquired about the geotechnical tests carried out on Pointe-Fisher Street. She would like to see better communication prior to the work (personalized communication, signage at least 24 hours in advance).

(01:26)

2. She mentions that the last garbage collection was not carried out in her area and thanks the Town for ensuring that this collection will be carried out at a later date.

CAROLLE LAVOIE

(02:11)

3. She would like the list of permits granted during the month to be made public before the next monthly Council meeting.

(03:43)

4. She asks what the process is when work is carried out without a permit in an area subject to the SPAIP.

(05:10)

5. Regarding item 4.4.2 - Minor exemption - 41-55 Rue des Bouleaux, lot 6 422 145, zone UC-4-L13, she would like the Town to indicate the number of floors and units for this building in the public notice.

ALAN EASTLEY

(06:07)

6. He believes that snow removal services are less effective than before and asks whether the contract has been awarded to new companies.

ANNIE JOLICOEUR

(07:08)

7. She asks about compost collection, stating that the service she receives is unsatisfactory and that she has made several complaints about it.

(09:10)

8. She mentions that when her compost bin is not picked up at the curb, it is sometimes collected by the waste management company, which renders her composting efforts useless and results in mixed collections.

ADÈLE HÉBERT

(12:12)

9. She mentions that it is difficult to reserve a room at the Community Center and asks why the process is so complicated.

PATRICE BÉLANGER

(15:57)

10. He asks if residents can take any measures following the recent incidents at the Bondville pumping station.

PATRICK LEFEBVRE

(17:35)

11. With regard to the budget, he believes that the Town should provide more information prior to the special adoption meeting, beyond just the tax rates.

3. ADMINISTRATION / LEGISLATION

3.1. ADMINISTRATION

2026-01-003

3.1.1. Accounts payable and lists of checks issued

It is

Proposed by Pierre Laplante

Seconded by Claude Rajotte

And unanimously resolved by vote

THAT the Council approves the following lists:

- Accounts payable: \$970,249.58
- Checks issued #2026-01: \$1,017,633.62

APPROVED

3.1.2. Progressive statements, invoices, and miscellaneous expenses

3.1.2.1. Progressive statements

2026-01-004

3.1.2.1.1. Supervision of sidewalk and culvert repair projects - Victoria Street

WHEREAS the request for payment of invoice 9513 from Côté Jean et associés in the amount of **\$21,345.11**, including taxes, for work performed under the contract for the supervision of sidewalk and culvert repair projects on Victoria Street;

WHEREAS this amount represents a cost overrun of \$5,562 over the initial contract amount of \$85,225.22, due to additional costs resulting from requirements imposed by the Ministry of Transport and consequential changes to the plans;

WHEREAS the payment recommendation of Laura Lee, Chief - Technical Services, to pay this progress bill;

*It is
Proposed by Claude Rajotte
Seconded by Steven Beerwort
And unanimously resolved by vote*

THAT the Council authorizes payment of invoice 9513 from Côté Jean et associés in the amount of **\$21,345.11**, said payment being conditional upon the Town's receipt of all documents required to release the payment, including proof of payment to subcontractors and/or suppliers, if applicable.

ADOPTED

3.1.2.2. Invoices and miscellaneous expenses

3.1.3. Agreements, contracts, and authorities

2026-01-005

3.1.3.1. Awarding of contract - Server maintenance, antivirus software, and backups

WHEREAS it is necessary to obtain server maintenance and backup services for the Town's computer system;

WHEREAS Microfix Team has been providing these services since 2022;

WHEREAS Équipe Microfix is proposing to renew the contract for 2026 in accordance with the following service offer 34837:

Services	Annual price (taxes included)
Monthly maintenance	\$13,107.15
Other services	\$3,118.12
Antivirus licenses (variable)	\$14,486.85
Backup copy (variable)	\$26,350.34

WHEREAS the approximate total amount of the bid is **\$57,062.46** including taxes;

WHEREAS the recommendation of Gilbert Arel, General Manager, to accept the bid from Équipe Microfix;

*It is
 Proposed by Patrick Ouvrard
 Seconded by Pierre Laplante
 And unanimously resolved by vote*

THAT the Council award Équipe Microfix the contract for 2026 for server maintenance and backup services for the Town's computer system in the approximate amount of **\$57,062.46**, including taxes.

