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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 August 20<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:       Johanne V. Beaudoin  
                                  Marissa Lavallee  
                                  Jarvin Joncas

Laura Lavallee, Assistant 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.

2024-095

**READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

**CONSEQUENTLY**, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded **Marissa Lavallee** 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 JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> 2024**
4. **DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE CHEQUES ISSUED AND THE NON-REDUCIBLE EXPENSES PAID DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 2024**
5. **DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE PAYABLES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2024**
6. **DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETARY REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST 2024**
7. **DEPOSIT OF THE TAX ARREARS REPORT AS OF THE 31<sup>ST</sup> OF JULY 2024**
8. **REQUEST TO MODIFY THE USE OF THE COMPARATIVE FACTOR IN THE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS**
9. **CHARTER OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE – ADOPTION OF A DIRECTIVE**
10. **CONTRACT TO PAVE VARIOUS MUNICIPAL ROADS**
11. **NEW AFFAIRS**
12. **QUESTION PERIOD**
13. **CLOSING OF THE SITTING**

2024-096

**ADOPTION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MINUTES OF THE SITTING HELD ON JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

It is proposed by **Marissa Lavallee**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the sitting held on July 16<sup>th</sup> 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 JULY 2024**

It is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, 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 July 2024 in the respective amount of \$ 141 542.75 for general administration and \$ 30 253.01 for the payroll.

2024-098

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

It is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the payable accounts for the month of July 2024 in the amount of \$ 35 240.13.

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**DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETARY REPORT, TRANSFERS, AND CREDIT COMMITMENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST 2024**

It is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Marissa Lavallee** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the budgetary report, transfers, and credit commitments for the months of July and August 2024 in the respective amounts of \$ 193 030.68 and \$ 272 265.00.

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

The Assistant General Director deposited and commented on the tax arrears reports as of the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2024 as \$ 586 645.89.

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**REQUEST TO MODIFY THE USE OF THE COMPARATIVE FACTOR IN THE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

**WHEREAS** the current municipal assessment process uses a comparative factor to determine property values;

**WHEREAS** this comparative factor can lead to inequitable assessments and does not always accurately reflect the real market value of properties, especially during the 2nd and 3rd years of the triennial roll;

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon expresses the need to review and revise the Municipal Taxation Act (Loi sur la fiscalité municipale) and the assessment process to ensure a more equitable and transparent property assessment for the well-being of its residents;

**WHEREAS** adjusting the municipal tax rate is only a temporary measure and does not resolve the issue;

**WHEREAS** other municipalities could face this situation of having high comparative factors and their negative impacts: calculation of MRC shares, calculation of Sûreté du Québec fees, and their impacts on residents: transfer duties on the standardized value, etc.;

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



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**THAT** the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon formally requests a review of the municipal assessment process, with a particular focus on reviewing and modifying the use of the comparative factor.

**THAT** the Municipal Council of Blanc-Sablon proposes the adoption of a new methodology for property assessment that more accurately reflects real market value, whether the calculation is done on an assessment basis instead of a unit basis. Furthermore, we request that the comparative factor in the 2nd and 3rd years of the triennial roll has no impact on municipalities and their residents.

**THAT** the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon invites other municipalities to support this initiative and adopt similar resolutions to create a harmonized and equitable approach to property assessment across the region. We also invite municipalities to sign and share the petition at the National Assembly.

**THAT** a copy of this resolution will be sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Directors of Quebec, the Quebec Federation of Municipalities, the Union of Quebec Municipalities, the MRCs, and the municipalities of Quebec.

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**CHARTER OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE – ADOPTION OF A DIRECTIVE**

**WHEREAS** the *Act respecting French, the official and common language of Québec* (S.Q. 2022, c. 14), assented to on June 1, 2022, amended the *Charter of the French Language* (CQLR, c. C-11) (hereinafter the “Charter”);

**WHEREAS** the Charter establishes a duty of exemplarity for the civil administration, notably requiring municipal bodies to use the French language in an exemplary manner in their activities;

**WHEREAS** the Language policy of the State, which came into effect on June 1, 2023, applies to municipal bodies;

**WHEREAS** the *Regulation respecting the language of the civil administration* (CQLR, c. C-11, r. 8.1) and the *Regulation respecting the derogations to the duty of exemplarity of the civil administration and the documents drawn up or used in research* (CQLR, c. C-11, r. 5.1) complement the legal regime applicable to the civil administration regarding the use of French and provide, in addition to those stated in the Charter, situations where a language other than French may be used;

**WHEREAS** in accordance with section 29.15 of the Charter, an agency of the civil administration to which the language policy of the State applies must adopt a directive specifying the nature of situations in which it intends to use a language other than French in cases allowed by the Charter and its regulations;

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**WHEREAS** an organization recognized under section 29.1 of the Charter may depart from the obligation to use French in an exemplary manner when, in accordance with the Charter, it uses the language that its recognition allows it to use;

**WHEREAS** each municipal body has the responsibility to make its directive public once adopted;

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

**THAT** the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon commits, in an exemplary manner, to use the French language, to promote its quality, to ensure its influence in Québec, as well as to ensure its protection;

**TO ADOPT** the "Directive on the Use of a Language Other than the Official Language" of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon attached in Appendix;

**THAT** this specific directive of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon replaces the general directive of the Minister of the French Language in force since June 1, 2023;

**THAT** the directive be published on the Municipality's website.

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**CONTRACT TO PAVE VARIOUS MUNICIPAL ROADS**

**WHEREAS** the Municipality issued a call for public tenders for the awarding of a contract to pave various municipal roads;

**WHEREAS** the Municipality has received one bid;

**WHEREAS** Les Entreprises Mont-Sterling Inc. are the sole bidders.

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

**TO AWARD** the contract to pave various municipal roads to Les Entreprises Mont-Sterling Inc. in accordance with the tender documents and the company's bid for an amount of **\$ 672 325.64 plus applicable taxes**.

**THAT** the residual amount required to cover this expense be drawn from the Municipality's general funds and reimbursed by the "Programme de la taxe sur l'essence et de la contribution du Québec (TECQ)".

**THAT** the amount exceeding the amount reimbursed by the "Programme de la taxe sur l'essence et de la contribution du Québec (TECQ)" be taken from the accumulated surplus of previous years;

**TO TRANSMIT** a copy of this resolution to all bidders who submitted a bid in response to this call for tenders.

**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 **Marissa Lavallee**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and  
unanimously resolved to close the present sitting at 7:30 p.m.

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**Colin Shattler, Mayor**

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**Laura Lavallee, Assistant General Director**