

Minutes of the June 17, 2025 regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. of the Council of the Municipality of the Township of Arundel, held at the Community Hall, 60 Route Morrison, Arundel.

Present at this meeting are:

Mayor Pascale Blais, Councillors Carole Brandt, Tamara Rathwell, Richard E. Dubeau, Danny Paré and Marc Poirier.

The Director General and Clerk-Treasurer, Philip Toone, is also present.

Councillor Jonathan Morgan is absent.

Councillor Danny Paré is late and will arrive after the adoption of the agenda.

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mayor Pascale Blais establishes quorum, welcomes those present and opens the regular meeting. The time is 7:02 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2025-06-091

2.1 It is proposed by Councillor Marc Poirier and unanimously resolved by those councillors present to adopt the agenda.

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7:04 PM Councillor Danny Paré takes his seat.

3. CURRENT BUSINESS – ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. QUESTION PERIOD

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 Adoption of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 2025

WHEREAS a copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 2025 has been given to each member of the Municipal Council;

2025-06-092 **THEREFORE** it is proposed by Councillor Tamara Rathwell and unanimously resolved by those councillors present to :

ADOPT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Municipal Council held on May 20, 2025.

5.2 Adoption of the minutes of the special meeting of May 27, 2025

The mayor announces a possible conflict of interest and recuses herself.

WHEREAS a copy of the minutes of the special meeting of May 27, 2025 has been given to each member of the Municipal Council;

2025-06-093 **THEREFORE** it is proposed by Councillor Marc Poirier and unanimously resolved by those councillors present to :

ADOPT the minutes of the special meeting of the Municipal Council held on May 27, 2025.

The mayor returns to the table.

5.3 Adoption of the minutes of the special meeting of June 3, 2025

WHEREAS a copy of the minutes of the special meeting of June 3, 2025 has been given to each member of the Municipal Council;

2025-06-094 **THEREFORE** it is proposed by Councillor Danny Paré and unanimously resolved by those councillors present to :

ADOPT the minutes of the special meeting of the Municipal Council held on June 3, 2025.

6. URBAN PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

6.1 SPAIP 285: new construction on lot 6653210 ch de la Rouge

WHEREAS a request for the construction of a new main residence on lot 6653210 (165 chemin de la rouge) was submitted with all required documents pertaining to By-law 285;

WHEREAS By-law 285 provides for a multi-criteria analysis specified in section 3.4.2;

WHEREAS By-law 285 provides for a multi-criteria analysis specified in section 3.4. 4;

WHEREAS that Bylaw 285 provides for a multi-criteria analysis specified in Section 3.4.5;

WHEREAS the results of the criteria analysis confirm that the proposed building meets all criteria;

WHEREAS the town Planning Advisory Committee has recommended approval of this project as it was presented at their meeting of June 3, 2025;

2025-06-095

IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED by Councillor Danny Paré and unanimously resolved by those councillors present to :

APPROVE the site plan (SPAIP) for the construction of a principal residence on lot 6653210.

6.2 Approval of residential Comprehensive development program (PAE) on Crystal Falls Road (Route 327)

WHEREAS the request for approval of the master development plan Crystal Fall, dated June 15, 2025 for a major residential development project, located in zones Pa-10 and Pa-14, on Crystal Falls road (route 327), attached as Appendix I to the present resolution (hereinafter: PAE - Crystal Fall);

WHEREAS the town Planning Advisory Committee (CCU) recommends favourably the said PAE;

WHEREAS the PAE-Crystal Fall complies with the opening conditions for the relaxation of minimum densities and surface areas for phase 1 priority development sectors, the objectives pursued and the evaluation criteria for applicable comprehensive development projects of Concordance By-law No. 284 on comprehensive development plans (PAE) to ensure concordance with By-law No. 271 modifying the Master Plan, adopted November 25, 2022 (hereinafter: By-law No. 284);

WHEREAS the PAE-Crystal Fall requires several amendments to Zoning By-law 112, Subdivision By-law 113 and their amendments, regarding a change of use (addition of two-family dwelling h2), densities, lot widths and authorized height of community building;

