



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 19th 2023, 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: Johanne V. Beaudoin
 Jean-Roger Dumas
 Jarvin Joncas
 Dany Gaudreault
 Marissa Lavallee

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.

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READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** 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 NOVEMBER 28TH 2023
4. DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE CHEQUES ISSUED AND THE NON-REDUCIBLE EXPENSES PAID DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023
5. DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE PAYABLES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023
6. DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETARY REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2023
7. RECEIVABLE TAXES UP TO THE 30TH OF NOVEMBER 2023
8. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON
9. SCHEDULE FOR THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON 2023-2024
10. SERVICE OFFER FROM 'GROUPE CADORET' – STREET SURVEY, CALCULATIONS, LAYOUT AND MAPPING
11. NOMINATION OF AN ACTING MAYOR
12. REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF A NORTH SHORE CONSERVATION PLAN
13. LOCAL ROAD AID PROGRAM FILE JJU48777-98005 (9) - 20230525-004 SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS BY ELECTORAL DISTRICT PROJECT
14. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE 2023 CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AT THE BEAUX SÉJOURS RESIDENCE
15. NEW AFFAIRS



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16. **QUESTION PERIOD**
17. **CLOSING OF THE SITTING**

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**ADOPTION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MINUTES OF THE SITTING HELD ON
NOVEMBER 28TH 2023**

It is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Marissa Lavallee** and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the sitting held on November 28th 2023 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 2023**

It is proposed by **Jean-Roger Dumas**, 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 November 2023 in the respective amount of **\$214 851.46** for general administration and **\$29 903.61** for the payroll.

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

It is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the payable accounts for the month of November 2023 in the amount of **\$92 455.81**.

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**DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETARY REPORT, TRANSFERS, AND
CREDIT COMMITMENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER
2023**

It is proposed by **Marissa Lavallee**, seconded by **Jean-Roger Dumas** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the budgetary report, transfers, and credit commitments for the months of November and December 2023 in the respective amounts of **\$273 902.22** and **\$286 741.41**.

DEPOSIT OF THE TAX ARREARS REPORT AS OF THE 30TH OF NOVEMBER 2023

The General Director deposited and commented on the tax arrears reports as of the 30th of November 2023 as **\$256 150.96**.

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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 **Jean-Roger Dumas**, seconded by **Marissa Lavallee**, and unanimously resolved:

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



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THAT the following schedule of regular council meetings for the year 2024 be adopted:

- January 16th
- February 20th
- March 19th
- April 16th
- May 21st
- June 18th
- July 16th
- August 20th
- September 17th
- October 15th
- November 19th
- December 17th

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

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SCHEDULE FOR THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON 2023-2024

It is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to authorize the closing of the municipal office from December 22nd 2023 to January 3rd 2024 inclusively.

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SERVICE OFFER FROM 'GROUPE CADORET' – STREET SURVEY, CALCULATIONS, LAYOUT AND MAPPING

It is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Jean-Roger Dumas** and unanimously resolved to mandate the firm 'Groupe Cadoret' to do the street survey, calculations, layout and mapping for an amount of \$6 850.00 plus applicable taxes.

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NOMINATION OF AN ACTING MAYOR

It is proposed **Marissa Lavallee**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to mandate the councillor **Jean-Roger Dumas** as Acting Mayor for the months of January, February and March 2024.

