



**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 March 21st 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

Karine Benoit, Acting 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.

2023-028

READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

WHEREAS the Mayor invites the Acting 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

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10. **APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE RESERVE FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION**
11. **NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF A BY-LAW 2023-R-003 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN ELECTION RESERVE FUND FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION AND THE APPROPRIATION OF THE NECESSARY AMOUNTS**
12. **TRANSACTION INVOLVING A PERSON EMPLOYED BY THE MUNICIPALITY**
13. **SALE OF LAND (LOT 5 931 199) IN THE VILLAGE OF LOURDES-DE-BLANC-SABLON TO MADAM SHIRLEY LANDRY BEAUDOIN FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$868.59**
14. **SECTORAL AGREEMENT TO STRENGTHEN THE SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF THE MRC OF THE GOLFE-DU-SAINT-LAURENT 2023-2028**
15. **CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STREET, FIVE (5) DUPLEXES AND ONE (1) QUADRUPLEX BY THE CENTRE DE SERVICES SCOLAIRES DU LITTORAL**



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2023-029

**ADOPTION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MINUTES OF THE SITTINGS
HELD ON FEBRUARY 21ST AND 27TH 2023**

It is proposed by **Daisy Drudge**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the sittings held on February 21st and 27th, 2023 with exemption of reading.

2023-030

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

It is proposed by **Colin Shattler**, seconded by **Daisy Drudge** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the list of cheques issued and the non-reducible expenses paid during the month of February 2023 in the respective amount of **\$132 169.02** for general administration and **\$27 766.89** for the payroll.

2023-031

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

It is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Colin Shattler** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the payable accounts for the month of February 2023 in the amount of **\$3 648.53**.

2023-032

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

It is proposed by **Daisy Drudge**, seconded by **Colin Shattler** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the budgetary report, transfers, and credit commitments for the months of February and March 2023 in the respective amounts of **\$165 004.87** and **\$291 160.00**.

**DEPOSIT OF THE TAX ARREARS REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28TH
2023**

The Acting General Director deposited and commented on the tax arrears report as of February 28th, 2023 as **\$1 700 186.57**

2023-033

**COMMITMENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY BLANC-SABLON FOR THE
HIRING OF A SHARED REGIONAL RESOURCE FOR URBAN AND LAND
USE PLANNING, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL
COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS the Municipality has taken note of the Guide à l'intention des organismes concernant « volet 4 – Soutien à la Coopération intermunicipale du Fonds région et ruralité »;



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WHEREAS the municipalities of Côte-Nord-du-Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent, Gros-Mécatina, Bonne-Espérance and Blanc-Sablon wish to present a project for the sharing of a specialized planning resource within the framework of the financial assistance;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Daisy Drudge**, seconded by **Colin Shattler** and unanimously resolved that the present resolution be adopted and that it rules and decree as follows:

- The Council of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon agrees to participate in the « mise en commun d'une ressource spécialisée en urbanisme » project and to assume a portion of the costs;
- The Council authorizes the submission of the project under « volet 4 - Soutien à la coopération intermunicipale du Fonds régions et ruralité »;
- Council appoints the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent as the organization responsible for the project.

2023-034

APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE RESERVE FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION

WHEREAS 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", will come into force on November 5, 2021;

WHEREAS that as of January 1, 2022, municipalities must establish a fund reserved for the financing of expenses related to the holding of an election, in accordance with sections 287.1 and 278.2 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities;

WHEREAS that the cost of the next general election is presumed to be at least equal to the cost of the last general election or the previous one (whichever is greater);

WHEREAS that in order to comply with sections 278.1 and 278.2 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon, the municipality must allocate a sum of \$2,000 to the fund reserved for expenses related to the holding of an election for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by and **Daisy Drudge** unanimously resolved that the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon allocate an amount of \$2,000 to the fund reserved for expenses related to the holding of an election for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2022 and to draw this amount from the unrestricted operating surplus.

2023-035

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

Notice of motion is hereby given by the Councillor **Colin Shattler** that at a subsequent session, he will present or cause to be presented with the exemption of its reading, a by-law concerning the creation of a fund reserved for expenses related to the holding of an election and the appropriation of the necessary sums. A draft of this by-law is hereby presented.



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TRANSACTION INVOLVING A PERSON EMPLOYED BY THE MUNICIPALITY

WHEREAS the discussions that have taken place regarding the termination of employment of a person employed by the Municipality, which it is not appropriate to name at the end of this resolution given its public nature, but whose identity is known to all of Council;

WHEREAS the agreement reached between the parties in this regard, in order to definitively settle the termination of employment of the person employed and to avoid litigation, of which Council has previously taken cognizance;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Colin Shattler** and unanimously resolved that Council ratify the agreement reached and of which it has previously taken note;

THAT the said amount be taken from the unappropriated surplus of previous years;

AND

THAT Mr. Andrew Etheridge, Mayor, be authorized to sign and execute the transaction for the Municipality.