ADOPTED

2026-01-006 3.1.3.2. Awarding of contract - Professional financial services

WHEREAS the departure of the treasurer and the need for the Town to meet short-term needs related to the preparation of audited financial statements and the processing of ad hoc requests in support of senior management;

WHEREAS The Town has requested a service offer from Asselin & Greene CPA Inc. for a twelve (12)-week authority, at an hourly rate of \$185 for approximately twenty (20) hours per week;

WHEREAS the Director General, Gilbert Arel, recommends accepting the offer of services from Asselin & Greene CPA Inc. for an approximate amount of **\$52,000**, including taxes, subject to adjustments based on the number of hours actually billed;

*It is
 Proposed by Lisa Payne
 Seconded by Steven Beerwort
 And unanimously resolved by vote*

THAT the Council awards Asselin & Greene CPA a contract for professional financial services in the approximate amount of **\$52,000**, including taxes, subject to adjustment based on an hourly rate of \$185;

THAT the same amount be allocated to pay for this expense, which will be financed from budget item 02-130-00-413.

ADOPTED

2026-01-007

3.1.3.3. Signing authority - Intermunicipal agreement on forestry and tree felling - 2026-2028

WHEREAS the Brome-Missisquoi RCM and ten (10) of its member municipalities, including the Town of Brome Lake, have agreed to enter into an *intermunicipal agreement on forestry and the application of regulatory provisions concerning tree felling for the period 2026-2028*;

WHEREAS the members of the Council have reviewed the Agreement and are satisfied with it;

*It is
Proposed by Claude Rajotte
Seconded by Pierre Laplante
And unanimously resolved by vote*

THAT The Council grants authority to the mayor, Mr. Lee Patterson, and the director general, Mr. Gilbert Arel, to sign, for and on behalf of the Town, *the Intermunicipal Agreement on Forestry and the Application of Regulatory Provisions Concerning Tree Felling for the period 2026-2028*, as well as any other document necessary to give effect to this resolution.

ADOPTED

2026-01-008

3.1.3.4. Signing authority - First responder services agreement with Santé Québec

WHEREAS *the Prehospital Emergency Services Act* aims to ensure that persons calling for prehospital emergency services receive an appropriate, efficient, and high-quality response at all times;

WHEREAS Santé Québec and the Town wish to enter into a first responder services agreement for the Town's territory;

WHEREAS the Director General, Mr. Gilbert Arel, and the Director of Public Safety and Fire Services, Mr. Kevin Robinson, recommend entering into this agreement for a period of five (5) years;

*It is
Proposed by Pierre Laplante
Seconded by Patrick Ouvrard
And unanimously resolved by votes cast*

THAT The Council grants Mayor Lee Patterson and Chief Executive Officer Gilbert Arel authority to sign, for and on behalf of the Town, the First Responder Services Agreement, as well as any document necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

ADOPTED

2026-01-009 3.1.3.5. Signing Authority - Ice Fishing Projects

WHEREAS the Town wishes to submit applications for financial assistance to the Fondation de la faune du Québec for the implementation of the *Fishing Festival at Brome Lake* and the *Ice Fishing at Brome Lake* project;

*It is
Proposed by Steven Beerwort
Seconded by Lisa Payne
And unanimously resolved by vote*

THAT The Council grants Cynthia Brunelle, Director of Recreation, Tourism, Culture, and Community Life, authority to sign, for and on behalf of the Town, the application for financial assistance from the Fondation de la faune du Québec for the *Brome Lake Fishing Festival* project, as well as any other document necessary to give full effect to this resolution;

