



**Minutes of the Council of the Municipality of  
Blanc-Sablon**

Resolution or  
Notation No.

**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC  
MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON**

Minutes of the regular municipal council sitting of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon held on April 19th 2023, at the municipal hall in Blanc-Sablon at 7:00 p.m. under the chairmanship of the Mayor, Mr. Andrew Etheridge, and also present to form quorum:

The councillors:   Johanne V. Beaudoin  
                          Colin Shattler  
                          Daisy Drudge  
                          Jarvin Joncas  
                          Dany Gaudreault

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.

2023-041

**READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**WHEREAS**           the Mayor invites the General Director to read the proposed agenda;

**CONSEQUENTLY**, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** seconded by **Colin Shattler** and unanimously resolved to adopt as presented.

**THE AGENDA**

1.   **OPENING OF THE SITTING**
2.   **READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
3.   **ADOPTION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MINUTES OF THE SITTING HELD ON MARCH 21ST 2023**
4.   **DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE CHEQUES ISSUED AND THE NON-REDUCIBLE EXPENSES PAID DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023**
5.   **DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE PAYABLES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023**
6.   **DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETARY REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL 2023**
7.   **RECEIVABLE TAXES UP TO MARCH 31ST 2023**
8.   **DEPOSIT OF THE MAYOR'S MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**
9.   **NOMINATION OF AN ACTING MAYOR**
10. **ADOPTION OF BY-LAW 2023-R-003 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A FUND RESERVED FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION AND THE APPROPRIATION OF THE NECESSARY AMOUNTS**
11. **ADOPTION OF THE 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON**
12. **MINISTÈRE DES TRANSPORTS ET DE LA MOBILITÉ DURABLE (MTMD) - RELOCATION OF ROUTE 138 - INTENTIONS OF THE MUNICIPALITY**
13. **AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR STREET LIGHTS ON THE BRADOR TRAIL**
14. **NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF BY-LAW 2023-R-004 REGARDING THE DEMOLITION OF A HERITAGE BUILDING**
15. **ACCEPT THE EUROFIN (ENVIRONEX) GROUP SERVICE OFFER TO ANALYZE DRINKING WATER SAMPLES FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$3 452.50 PLUS TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2023**



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16. APPOINTMENT OF THE LAW FIRM OF GREY CASGRAIN S.E.N.C. TO REPRESENT THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON WITHIN THE LAWSUIT FILED BY BILINGUAL MUNICIPALITIES CONTESTING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF AN ACT RESPECTING FRENCH, THE OFFICIAL AND COMMON LANGUAGE OF QUEBEC ("LAW 96")
17. ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL FIRE SAFETY SERVICE
18. ALLOCATED OPERATING SURPLUS
19. PUBLIC TENDER FOR THE PAVING AND RESURFACING OF MUNICIPAL STREETS 67-98005-01
20. NEW AFFAIRS
21. QUESTION PERIOD
22. CLOSING OF THE SITTING

2023-042

**ADOPTION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MINUTES OF THE SITTING HELD ON MARCH 21ST 2023**

It is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the sitting held on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 with exemption of reading.

2023-043

**DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE CHEQUES ISSUED AND THE NON-REDUCIBLE EXPENSES PAID DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023**

It is proposed by **Daisy Drudge**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the list of cheques issued and the non-reducible expenses paid during the month of March 2023 in the respective amount of **\$236 601.40** for general administration and **\$39 767.96** for the payroll.

2023-044

**DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE PAYABLE ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023**

It is proposed by **Colin Shattler**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the payable accounts for the month of March 2023 in the amount of **\$14 694.63**

2023-045

**DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETARY REPORT, TRANSFERS AND CREDIT COMMITMENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL 2023**

It is proposed by **Daisy Drudge**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the budgetary report, transfers, and credit commitments for the months of March 2023 and April in the respective amounts of **\$268 075.79** and **\$201 928.00**

**DEPOSIT OF THE TAX ARREARS REPORT AS OF MARCH 31ST 2023**

The General Director deposited and commented on the tax arrears report as of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 as **\$1 383 596.59**



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**NOMINATION OF AN ACTING MAYOR**

It is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to mandate the councillor **Daisy Drudge** as Acting Mayor for the months of April, May, and June 2023.