WHEREAS the Council's has concerns about landslides in this mountainous and steeply sloping area;

WHEREAS the Council desires ensuring the availability of groundwater on the site and the absence of any significant impact of the project in this regard on neighbouring users, in this case agricultural users,

WHEREAS the developer will be responsible for the construction of road infrastructures, electrical networks and public utilities, in accordance with the management and tenure arrangements set out in the PAE- Crystal Fall;

WHEREAS the Council places importance on respecting the architectural models of the buildings submitted to the PAE-Crystal, while accepting harmonious variations that respect, as a whole, the various traditional Anglo-Saxon architectural styles and their characteristics;

WHEREAS the Council places importance on ensuring compliance with the approved PAE-Crystal Fall (subdivision, phasing, architectural models, natural spaces, common spaces, integrated project management, road maintenance, etc.) and with other council requirements established by this resolution and by memorandum of understanding, and of obtaining financial performance guarantees to this effect;

2025-06-096

IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED by Councillor Danny Paré and unanimously resolved by those council present that Council:

APPROVE the Comprehensive Development Plan - PAE-Crystal Fall - attached as Appendix I to this resolution, **CONDITIONALLY** to the following:

1. The developer shall obtain, at his own expense, all required by-law amendments concerning changes of use (h2), density, lot width and authorized height of community building, in order to comply with the PAE-Crystal Fall;
2. The PAE-Crystal Fall must comply with all municipal regulations, including by-law #162 on land movements, and obtain the required authorizations from all other competent authorities;
3. Within 15 days of the adoption of this resolution, the duly authorised developer shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Municipality, represented by Mayor Pascale Blais and Director general Philip Toone, who are duly authorised to sign on behalf of and for the Municipality, and shall take any other measures necessary to implement the terms herein, in which the developer undertakes to do the following :
 - 3.1. Degree of completion of phasing: to initiate phase 2 of PAE-Crystal Fall only when phase 1 has reached 80% completion overall (roads, electrical network, construction of main buildings);
 - 3.2. Hydrogeological study: to provide a hydrogeological study before any roadworks are carried out, in order to demonstrate that the planned development can meet the site's water supply needs in terms of quantity and quality, in a sustainable manner and without significant impact on neighbouring users. (Refer to section 4.2.4 of the MRC des Laurentides revised SADT supplementary document no. 400-2024, for an example of hydrogeological study procedures);
 - 3.3. Posting of a project plan: when each phase of the PAE-Crystal Fall is completed, to post a project plan (large poster) in front of the worksite along Route 327 to keep citizens informed;
 - 3.4. Architectural models: to respect, at all times, the examples of residential architecture and the architectural style of the clubhouse proposed for the PAE-Crystal Fall, which may nevertheless include harmonious variations that respect, as a whole, the various Anglo-Saxon architectural styles and their characteristics. (Refer to Appendix 14-G of the complementary document, SADT révisé de la MRC des Laurentides 400-2024 (page 93 and following), for examples of Anglo-Saxon-influenced architectural styles and recommendations, for cubic (Four squares), neo-Gothic, Boomtown and American vernacular styles);
 - 3.5. Financial performance guarantee: to provide, from the date of obtaining the PAE-Crystal Fall subdivision permit (condition of obtaining the subdivision

permit), to the Municipality, a financial guarantee to ensure performance in compliance with the PAE-Crystal Fall master development plan (subdivision, phasing, architectural models, natural spaces, common spaces, integrated project management, road maintenance, etc.) and with other council requirements established by resolution and in this protocol, taking one or more of the following forms:

3.5.1. An irrevocable and unconditional bank letter of guarantee for a minimum term of 24 months, cashable upon notification to the financial institution of the promoter's default.

3.5.1.1. The promoter undertakes to provide the Municipality with a new guarantee at least 60 days before the expiry of an initial term or its renewal, so that the Municipality's guarantee remains valid at all times.

