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WHEREAS the upward revision of the costs of the work provided for in the by-law does not have the effect of increasing the burden on the concerned taxpayers;

CONSIDERING Annex A of By-law (592-2020) providing funding for the repairs to a section of chemin Watchorn and decreeing of a loan for this purpose prepared by the Director of Public works and infrastructures and the Director of Finance and recommended by the Director general ;

WHEREAS THAT a notice of motion was given by Councillor Claude P. Lemire at the regular council meeting of November 8th, 2023 and that the draft agreement was tabled and explained by the Director general;

CONSEQUENTLY, the municipal council decrees the following:

CHAPTER 1 : INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

1. **Purpose** – The goal of the present by-law is to allocate certain available credits resulting from other borrowing by-laws affecting the same taxpayers and having the same purposes.
2. **Objective** – The provisions of the by-law must be interpreted in such a way as to make it possible to assume the additional costs of repairing the portion of chemin Watchorn covered by the by-law without increasing the tax burden of the taxpayers covered by the by-laws.

CHAPTER 2 : ALLOCATIONS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS

3. **By-law (617-2021) providing financing for the roadwork for the construction of an access lane on lot 3 736 911 and decree of a loan for this purpose** – Council allocates the available balance of \$ 43,455 from By-law (617-2021) providing financing for the roadwork for the construction of an access lane on lot 3 736 911 and decree of a loan for this purpose, the financing of part of the work stipulated in By-law (592-2020) providing financing for the repairs to a section of chemin Watchorn and decree of a loan for this purpose.
4. **By-law (636-2022) providing financing for the repair work to the aqueduct conduits on rues Argyle and Campbell and decree of a loan for this purpose** – Council allocated the available balance of \$ 84,369 from By-law (636-2022) providing financing for the repair work to the aqueduct conduits on rues Argyle and Campbell and decreed of a loan for this purpose for the financing of a section of the work stipulated in By-law (592-2020) providing financing for the repairs to a section of chemin Watchorn and decree of a loan for this purpose.

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CHAPTER 3 : FINAL PROVISION

5. ***Entering into effect*** - The present by-law enters into effect in accordance to the Law.

Timothy Watchorn
Mayor

Hugo Lépine
Director general / Registrar-treasurer

723.12.23 ROAD PERMIT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS the Municipality of Morin-Heights must carry out work in the right-of-way of roads maintained by the Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable (hereinafter referred to as the "Ministère");

WHEREAS the Municipality of Morin-Heights must obtain permission from the Ministère to intervene on roads maintained by the Ministère or enter into a maintenance agreement with the Ministère;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Morin-Heights is responsible for the work for which it is the main contractor;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Morin-Heights undertakes to respect the clauses of the road permissions issued or the maintenance agreements entered into with the Ministry;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Morin-Heights undertakes to restore road infrastructures to their original state;

It is proposed by Councillor Louise Cossette
IT IS RESOLVED:

TO REQUEST that the Ministère grant road permissions during the year 2024 and to authorize the Director, Public works and infrastructures to sign road permissions and maintenance agreements for all work for which the estimated cost of restoring elements of the right-of-way does not exceed \$10,000 since the Municipality of Morin-Heights undertakes to respect the clauses of the road permissions and maintenance agreements entered into.

In addition, the Municipality of Morin-Heights undertakes to request the required permission whenever necessary.

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724.12.23 MODIFICATION – BY-LAW (744-2023) AMENDING BY-LAW
(668-2023) PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE 2023
ROADWORK AND DECREE OF A LOAN FOR THIS PURPOSE

WHEREAS Council adopted By-law (668-2023) providing for the financing of road works in 2023 and decreeing a loan accordingly, which came into force on July 5th, 2023;

WHEREAS Council adopted By-law (630-2022) providing for the financing of road works in 2022 and decreeing a loan accordingly, which came into force on July 21st, 2022;

WHEREAS Council adopted By-law (744-2023) amending By-law (668-2023) providing for the financing of road works 2023 and decreeing a loan in consequence thereof on October 11th, 2023;

