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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 February 17th 2026, 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: Jarvin Joncas
 Alexis Beaudoin
 Laurette Willcott
 Jeremy Griffin
 Johanne V. Beaudoin

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.

2026-023

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 **Jeremy Griffin** and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda as read.

AGENDA

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19. NAMING AN ELECTED MEMBER TO SIT ON THE ADO-CITÉ COMMITTEE
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2026-024

ADOPTION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MINUTES OF THE SITTING HELD ON JANUARY 20TH 2026

It is proposed by **Alexis Beaudoin**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the sittings held on January 20th 2026 with exemption of reading.

2026-025

DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE CHEQUES ISSUED AND THE NON-REDUCIBLE EXPENSES PAID DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026

It is proposed by **Laurette Willcott**, 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 January 2026 in the respective amount of \$ 100 259.21 for general administration and \$ 31 391.32 for the payroll.

2026-026

DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE PAYABLE ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026

It is proposed by **Jeremy Griffin**, seconded by **Alexis Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the payable accounts for the month of January 2026 in the amount of \$ 14 530.51.

2026-027

DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETARY REPORTS, TRANSFERS, AND CREDIT COMMITMENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2026

It is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Laurette Willcott** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the budgetary reports, transfers, and credit commitments for the months of January and February 2026 in the respective amounts of \$ 128 954.62 and \$ 201 555.00.

DEPOSIT OF THE TAX ARREARS REPORT AS OF THE 31ST JANUARY 2026

The General Director deposited and commented on the tax arrears report as of the 31st of January 2026 as \$ 1 565 335.19.



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**ADOPTION OF BY-LAW NUMBER 2026-R-001 CONCERNING THE
OCCUPANCY AND MAINTENANCE 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 occupancy and maintenance of buildings;

WHEREAS a notice of motion concerning the by-law was filed on December 16th, 2025;

WHEREAS a copy of this 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 by-law and its scope;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Laurette Willcott**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and unanimously resolved:

THAT the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon adopt the by-law bearing number 2026-R-001 concerning the occupancy and maintenance of buildings, which, annexed hereto, forms an integral part of the present resolution as if it were reproduced here at length.

2026-029

NOMINATION OF AN ACTING MAYOR

It is proposed **Alexis Beaudoin**, seconded by **Jeremy Griffin** and unanimously resolved to mandate the councillor **Jarvin Joncas** as Acting Mayor for the months of March, April, and May 2026.

2026-030

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE
MINISTERIAL PROGRAM FOR THE REINFORCEMENT OF THE
SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF THE MRC OF THE GOLFE-DU-
SAINT-LAURENT**

WHEREAS the work in progress under the Sectorial agreement for the reinforcement of support of the municipalities of the MRC of the Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent 2023-2028;

WHEREAS the main purpose of this agreement is to strengthen the support of municipalities in terms of municipal management, land use planning and local development;

WHEREAS the Municipality wishes to continue initiatives aimed at revitalizing villages.

WHEREAS the subsidy program of the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation (MAMH) for the reinforcement of the support of the municipalities of the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent;

WHEREAS we have received quotes for a total amount of \$ 13 202.87 including taxes;

WHEREAS the Municipality will pay an amount of \$ 1 320.29;



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CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Laurette Willcott** and unanimously resolved to mandate Ms. Laura Lavallee, Assistant General Director, to submit a request for financial assistance for an amount of \$ 13 202.87 to the MRC, within the framework of the Sectorial agreement for the reinforcement of support of the municipalities of the MRC of the Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent, to continue initiatives aimed at revitalizing villages, and to authorize Ms. Laura Lavallee to sign and transmit all documents pertaining to the said request for financial assistance.

2026-031

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE OFFER FROM LOUIS BOURQUE, ENGINEER, FOR THE REALIZATION OF THE QUARTERLY FOLLOW-UP REPORTS (4) ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE 53.0.1 OF THE BY-LAW ON THE QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$ 4 600 PLUS TAXES

It is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Alexis Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to accept the professional service offer from Louis Bourque, engineer, for the realization of the quarterly follow-up reports (4) according to the article 53.01.1 of the by-law on the quality of drinking water for a lump sum of \$ 4 600 plus taxes.

2026-032

COMMITMENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON TO CARRY OUT THE ACTIONS IDENTIFIED IN ITS SUPPORT PLAN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECTORAL AGREEMENT TO STRENGTHEN THE SUPPORT OF THE MRC DU GOLFE-DU-SAINT-LAURENT'S MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS the work in progress within the framework of the 2023-2028 sectoral agreement to strengthen the support of the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent's municipalities;

WHEREAS that this Agreement aims mainly at reinforcing the support of the municipalities from the point of view of municipal management, land use planning and local development, by documenting the current portrait as well as the challenges and needs of the municipalities and identifying their support priorities;

WHEREAS the necessary collaboration between the Municipality and the MRC to achieve this and the active participation of the Municipality in the development and implementation of its support plan;

WHEREAS that the development of the above-mentioned plan, through close collaboration with the Municipality and its partners, has allowed the identification of priorities and actions to be implemented to ensure the strengthening of the Municipality's support in matters of municipal management, land use planning and local development;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Jeremy Griffin**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, and unanimously resolved the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon undertakes to deploy the efforts required to achieve the results set out in its support plan, in line with the best interests of the Municipality and in accordance with the agreement in force, and that the planning of its activities be consistent with the achievement of such objectives.

