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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 February 18th 2025, at the municipal hall in Blanc-Sablon at 7:00 p.m. under the chairmanship of the Mayor, Colin Shattler, and also present to form quorum:

The councillors: Jarvin Joncas
Johanne V. Beaudoin
Jean-Roger Dumas

Karine Benoit, General Director 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.

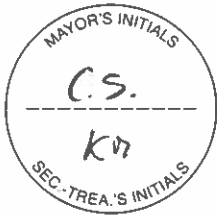
READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Jean-Roger Dumas**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda as read.

AGENDA

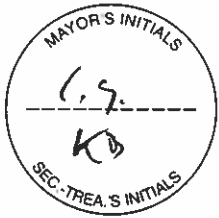
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2025-015	<p>ADOPTION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MINUTES OF THE SITTING HELD ON JANUARY 21ST 2025</p> <p>It is proposed by Jarvin Joncas, seconded by Jean-Roger Dumas and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the sitting held on January 21st 2025 with exemption of reading.</p>
2025-016	<p>DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE CHEQUES ISSUED AND THE NON-REDUCIBLE EXPENSES PAID DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025</p> <p>It is proposed by Johanne V. Beaudoin, seconded by Jarvin Joncas and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the list of cheques issued and the non-reducible expenses paid during the month of January 2025 in the respective amount of \$ 92 463.50 for general administration and \$ 36 875.43 for the payroll.</p>
2025-017	<p>DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE PAYABLE ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025</p> <p>It is proposed by Jarvin Joncas, seconded by Johanne V. Beaudoin and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the payable accounts for the month of January 2025 in the amount of \$ 6 800.23.</p>
2025-018	<p>DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETARY REPORTS, TRANSFERS, AND CREDIT COMMITMENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2025</p> <p>It is proposed by Jean-Roger Dumas, seconded by Jarvin Joncas and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the budgetary reports, transfers, and credit commitments for the months of January and February 2025 in the respective amounts of \$ 124 900.96 and \$ 166 820.00.</p> <p>DEPOSIT OF THE TAX ARREARS REPORT AS OF THE 31ST JANUARY 2025</p> <p>The General Director deposited and commented on the tax arrears report as of the 31st of January 2025 as \$ 1 660 801.60.</p>
2025-019	<p>PROFESSIONAL SERVICE OFFER FROM LOUIS BOURQUE, ENGINEER, FOR THE REALIZATION OF THE QUARTERLY FOLLOW-UP REPORTS (4) ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE 53.0.1 OF THE BY-LAW ON THE QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$ 4 600 PLUS TAXES</p> <p>It is proposed by Johanne V. Beaudoin, seconded by Jean-Roger Dumas and unanimously resolved to accept the professional service offer from Louis Bourque, engineer, for the realization of the quarterly follow-up reports (4) according to article 53.01.1 of the by-law on the quality of drinking water for a lump sum of \$ 4 600 plus taxes.</p>
2025-020	<p>BILLING TO MUNICIPALITIES SERVED BY SÛRETÉ DU QUÉBEC SERVICES</p> <p>WHEREAS the municipalities served by the Sûreté du Québec have just received their bills for 2025;</p> <p>WHEREAS the average of the announced increases is 6.47 %, but the increases for several municipalities are much higher, even considerably so;</p>



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- WHEREAS** the 2025 invoice marks the end of the transitional period leading to a 50-50 sharing of the invoice for Sûreté du Québec services between the Government and the municipalities. A period characterized by the establishment of an increased ceiling of 7 % and a floor of 2 %;
- WHEREAS** during negotiations on the new formula in 2019, the Ministère de la Sécurité Publique had assured its municipal partners that increases would be around 3 % per year once the transitional period was over, and that this formula would protect the municipal world from increases of the kind announced for 2025;
- WHEREAS** inflation is now less than 2%;
- WHEREAS** the media have recently reported on the management of police overtime in the regions which is putting considerable pressure on the overall cost of the Sûreté du Québec service billed to municipalities;
- WHEREAS** the legitimate questions raised by several elected officials concerning the real impact of the number of unfilled police positions and the significant use of overtime, with an effective police service requiring stability and a long-term community presence;
- WHEREAS** the indiscriminate cost increases of the Sûreté du Québec do not seem to consider their impact on the cost of the municipal bill;
- WHEREAS** the municipal world is not involved in determining the working conditions of police officers and the management of the Sûreté du Québec;
- WHEREAS** the total amount billed to municipalities for 2025 is over \$ 444.8 million, a considerable amount that should give municipalities a say in how these funds are managed.