WHEREAS the ministère des Affaires municipales requires certain amendments to this by-law in order to allow its approval by the Minister in accordance with all applicable laws;

It is proposed by Councillor Carole Patenaude

IT IS RESOLVED:

TO AMEND By-law (744-2023) amending By-law (668-2023) providing for the financing of road works in 2023 and decreeing a loan in consequence thereof, as follows

1- Article 4 is replaced by the following:

« Article 3 of By-law 668-2023 is replaced by the following: « 3. **Authorized borrowing and appropriation** - To pay the expenses provided for in this by-law, Council authorizes a loan in the amount of \$943,537 and the appropriation of \$100,000 from the « Local road maintenance fund » account, repayable over 15 years.

Council also allocates an available balance of \$126,463 from By-law (630-2022) providing for the financing of roadwork in 2022 and decreeing a loan accordingly, to finance part of the work provided for in this by-law.». »

2- Article 5 is replaced by the following:

« Section 2 of By-law 668-2023 is replaced by the following:

« 2. **Authorized work** - Council authorizes various roadworks, as listed in Appendix A prepared by Mr. Sacha Desfossés, Engineer and Director, Public Works and Infrastructures, and Mr. Michel Grenier, Director, Finance and Administration, dated June 28, 2023, and valued at one million one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$1,170,000).». »

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3- Article 6 is replaced by the following:

"Article 5 of By-law 668-2023 is replaced by the following:

« 5. **Allocation** - The Council shall allocate to the reduction of the loan decreed by this by-law any contribution or subsidy that may be paid to it for the payment of all or part of the expense decreed by this by-law.

Council also allocates, to the payment of all or part of the debt servicing, any subsidy payable over several years, in particular the confirmed grant from the PAVL in the amount of \$301,537. The loan repayment term corresponding to the amount of the grant will be automatically adjusted to the period set for payment of the grant.». ».

725.12.23 ACTING DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Director general presents Council, who acknowledge receipt of the monthly report for November 2023 from the Acting Director of the Urbanism and Environment department as well as the list of authorized expenses as per By-law (577-2019) regarding financial administration.

726.12.23 REPORT REGARDING PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES

The Director general presents Council who acknowledge receipt, of the list of permits and certificates to November 30th, 2023.

727.12.23 ANIMAL PROTECTION AND CONTROL SOCIETY'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The Director general hasn't received any reports.

728.12.23 MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Director presents Council, who acknowledge receipt of her monthly report from the Director, Recreation, culture and community life as well as the lists of authorized expenses during the month of November 2023 as per By-law (577-2019) regarding financial administration.

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729.12.23 TABLING – PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT ON BY-LAW (747-2023) CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF THE HILLSIDE CHAPEL AS A LOCAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

The Director general presents Council who acknowledge receipt of the results of the public consultation held regarding By-law (747-2023) concerning the recognition of the Hillside Chapel as a local cultural heritage.

730.12.23 ADOPTION OF BY-LAW (747-2023) ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE HILLSIDE CHAPEL AS A LOCAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

The Director general presents the draft by-law and gives a summary of the by-law and informs Council about the adoption procedure.

It is proposed by Councillor Peter MacLaurin
And unanimously resolved by all councillors:

TO ADOPT the French and English versions of By-law (747-2023) on the recognition of the Hillside Chapel as a local cultural heritage as follows:

By-law (747-2023) On the recognition of the Hillside Chapel as a local cultural heritage

NOTE EXPLICATIVE

The present by-law recognizes the property known as « the Hillside Chapel » or « The Wesleyan church of Canada in Morin-Heights » as a local cultural heritage site in accordance to the Cultural Heritage Act (RLRQ, ch. P-9.002).

It defines the reasons for the summons and sets out certain mandatory measures to ensure the conservation of the building in question.

It lays down the procedure for issuing permits and certificates and provides for offences, penalties and fines in the event of failure to comply with the by-law.

