



**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 November 28th 2023, at the municipal hall in Blanc-Sablon at 7:00 p.m. under the chairmanship of the Acting Mayor, Mr. Jarvin Joncas, and also present to form quorum:

The councillors: Johanne V. Beaudoin
 Jean-Roger Dumas
 Mitchell Lawless

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

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Jean-Roger Dumas**, seconded by **Mitchell Lawless** 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 OCTOBER 17TH 2023**
4. **DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE CHEQUES ISSUED AND THE NON-REDUCIBLE EXPENSES PAID DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023**
5. **DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE PAYABLES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023**
6. **DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETARY REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2023**
7. **RECEIVABLE TAXES UP TO THE 31ST OF OCTOBER 2023**
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 2024 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 2024 FISCAL YEAR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON**
11. **DEPOSIT OF THE DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS UPDATED**
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13. **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CORPORATION DE DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE EST-OUEST, BLANC-SABLON REGION FOR THE YEAR 2024**
14. **DEPOSIT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE APPLICATION OF CONTRACTUAL MANAGEMENT BY-LAW 2023**
15. **BY-LAW NO. 2023-R-007 AMENDING BY-LAW NO. 2016-R-003 DECREERING THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX TO FINANCE 9-1-1 EMERGENCY CENTERS**
16. **MANDATE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON TO CLICSEQR - REVENU QUÉBEC (NEQ 8828277382)**



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17. **SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF PERCÉ - APPEAL OF THE QUEBEC SUPERIOR COURT JUDGMENT INVALIDATING ITS BY-LAW IMPOSING A REGULATORY LEVY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FINANCING OF MUNICIPAL TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURES**
18. **NEW AFFAIRS**
19. **QUESTION PERIOD**
20. **CLOSING OF THE SITTING**

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ADOPTION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MINUTES OF THE SITTING HELD ON OCTOBER 17TH 2023

It is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Jean-Roger Dumas** and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the sitting held on October 17th 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 OCTOBER 2023

It is proposed by **Mitchell Lawless**, seconded by **Jean-Roger Dumas** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the list of cheques issued and the non-reducible expenses paid during the month of October 2023 in the respective amount of **\$129 217.12** for general administration and **\$29 896.99** for the payroll.

2023-132

DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE PAYABLE ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023

It is proposed by **Mitchell Lawless**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the payable accounts for the month of October 2023 in the amount of **\$71 636.54**

2023-133

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

It is proposed by **Mitchell Lawless**, seconded by **Jean-Roger Dumas** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the budgetary report, transfers, and credit commitments for the months of October and November 2023 in the respective amounts of **\$184 165.35** and **\$261 859.79**

DEPOSIT OF THE TAX ARREARS REPORT AS OF THE 31ST OF OCTOBER 2023

The General Director deposited and commented on the tax arrears reports as of the 31st of October 2023 as **\$417 204.19**



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

It is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Jean-Roger Dumas** 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

2023-135

**NOTICE OF MOTION OF A BY-LAW ESTABLISHING THE REAL ESTATE TAX
RATE AND TARIFFS FOR THE 2024 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 real estate tax rate and tariffs for the 2024 fiscal year of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon. A draft of this By-Law is hereby presented.

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**NOTICE OF MOTION OF A BY-LAW ESTABLISHING THE METHODS OF
PAYMENT AND INTEREST RATE FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON**

Notice of motion is hereby given by the councillor **Jean-Roger Dumas** at a subsequent sitting he shall present a By-Law project establishing the methods of payment and interest rate for the 2024 fiscal year of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon. A draft of this By-Law is hereby presented.

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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.

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ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETARY PREVISIONS FOR THE ELECTORAL STAFF

WHEREAS the law on election and referendums foresees that election staff are remunerated;

WHEREAS the municipal council can adopt by resolution the budgetary provisions or the electoral staff;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Jean-Roger Dumas** and unanimously resolved to adopt the budgetary provisions of **\$7 433.18** for the electoral staff:

Returning officer		\$2 000.00
Election clerk		\$1 500.00
Returning officers assistant		\$1 000.00
Member of the commission for the revision of the electoral list	\$21.35/hour	\$213.50
Secretary of the commission for the revision of the electoral list	\$21.35/hour	\$213.50
Agent Revisor	\$18.30/hour	\$183.00

The remuneration for the Returning Officer, Election Clerk and Returning Officer Assistant are recommended by the General Director of the elections and published in the Official Gazette of Quebec, on January 7th, 2023.



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For the polling day:

Deputy returning officers	4 X (\$190.60) \$19.06/hour	\$762.40
Poll Clerks	4 X (\$183.00) \$18.30/hour	\$732.00
President and member of the verification table	1 X (\$152.50) \$15.25/hour	\$152.50
Primo	1 X (\$190.60) \$19.06 hour	\$190.60

For the itinerant poll:

Deputy returning officers	\$19.06/hour	\$57.18
Poll Clerks	\$18.30/hour	\$54.90

For the advance poll:

Deputy returning officers	\$19.06/hour	\$190.60
Poll Clerks	\$18.30/hour	\$183.00

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FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CORPORATION DE DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE EST-OUEST, BLANC-SABLON REGION FOR THE YEAR 2024

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 2024;

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

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by Mitchell Lawless, seconded by Jean-Roger Dumas 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 2024;

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

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.



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**DEPOSIT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE APPLICATION OF CONTRACTUAL
MANAGEMENT BY-LAW 2023**

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.

