



Resolution or
Notation No.

Minutes of the Council of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON

Minutes of the regular municipal council sitting of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon held on December 17th 2024, at the municipal hall in Blanc-Sablon at 7:00 p.m. under the chairmanship of the Acting Mayor, Mitchell Lawless, and also present to form quorum:

The councillors: Dany Gaudreault
 Johanne V. Beaudoin
 Marissa Lavallee

Karine Benoit, Director General of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon, was also present.

OPENING OF THE SITTING

The president of the assembly verified the quorum and declared the sitting opened at 7:01 p.m. after a minute of silence.

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READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

WHEREAS the Acting Mayor invited the Director General to read the proposed agenda;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda as read.

AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE SITTING
2. READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
3. ADOPTION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MINUTES OF THE SITTINGS HELD ON NOVEMBER 19TH AND DECEMBER 9TH 2024
4. DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE CHEQUES ISSUED AND THE NON-REDUCIBLE EXPENSES PAID DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2024
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15. NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF A BY-LAW MODIFYING THE BY-LAW 2019-R-003 DECREERING THE CATEGORIES OF USERS AND TARIFFS FOR THE RENTAL OF MUNICIPAL HALLS AND FOR VARIOUS LOCAL REVENUES

16. NEW AFFAIRS

17. QUESTION PERIOD

18. CLOSING OF THE SITTING

2024-149

ADOPTION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MINUTES OF THE SITTINGS HELD ON NOVEMBER 19TH AND DECEMBER 9TH 2024

It is proposed by **Marissa Lavallee**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the sittings held on November 19th and December 9th 2024 with exemption of reading.

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DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE CHEQUES ISSUED AND THE NON-REDUCIBLE EXPENSES PAID DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2024

It is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Marissa Lavallee** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the list of cheques issued and the non-reducible expenses paid during the month of November 2024 in the respective amount of \$ 226 259.27 for general administration and \$ 26 247.10 for the payroll.

2024-151

DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE PAYABLE ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2024

It is proposed by **Marissa Lavallee**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the payable accounts for the month of November 2024 in the amount of \$ 29 393.58.

2024-152

DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETARY REPORTS, TRANSFERS, AND CREDIT COMMITMENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2024

It is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Marissa Lavallee** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the budgetary reports, transfers, and credit commitments for the months of November and December 2024 in the respective amounts of \$ 282 575.99 and \$ 303 426.45.

DEPOSIT OF THE TAX ARREARS REPORT AS OF THE 30TH OF NOVEMBER 2024

The Director General deposited and commented on the tax arrears reports as of the 30th of November 2024 as \$ 134 248.47.

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RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON

WHEREAS Article 148 of the Municipal Code of Québec provides that the Council must establish, before the beginning of each calendar year, the calendar of its regular meetings for the coming year, setting the day and time of the beginning of each;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, and unanimously resolved:

THAT meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Blanc-Sablon municipal hall;

THAT the following schedule of regular council meetings for the year 2025 be adopted:



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- January 21st
- February 18th
- March 18th
- April 15th
- May 20th
- June 17th
- July 15th
- August 19th
- September 23rd
- October (No meeting – General Elections)
- November 18th
- December 16th

THAT public notice of the contents of this calendar be published by Karine Benoit, Director General, in accordance with the Act governing the Municipality.

2024-154

SCHEDULE FOR THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON 2024-2025

It is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to authorize the closing of the municipal office from December 23rd 2024 to January 3rd 2025 inclusively

2024-155

NOMINATION OF AN ACTING MAYOR

It is proposed **Marissa Lavallee**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to mandate the councillor **Johanne V. Beaudoin** as Acting Mayor for the months of January, February, and March 2025.

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ADOPTION OF BY-LAW 2024-R-005 ON CONTRACTUAL MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS By-law number 2022-R-005 on contract management was adopted by the Municipality on December 20, 2022, in accordance with article 938.1.2 of the Municipal Code of Québec ("MC");

WHEREAS the Act to amend the Act Respecting Municipal Taxation and other legislative provisions (S.Q. 2023, chapter 33), assented to on December 8, 2023 (Bill 39), as well as the Act to enact the Act to protect elected municipal officials and promote the unimpeded performance of their duties and to amend various legislative provisions respecting municipal affairs (S. Q. 2024, chapter 24), assented to on June 6, 2024 (Bill 57), amend certain provisions of the CM regarding certain measures that may be adopted by municipalities in their contract management by-laws;

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the present Contractual Management By-Law to add the provisions made mandatory by these laws and to add optional measures concerning the awarding of certain contracts to a municipal officer or council member when the applicable conditions are met;

WHEREAS a copy of this by-law was delivered to each member of Council no later than two legal days prior to this meeting, and all members of Council present declared having read it and renounced to its reading;

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WHEREAS the president of the meeting mentioned the purpose of the by-law and its scope;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Marissa Lavallee**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved:

THAT the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon adopt the by-law bearing number 2024-R-005 on contractual management, which, appended hereto, forms an integral part of the present resolution as if it were reproduced here at length.