WHEREAS the provisions of Article III of chapter IV of the *Cultural Heritage Act* (RLRQ, chapter P-9.002) (hereinafter called « Act ») which authorizes the Municipality to recognize, in whole or in part, a heritage asset located on its territory whose knowledge, protection, enhancement or transmission is of public interest;

WHEREAS the purpose of this by-law is to designate the immovable located at 755, chemin du Village (lot number 3 735 733 of the Quebec cadastre) as a heritage property (hereinafter referred to as "the chapel");

WHEREAS the Municipal Council has received and ratified the favourable recommendation of the Municipality's local heritage council for the protection of certain characteristic elements of the interior and exterior architecture of the Chapel;

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WHEREAS the building is of heritage interest for its historical, architectural and artistic, urban planning, landscape, identity and community values;

WHEREAS the conservation of this immovable is of public interest, since it is part of the Municipality's historical heritage;

WHEREAS a special notice has been sent to the owners of the heritage immovable that is the subject of the present citation;

WHEREAS the local heritage council also held a public consultation on December 4th, 2023, allowing anyone interested to submit comments;

CONSIDERING the Municipality's urban plan;

CONSIDERING the Municipality's 2020-2030 strategic vision;

WHEREAS a notice of motion was given by Councillor Peter MacLaurin at the regular Council meeting of October 11th, 2023;

WHEREAS the draft by-law was presented to Council and explained by the Director general at the regular meeting of October 11th, 2023;

CONSEQUENTLY, the municipal council decrees the following :

CHAPTER 1 : INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

1. ***Goal*** - The goal of the present b-law is to proceed with the recognition of the Hillside Chapel or « The Wesleyan church of Canada in Morin-Heights » to allow the application of every protection stipulated in the Cultural heritage Act, in perpetuity.
2. ***Objectives*** - The objectives are to protect, in particular, the property located at 755, chemin du Village.

CHAPTER 2 : REASONS FOR THE RECOGNITION

3. ***Historical and community value*** - The building specified in the present by-law is recognized as a heritage building for the following historical and community reasons:
 - Hillside Chapel is one of the few buildings in the heart of the village core whose construction dates back to the 19th century. It is also one of three religious architectural landmarks on Village Road (the main street), alongside Trinity Anglican Church (1861) and the United Church of Canada (1930) and surrounded on two sides by a mid-19th century cemetery. It is thus a tangible testimony to the importance of religion for the Anglo-Protestant community of Morin-Heights and a proud witness to the evolution of the village founded in 1855.

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- The chapel is also linked to Ralph Cecil Horner, founder of the « Standard Church of America ». Ordained in 1887 in the Methodist Church of Canada, he was expelled in 1895 for the controversial style of his services (physical manifestations of derangement such as shouting, weeping, waving feet and hands, and prostration) and his resistance to church discipline. He then founded the Holiness Movement in Canada, where he assumed the status of bishop. In 1916, he broke away to form the « Standard Church of America » with a handful of followers. His oratorical skills attracted thousands of followers in eastern Ontario and the Outaouais Valley.

4. ***Architectural and artistic value*** – The building specified by the present by-law is recognized for the following architectural and artistic reasons:

- Hillside Chapel presents a specific interest for its architectural value. Despite its 125 years of age, most of its original features have been preserved thanks to periodic renovation work.
- Its straight roof, white-painted rebated board siding, ogee, small-paned windows, and wooden shutters make it an excellent example of a small rural church of the late 19th century. Moreover, the absence of a bell tower and any religious symbol on the exterior links it to the tradition of New England "meeting houses", simple meeting places for believers.
- This restraint is also reflected in the interior. The absence of decorative elements respects the precepts of simplicity and openness to the "Other" dictated by the Scriptures. There are only a few inset quotations from biblical texts, as the individual's relationship with God comes first. So, the faithful of whatever faith can come to pray, sing, or meditate without being distracted by ostentatious religious signs.