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**BY-LAW NO. 2023-R-007 AMENDING BY-LAW NO. 2016-R-003 DECREERING THE
IMPOSITION OF A TAX TO FINANCE 9-1-1 EMERGENCY CENTERS**

It is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Mitchell Lawless** and unanimously resolved to decree the following:

1. Section 2 of By-Law No. 2016-R-003 is replaced by the following:

As of January 1, 2024, a tax is imposed on the provision of a telephone service, the amount of which is, for each telephone service, of \$0.52 per month per telephone number or, in the case of a multiline service other than a Centrex service, per outgoing access line.

2. By-Law No. 2009-R-003 is amended by inserting the following after section 2:

The amount of the tax is indexed, on January 1st of each year beginning in 2025, according to the rate corresponding to the annual variation in the overall average consumer price index for Quebec, excluding alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, smokers' supplies and recreational cannabis, for the 12-month period ending June 30th of the year preceding the year for which the amount of the tax is to be indexed.

This amount, thus indexed, is decreased to the nearest cent if it includes a fraction of a cent less than \$0.005; it is increased to the nearest cent if it includes a fraction of a cent equal to or greater than \$0.005.

The result of this indexation corresponds to the amount published by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy in Part 1 of the Gazette officielle du Québec, in accordance with article 2.1 of the règlement encadrant la taxe municipale pour le 9-1-1 (chapter F-2.1, r. 14).

3. The present by-law will come into force according to the law.

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**MANDATE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BLANC-SABLON TO CLICSÉQR - REVENU QUÉBEC (NEQ 8828277382)**

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality must appoint authorized representatives of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon to Revenu Québec (ClicSÉQR) "Mon dossier" for businesses;

WHEREAS it is necessary to appoint representatives of the Municipality to Revenu Québec (ClicSÉQR);

WHEREAS Revenu Québec (ClicSÉQR) now requires that the resolution appointing the Municipality's representatives be adopted by the Municipal Council;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Mitchell Lawless**, seconded by **Jean-Roger Dumas** and unanimously resolved that the Council authorize Karine Benoit, General Director, and Laura Lavalée, Assistant Director, to:



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- Register the company with Revenu Québec;
- Manage the company's registration with ClicSÉCUR - Entreprises;
- Manage the company's registration in Mon dossier pour les entreprises and, generally, to do all that is useful and necessary for this purpose;
- Fulfill the roles and assume the responsibilities of the person responsible for electronic services as described in the terms of use of My Business Account, in particular by granting authorization or power of attorney to the company's users, as well as to other companies;
- To consult the company's file and to act in the name of and on behalf of the company, for all taxation periods and years (past, current and future), including the power to participate in any negotiations with Revenu Québec, with respect to all information that Revenu Québec holds about the company for the application or enforcement of tax laws, the Excise Tax Act and the Act to Facilitate the Payment of Support, by communicating with Revenu Québec by all available means of communication (by telephone, in person, by mail and using online services.

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SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF PERCÉ - APPEAL OF THE QUEBEC SUPERIOR COURT JUDGMENT INVALIDATING ITS BY-LAW IMPOSING A REGULATORY LEVY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FINANCING OF MUNICIPAL TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURES

WHEREAS on September 28, 2021, the Ville de Percé adopted By-law number 575-2021 imposing a regulatory fee to contribute to the financing of municipal tourism infrastructures;

WHEREAS By-law number 575-2021 was amended by By-laws number 581-2022, 590-2022 and 600-2022 adopted respectively on February 8, 2022, April 5, 2022 and June 14, 2022;

WHEREAS this by-law was adopted under the new powers granted to municipalities by sections 500.6 et seq. of the Cities and Towns Act and 1000.6 et seq. of the Quebec Municipal Code;

WHEREAS by-law number 575-2021 was the subject of an application for nullity (judicial review), which was filed with the Superior Court of Quebec on June 2, 2022;

WHEREAS the said application for nullity was heard by the Superior Court on January 17 and 18, 2023;

WHEREAS the judgment of the Superior Court was rendered on June 16, 2023;

WHEREAS in this judgment, the Court:

[76] **DECLARES** Bylaw number 575-2021 imposing a regulatory levy to contribute to the financing of municipal tourism infrastructures null and void, in particular from September 28, 2021 to June 14, 2022, for all merchants as defined in the bylaw at section 3(2°) since it is illegal;



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[77] DECLARES By-law number 600-2022 amending By-law number 571-2021 imposing a regulatory levy to contribute to the financing of municipal tourism infrastructures in order to amend certain provisions null and void for all merchants as defined in the by-law at article 3(2°) since it is illegal;

WHEREAS this judgment, as drafted, greatly compromises the power of all Quebec municipalities to implement regulatory fees of any kind;

WHEREAS the Ville de Percé has decided to appeal this judgment;

WHEREAS the Union des municipalités du Québec has supported the Ville de Percé, stating: "The case brought by the Ville de Percé is indeed crucial, according to the Union, because its outcome could have major repercussions on the application of general powers in the area of regulatory fees, for all Quebec municipalities";

WHEREAS the Ville de Percé needs the support of all Quebec municipalities in its efforts to have the validity of its by-law imposing a regulatory fee recognized;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon is also of the opinion that this case presents issues of interest to all Quebec municipalities;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Jean-Roger Dumas** and unanimously resolve that the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon:

Support the Ville de Percé in its efforts to have the legality of its by-law imposing a tourist royalty recognized.

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 **Mitchell Lawless**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to close the present sitting at 8:30 P.M.


Jarvin Joncas, Acting Mayor


Karine Benoit, General Director