2024-157

**LOCAL ROAD AID PROGRAM FILE JZP46942-98005 (9) – 2020606-034
SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS BY ELECTORAL DISTRICT PROJECT**

WHEREAS the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon has taken note of the terms and conditions for the application of the Specific Improvement Projects (PPA) component of the Local Road Assistance Program (PAVL) and undertakes to comply with them;

WHEREAS the road network for which a request for financial assistance has been granted is under municipal jurisdiction and is eligible under the PAVL;

WHEREAS the work was carried out in the calendar year in which it was authorized by the Minister;

WHEREAS the work or related costs are eligible for the PAVL;

WHEREAS reporting form V-0321 has been duly completed;

WHEREAS the rendering of accounts for the projects was submitted upon completion of the work or no later than December 31, 2024, of the calendar year in which the Minister authorized the work;

WHEREAS payment is conditional on the Minister's acceptance of the project report;

WHEREAS if the statement of account is deemed to be in order, the Minister will make a payment to the municipalities based on the list of work he has approved, without exceeding the maximum amount of assistance as set out in the letter of announcement;

WHEREAS other sources of funding for the work have been declared;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to approve expenditures in the amount of **\$ 9 749.03** for the improvement work and related eligible costs mentioned on form V-0321, in accordance with the requirements of the Ministère des Transports du Québec, and acknowledges that failure to comply will result in the termination of financial assistance.

2024-158

**OFFER OF SERVICES FROM SOLUTIONS IDC INC. FOR THE PREPARATION
OF A MUNICIPAL ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN (PGA)**

WHEREAS the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon recognizes the importance of effectively managing its municipal assets to ensure their long-term sustainability;

WHEREAS the objective of asset management is to implement the necessary activities to maintain assets in a state of readiness to offer sustainable quality services to citizens;



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WHEREAS the Asset Management Plan (AMP) contributes to the achievement of the Municipality's strategic objectives and to the provision of sustainable quality services in accordance with the agreed level of service;

WHEREAS the Municipality has familiarized itself with the guide to the AMP published by the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation (Ministère), as well as the related tools, and understands each part of the AMP;

WHEREAS the "Démarche de gestion des actifs municipaux" provides a structured framework and clear principles for the management of municipal assets;

WHEREAS the AMP maximizes the efficiency of human and financial resources by identifying priority assets and proactively planning expenditures;

WHEREAS implementation of the AMP will contribute to the resilience and sustainability of municipal infrastructures;

WHEREAS the Solutions IDC Inc. service offer meets the Municipality's requirements at a reasonable price;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Marissa Lavallee** and unanimously resolved to accept the offer of service from Les solutions IDC Inc. in the amount of **\$ 22,800.00 plus applicable taxes** and:

THAT the Municipality undertakes to develop and implement a water management plan to optimize the management of its municipal assets;

THAT the Municipality undertakes to transmit to the Ministry, no later than December 31, 2026, the PGA-Eau summary and the information required by the latter;

THAT the Municipal Council approve the document "Démarche de gestion des actifs municipaux en eau" and authorize the filing of the documents with the Ministère;

THAT the amount required to cover this expense be taken from the Municipality's general funds and reimbursed by the "Programme de Transfert pour les infrastructures d'eau et collectives du Québec" (TECQ) 2024-2028.

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CELLULAR COVERAGE

WHEREAS cellular coverage remains insufficient in many regions of Quebec, limiting access to an essential service for residents and visitors;

WHEREAS the Quebec government is committed to deploying complete cellular coverage throughout the province by October 2026, recognizing its importance to citizens' quality of life and socio-economic development, particularly in a context where automation is becoming an essential solution to the labour shortage;



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WHEREAS reliable cellular services are essential to guarantee access to information, health services and public safety interventions, and that deficient coverage compromises the safety of people in areas with limited coverage or on the move, particularly in the event of an emergency requiring rapid intervention by first responders;

WHEREAS Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) procedure CPC-2-0-17 imposes conditions of licence on cellular service providers (CSPs), including mandatory roaming, tower sharing and the prohibition of site exclusivity, in order to promote network access for another CSP's subscribers when service is available;

WHEREAS this same procedure does not oblige CSPs to request service from another provider in the event of non-existent coverage in a given region, thus limiting the scope of the measure;

WHEREAS the Quebec government and the CRTC provide significant subsidies to telecommunications companies for the construction of new cellular infrastructures to improve coverage in the regions;

WHEREAS despite the presence of more than 8,500 cell towers in Quebec, the exclusive use of these towers by a single CSP limits access for other providers and constitutes a major obstacle to the deployment of optimal cellular coverage for the entire population;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Marissa Lavallee** and unanimously resolved:

TO ASK the Liberal Party of Canada, the Conservative Party of Canada, the New Democratic Party of Canada and the Bloc Québécois:

- To include in their electoral platform for the next federal election the obligation for all cellular service companies to enter into roaming agreements so that cellular service customers, regardless of their provider, can benefit from the presence of cellular sites in the region where they are located;

TO TRANSMIT a copy of this resolution to the Quebec Minister of Finance, Mr. Eric Girard, who is responsible for fulfilling the government's commitment to provide cellular service throughout the inhabited territory in the present mandate;

TO TRANSMIT a copy of this resolution to the heads of the telecommunications companies, namely BCE (Bell), Videotron, Rogers, TELUS and Cogeco.

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Notice of motion is hereby given by the councillor **Dany Gaudreault**, that at a subsequent meeting he shall be presenting a by law modifying the by law 2019-R-003 decreeing the categories of users and tariffs for the rental of municipal halls and for various local revenues. A draft of this by-law is hereby presented

NEW AFFAIRS

There were no new affairs.



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QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

CLOSING OF THE SITTING

It is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Marissa Lavallee** and unanimously resolved to close the present sitting at 7:30 p.m.

Mitchell Lawless, Acting Mayor

Karine Benoit, General Director