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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 May 21st 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
 Mitchell Lawless
 Jarvin Joncas

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.

2024-047

READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Mitchell Lawless** 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 APRIL 16TH 2024
4. DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE CHEQUES ISSUED AND THE NON-REDUCIBLE EXPENSES PAID DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024
5. DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE PAYABLES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024
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7. DEPOSIT OF THE TAX ARREARS REPORT AS OF THE 30TH OF APRIL 2024
8. AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST A CREDIT CARD FOR THE ASSISTANT GENERAL DIRECTOR MS. LAURA LAVALLEE
9. NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT BY-LAW 2024-R-001 CONCERNING THE DEMOLITION OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS, REPEALING AND REPLACING BY-LAW 2023-R-004 AND ITS AMENDMENTS
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13. ALLOCATION OF RESIDUAL FUNDS FROM THE SECTOR AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTHY COMMUNITIES TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON FOR THE BASSE-CÔTE-NORD FOOD BANK SERVICE
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2024-048

**ADOPTION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MINUTES OF THE SITTING HELD ON
APRIL 16TH 2024**

It is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the sitting held on April 16th 2024 with exemption of reading.

2024-049

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

It is proposed by **Mitchell Lawless**, 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 April 2024 in the respective amount of **\$222 848.43** for general administration and **\$28 004.58** for the payroll.

2024-050

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

It is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Mitchell Lawless** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the payable accounts for the month of April 2024 in the amount of **\$17 437.99**.

2024-051

**DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETARY REPORT, TRANSFERS, AND
CREDIT COMMITMENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY 2024**

It is proposed by **Mitchell Lawless**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the budgetary report, transfers, and credit commitments for the months of April and May 2024 in the respective amounts of **\$243 285.40** and **\$200 312.00**.

DEPOSIT OF THE TAX ARREARS REPORT AS OF THE 30TH OF APRIL 2024

The General Director deposited and commented on the tax arrears reports as of the 30th of April 2024 as **\$1 078 441.79**.



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**AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST A CREDIT CARD FOR THE
ASSISTANT GENERAL DIRECTOR MS. LAURA LAVALLEE**

It is proposed by **Johanne V. Beudoin**, seconded by **Mitchell Lawless** and unanimously resolved to authorize the request of a Visa Desjardins credit card for the Assistant General Director, Ms. Laura Lavallee, that will be used when needed in the exercise of her duties.

2024-053

**NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT BY-LAW 2024-R-001
CONCERNING THE DEMOLITION OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS,
REPEALING AND REPLACING BY-LAW 2023-R-004 AND ITS
AMENDMENTS**

Councillor **Jarvin Joncas** gives notice of motion that By-Law number 2024-R-001 concerning the demolition of buildings in the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon, repealing and replacing By-Law 2023-R-004 and its amendments, will be presented at this meeting and asks that the reading of the by-law be dispensed with, a copy having been given to all members of council.

2024-054

**ADOPTION OF DRAFT BY-LAW NUMBER 2024-R-001 CONCERNING
THE DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS**

WHEREAS the Schéma d'aménagement et de développement of the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent came into force in December 2017;

WHEREAS under the Act respecting land use planning and development (chapter A-19.1), the Municipality may proceed with the drafting of a by-law concerning the demolition of immovables;

WHEREAS a copy of this draft 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 chairman of the meeting mentioned the purpose of the draft by-law and its scope;

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

THAT the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon adopt the draft by-law bearing number 2024-R-001 concerning the demolition of immovables, which, annexed hereto, forms an integral part of the present resolution as if it were reproduced here at length.

2024-055

SCHOLARSHIPS

WHEREAS Mgr. Scheffer and St-Paul's School have applied for financial assistance in the form of a scholarship to be given to students in Secondary 5 who will continue their studies at a college or professional level next fall, that is to say, in September;



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CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to allocate **ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$125.00)** as a scholarship to be given to two students in secondary five of Mgr. Scheffer and St-Paul's School who will continue their studies at a college or professional level in September 2024.

2024-056

AGREEMENTS FOR THE USE OF GYMNASIUMS AT THE CENTER DE SERVICES SCOLAIRES DU LITTORAL

WHEREAS THAT in accordance with the Education Act (R.S.Q., c. 1-13.3), one of the functions of the CENTRE DE SERVICES SCOLAIRE is to promote the use of its premises by public or community organizations on its territory;

WHEREAS THAT the CENTRE DE SERVICES SCOLAIRE has spaces available for sports and/or cultural activities;

WHEREAS THAT the MUNICIPALITY wishes to offer sports and/or cultural activities in the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon;

WHEREAS THAT the MUNICIPALITY requires premises for sports and/or cultural activities;

WHEREAS THAT the CENTRE DE SERVICES SCOLAIRE agrees to lend its premises to the MUNICIPALITY so that it may offer sports and/or cultural activities for the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon;

WHEREAS THAT the parties agree to confirm their agreement in writing;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Mitchell Lawless**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved that Mr. Colin Shattler, Mayor, be authorized to sign the «Agreements for the use of the gymnasiums at the Centre de Services Scolaire du Littoral», and that the MUNICIPALITY agree to take out and maintain in force, for the duration of the agreement, liability insurance covering any accident or loss caused to anyone, by it or any person under its responsibility, for a minimum value of **two million dollars (\$2,000,000)**.