THAT The Council grants Cynthia Brunelle, Director of Recreation, Tourism, Culture and Community Life, authority to sign, for and on behalf of the Town, the application for financial assistance from the Fondation de la faune du Québec for the *Brome Lake Ice Fishing* project, as well as any other document necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

ADOPTED

3.1.4. Human Resources

2026-01-010 3.1.4.1. Volunteer firefighters - Appointment of new members

WHEREAS the Director of Public Safety, Fire and First Responders, Kevin Robinson, recommends to Council the appointment of the following individuals as volunteer firefighters for the Town:

- Blair Cook
- Nicholas Martin
- Paul Santerre
- Wyatt Santerre
- Jack Woodard

*He is
Proposed by Pierre Laplante
Seconded by Steven Beerwort
And unanimously resolved by vote*

THAT The Council endorses the recommendation of the Director of Public Safety, Fire and First Responders, and designates the following individuals as volunteer firefighters for the Town, in accordance with the agreements and conventions in effect:

- Blair Cook
- Nicholas Martin
- Paul Santerre
- Wyatt Santerre
- Jack Woodard

ADOPTED

2026-01-01

3.1.4.2. First Responder - Appointment of a New Member

WHEREAS the Director of Public Safety, Fire and First Responders, Kevin Robinson, recommends to Council the appointment of the following person as a first responder for the Town:

- Delphine Adam

*It is
Proposed by Pierre Laplante
Seconded by Patrick Ouvrard
And unanimously resolved by vote*

THAT the Council endorses the recommendation of the Director of Public Safety, Fire Services, and First Responders, and designates the following person as the Town's first responder, in accordance with the conventions and agreements in force:

- Delphine Adam

ADOPTED

3.1.5. Miscellaneous

2026-01-012

3.1.5.1. Authorization to release the primary civil liability guarantee fund of the Estrie group for the period from December 1, 2019, to December 1, 2020

WHEREAS The Town of Brome Lake holds an insurance policy issued by AIG under number 3630414, covering the period from December 1, 2019, to December 1, 2020;

WHEREAS this policy is subject to an individual deductible as well as a primary liability insurance guarantee fund;

WHEREAS a guarantee fund in the amount of \$124,999 was set up to guarantee this primary civil liability guarantee fund and that the Town of Brome Lake invested a share of \$3,446.00, representing 2.76% of the total value of the fund.

WHEREAS the agreement relating to the management of guarantee funds provides for the following with respect to the release of funds;

5. RELEASE OF FUNDS

The guarantee funds shall remain in operation until the sums are exhausted by reimbursement of the cost of claims attributable to them, or until all reported claims have been fully settled or the limitation period has expired or has been recognized as such by a court for all claims covered by the policies issued for the period in question.

Upon joint certification by the Insurer and the insured towns that there are no claims covered by the policies issued for the period in question, the remaining funds shall be released and returned to the insured towns, each according to its share, accompanied by detailed accounting of the account and a list of all reimbursements made.

- WHEREAS all claims reported to the insurer relating to the said policy and the said property insurance guarantee fund have been processed and closed by the insurer;
- WHEREAS the Town of Brome Lake confirms that there are no outstanding claims covered by the insurance policy issued by the insurer AIG for the period from December 1, 2019, to December 1, 2020, for which costs related to the payment of claims could be incurred;
- WHEREAS The Town of Brome Lake requests that the remaining \$124,681.12 of the said primary civil liability guarantee fund be released in accordance with section 5 of the aforementioned agreement;
- WHEREAS it is understood that the release of the funds terminates the insurer's obligations, in any capacity whatsoever, with the exception of any claim that may trigger the guarantee offered in excess of the said primary civil liability guarantee fund;
- WHEREAS The Town of Brome Lake nevertheless undertakes to notify the insurer of any facts and circumstances that may give rise to a claim, as well as any claim, regardless of its amount, that may be admissible under the terms of the policy issued for the period from December 1, 2019, to December 1, 2020;
- WHEREAS the insurer AIG may then investigate or intervene as it deems appropriate;
- WHEREAS The Town of Brome Lake undertakes to return, in whole or in part, the amount that will be refunded to it from the said guarantee fund if a claim is made in the future and that claim engages the guarantee fund in primary civil liability for the period from December 1, 2019, to December 1, 2020;