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Jean-Roger Dumas**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved:

TO REQUEST TO THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY, MR. FRANÇOIS BONNARDEL

TO MANDATE an external firm to analyze the management of the Sûreté du Québec, following the example of the process carried out with municipal transport companies, which identified possible solutions to save several hundred million dollars;

TO MAINTAIN a ceiling and a floor for bill increases in both the permanent and transitional formulas until such time as the analysis identifies ways to control the uncontrolled rise in the cost of Sûreté du Québec services.

TO FORWARD a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Public Security, Mr. François Bonnardel, to the MNA for Duplessis, Ms. Kateri Champagne Jourdain, Minister of Employment and Minister responsible for the North Shore, to the Director General of the Sûreté du Québec, Ms. Johanne Beausoleil, and to the President of the Fédération Québécoise des Municipalités (FQM), Mr. Jacques Demers.



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DENUNCIATION OF THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE HOME
ADAPTATION PROGRAM - SOCIÉTÉ D'HABITATION DU QUÉBEC

- WHEREAS** on November 22, the Société d' Habitation du Québec (SHQ) sent us a communication informing us of the temporary suspension of components 1 (Home adaptations) and 2 (Replacement of non-compliant elevating devices) of the Home Adaptation Program (HAP) for 2024-2025, for an indefinite period;
- WHEREAS** this measure is justified by the sharp increase in the number of applications, particularly for part 1;
- WHEREAS** we note that the government and state-owned companies are currently implementing budget cuts in various programs and measures that affect several spheres of society;
- WHEREAS** this temporary suspension affects a vulnerable clientele, i.e. people living with disabilities and those losing their independence;
- WHEREAS** the purpose of the PAD is to enable eligible people to live in their own homes for as long as possible;
- WHEREAS** the work carried out under this program is intended to create facilities that will enable beneficiaries to meet their basic needs and enjoy a minimum quality of life;
- WHEREAS** this temporary measure runs counter to the government's expressed desire to keep people in their home environment for as long as possible;
- WHEREAS** this measure severely penalizes people who are already in extremely vulnerable situations;
- WHEREAS** the government should only cut programs for vulnerable people as a last resort;
- WHEREAS** the reason for this temporary suspension should rather be the reason why the funds dedicated to this program should be increased by the government in order to avoid this suspension;
- WHEREAS** the announcement of this budget cut has generated a great deal of dissatisfaction and concern among those eligible;
- WHEREAS** this measure generates exhaustion, anxiety and even suffering for those deprived of this subsidy program;
- WHEREAS** files were ready to be completed by eligible individuals;
- WHEREAS** there are currently files on hold in the MRC Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent, and that this suspension will lengthen the waiting list for people with immediate needs;
- WHEREAS** this suspension is causing a great deal of demotivation among accredited inspectors and companies specializing in adaptation work;



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WHEREAS there is a real risk of losing accredited inspectors and specialized contractors, who will be forced to seek contracts in other niches;

WHEREAS the current labour and contractor shortage;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Jean-Roger Dumas** and unanimously resolved:

TO DECLARE the temporary suspension of the Home Adaptation Program referred to in the preamble to this resolution;

TO REQUEST the government to reverse its decision and immediately restart activities under components 1 and 2 of the Home Adaptation Program;

TO TRANSMIT this resolution to Premier François Legault, Madame France-Élaine Duranceau, Minister responsible for Housing, Madame Kateri Champagne Jourdain, MNA for Duplessis, Minister of Employment and Minister responsible for the North Shore, Mr. Jean Martel, President and CEO of the Société d' Habitation du Québec, and the Fédération Québécoise des Municipalities.