2023-037

SALE OF LAND (LOT 5 931 199) IN THE VILLAGE OF LOURDES-DE-BLANC-SABLON TO MADAM SHIRLEY LANDRY BEAUDOIN FOR AN AMOUNT OF 868.59\$

WHEREAS Mrs. Shirley Landry Beaudoin has put in a requested to the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon to purchase land 5,931,199;

WHEREAS the Municipality has no use for this land and that Mrs. Landry Beaudoin has always used it as her own;

WHEREAS for security and insurance reasons it is to the advantage of the Municipality to proceed with the sale of this land;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Daisy Drudge**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to sell land 5,931,199 to Mrs. Shirley Landry Beaudoin for an amount of \$868.59. This resolution repeals resolution 2021-032

All fees for the transfer of land lot 5 931 199 are paid by the buyer. The Acting General Director, Karine Benoit is authorized to sign all documents related to this sale of land.

2023-038

SECTORAL AGREEMENT TO STRENGTHEN THE SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF THE MRC OF THE GOLFE-DU-SAINT-LAURENT 2023-2028

WHEREAS the Municipal Powers Act (R.S.Q., chapter C-47.1, section 126.2) provides that a regional county municipality (RCM) may take any measure to promote local and regional development on its territory;



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- WHEREAS** that under this Act, an RCM may enter into agreements with government departments and agencies and, where applicable, with other partners, concerning its role and responsibilities with respect to the exercise of powers, particularly for the implementation of regional priorities and the adaptation of government activities to regional particularities;
- WHEREAS** that the North Shore Steering Committee adopted the FARR-OVT regional priorities on June 27, 2017 and revised them on June 5, 2019;
- WHEREAS** that the draft agreement responds to priority 1 "Recognize the North Shore and its specificities as an atypical region" and priority 5 "Strengthen the capacity to act of North Shore residents and their communities" by creating a Fund that adapts to the reality of the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent;
- WHEREAS** the MRC wishes to continue the work of the sectoral agreement for the reinforcement of the accompaniment of the municipalities of the MRC in the realization of the accompaniment plan of each of the municipalities, in order to support the realization of projects in municipal management so that the municipalities respect their municipal obligations;
- CONSEQUENTLY**, it is proposed by **Colin Shattler**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to renew the sectoral agreement for the reinforcement of the accompaniment of the municipalities of the MRC 2023-2028;
- TO INJECT** the amount of \$5,000 per year for 3 years and that the said amount be taken from the general funds;
- TO AUTHORIZE** Karine Benoit, Acting Director General, to sign all documentation related to this sectoral agreement.

2023-039

CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STREET, FIVE (5) DUPLEXES AND ONE (1) QUADRUPLEX BY THE CENTRE DE SERVICES SCOLAIRES DU LITTORAL

- WHEREAS** that the Centre de Services Scolaires du Littoral has submitted a request to build a new street, five (5) duplex residential buildings and one (1) quadruplex residential building on lot 5 931 447, Cadastre of Quebec, located in the village of Lourdes-de-Blanc-Sablon;
- WHEREAS** that the Centre de Services Scolaires du Littoral proposes to assume the total cost of water, sewer and road infrastructure work related to the construction of a new street, five (5) duplex residential buildings and one (1) fourplex residential building;
- WHEREAS** that the Centre de Services Scolaires du Littoral agrees to transfer the water, sewer and road infrastructures to the Municipality for future maintenance, free of charge;
- WHEREAS** the Centre de Services Scolaires du Littoral has proposed a memorandum of understanding for the construction, transfer and assumption of responsibility of the infrastructures, street and water and sewer services;



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WHEREAS

the memorandum of understanding states that the Municipality will become the owner of the street and adjacent infrastructures. These installations will become an integral part of the municipal network and, for the future, they will be maintained by the Municipality like any other section;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Colin Shattler**, seconded by **Daisy Drudge** and unanimously resolved to accept the memorandum of understanding with the Centre de Services Scolaires du Littoral for the "construction, transfer and assumption of responsibility of the infrastructures, street and public services", and this, with the following conditions:

- the plans and specifications for the work for the street and the water and sewer systems be done by engineers accepted by the Municipality and that this work be under the supervision of said engineers or by persons under the control of the Municipality;
- the Acting Director General, Karine Benoit is mandated to sign all documents related to this project.

NEW AFFAIRS

No new affairs.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

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.

Andrew Etheridge, Mayor

Karine Benoit, Acting General Director