2023-047

**ADOPTION OF BY-LAW 2023-R-003 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A FUND RESERVED FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION AND THE APPROPRIATION OF THE NECESSARY AMOUNTS**

**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 by-law was given at the meeting of March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, under resolution number 2023-035;

**WHEREAS** a draft by-law was tabled at the meeting of March 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 by-law.

**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").

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.



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### 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<sup>st</sup> 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.

### 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.

2023-048

### ADOPTION OF THE 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON

**WHEREAS** the General Director has deposited and commented on the 2022 financial statements and the auditor report of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon;

**WHEREAS** for the 2022 financial year, the firm Mallette Chartered Accountants as prepared our financial statements;

**WHEREAS** that these reports as been deposited by the General Director to the Council;

**CONSEQUENTLY**, it is proposed by **Colin Shattler**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and unanimously resolved to adopt the 2022 financial statements of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon and the Auditors report prepared by the firm Mallette, Chartered Accountants.



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**MINISTÈRE DES TRANSPORTS ET DE LA MOBILITÉ DURABLE (MTMD) -  
RELOCATION OF ROUTE 138 - INTENTIONS OF THE MUNICIPALITY**

**WHEREAS** as part of the project to relocate Route 138 in the L'Anse aux Dunes sector (ref. MTMD: project 154-13-0049) the route of Route 138 will be relocated north of its current position

**WHEREAS** that once the work is completed, the MTMD will proceed with the management of the new route and will abandon the management of the old route. In this situation, it is the policy of DOTM to re-naturalize the old route to its original state;

**WHEREAS** that the MTMD wishes to know the intentions of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon regarding the portion of the current Route 138 that will be abandoned once the new Route 138 is built;

**CONSEQUENTLY**, it is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Daisy Drudge** and unanimously resolved that the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon wishes to recover this old route in whole.

2023-050

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR STREET LIGHTS ON THE  
BRADOR TRAIL**

**WHEREAS** we have received requests for the improvement of the walking trails in our communities including the one in Brador, the Wanda Beaudoin trail;

**WHEREAS** walking remains the most accessible activity for our population:

**WHEREAS** this trail would benefit from night lighting to ensure the safety of its users;

**WHEREAS** we will proceed with several phases to improve this trail;

**WHEREAS** we have completed phase 1 and wish to proceed with phase 2;

**WHEREAS** we have received a quotation for the installation of 8 (eight) solar powered lights at a cost of \$21 906.42;

**WHEREAS** within the framework of this financing program, the municipality will have to contribute a minimum amount of 10% or \$2 190.64;

**CONSEQUENTLY**, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Colin Shattler** and unanimously resolved to authorize Ms. Karine Benoit, General Director, to proceed with the request for funding for the installation of solar powered lights on the Wanda Beaudoin Trail and sign any documents related to this request.

2023-051

**NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF BY-LAW 2023-R-004 REGARDING  
THE DEMOLITION OF A HERITAGE BUILDING**

Notice of motion is hereby given by the Councillor **Jarvin Joncas** that at a subsequent session, he will present or cause to be presented with the exemption of its reading, a by-law regarding the demolition of a heritage building. A draft of this by-law is hereby presented.



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**2023-052**

**ACCEPT THE EUROFIN (ENVIRONEX) GROUP SERVICE OFFER TO  
ANALYZE DRINKING WATER SAMPLES FOR AN AMOUNT OF  
\$3 452.50 PLUS TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2023**

It is proposed by **Daisy Drudge**, seconded by **Colin Shattler** and unanimously resolved to accept the Eurofin (Environex) Group's service offer to analyze the drinking water samples for an amount of \$3 452.50 plus taxes for the year 2023.