5. ***Urbanistic and identity value*** – The building covered by this by-law is designated as a heritage building for the following urbanistic and identity reasons:

- The Hillside Chapel is also of great importance in defining the heritage character of the heart of the village core.
- Its overall original appearance has been admirably preserved. Although modest, it possesses an undeniable presence and charm, thanks to its judicious position on a well-laid-out site overlooking the level of the adjacent streets. Together with Trinity Church and its cemetery, which surrounds the chapel on two sides, and the nearby Hillside Cemetery and its cenotaph, the Hillside Chapel is an essential component of the religious character of this portion of Village Road.

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- Easily accessible, located in the heart of the village, on Village Road, Hillside Chapel opens its doors to the public on Sunday evenings during the summer. Repeatedly cited in registries as one of the first churches in the Laurentians to have preserved its authenticity, this chapel has been the pride of all its citizens for over 125 years.

6. The specific characteristic elements covered by this citation which must be protected are the following :

- Its volume and rectangular floor plan, single-span nave with flat apse and straight gable roof.
- Its white-painted wooden cladding, with rebated boards and vertical corner boards.
- The sober composition of the façade, with a single double door topped by a small-paned, arched wooden transom.
- The small-paned, ogival-arched wooden windows that light up the side walls, and the wooden shutters.
- Evidence of a wood-burning stove as the original means of heating.
- Its location on an elevated site above street level and the type of access leading to the building.
- Landscaping with mature trees and low stone walls delineating the portions of the site adjacent to public roads.

CHAPTER 3 : EFFECTS OF THE CITATION

7. ***Duty to preserve*** – The owner of the cited heritage property shall put in place all measures necessary to ensure the preservation of the heritage value of the cited property in accordance with the reasons and conditions set out in Chapter 2.

8. ***Applications for permits or certificates*** – An application for a permit or certificate must be accompanied by a report prepared and signed by a licensed professional in heritage protection matters that justifies any action referred to in Chapter 4.

9. ***Council's authorization*** – No person shall, without the approval of the municipal council:

- a) relocate the whole or any part of a cited heritage building or use it as a building pad;
- b) divide, subdivide, redivide or sever the lot on which the listed building is located;

10. ***Advice of the Local heritage council*** – Before making a decision of an application under Article 8, the municipal council shall seek the advice of the Local heritage council.

The Local heritage council shall make recommendations with respect to the application and any conditions that it considers relevant.

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11. ***Compliance with conditions*** – Every holder of a permit or certificate referred to in Article 7 must respect any condition imposed therein.

12. ***Withdrawal of Council's authorization*** – The authorization referred to in Article 8 shall be withdrawn if the work provided for in the permit or certificate is not undertaken within one year of its issuance or if the work has been started but interrupted for more than one year.

Notwithstanding the interruption provided for in the first paragraph, the Municipality retains the possibility of obtaining an order under Article 203 of the Act.

13. ***Precedence of this by-law*** – Chapter 3 applies notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in the Municipality's By-law regarding permits and certificates.

14. ***Interpretation of the by-law*** – No interpretation of this by-law shall have the effect of relieving any person of any obligation inherent in any federal or provincial law or in a municipal by-law.

15. ***Refusal of authorization*** – The municipal council must give reasons for any refusal of authorization provided for in this chapter and send a notice to this effect containing, among other things, the reasons for such refusal to the owner concerned and to the local heritage council.

16. ***Designated officer*** – A designated officer as defined in Article 17 of By-law (645-2022) regarding permits and certificates and is deemed to have authority to enforce the provisions of this by-law.

CHAPTER 4 : CONDITIONS OF PRESERVATION

17. ***Consideration of reasons for citation*** – All work affecting the cited heritage building must take into account the reasons stipulated in Chapter 2.

CHAPTER 5 : RECOURSES, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

18. ***Recourse*** – The Municipality may exercise any recourse to have the present by-law respected including those stipulated in Article 203 of the Law.

19. ***Violations and penalties*** – Any person who contravenes to any of the provisions of the present by-law commits a violation and is liable to a penalty in accordance to Article 205 of the Law.

