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## 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 November 19<sup>th</sup> 2024, 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: Mitchell Lawless  
Jarvin Joncas  
Dany Gaudreault  
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.

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#### 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 **Jarvin Joncas** 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 SITTING HELD ON OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2024
4. DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE CHEQUES ISSUED AND THE NON-REDUCIBLE EXPENSES PAID DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024
5. DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE PAYABLES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024
6. DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETARY REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2024
7. DEPOSIT OF THE TAX ARREARS REPORT AS OF THE 31<sup>ST</sup> OF OCTOBER 2024
8. REPRESENTATIVE FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE SNOW CLEARING CONTRACT OF MUNICIPAL ROADS
9. NOTICE OF MOTION OF A BY-LAW ESTABLISHING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE AND TARIFFS FOR THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON
10. NOTICE OF MOTION OF A BY-LAW ESTABLISHING THE METHODS OF PAYMENT AND INTEREST RATE FOR THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON
11. DEPOSIT OF THE DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS UPDATED
12. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CORPORATION DE DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE EST-OUEST, BLANC-SABLON RÉGION FOR THE YEAR 2025
13. DEPOSIT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE APPLICATION OF CONTRACTUAL MANAGEMENT BY-LAW 2024
14. MOTION FOR INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES



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20. QUESTION PERIOD
21. CLOSING OF THE SITTING

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**ADOPTION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MINUTES OF THE SITTING HELD ON  
OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

It is proposed by **Mitchell Lawless**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the sitting held on October 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 with exemption of reading.

2024-128

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

It is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Mitchell Lawless** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the list of cheques issued and the non-reducible expenses paid during the month of October 2024 in the respective amount of \$ 1 314 791.33 for general administration and \$ 27 333.18 for the payroll.

2024-129

**DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE PAYABLE ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH  
OF OCTOBER 2024**

It is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Jean-Roger Dumas** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the payable accounts for the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$ 45 921.27.

2024-130

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

It is proposed by **Jean-Roger Dumas**, seconded by **Mitchell Lawless** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the budgetary reports, transfers, and credit commitments for the months of October and November 2024 in the respective amounts of \$ 1 267 147.35 and \$ 239 907.00.

**DEPOSIT OF THE TAX ARREARS REPORT AS OF THE 31<sup>ST</sup> OF OCTOBER  
2024**

The General Director deposited and commented on the tax arrears reports as of the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2024 as \$ 178 605.21.

2024-131

**REPRESENTATIVE FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE SNOW CLEARING  
CONTRACT OF MUNICIPAL ROADS**

It is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to mandate the Municipal Inspector Mr. Jerry Landry as responsible to manage the snow clearing contract for municipal roads. During his absence he will be replaced by Mr. Robert Leon, or his subsequent replacement.



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**NOTICE OF MOTION OF A BY-LAW ESTABLISHING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE AND TARIFFS FOR THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON**

Notice of motion is hereby given by the councillor **Dany Gaudreault** at a subsequent sitting he shall present a by-law project establishing the real estate tax rate and tariffs for the 2025 fiscal year of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon. A draft of this by-law is hereby presented.

2024-133

**NOTICE OF MOTION OF A BY-LAW ESTABLISHING THE METHODS OF PAYMENT AND INTEREST RATE FOR THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON**

Notice of motion is hereby given by the councillor **Mitchell Lawless** at a subsequent sitting he shall present a by-law project establishing the methods of payment and interest rate for the 2025 fiscal year of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon. A draft of this by-law is hereby presented.

2024-134

**DEPOSIT OF THE DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS UPDATED**

In accordance with section 358 of the Act Respecting Elections and Referendums in Municipalities, the General Director submits to Council the updated declarations of pecuniary interests.

2024-135

**FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CORPORATION DE DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE EST-OUEST, BLANC-SABLON REGION FOR THE YEAR 2025**

**WHEREAS** the Corporation de Développement Économique Est-Ouest, Blanc-Sablon Region, receives an annual financial contribution of \$ 60,000 to support the operations of the Blanc-Sablon Recreation Center from the Municipality;

**WHEREAS** the Corporation de Développement Économique Est-Ouest, Blanc-Sablon Region reiterate their request for the year 2025;

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon wishes to maintain its support while ensuring sound management of taxpayers' money;

**CONSEQUENTLY**, it is proposed by **Jean-Roger Dumas**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to grant a financial contribution of \$ 60,000 to the Corporation de Développement Économique Est-Ouest, Blanc-Sablon Region, to defray, in part, the operating costs of the recreation center and sports and leisure activities with conditions;

That the following conditions apply:

- a quarterly report from the Corporation showing the statement of revenues and expenses;
- financial statements produced within the time frame prescribed by the MAMH
- a number is obtained from Loto-Québec for fundraising;
- forward a copy of the pro forma budget for the year 2025;

**THAT** the sending of the monthly payments is conditional to the respect of the above-mentioned expectations.



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**THAT** the Municipality be informed of all projects involving capital expenditures.