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REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF A NORTH SHORE CONSERVATION PLAN

WHEREAS the North Shore region is the only region in Quebec to have experienced a decrease in its population for the period July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2022, as reported by the Institut de la statistique du Québec (ISQ);

WHEREAS the Institut de la statistique du Québec (ISQ) also forecasts that the projected change in the total population of the Côte-Nord region will decline by 12.9% over the period 2020-2041;



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WHEREAS several factors contribute to the decline of the Côte-Nord region, including an aging population, the commutation of workers, the availability of quality public services, the shortage of affordable housing and the lack of tax incentives;

WHEREAS the Government of Quebec and the Government of Canada have all the means necessary to counter the current and predicted decline of the North Shore region, provided they care and commit to a concerted and meaningful approach to safeguarding the region;

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

THAT the preamble to the present resolution forms an integral part of it for all legal purposes and constitutes the explanatory memorandum;

TO request that the Government of Québec adopt a Plan de sauvegarde de la Côte-Nord to counter the socio-demographic decline announced by the Institut de statistiques du Québec;

TO request Ms. Kateri CHAMPAGNE-JOURDAIN, MNA for Duplessis, Minister of Employment and Minister responsible for the North Shore region, to preside over the development and implementation of a Plan de sauvegarde de la Côte-Nord;

TO include local and regional elected officials in the Plan de sauvegarde de la Côte-Nord process;

TO suggest a number of measures to help safeguard the North Shore, including:

1.INCREASE tax deductions for individuals living in remote areas;

2.SUPPORT initiatives to provide reliable, affordable air transportation for residents of remote regions;

3.GRANT a tax deduction for transportation costs to families living in remote areas;

4.ENSURE recognition of the work of daycare educators by adapting administrative and budgetary rules to northern disparities;

5.INCREASE investment in schools in remote regions, so that northern towns receive the same services as major centers;

6.IMPROVE housing assistance programs (renovation and construction) to reflect real northern costs, and transfer budget envelopes to North Shore MRCs for more fluid, targeted management of housing interventions;

7.PROHIBIT the use of 100% air commuting for all major natural resource projects (over 200 workers, requiring environmental authorization and located 125 kilometers or less from a community), and require these companies to submit a staffing plan that includes the use of a minimum percentage of people resident in the administrative region, as part of the government's project approval process;

8.PROMOTE the reduction of worker commuting by granting primary sector companies a 30% tax credit on the payroll of workers resident* north of the 49th parallel (*workers domiciled more than 200 days per year);



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9. GRANT mining companies operating north of the 49th parallel a deduction on mining royalties equivalent to their local and regional investments in the maintenance and sustainable development of strategic infrastructure (drinking water, wastewater, municipal infrastructure, transportation, recreation and culture, energy, housing, education, health and social services, environment);

10. SUPPORT the energy transition and decarbonization projects of mining companies by closing the energy gap in the Fermont sector, notably by building a new 315-kV transmission line between Montagnais substation and Fermont and awarding contracts for the supply of wind power;

11. COMPLETE the construction and paving of route 389 linking the North Shore to Labrador, the extension of route 138 in the Lower North Shore and the construction of a bridge at the mouth of the Saguenay Fjord;

TO forward this resolution to Ms. Kateri CHAMPAGNE JOURDAIN, MNA for Duplessis, Minister of Employment and Minister responsible for the North Shore region, to Mr. François LEGAULT, MNA for l'Assomption and Premier of Quebec, to Ms. Marilène GILL, MNA for Manicouagan, to Mr. Patrick BEAUCHESNE, President and CEO of the SOCIÉTÉ DU PLAN NORD, to the cities and MRCs of the North Shore and to regional labour organizations, and to solicit their support;

TO mandate Mayor Colin Shattler and Karine Benoit, Director General, to act for and on behalf of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon for the purposes hereof.

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**LOCAL ROAD AID PROGRAM FILE JJU48777-98005 (9) -20230525-004
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, 2023, of the calendar year in which the Minister authorized the work;

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



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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 **Marissa Lavallee**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and unanimously resolved to approve expenditures in the amount of \$27 669.06 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.

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**REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE 2023 CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES
AT THE BEAUX SÉJOURS RESIDENCE**

It is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Jean-Roger Dumas** and unanimously resolved to make a donation of \$250.00 for the 2023 Christmas activities at the Beaux Séjours Residence.

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 **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and unanimously resolved to close the present sitting at 7:25 P.M.



Colin Shattler, Mayor



Karine Benoit, General Director