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CHAPTER 6 : APPLICATION AND ENTERING INTO EFFECT

20. ***Application and administration*** - The administration and application of the present by-law is the responsibility of the public servants designated by the Urbanism and environment department.

21. ***Entering into effect*** - The present by-law enters into effect on the date of notification of the special notice as stipulated by Law to the owner of the heritage building in question.

Timothy Watchorn
Mayor

Hugo Lépine
Director general / Registrar-treasurer

731.12.23 **HIRING – 2023-2024 WINTER SEASON**

WHEREAS the Municipality's 2023 budget;

WHEREAS the hiring of temporary seasonal employees is necessary for the operations of the recreational and cross-country ski trails;

WHEREAS the recommendation of the Director of Recreation, culture and community life and the Director General;

CONSIDERING the Remuneration policy for the employees of the Recreation, culture and community life department;

It is proposed by Councillor Peter MacLaurin

IT IS RESOLVED :

THAT the preamble be an integral part of the present document.

TO ENTER into the hiring of the following persons as attendants, patrollers and cross-country ski trail groomers for the duration of the 2023-2024 season in accordance with the terms of the Remuneration policy for the employees of the Recreation, culture and community life dossier;

Reception clerk	As of November 2 nd , 2023 Echelon
Sylvia Fendle	9
Normand Bouillon	5
Élise Paquin	5
Monique Roy	7
Normand Forget	7
Stéphanie Renaud	6

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Attendants	Start date
Geneviève Pépin Level 1, 21 \$/hour	November 12th, 2023
Thomas Perron Level 1, 20,50 \$/hour	November 17th, 2023
Carole Gulgielmo Level 1, 20,50 \$/hour	November 20th, 2023
Trail maintenance attendant	
Richard Nesbitt	October 10th, 2023

732.12.23 SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF A PROTECTED AREA ON THE PUBLIC LAND AT PARK DES BOULEAUX

WHEREAS the municipal council has adopted a new urban plan which came into force on February 26th, 2023;

WHEREAS this new urban plan establishes the objective of protecting 30% of the territory by 2030;

WHEREAS the council adopted an environmental policy on September 9th, 2020 in resolution 290-09-20;

WHEREAS the Institut des territoires, on behalf of the Municipality, conducted an environmental characterization study of the territory, submitted to Council on September 20th, 2023;

WHEREAS the Recreation, culture and community life department has taken steps to protect the public land site known as Parc des Bouleaux from any future industrial or commercial development;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the provisions of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (RLRQ, c. 61.01);

WHEREAS the Municipality has associated itself with and cooperates with the Éco-Corridors Laurentiens organization to follow through with this process;

WHEREAS Parc des Bouleaux is a core area of conservation interest;

It is proposed by Councillor Louise Cossette
IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the preamble is an integral part of the present document;

TO CONFIRM the Municipality's support for the project to create a natural protected area on public lands located on the Municipality's territory and known as Parc des Bouleaux;

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733.12.23 MOTION – CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. CHARLOTTE
PANOPALIS

WHEREAS Mrs. Charlotte Panopalis, fifth grade student at Morin-Heights Elementary school, recipient of the first prize of a drawing contest organized by the organization Le Rucher collectif;

IT IS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

TO CONGRATULATE Mrs. Charlotte Panopalis for having created the winning drawing;

734.12.23 MOTION – CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS –
2023 GUIGNOLÉE

WHEREAS the Guignolée du Garde-Manger des Pays-d'en-Haut was held on Saturday, December 9th in Morin-Heights;

WHEREAS this event allowed for a record collection;

IT IS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

TO THANK the population, the volunteers and all the partners involved for this magnificent involvement which allowed the collection of a record amount;

QUESTION PERIOD

Council answers questions posed by the public.

735.12.23 END OF THE MEETING

The agenda having been completed, it is proposed by Councillor Claude P. Lemire that the meeting end at 20:45.

*I have approved each and every
resolution in these minutes*

Tim Watchorn
Mayor

Hugo Lépine
Director general /
Registrar-treasurer

Ten people attended the meeting.