2024-057

ALLOCATION OF RESIDUAL FUNDS FROM THE SECTOR AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTHY COMMUNITIES TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON FOR THE BASSE-CÔTE-NORD FOOD BANK SERVICE

WHEREAS the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in collaboration with the CISSS de la Côte-Nord and the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent have entered into a sectoral agreement to support the development of healthy communities for the years 2018-2021;

WHEREAS the sector agreement for the development of healthy communities was created to support social and community development projects with the aim of reducing social inequalities while targeting vulnerable groups, particularly in terms of food security;

WHEREAS at the end of the sector agreement, residual funds remained to be returned to the partners;

WHEREAS the CISSS de la Côte-Nord has decided to leave the residual funds in the coffers of the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent, asking the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent to use the funds to support all communities in terms of social and community development;



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- WHEREAS** the Basse-Côte-Nord food bank provides services to citizens from Kegaska to Blanc-Sablon;
- WHEREAS** the food bank receives a high number of requests;
- WHEREAS** the food bank is currently experiencing a shortage of merchandise and funds are limited;
- WHEREAS** the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent has confirmed with the CISSS de la Côte-Nord that the food bank's project falls within the objectives of the agreement and is an excellent candidate to receive this residual amount;
- WHEREAS** the food bank is an essential service for the food security of the population of the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and unanimously resolved to accept and deposit the MRC's cheque in the amount of \$20 807.00, and issue a cheque in the name of Paroisse Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes for the Banque Alimentaire de la Basse-Côte-Nord, and to mandate Colin Shattler, Mayor, and Karine Benoit, General Director, to sign the agreement issued by the MRC.

2024-058

SALE OF LAND (SEE ANNEX 1 LOT 1) IN THE VILLAGE OF LOURDES-DE-BLANC-SABLON TO MR. LUC-ANTOINE JONCAS FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$20 200.00

- WHEREAS** Mr. Luc-Antoine Joncas has put in a requested to the Municipality of Blanc- Sablon to purchase land (see annex 1 lot 1);
- WHEREAS** the Municipality has no use for the land and Mr. Joncas wants to build a family residence;
- WHEREAS** the Municipality wants to promote residential development, it is advantageous for the municipality to proceed with the sale of this land;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Mitchell Lawless**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and unanimously resolved to sell land (see annex 1 lot 1) to Mr. Luc-Antoine Joncas for an amount of **\$20 200.00**.

The fees for the transfer of ownership (see Appendix 1 Lot 1) are to be paid by the purchaser and the fees for the land survey are to be paid by the Municipality and subsequently charged to the purchaser. The General Director, Ms. Karine Benoit is authorized to sign all documents related to this sale of land.

2024-059

REQUEST TO REVISE THE LAW ON MUNICIPAL TAXATION FOR TAXES FOR THE SÛRETÉ DU QUÉBEC – SUPPORT

- WHEREAS** the Municipality of Upton, by resolution number 2024.04.81, has requested the revision of the *Act respecting municipal taxation for Sûreté du Québec taxes*;
- WHEREAS** under the *Act respecting municipal taxation*, the Government of Quebec may introduce taxes on the services of the Sûreté du Québec (SQ);



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- WHEREAS** local municipalities are required to pay 50% of the costs of SQ services, in accordance with the relevant by-law;
- WHEREAS** the tax burden on municipalities continues to grow;
- WHEREAS** local municipalities are subject to government decisions regarding SQ funding;
- WHEREAS** local taxpayers are under increasing fiscal pressure as a result of this high contribution;
- WHEREAS** the SQ tax rate is currently determined unilaterally, without consultation or consideration of the needs and financial capabilities of municipalities;

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

TO REQUEST formally from the Quebec government a review of the *Act respecting municipal taxation for police services*, in order to reduce the tax burden imposed on municipalities to finance the Sûreté du Québec; and

TO TRANSMIT this resolution to the following authorities: the Ministère des Affaires Municipales, the Ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale, the Association des Directeurs Municipaux du Québec, the Fédération Québécoise des Municipalités du Québec, the Union des Municipalités du Québec, the MRCs and Municipalities of Québec.

2024-060

ADOPTION OF THE 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON

- WHEREAS** the General Director has deposited and commented on the 2023 financial statements and the auditor report of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon;
- WHEREAS** for the 2023 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 **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and unanimously resolved to adopt the 2023 financial statements of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon and the Auditors report prepared by the firm Mallette, Chartered Accountants.

2024-061

FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BRADOR BURIAL MOUNDS – PHASE 1 OF 2

- WHEREAS** archaeology-tourism strengthens people's interest in the past, but above all helps to increase support for cultural resources, preservation and research;
- WHEREAS** the first phase of this two-phase initiative involves protecting and preserving the site, and identifying it as a tourist attraction;



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WHEREAS the aim of the project is to rebuild the burial site and commemorate the people who buried their ancestors by installing a plaque and ensuring the protection and preservation of the site;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Mitchell Lawless**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas**, and unanimously resolved that the Municipality submit a funding request for the reconstruction of Brador burial mounds for phase 1 of 2, and that Ms. Karine Benoit, Director General, be authorized to sign all documents for and in the name of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon.

NEW AFFAIRS

There were no new affairs.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

2024-062

CLOSING OF THE SITTING

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



Colin Shattler, Mayor



Karine Benoit, General Director