**2023-053**

**APPOINTMENT OF THE LAW FIRM OF GREY CASGRAIN S.E.N.C. TO  
REPRESENT THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON WITHIN THE  
LAWSUIT FILED BY BILINGUAL MUNICIPALITIES CONTESTING  
CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF AN ACT RESPECTING FRENCH, THE  
OFFICIAL AND COMMON LANGUAGE OF QUEBEC ("LAW 96")**

**WHEREAS** since 1990 the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon is a municipality that is recognized as having bilingual status according to the Charter of the French Language;

**WHEREAS** the *Act respecting French, the official and common language of Quebec ("Law 96")* an act to amend the Charter of the French language, has serious negative implications on the linguistic rights of the residents of the City and on the efficient administration and delivery of City services;

**WHEREAS** there are several provisions of Law 96 that will come into effect in June 2023, dealing specifically with municipalities of bilingual status;

**WHEREAS** not only does Law 96 compromise the bilingual status, which is intrinsically part of our cultural identity, the contested provisions also extend beyond language rights and undermine the constitutionally protected and inalienable rights that belong to all Quebec citizens.

**WHEREAS** the Municipality has agreed to join as co-plaintiff in a legal action contesting the provisions of Law 96 and is desirous of giving the mandate to the firm of Grey Casgrain s.e.n.c. ;

**WHEREAS** the Municipality agrees to share the legal fees and costs with the other co-plaintiffs, on a pro rata basis, established on the basis of population, said fees to be coordinated by the City of Cote Saint Luc and paid at the end of each quarter;

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

**THAT** Me Julius Grey of the firm Grey Casgrain s.e.n.c. be mandated to represent the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon in its Application before the Superior Court to contest certain provisions of Law 96 which affect the rights and obligations of bilingual municipalities;

**THAT** the General Director be hereby authorized to sign the letter of intent with the City of Cote Saint-Luc and the mandate with the Law Firm of Grey Casgrain s.e.n.c. to allow them to represent the city in the above-mentioned proceedings;

**THAT** the municipal Council commits to sharing the legal fees and costs with the City of Cote Saint-Luc and other co-plaintiffs, on a pro rata basis, based on the relative size of its population;

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**THAT** an expenditure not exceeding \$1.00 per resident of the municipality be reserved by each of the co-plaintiff municipalities for all necessary expenses to this end to cover the application and pleadings of said proceedings before the Superior Court;

**THAT** the City of Cote Saint Luc be designated to receive the payments for the firm Grey Casgrain for all legal fees, from all municipalities involved in this action."

2023-054

**ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL FIRE SAFETY SERVICE**

**WHEREAS** the MRC fire safety cover plan was certified on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and revised in March 2007;

**WHEREAS** article 35 of the law on fire safety stipulates that the local authority in charge of the application of the measures forecasted in a fire safety plan must adopt by resolution and transmit to the Minister a report of activity on fire security;

**CONSEQUENTLY**, it is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and resolved unanimously;

**THAT** the Council accept the 2020-2021-2022 annual report of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon.

**THAT** the report be forwarded to the Ministry of Public Security in accordance with Article 35 of the Fire Safety Act.

2023-055

**ALLOCATED OPERATING SURPLUS**

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon has an operating surplus allocated to inventory of \$30,000;

**WHEREAS** the needs of the Municipality have changed and this amount can be reallocated;

**CONSEQUENTLY**, it is proposed by **Colin Shattler**, seconded by **Daisy Drudge** and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon proceed with the reallocation of the allocated surplus of \$30,000 to the unallocated operating surplus.

2023-056

**PUBLIC TENDER FOR THE PAVING AND RESURFACING OF MUNICIPAL STREETS 67-98005-01**

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has accepted the work program, version no. 1, within the framework of the TECQ 2019-2023;

**CONSEQUENTLY**, it is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Colin Shattler**, and unanimously resolved

**THAT** the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon authorizes the General Director to proceed, for and in the name of the Municipality, with a public call for tenders on SEAO for the paving and resurfacing of municipal streets 67-98005-01 within the framework of the Quebec Gas Tax and Contribution Program (TECQ).



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**NEW AFFAIRS**

No new affairs.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

2023-057

**CLOSING OF THE SITTING**

It is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Colin Shattler** and  
unanimously resolved to close the present sitting at 7:30 P.M.

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**Andrew Etheridge, Mayor**

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**Karine Benoit, General Director**