



**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC  
MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON  
BY-LAW 2024-R-002**

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**BY-LAW 2024-R-002 TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING CERTAIN INTERVENTIONS LIKELY TO CREATE NEEDS EXCEEDING THE CAPACITY OF THE SEWER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM**

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**WHEREAS** sections 29 et seq. of the Municipal Powers Act (c. C-47.1) allow the Municipality to adopt a provisional by-law to prohibit, for a maximum period of 2 years, any intervention consisting in the execution of work or the use of an immovable when this would be likely to create needs exceeding the capacity of a water supply, sewer or wastewater treatment system;

**WHEREAS** a study by a consulting engineering firm is required before concluding that the capacity of the sewer system (pumping station) and wastewater treatment system (treatment plant) is not reached, given the projects currently under development;

**WHEREAS** this situation could affect the entire territory of the Municipality served by the sewer system;

**WHEREAS** it is necessary to prohibit, for a temporary period, the addition of constructions and connections that could add a load to the sanitary system on the territory of the Municipality in order to plan and carry out interventions to ensure the proper operation of the sewer system;

**WHEREAS** a notice of motion was given with the tabling of the draft by-law at the regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon held June 18, 2024;

**WHEREAS** a public consultation meeting was held on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024;

**CONSEQUENTLY**, it is proposed by **Jean-Roger Dumas**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas**, and unanimously resolved to adopt the By-Law No. 2024-R-002 to temporarily prohibit certain interventions likely to create needs exceeding the capacity of the sewer and wastewater treatment system and that it decrees as follows:

**ARTICLE 1: PREAMBLE**

The preamble forms an integral part of the present by-law.

**ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this by-law is to limit new construction, changes of use and other interventions or work that may result in an increase in wastewater discharge into the Municipality's sewer system.

**ARTICLE 3: TERRITORY OF APPLICATION**

This by-law applies to the entire territory of the Municipality.

**ARTICLE 4: TERM OF APPLICATION**

This by-law is valid for an initial period of two years from the date of its coming into force, and may be renewed in accordance with the law.



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### ARTICLE 5: VALIDITY OF THE BY-LAW

The present by-law is adopted as a whole, chapter by chapter, section by section, paragraph by paragraph, subparagraph by subparagraph, paragraph by paragraph, so that if any chapter, section, paragraph, subparagraph or paragraph of the present by-law or the appendix thereto should be declared null and void, the other provisions of the present by-law shall remain in force.

### ARTICLE 6: PRECEDENCE

The provisions of the present by-law take precedence over any conflicting provisions of the Municipality's planning by-laws.

### ARTICLE 7: TERMINOLOGY

In the present by-law, unless the context indicates otherwise, the terms used have the following meaning:

"Tourist Lodging Establishment": Lodging establishments as defined in the Tourist Lodging Act (RLRQ, c. H-1.01).

"Designated municipal official": Municipal Inspector and any person appointed by resolution of the municipal council to apply this by-law.

"Dwelling": A room or group of communicating rooms used or intended to be used as a dwelling for one or more persons, where meals can be prepared and consumed and where sleeping accommodations are provided, including sanitary facilities.

"Intergenerational dwelling": A dwelling separate from, but physically connected by an interior door to, the main dwelling in a single-family dwelling and used as a home by one or more persons related directly or by marriage, including through a de facto spouse, to the owner-occupant of the main dwelling.

"Municipality": Municipality of Blanc-Sablon.

### ARTICLE 8: COMPETENT AUTHORITY

The application, supervision and control of this by-law are the responsibility of the designated municipal official, who is the competent authority. He is authorized to issue statements of offence for any breach of the present by-law.

### ARTICLE 9: PROHIBITION

The following interventions are prohibited:

- a) Constructing, improving or transforming a building when such a project involves the addition of one or more dwellings, except in the case of the addition of an intergenerational dwelling;
- b) Any new sewer system extension or connection;
- c) For a tourist accommodation establishment, any addition or creation of a room or accommodation unit;
- d) The construction, enlargement, renovation, conversion or replacement of a use within a commercial or industrial building resulting in increased wastewater discharge into the municipal sewer system.

No municipal authorization may be issued for any operation prohibited by this by-law.



**ARTICLE 10: EXCEPTIONS**

Notwithstanding article 9, the following interventions are authorized:

- a) Reconstruction of a building destroyed or damaged as a result of a disaster, if the reconstruction does not involve the addition of a dwelling unit;
- b) Reconstruction of a demolished building following the issuance of a demolition permit or court order, if the reconstruction does not involve the addition of a dwelling;
- c) Work, works or constructions to ensure public safety or public protection carried out by the Municipality, its agent, the government or its agent;
- d) Work required, including construction work, to carry out the project covered by the agreement with the Centre de Services Scolaires du Littoral and authorized by resolution no. 2023-039 of the Council of the Municipality.
- e) Work required in connection with the Municipality's residential development of rue Pointe-au-Pot, including construction and connection of residences on the 11 projected lots;
- f) Construction, improvement or conversion work for which a permit or certificate of authorization has already been issued by the Municipality. Any modification to the work covered by the permit issued will, however, be subject to the present by-law if the modifications have the effect of increasing wastewater discharges in relation to what was initially authorized.

**ARTICLE 11: VISIT AND INSPECTION**

In the exercise of his or her duties, any officer or employee of the Municipality may visit and examine, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., any movable or immovable property, as well as the interior and exterior of any house, building or structure whatsoever, to ascertain whether the present by-law is being enforced, is being complied with, to verify any information or to ascertain any fact necessary for the exercise of the powers conferred upon him or her by the present by-law.

The owner or occupant of an immovable must allow the official or employee of the municipality to enter the premises and answer all questions put to them concerning the enforcement of the present by-law.

**ARTICLE 12: OBSTRUCTION AND FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION**

It is forbidden for any person to obstruct a municipal officer or employee in the performance of his or her duties.

It is also forbidden for any person to knowingly give false or misleading information in the application of the provisions of the present by-law or in an application for a permit for work prohibited by the present by-law.

**ARTICLE 13: CONTRAVENTION**

Any person who contravenes or allows this by-law to be contravened in any way is guilty of an offence.

If the offender is a natural person, he or she is liable, for a first offence, to a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) plus costs for each offence.

If the offender is a legal entity, he/she is liable, for a first offence, to a fine of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) plus costs for each offence.

In the event of a second or subsequent offence, the fines provided for in this article are doubled.



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If the offence lasts more than one day, it constitutes a separate offence for each day, and the fine provided for this offence may be imposed for each day that the offence lasts.

**ARTICLE 14: COMING INTO FORCE**

The present by-law comes into force in accordance with the law.

<b>Notice of motion given:</b>	<b>June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>
<b>This project by-law was passed on:</b>	<b>June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>
<b>Public consultation on:</b>	<b>July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024</b>
<b>This by-law was adopted on:</b>	<b>July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>
<b>The present by-law published on:</b>	<b>July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>
<b>Coming into force:</b>	<b>July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>

  
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**Colin Shattler, Mayor**

  
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**Karine Benoit, Director General**