*It is
Proposed by Steven Beerwort
Seconded by Lisa Payne*

And unanimously resolved by vote

THAT the Council authorizes the Union des municipalités du Québec to proceed with the payment of the remaining balance of the said guarantee fund to the members of the Estrie group in the same proportions as they contributed to it when it was established.

ADOPTED

2026-01-013

3.1.5.2. Support - Municipality of Frelighsburg - Wastewater treatment

WHEREAS the performance of the Frelighsburg municipal wastewater treatment plant is not able to meet the discharge requirements prescribed by the Ministry of the Environment, Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks (MELCCFP);

WHEREAS non-compliance with discharge requirements has prevented any extension of the network and blocked any development projects since 2020;

WHEREAS the municipality of Frelighsburg ("Municipality") has therefore undertaken engineering and geotechnical studies and pipeline work to correct the problem by replacing its wastewater treatment plant since 2020;

WHEREAS the Municipality has to date expended significant sums from its available gasoline tax and Quebec contribution ("TECQ") funds, and the project has subsequently been selected under the PRIMEAU 1.1 grant program;

WHEREAS the MELCCFP has authorized the work and the tender documents are ready to be launched, subject to authorization by the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation (MAMH);

WHEREAS the MAMH has just prohibited the Municipality from proceeding with this call for tenders until the MAMH has sufficient funds available under its PRIMEAU 1.2 program;

WHEREAS the upgrade of the Municipality's wastewater treatment plant has nevertheless been deemed a priority by the MAMH;

WHEREAS this directive will delay the launch of the call for tenders and the work by approximately one year, resulting in additional costs for the government and residents, with work possibly taking place in the winter of 2027 and additional mobilization of work crews;

WHEREAS on November 13, 2025, the Minister of Municipal Affairs reiterated her "commitment to working with municipalities to simplify their lives," while specifying that "municipalities become more efficient when they

operate in an environment that values their autonomy. Ultimately, it is our citizens who benefit. It is for them that we all work";

WHEREAS in the meantime, pollution from the dysfunctional wastewater treatment plant continues to contaminate the Rivière aux Brochets and, above all, the waters of Missisquoi Bay, which has been identified as a joint remediation priority with the Americans;

WHEREAS it would be possible to issue a call for tenders and complete various administrative steps without incurring any expenses before April 1, 2026, as required by the MAMH;

*It is
Proposed by Lee Patterson
Seconded by Claude Rajotte
And unanimously resolved by vote*

Mayor Patterson exercises his right to vote

THAT the Town Council of Brome Lake wishes to support the Municipality of Frelighsburg;

THAT The Brome Lake Town Council requests that the Minister of Municipal Affairs ensure funding for the sewerage works to be carried out under the PRIMEAU 1 program.² in accordance with the Program by-laws, to lift the current moratorium on the Municipality of Frelighsburg's call for tenders and to expedite administrative procedures so that work can begin on April 1, 2026;

THAT the Council requests that the clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the regional directorate of the MAMH and to the minister and member of parliament for Brome-Missisquoi, Isabelle Charest.

ADOPTED

3.2. LEGISLATION – NOTICE OF MOTION / BY-LAWS

3.2.1. By-laws – Notice of Motion/Presentation

3.2.1.1. Notice of Motion - By-law 2026-01 - Taxation

Councilor Patrick Ouvrard gives notice of motion whereby he or another member of the Council will present for adoption, at the special meeting of the Council on January 19, 2026, By-law 2026-01 By-law imposing general and special property taxes for the year 2026.

The clerk took the necessary steps to make the draft by-law available to the public for consultation before the start of the meeting. The elected officials

received it within the time frame stipulated by law and agreed to be exempted from reading it.