**THAT** the population be involved and informed by means of public meetings and press releases on leisure and recreational activities on its territory.

2024-136

**DEPOSIT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE APPLICATION OF  
CONTRACTUAL MANAGEMENT BY-LAW 2024**

In accordance with article 938.1.1.2 of the Municipal Code of Quebec, the General Director submits to the Council the annual report on the application of the contractual management regulations.

2024-137

**MOTION FOR INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

**WHEREAS** the UNESCO Public Library Manifesto states that the public library is a local information center;

**WHEREAS** the public library provides its users with a wide range of knowledge and information;

**WHEREAS** the public library offers works and documents reflecting different points of view which are themselves a reflection of the moment in history to which they belong;

**WHEREAS** the public library is an essential component of knowledge-based societies, constantly adapting to new means of communication in order to fulfill its mission of providing universal access to information and encouraging its appropriation by all;

**WHEREAS** the public library offers the public an accessible space for the production of knowledge, the sharing and exchange of information and culture, and the promotion of civic engagement;

**WHEREAS** the library is a public asset and a place where a relationship to knowledge is developed through exploration, exchange, knowledge, culture and enrichment;

**WHEREAS** by providing the place, resources and personnel to support them, the library enables all individuals, throughout their lives and whatever their age, social status or origin, to learn and fulfill their needs for knowledge, information and self-improvement. The library is at the heart of people's lives;

**WHEREAS** the library, whether public, professional or educational, plays a fundamental role in the community, acting as a driving force for social, economic and cultural development. It is that door that is always open and accessible to the world;

**WHEREAS** as proclaimed by UNESCO and the Table Permanente de Concertation des Bibliothèques Québécoises in the Déclaration des Bibliothèques Québécoises, the library's raison d'être is to ensure "free and unlimited access to knowledge, thought, culture and information", notably through free access;

**WHEREAS** the same UNESCO manifesto states that collections and services must not be subject to any form of ideological, political or religious censorship, nor to any commercial pressure;



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**WHEREAS** several situations throughout the world give cause for concern regarding the fundamental role of libraries in disseminating diversified content while respecting intellectual freedom and freedom of expression.

**CONSEQUENTLY**, it is proposed by **Mitchell Lawless**, and seconded by **Jarvin Joncas**, that in order to guarantee access to knowledge and culture for the population of Québec, the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon officially recognize:

- a) public libraries as places that reflect the diversity of points of view,
- b) the expertise of public library staff in managing the selection and distribution of collections,
- c) the need to support and assist public library staff in the selection of works for their collections, and not to yield to the pressure of censorship and withdrawal requests that could target these institutions.

2024-138

### **ADOPTION OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY – CNESST**

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon is required to adopt a health and safety policy in order to comply with CNESST standards;

**CONSEQUENTLY**, it is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Jean-Roger Dumas** and unanimously resolved to adopt the health and safety policy as drafted.

2024-139

### **NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT A PROJECT BY-LAW ON CONTRACTUAL MANAGEMENT**

A Notice of Motion is hereby given by councilor **Jean-Roger Dumas** that at a subsequent meeting will be submitting by-law 2024-R-005 on contractual management and asks that the reading of the project by-law be dispensed with, a copy having been given to all members of Council.

2024-140

### **ADOPTION OF A PROJECT BY-LAW 2024-R-005 ON CONTRACTUAL MANAGEMENT**

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

**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;



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**WHEREAS** a copy of this project 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;

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

**CONSEQUENTLY**, it is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Mitchell Lawless** and unanimously resolved:

**THAT** the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon adopt the project 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.

2024-141

**REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MEALS AT THE BEAUX SÉJOURS RESIDENCE**

**CONSEQUENTLY**, it is proposed by **Jean-Roger Dumas**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to make a donation of **\$250.00** for meals at the Beaux Séjours Residence.

**NEW AFFAIRS**

There were no new affairs.


**QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

2024-142

**CLOSING OF THE SITTING**

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

  
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Colin Shattler, Mayor

  
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Karine Benoit, General Director