3.5.1.2. Should the promoter fail to provide this new guarantee, the Municipality may proceed to cash the one it holds without further formality;

3.5.2. A certified cheque;

3.5.3. Electronic funds transfer.

3.5.4. Amount of financial guarantee: The financial guarantee must correspond to 50% of the preliminary estimate of the cost of all road infrastructure and hydroelectric system installation work for the entire project;

3.5.5. The financial guarantee must be issued in favour of the Municipality of Arundel, by an institution legally authorized to do so in the Province of Quebec;

3.6. Work follow-up procedures, park fees, etc. To establish, prior to obtaining the subdivision permit for the PAE-Crystal Fall (condition of obtaining the subdivision permit), the terms and conditions for monitoring the execution of the work to ensure compliance with the master development plan and other council requirements, and including park fees, monitoring of the schedule, phasing and financial guarantee.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND BY-LAW

7.1 Notice of motion and adoption of draft bylaw 284.1-2025 « PAE - Crystal Fall » creating zone PA-10.1 and establishing specific provisions for the integrated project “Station Crystall Fall Resort”

NOTICE

Councillor Tamara Rathwell gives NOTICE OF MOTION that By-law No. 284.1-2025 “PAE Crystall Fall” creating zone PA-10.1 and establishing specific provisions for the integrated project “Station Crystall Fall Resort” will be adopted at a subsequent meeting

The purpose of this by-law is to create zone PA-10.1 and establish specific provisions for the integrated project “Station Crystall Fall Resort”.

ADOPTION

FIRST DRAFT BY-LAW NO. 284.1-2025 “PAE - CRYSTAL FALL”
CREATING ZONE PA-10. 1 AND ESTABLISHING PARTICULAR
PROVISIONS FOR THE “STATION CRYSTAL FALL RESORT”
INTEGRATED PROJECT

WHEREAS the council adopted resolution 2025-06-096 concerning the “PAE-Crystal Fall” comprehensive development project, aimed at carrying out a major residential development project, including 10 residential lots and 1 lot used as a clubhouse (community building) in the form of an integrated project entitled “STATION CRYSTAL FALL RESORT”, dated June 17, 2025;

WHEREAS that, in order to allow the realization of the integrated project “STATION CRYSTAL FALL RESORT” under the PAE-Crystal Fall, Zoning By-law No. 112, Subdivision By-law No. 113, the zoning plan and the grids of uses and standards in Appendix A of Urban Planning By-laws Nos. 111 to 115 and their amendments (ex. by-laws 209, 212 and 283), must first be amended, in order to:

- a. Create 1 new zoning zone and grid (Pa-10.1);
- b. Increase the maximum density of this new zone;
- c. Reduce the minimum site area for main buildings / lots in this new zone;
- d. Reduce the minimum lot width;
- e. Increase the maximum height in number of storeys authorized for a community building in this new zone.

WHEREAS a notice of motion concerning this by-law was given by Councillor Tamara Rathwell at the present meeting and that the draft by-law was summarily presented by Danny Paré and the mayor at the same meeting;

2025-06-097 IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED by Councillor Tamara Rathwell and unanimously resolved by those councillors present:

THAT, Council adopt and decree the first draft of BY-LAW NO. 284.1-2025 “PAE - CRYSTAL FALL” CREATING ZONE PA-10.1 AND ESTABLISHING PARTICULAR PROVISIONS FOR THE INTEGRATED PROJECT “CRYSTAL FALL RESORT STATION”

THE French language text of this draft bylaw can be found in the french language minutes of this day’s assembly.

7:41 PM Councillor Danny Paré leaves the meeting

**7.2 Notice of motion and adoption of the draft bylaw 284.2-2025
“PAE- Crystal Fall” creating zone 14.1 and establishing
specific provisions for the Comprehensive development program
“Station Crystal Fall”**

NOTICE Councillor Marc Poirier gives NOTICE OF MOTION that By-law No. 284.2-2025 “PAE Crystal Fall” creating zone PA-14.1 and establishing specific provisions for the integrated project “Station Crystall Fall Resort” will be adopted at a subsequent meeting

The purpose of this by-law is to create zone PA-14.1 and establish specific provisions for the integrated project “Station Crystall Fall Resort”.