The draft by-law was duly presented and tabled by Mr. Ouvrard, who outlined its purpose and scope.

In accordance with the Act, this draft by-law may be amended following its presentation without the need to resubmit it.

3.2.1.2. Notice of motion - By-law 2026-02 - Tariffs

Councilor Patrick Ouvrard gave notice of a motion whereby he or another member of the Council will present for adoption, at the special meeting of the Council on January 19, 2026, By-law 2026-02, a by-law establishing a tariff for the financing of certain goods and services of the Town for the year 2026.

The clerk took the necessary steps to make the draft by-law available to the public for consultation before the start of the meeting. The elected officials received it within the time frame stipulated by law and agreed to be exempted from reading it.

The draft by-law was duly presented and tabled by Mr. Ouvrard, who outlined its purpose and scope.

In accordance with the law, this draft by-law may be amended following its presentation without the need to resubmit it.

3.2.2. By-laws - Adoption

4. URBAN PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

4.1. Filing of the report from the Urban Planning and Environment Department

Filing of the monthly report of the Urban Planning and Environment Department.

4.2. Filing of the minutes of the monthly meetings of the Planning Advisory Committee and the Environment Advisory Committee

Filing of the minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting. No Environmental Advisory Committee meetings were held in December 2025.

4.3. EXTERIOR MODIFICATION REQUESTS - SPAIP

2026-01-014

4.3.1. 122 Victoria Street, lot 4 265 455, zone URA-20-K15

Nature of the request: Expansion of the main building

WHEREAS the filing of an application to expand a main building;

WHEREAS the expansion will follow a partial demolition, located at the rear of the property, with the aim of rebuilding in the same location;

WHEREAS the application, submitted under SPAIP-2, was reviewed by the Urban Planning Advisory Committee (CCU) at its meeting on November 18, 2025, and that the committee recommended that the Council reject it, as members were concerned that the secondary entrance pavilion would be visible from the street and raised questions about the choice of handrails proposed for the main entrance;

WHEREAS this same application is being resubmitted following clarifications from an architect and improvements to the visual elements of the project, particularly with regard to visibility on the left side;

WHEREAS CCU Resolution CCU-25-114 and its recommendation to approve the application;

*It is
Proposed by Patrick Ouvrard
Seconded by Claude Rajotte
And unanimously resolved by vote*

THAT the Council approves SPAIP-2 concerning the request to expand a main residential building at 122 Victoria Street, lot 4 265 455, zone URA-20-K15.

ADOPTED

2026-01-01

4.3.2. 9 Frank-Santerre Street, lot 6 129 412, zone UC-2-N3

Nature of the request: Construction of an accessory building

WHEREAS the filing of an application for the construction of an accessory building of the shed type;

WHEREAS this application is subject to By-law 601 on Site Planning and Architectural Integration Programs (SPAIP), specifically SPAIP-2 concerning residential buildings;

WHEREAS CCU Resolution CCU-25-113 and its recommendation to approve the application;

*It is
Proposed by Lisa Payne
Seconded by Pierre Laplante
And unanimously resolved by vote*

THAT the Council grants SPAIP-2 concerning the request to construct an accessory building, specifically a shed, at 9 Frank-Santerre Street, lot 6 129 412, zone UC-2-N3.

ADOPTED

2026-01-01

4.3.3. 156 Lakeside Road, lot 4 266 474, zone URA-17-K15

Nature of the request: Exterior renovations to a main building

WHEREAS the filing of an application for exterior renovations to a main building, including the replacement of doors and windows;

WHEREAS this request is subject to By-law 601 on Site Planning and Architectural Integration Programs (SPAIP), specifically SPAIP-2 concerning residential buildings;

WHEREAS the nine (9) windows to be replaced on the veranda will be of the same style as the existing windows;

WHEREAS CCU Resolution CCU-25-115 and its recommendation to approve the application;

*It is
Proposed by Steven Beerwort
Seconded by Lisa Payne
And unanimously resolved by vote*

THAT the Council grants SPAIP-2 regarding the request for exterior renovations to a main building at 156 Lakeside Road, Lot 4 266 474, Zone URA-17-K15.