2025-022

DECISION TO SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE MRC DU GOLFE-DU-SAINT-LAURENT CONCERNING AIR TRAVELS

WHEREAS recent changes to the transport subsidy to benefit the residents of the Lower North Shore for travel is anticipating more people flying in and out of the region;

WHEREAS Air Liaison is the only transporter in our region with exclusive rights to patients travelling for medical reasons;

WHEREAS it is anticipated that the influx of travel at the reduced rates could have a major impact on the transport of patients;

WHEREAS it is necessary to engage other carriers to service the region in order to benefit all travelers entering and leaving the region. The subsidy becomes ineffective if it cannot be utilized.

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and unanimously resolved to request that the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent approach other airlines providers such as Flair, Provincial Airlines or Porter and solicit their services for the Lower North Shore, and advise them of the subsidies available to users in the region.

2025-023

SALARY ADJUSTMENT GRANTED TO MS. LOIS BUTT

WHEREAS Ms. Lois Butt has held the position of janitor since joining the Municipality on September 21st, 2016;

WHEREAS certain benefits have not been granted in accordance with the commitments stipulated in the human resources policy, such as the annual indexation of 2 % on the hiring anniversary and the annual cost-of-living indexation;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved that Ms. Butt's salary be adjusted to an hourly rate of \$ 21.25, effective as of January 1st, 2025, and an additional amount of \$ 2,845.44 for 2024 spread over two pays.



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2025-024

**COMMITMENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON TO
CARRY OUT THE ACTIONS IDENTIFIED IN ITS SUPPORT PLAN, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECTORAL AGREEMENT TO
STRENGTHEN THE SUPPORT OF THE MRC DU GOLFE-DU-SAINT-
LAURENT'S MUNICIPALITIES**

WHEREAS the work in progress within the framework of the 2023-2028 sectoral agreement to strengthen the support of the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent's municipalities;

WHEREAS that this Agreement aims mainly at reinforcing the support of the municipalities from the point of view of municipal management, land use planning and local development, by documenting the current portrait as well as the challenges and needs of the municipalities and identifying their support priorities;

WHEREAS the necessary collaboration between the Municipality and the MRC to achieve this and the active participation of the Municipality in the development and implementation of its support plan;

WHEREAS that the development of the above-mentioned plan, through close collaboration with the Municipality and its partners, has allowed the identification of priorities and actions to be implemented to ensure the strengthening of the Municipality's support in matters of municipal management, land use planning and local development;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Jean-Roger Dumas**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas**, and unanimously resolved the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon undertakes to deploy the efforts required to achieve the results set out in its support plan, in line with the best interests of the Municipality and in accordance with the agreement in force, and that the planning of its activities be consistent with the achievement of such objectives.

2025-025

**APPOINTMENT OF MR. JEAN-CLAUDE DUMAS AS THE
MUNICIPALITY'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE COORDINATION OF
THE BIOTOPE PROJECT AND THE MANAGEMENT OF GRANT
APPLICATIONS**

It is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Jean-Roger Dumas** and unanimously resolved to hereby appoint Mr. Jean-Claude Dumas to represent our organization for the Biotope project. Mr. Dumas will be responsible for the overall coordination of the project, as well as the management and follow-up of all associated grant applications.

NEW AFFAIRS

There were no new affairs.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.



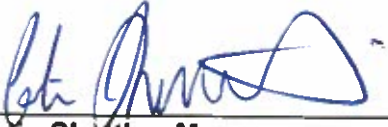
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CLOSING OF THE SITTING

It is proposed by **Jean-Roger Dumas**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and
unanimously resolved to close the present sitting at 7:30 p.m.



Colin Shattler, Mayor



Karine Benoit, General Director