ADOPTION FIRST DRAFT BYLAW NO. 284.2 “PAE - CRYSTAL FALL” CREATING ZONE PA-14. 1 AND ESTABLISHING PARTICULAR PROVISIONS FOR THE TRADITIONAL PROJECT “DOMAINE CRYSTAL FALL ESTATE”

WHEREAS the council adopted resolution 2025-06-096 concerning the “PAE-Crystal Fall” comprehensive development project, aimed at carrying out a major residential development project, including, among others, 19 residential lots in the form of a traditional project entitled “DOMAINE CRYSTAL FALL ESTATE”, dated June 17, 2025;

WHEREAS that, in order to allow the realization of the traditional project “DOMAINE CRYSTAL FALL ESTATE” under the PAE-Crystal Fall, Zoning By-law No. 112, Subdivision By-law No. 113, the zoning plan and the grids of uses and standards in Appendix A of Urban Planning By-laws Nos. 111 to 115

and their amendments (ex. by-laws 209, 212 and 283), must first be amended, in order to:

- a. Create 1 new zoning zone and grid (Pa-14.1);
- b. Increase the maximum density of this new zone;
- c. Add use h2 - two-family dwelling to this new zone;
- d. Reduce the minimum lot area in this new zone;
- e. Reduce the minimum lot width and under certain conditions in this new zone.

WHEREAS a notice of motion concerning this by-law was given by Councillor Marc Poirier at the present meeting and that the draft by-law was summarily presented by Danny Paré and the mayor at the same meeting;

2025-06-098 IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED by Councillor Marc Poirier and unanimously resolved by the councillors present:

THAT, the Council adopt and decree the first draft of BY-LAW NO. 284.2-2025 “PAE - CRYSTAL FALL ” CREATING ZONE PA-14.1 AND ESTABLISHING SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE TRADITIONAL PROJECT “DOMAINE CRYSTAL FALL ESTATE”.

THE French language text of this draft bylaw can be found in the french language minutes of this day’s assembly.

7.3 Fixation date de consultation publique

WHEREAS the Municipal Council wishes to set a date for the presentation and public consultation of the by-laws adopted at this meeting, in accordance with Section 126 of the Land Use Planning and Development Act;

2025-06-099 IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED by Councillor Marc Poirier and unanimously resolved by those present to :

SET the public consultation date for Tuesday June 26, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the community hall located at 60 Route Morrison in Arundel.

7.4 Modification to loan by-law 306-2025

WHEREAS loan by-law 306-2025 decreeing an expenditure of \$1,219,747 and a loan not exceeding \$719,747 for road repairs on chemin de la Rouge Phase 2 was adopted on May 20, 2025, as shown by resolution 2025-05-065;

WHEREAS the said by-law was amended on June 3, 2025, as appears from resolution 2025-06-088;

WHEREAS an amendment to Article 4 of the by-law will clarify the wording of the by-law;

WHEREAS Article 4 currently reads as follows, as a non-binding translation:

"For the purposes of paying the expenses provided for in this by-law, in addition to the contribution by way of the Programme de transfert pour les infrastructures d'eau et collectives du Québec (TECQ) 2024-2028 in the amount of \$500,000, Council is authorized to borrow an amount of \$719,747 over a 15-year period. "

2025-06-100 IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED by Councillor Richard E. Dubeau and unanimously resolved by the councillors present that:

Article 4 of By-law 306-2025 is replaced by the following, as a non-binding translation with the official version to be found in the minutes of this day’s assembly:

"Article 4.

For the purposes of paying the expenses provided for in this by-law, Council allocates the sum of \$500,000 from the Quebec Water and Community Infrastructure Transfer Program (TECQ) 2024-2028, as shown in the authorized work schedule attached to this by-law as Appendix C to form an integral part hereof.

Council is also authorized to borrow an amount of \$719,747 over a 15-year period."

8. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT

8.1 List of accounts payable on June 5, 2025

WHEREAS Council has examined the disbursements made and to be made for accounts payables on June 5, 2025;

2025-06-101

It is **MOVED** by councillor Marc Poirier and **ADOPTED** unanimously by those councillors present to **APPROVE** the following disbursements as of June 5, 2025 as presented:

Compte à Payer 9 mai au 5 juin 2025		
Fournisseurs		Montant
Bibliothèque - Kim Morrison	\$	50.40
Bureau Tech	\$	111.77
Canadian Tire	\$	138.52
Centre d'Action Bénévole Laurentides	\$	94.25
Centre du Camion Galland	\$	260.54
Creighton	\$	466.06
Energies Sonic	\$	2 213.35
Fourntures de Bureau Denis	\$	229.85
FQM Assurances	\$	31 963.16
Gilbert P. Miller & Fils	\$	1 569.67
Homewood Santé	\$	49.59
Librairie Carcajou	\$	267.62
Loranger Marcoux	\$	2 288.00
Matériaux SMB	\$	81.38
Meute Monde - Fête du Canada	\$	811.72
Ministre des Finances - Police 1 de 2	\$	53 752.00
MRC des Laurentides - QP 2 de 3	\$	55 903.00
Philip Toone - Remb. Fête du Canada	\$	60.50
Pièces d'Auto P&B Gareau	\$	544.63
Questrade - Paie 5 à 11	\$	5 821.30
SCFP, Local 4852	\$	1 382.40
Service d'entretien ménager MC	\$	1 046.27
Services d'Entretien St-Jovite	\$	591.43
SOS Bornes Sèches	\$	747.37
Toromont	\$	91.07
Trivium	\$	1 857.66
Ville Mt-Tremblant - Incendie 3 de 4	\$	23 236.25
Liste de chèques et prélèvements émis		
Bell Canada	\$	113.09
Central Sécurité	\$	229.95

Construction K.G. Hardy Inc.*	\$	37 165.67
Hydro Québec	\$	2 152.60
Visa	\$	534.07
Salaire et contribution d'employeur	\$	40 321.29
Frais de banque	\$	129.21
TOTAL	\$	266 275.64

8.2 Acceptance of the financial report for the year ended December 31, 2024 and the external auditors' report

WHEREAS the Director General and Clerk-Treasurer has tabled the financial report and the external auditors' report for the year ended December 31, 2024 in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Code of Québec;

WHEREAS the Director General and Clerk-Treasurer certifies having given public notice of the tabling of these reports at least five (5) days prior to the date of this meeting, in accordance with the law;

2025-06-102 IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED by Councillor Tamara Rathwell and unanimously resolved by those councillors present to:

ACCEPT the tabling of the financial report for the year ended December 31, 2024, as well as the report of the external auditors Amyot Gélinas, s.e.n.c.r.l.

8.3 Salary corrections 2022-2025

WHEREAS errors in the calculation of overpaid remuneration were noted by the accountants mandated to audit the 2024 financial statements;

WHEREAS the errors date back to 2022 for one employee, 2024 for others, and all present employees in the year 2025;

WHEREAS the financial statements for 2022 and 2023 have been completed and that only certain overpayments for 2024 and 2025 can be corrected without an inordinate burden and cost on the financial administration;

2025-06-103 IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED by Councillor Marc Poirier and unanimously resolved by the councillors present:

THAT the 2025 overpayments be reimbursed by each affected employee;

THAT employees bearing personnel numbers 63 and 83 be billed for salary and benefit overpayments for 2024 and 2025, notably overpaid employer RRSP contributions;

THAT the Board authorize the abandonment of overpayment claims in favor of employee number 63 for the years 2022 and 2023;

THAT overpayment monies refunded be accounted for in fiscal year 2025;

THAT, notwithstanding the waiver of overpayment claims in favour of employee number 63 for the years 2022 and 2023, the hourly rate of said employee be adjusted from the year 2022 with effect limited to the remuneration for the years 2024 and 2025 at the terms indicated above, and this in order not to create an inordinate burden and cost on the financial administration;

THAT the Council authorize the payment of 7.5 hours of remuneration as of June 5, 2025 to employee number 63 as shown on the employee's time sheet;

THAT Council authorize the waiver of undeclared overpayments in favour of employees for the years 2022 to 2024 due to the disproportionate burden and cost on the financial administration;

THAT the General Manager be authorized to enter into an agreement with each of the affected employees so that the amounts invoiced may be reimbursed during the current fiscal year;

THAT the Council apologizes to affected employees for the difficulties these required reimbursements presents.