ADOPTED

2026-01-01

4.3.4. 500 Knowlton Road, Lot 4 571 333, Zone UC-5-L14

Nature of the request: Construction of accessory buildings

WHEREAS the filing of two (2) applications for the construction of accessory buildings, one for a shed-type building and the other for a pavilion-type building;

WHEREAS these applications are subject to By-law 601 on Site Planning and Architectural Integration Programs (SPAIP), specifically SPAIP-2 concerning residential buildings;

WHEREAS resolutions CCU-25-116 and CCU-25-117 of the CCU and its recommendation to accept the applications;

*It is
Proposed by Steven Beerwort
Seconded by Pierre Laplante
And unanimously resolved by vote*

THAT the Council grant SPAIP-2s for the two (2) applications to construct accessory buildings at 500 Knowlton Road, lot 4 571 333, zone UC-5-L14.

ADOPTED

4.4. MINOR EXEMPTION REQUESTS

2026-01-018 4.4.1. 356 Bondville Street, lot 3 938 876, zone UV-6-I12

*It is
Proposed by Claude Rajotte
Seconded by Steven Beerwort
And unanimously resolved by vote*

THAT at the request of the applicant and owner, the Council postpones to a future meeting the minor exemption request to authorize a parking area corresponding to 42% of the front yard, located at 356 Bondville Street, lot 3 398 876.

ADOPTED

2026-01-019 4.4.2. 41-55, rue des Bouleaux, lot 6 422 145, zone UC-4-L13

Nature of the request: Construction of a main building on the side margin

WHEREAS the filing of an application to construct a main residential building with eight (8) units 3.0 meters from the side line;

WHEREAS zoning by-law 596 requires a minimum side margin of five (5) meters in the zone concerned;

WHEREAS the request concerns a permit that has already been issued in accordance with applicable regulations, and is intended to prevent the felling of a majestic pine tree;

WHEREAS the adjacent land belongs to the Fondation des Terres du Lac Brome Inc. and will never be developed;

WHEREAS Resolution 2024-10-290 granting the SPAIP application for the construction of an eight (8)-unit multifamily building;

WHEREAS CCU Resolution CCU-25-111 and its recommendation to approve the application;

*It is
Proposed by Patrick Ouvrard
Seconded by Lisa Payne
And unanimously resolved by vote*

THAT the Council approves the minor exemption request to construct a main residential building with eight (8) units three (3) meters from the side line of a lot at 41-55 Rue des Bouleaux, lot 6 422 145, zone UC-4-L13.

ADOPTED

4.5. REZONING APPLICATION(S)

4.6. SUBDIVISION REQUEST(S)

4.7. APPLICATION(S) TO THE C.P.T.A.Q.

4.8. Other

2026-01-020

4.8.1. Environmental Advisory Committee - Nominations

WHEREAS three (3) seats are vacant on the Environmental Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS the recommendation of Mr. Claude Rajotte, Councillor and Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee, to appoint the following individuals as new members of the committee to fill two of the three vacant positions:

- Louise Morin
- Ariane Touchette

*It is
Proposed by Claude Rajotte
Seconded by Pierre Laplante
And unanimously resolved by vote*

THAT the Council appoints these individuals as members of the Environmental Advisory Committee for a renewable one (1) year authority:

- Louise Morin
- Ariane Touchette

ADOPTED

5. PUBLIC SAFETY

5.1. Monthly report from the Public Safety and Fire Department and First Responders

Filing of the monthly report from the Public Safety and Fire Department and First Responders Manager

2026-01-021

5.2. Firefighter training - Financial assistance program

WHEREAS The by-law respecting the conditions for practicing within a municipal fire department sets out the training requirements for firefighters in fire departments to ensure minimum professional qualifications;

