



PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC  
MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON

BY LAW 2023-R-003

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**BY-LAW 2023-R-003 RESPECTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELECTION RESERVE FUND FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE CONDUCT OF AN ELECTION AND THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

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**WHEREAS** the coming into force, on November 5, 2021, of the Act to amend the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities, the Act respecting municipal ethics and professional conduct and various legislative provisions, known as "Bill 49";

**WHEREAS** that the council will allocate annually the necessary sums to this fund for the next general election and that this annual allocation must be established after consultation with the returning officer;

**WHEREAS** the cost of the next general election is assumed to be at least equal to the cost of the last or previous general election, whichever is greater;

**WHEREAS** that, for the first four years of this by-law, an annual sum of \$2,000 should be allocated to this fund;

**WHEREAS** the above annual amount shall be subject to review by Council, after consultation with the electoral officer, and, if necessary, a by-law amendment after each by-election or general election;

**WHEREAS** a notice of motion concerning this bylaw was given at the meeting of March 21, 2023, under resolution number 2023-035;

**WHEREAS** a draft by-law was tabled at the meeting of March 21, 2023;

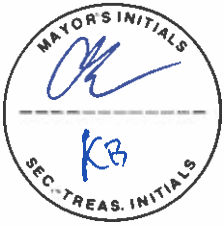
**CONSEQUENTLY**, it is proposed by **Daisy Drudge**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved that Council ordain and rule as follows:

**ARTICLE 1 PREAMBLE**

The preamble is an integral part of this bylaw.

**ARTICLE 2 CREATION OF A RESERVED FUND**

A fund reserved for the financing of expenses related to the holding of an election is created (hereinafter referred to as "Reserved Fund").



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For the purpose of creating this Electoral Reserve Fund, the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer are authorized to use funds from the financial surplus of the municipality, ensuring that the amount drawn is replaced or set aside immediately after its authorized use.

### ARTICLE 3 CONSTITUTION OF THE FUND

This Election Reserve Fund shall consist of monies appropriated annually by the Board.

### ARTICLE 4 APPROPRIATION

The Board shall annually appropriate the following minimum amounts to the Election Reserve Fund:

- A minimum amount of \$2,000 for fiscal year 2022;
- A minimum amount of \$2,000 for fiscal year 2023;
- A minimum amount of \$2,000 for fiscal year 2024;
- A minimum amount of \$2,000 for fiscal year 2025.

### ARTICLE 5 SOURCE OF RESTRICTED AMOUNTS

The funds for this annual appropriation shall be taken from the unrestricted operating surplus and deposited in the Restricted Fund on or about March 31 of each year.

### ARTICLE 6 USE OF THE FUND

Amounts available in the Restricted Fund shall be used solely to pay expenses related to the conduct of an election. In the event of a general election or by-election, the electoral officer shall, in priority to any other funds, reserves or revenues, use the amounts contained in the Reserved Fund to finance the expenses of holding that election.

### ARTICLE 7 SURPLUSES

Any excess of revenues over expenses, if any, shall remain in the Reserved Fund for future use.

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**ARTICLE 8 DURATION**

The duration of the Reserved Fund shall be for an indefinite period, taking into account its nature.

**ARTICLE 9 COMING INTO FORCE**

This by-law shall come into force in accordance with the law.

**The notice of motion was given on: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**The present by-law was adopted on: April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**The present by-law published on: April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Andrew Etheridge, Mayor**

**Karine Benoit, Acting General Director**