8.4 Hiring - Life Enrichment Coordinator - Recreation and Archiving

WHEREAS the Municipality called for applications to fill the temporary position of Life Enrichment Coordinator - Recreation and Archiving, during the month of May 2025;

WHEREAS the hiring process was carried out diligently;

WHEREAS the Director general, in collaboration with the HR Committee, has recommended the hiring of Mr. Noah Labelle for the temporary position of Life Enrichment Coordinator - Recreation and Archiving, as set out in resolution 2025-05-070, but that Mr. Labelle has advised the Municipality that he will not be available;

WHEREAS that the Municipality therefore proposes the hiring of Liam Nurse for said position at a salary of \$20.00 per hour for 35 hours per week, without benefits, for a period of eight weeks, plus employer's contributions;

WHEREAS the position benefits from financial assistance in the amount of \$8.05 per hour through the Canada Summer Jobs program under file number 020387650 of the Department of Employment and Social Development Canada;

2025-06-104 IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED by Councillor Carole Brandt and unanimously resolved by those councillors present to :

HIRE Mr. Liam Nurse to the temporary position of Life Enrichment Coordinator - Recreation and Archiving, for a period of eight weeks at an hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour, 35 hours per week, without benefits, plus employer's contributions;

AUTHORIZE the Director general, Philip Toone, to sign all administrative documents and, in general, to do whatever is necessary to carry out the present resolution, including the reimbursement request form and the activity report;

THAT the amounts of this expense, less the financial assistance in the amount of \$8.05 per hour worked, come from the unassigned surplus.

8.5 Programme d'aide à l'entretien du réseau routier (PAVL) 2024

WHEREAS the Ministère des Transports has paid compensation of \$92,706 for maintenance of the local road network for the year calendar 2024;

WHEREAS the compensation distributed to the municipality covers routine and preventive maintenance of local roads 1 and 2, as well as bridge components located on these roads, for which the municipality is responsible;

2025-06-105 IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED by Councillor Richard E. Dubeau and unanimously resolved by those councillors present to :

THAT the Municipality of Arundel inform the Ministère des Transports of the use of compensation for routine and preventive maintenance of local roads 1 and

2 as well as bridge components located on these roads, for which the municipality is responsible, in accordance with the objectives of the Programme d'aide à l'entretien de réseau routier local.

9. PUBLIC WORKS AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

9.1 Request for mitigation of the general post-claim assistance programme

WHEREAS the Quebec government offers municipalities a financial assistance program in the event of disasters such as torrential rains, earthquakes, landslides, floods, etc;

WHEREAS this program requires documentation of each affected site, with precise location, photos of the disaster and work in progress and completed;

WHEREAS this obligation is difficult to fulfill during a disaster such as a torrential downpour, given that the affected areas may extend over the entire territory, and that at the time of the disaster, the Municipality's priority is to help citizens gain rapid access to their property or to make the roads passable;

WHEREAS smaller municipalities do not have the necessary manpower to take photos at the right time, as all manpower is used to restore traffic flow and ensure the safety of the affected areas;

WHEREAS, among the conditions for eligibility, culverts had to be in good condition before the disaster, so a culvert that was at the end of its life at the time of the disaster is not eligible, which implies having photos of the culverts before the disaster to demonstrate this;

WHEREAS the replacement of a culvert with a larger one must be justified by a hydraulic study, which considerably increases costs and recovery times, whereas increasing the size of a culvert could prevent another disaster;

WHEREAS the Quebec government recognizes municipalities as local and accessible governments;