WHEREAS this by-law is part of an effort to ensure that municipalities have firefighting teams with the skills and abilities necessary to respond effectively in emergency situations;

- WHEREAS in December 2014, the Government of Quebec established the Financial Assistance Program for the Training of Volunteer or Part-Time Firefighters, which was renewed in 2019 and 2024;
- WHEREAS the main objective of this Program is to provide municipal organizations with financial assistance to ensure that they have a sufficient number of qualified firefighters to respond effectively and safely in emergency situations;
- WHEREAS this Program also aims to promote the acquisition of the skills and abilities required by volunteer or part-time firefighters working in municipal fire departments;
- WHEREAS the Town of Brome Lake wishes to benefit from the financial assistance offered by this program;
- WHEREAS the Town of Brome Lake plans to train two (2) firefighters for the Firefighter I program and two (2) firefighters for the Firefighter II program over the next year in order to respond effectively and safely to emergency situations within its territory;
- WHEREAS the Town must submit its application to the Ministry of Public Safety through the Brome-Missisquoi RCM in accordance with section 6 of the Program;

*It is
Proposed by Pierre Laplante
Seconded by Steven Beerwort
And unanimously resolved by vote*

- THAT The Council authorizes the Director of Public Safety and Fire Services, Kevin Robinson, to submit, on behalf of the Town, an application for financial assistance for firefighter training under the Financial Assistance Program for the Training of Volunteer or Part-Time Firefighters at the Ministry of Public Safety, and to forward this application to the Brome-Missisquoi RCM.

ADOPTED

6. PUBLIC WORKS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

6.1. Monthly report from the Public Works and Technical Services Department

Filing of the Public Works and Technical Services Department report

7. RECREATION, CULTURE, TOURISM, AND COMMUNITY LIFE

7.1. Monthly report from the LSCLB

Filing of monthly reports from the Recreation, Tourism, Culture, and Community Life Department.

7.2. Requests for financial contributions

7.3. Request(s) for use of public property

8. LOCAL ECONOMY

8.1.1. MISCELLANEOUS

9. SECOND QUESTION PERIOD

This question period was recorded live and is available at <https://lacbrome.ca/vie-municipale/seances-du-council/>

ORAL QUESTIONS DURING THE SESSION

The speakers are:

ANNIE JOLICOEUR

(For technical reasons, the question was not captured in the recording; the answer is audible)

(00:00)

12. She would like more information about the people appointed to the CCE;

FRANÇOISE STANTON

(01:03)

13. She requests that summaries of the reports from the various departments and committees be made available.

(03:43)

14. She asks for clarification regarding the duration of the \$50,000 IT maintenance contract.

RON MYLES

(05:05)

15. He mentions that the Lions Club wishes to donate barbecues to the Town for Lions Park.

(05:27)

16. He questions the absence of an item concerning the granting of the annual subsidy to the Brome Lake Museum at this meeting.

ALICIA SOUTHALL

(06:25)

17. She asks for clarification on the amounts of the checks issued and accounts payable in relation to item 3.1.1.

(09:46)

18. She inquired about the status of the treasurer position, which needs to be filled.

CHANTAL BRODEUR

(10:10)

19. She asks whether the new firefighters appointed in item 3.1.4.1 are all residents of Brome Lake.

ADÈLE HÉBERT

(12:02)

20. She asks for details regarding item 4.3.1, namely the SPAIP for 122 Victoria Street.

ALICIA SOUTHALL

(4:47 p.m.)

21. She inquires whether the SPAIP application for 122 Victoria Street complies with the recently adopted architectural guide.

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10. ADJOURNMENT

*It is
Proposed by Patrick Ouvrard
Seconded by Lisa Payne
And unanimously resolved by vote*

THAT the meeting be adjourned, as the agenda has been completed.
It is 8:17 p.m.

ADOPTED

Lee Patterson
Mayor

Owen Falquero
Clerk