WHEREAS THAT the Quebec government has recognized that municipalities need financial support and has declared that, in the interest of citizens, the government, as a partner, recognizes that local governments need sufficient resources to achieve the common priorities set out in this declaration and, as such, that it is important that they be provided with flexible and adapted tools to do so, in keeping with its obligations of equity and sound management of public finances;

WHEREAS the government has adopted a government action plan to reduce the administrative burden on municipalities and is continuing its work to find new measures to lighten this burden;

WHEREAS the torrential rains of June 23 and August 9, 2024 resulted in restoration work in excess of \$330,000, and that the financial assistance granted by the program was nil due to the lack of photos to document the claim;

2025-06-106 IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED by Councillor Tamara Rathwell and unanimously resolved by those councillors present to :

REQUEST the Quebec government make the general disaster assistance program more flexible, so that municipalities can benefit from fair and predictable financial assistance;

DISTRIBUTE this resolution to the MRC des Laurentides, the *Fédération Québécoise des Municipalités*, Ms. Agnès Grondin, MNA for Argenteuil, and Ms. Andrée Laforest, MNA for Chicoutimi and Minister of Municipal Affairs.

10. PUBLIC SAFETY

10.1 Annual activity report on fire safety performance indicators for 2024

WHEREAS the council has taken note of the new Fire Safety Cover Plan 2024-2034 of the MRC des Laurentides;

WHEREAS the local authority, in accordance with Section 35 of the Fire Safety Act, is responsible for the application of measures set out in a fire safety cover plan and must forward to the MSP an activity report indicating the fire safety performance indicators for the year 2024;

2025-06-107 IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED by Councillor Marc Poirier and unanimously resolved by those councillors present to :

ADOPT the fire safety annual activity report for fiscal 2024 as submitted and forward it to the MRC des Laurentides.

11. RECREATION, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY LIFE

11.1 Budget authorization Canada Day 2025

WHEREAS the municipal council deems it appropriate to finance activities during Canada Day in Arundel;

WHEREAS the Department of Canadian Heritage has granted financial assistance in the amount of \$2420 this year;

2025-06-108 IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED by Councillor Carole Brandt and unanimously resolved by those councillors present to :

ALLOCATE the amount of 2000.00\$ in favour of expenses and promotion activities for the 2025 Canada Day events in Arundel for a total budget of 4420.00\$ (before taxes) including the financial assistance from the department of Heritage Canada.

THAT the municipal amount be taken from the authorized budget account.

11.2 Traffic authorization - Big Red Gravel Run

WHEREAS the organizers of the Big Red Gravel Run have requested a traffic authorization on the roads and highways of the Municipality for their event scheduled for Saturday, August 9, 2025;

WHEREAS the event has a positive economic impact for the region and promotes health and fitness;

2024-06-109 IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED by mayor Pascale Blais, the mayor exercising her right to vote, and resolved by a majority of those councillors present to :

AUTHORIZE the holding of the Big Red Gravel Run cycling event on Saturday, August 9, 2025, with the circulation of cyclists participating in this event on municipal roads, subject to the required authorizations from the Sûreté du Québec and the Ministère des Transports.

12. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION TO THE PUBLIC

13. COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCILLORS TO THE PUBLIC

14. QUESTION PERIOD

15. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

2025-06-110 It is **MOVED** by councillor Marc Poirier and unanimously **resolved** by those councillors present:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Pascale Blais
Mayor

Philip Toone
Director General/
Clerk-Treasurer

CLERK-TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

I, Philip Toone, Director General /Clerk-Treasurer of the Municipality of the Township of Arundel, certify under my oath that money is available to pay all expenses authorized in these Minutes.

Philip Toone, Director general/Clerk-Treasurer

I, Pascale Blais, Mayor of the Municipality of the Township of Arundel, certify that the signing of these minutes is equivalent to the signing by law of all the resolutions contained therein within the meaning of Article 142 (2) of the *Municipal Code of Québec*.

Pascale Blais, Mayor