2026-033

ACCEPTANCE OF THE SERVICE OFFER FROM TETRA-TECH FOR THE VALIDATION OF EXISTING SOURCE "A" FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE DRINKING WATER INTAKE

It was proposed by **Jeremy Griffin**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and unanimously resolved to accept the service offer from Tetra-Tech in the amount of \$ 8 300, plus taxes, for the validation of existing source "A" for the redevelopment of the drinking water intake, including miscellaneous addendum.



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2026-034

**ADOPTION OF THE MUNICIPAL WATER ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN
AND AUTHORIZATION TO FILE DOCUMENTS WITH THE MAMH**

WHEREAS the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon recognizes the importance of effectively managing its municipal assets to ensure their long-term sustainability;

WHEREAS the asset management plan aims to implement the activities necessary to maintain assets in a condition that allows them to provide sustainable, high-quality services to citizens;

WHEREAS the asset management plan (AMP) contributes to achieving the Municipality's strategic objectives and providing sustainable, high-quality services in accordance with the agreed-upon service level;

WHEREAS the Municipality has reviewed the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Ministry) guide on the AMP and related tools and understands each part of the AMP;

WHEREAS the AMP maximizes the efficiency of human and financial resources by identifying priority assets and proactively planning expenditures;

WHEREAS the implementation of the AMP will contribute to the resilience and sustainability of municipal infrastructure;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Alexis Beaudoin**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, and unanimously resolved that the Municipal Council approve the document "Municipal Water Asset Management Plan" and authorize the filing of the documents with the Department.

2026-035

**OFFER OF SERVICE FROM AVIZO EXPERTS-CONSEILS - TO TAKE
FLOW MEASUREMENTS TO VALIDATE THE CAPACITY OF THE
SOURCE "A" FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE DRINKING WATER
INTAKE**

WHEREAS the service offer is below the contractual management regulation threshold;

WHEREAS the service offer meets our expectations;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Laurette Willcott**, seconded by **Alexis Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to mandate Avizo Experts-Conseils to take flow measurements to validate the capacity of source "A" for the redevelopment of the drinking water intake, in the amount of **\$ 22 930.00 plus applicable taxes**.

2026-036

**MODIFICATION REQUEST FOR THE TECQ GUIDE 2024-2028
CONCERNING GRANULAR REFILLING**

WHEREAS the Guide to the terms and conditions for the payment of government contributions under the 2024-2028 Quebec Water and Community Infrastructure Transfer Program (TECQ), published in July 2024, provided that granular resurfacing of local roads was considered eligible work, without specifying thickness;



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WHEREAS the Guide to the terms and conditions for the payment of government contributions under the Quebec Water and Community Infrastructure Transfer Program (TECQ) 2024-2028, published in July 2024, provided that granular resurfacing of local roads was considered eligible work, without specifying a thickness;

WHEREAS the new TECQ guide, published in January 2026, now specifies that granular resurfacing must reach a minimum thickness of 300 mm (30 cm) to be eligible;

WHEREAS this thickness represents a considerable amount, which is more akin to a complete reconstruction of a gravel road than to traditional granular resurfacing;

WHEREAS no standard prescribes a mandatory minimum thickness for granular resurfacing in the documents of the Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility or in standard BNQ 2560-114/2014 R 2024. However, the Ministry's documents—notably Volume VI, Chapter 2, Standard 2204—instead specify a maximum thickness of 300 mm (30 cm).

WHEREAS the granular resurfacing normally carried out on the local road network generally varies between 4 and 6 inches (100 to 150 mm), which is standard practice for the maintenance of rural roads;

WHEREAS applying a thickness of 300 mm has several major drawbacks, including:

- a significant raising of the road surface, creating problematic differences in elevation with private driveways and property access points;
- instability of the road surface due to an excessive amount of material, even if it is compacted;
- an increased risk of material dispersal into ditches, causing obstructions and poor rainwater drainage;
- a significant increase in material, transportation, and labor costs, making this work difficult for rural municipalities to sustain;
- accelerated deterioration of roads due to longer consolidation times and lower load-bearing capacity during the stabilization period;
- additional work required to adapt and extend culverts and private driveways, generating additional costs for citizens and the municipality;

WHEREAS this new requirement imposes an administrative, financial, and operational burden on rural municipalities that was not anticipated when the TECQ 2024-2028 program was adopted;

WHEREAS maintaining granular resurfacing without a mandatory minimum thickness, as before, would allow municipalities to better adapt their interventions to the reality of soil conditions, climate conditions, and municipal budgets;

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

THAT the municipal council formally request that the Government of Quebec amend the TECQ 2024-2028 guide, published in January 2026, to remove the requirement for a minimum thickness of 300 mm for granular resurfacing and return to a formulation without quantitative specifications, leaving it up to municipalities to determine the necessary thickness according to their local context.



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THAT the municipal council seek the support of the Fédération québécoise des municipalités (FQM), the Union des municipalités du Québec (UMQ), and all Quebec municipalities in order to support this joint request to amend the guide.

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- the FQM;
- the UMQ;
- all municipalities in Quebec;
- the provincial representative for the riding of Johnson;
- the federal representative for the riding of Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot-Acton;
- the MRC d'Acton.

2026-037

DENUNCIATION OF CUTS TO THE SUMMER JOBS CANADA PROGRAM 2026

WHEREAS the Summer Jobs Canada program provides financial support for the hiring of young people aged 15 to 30, enabling municipalities to offer local services, particularly in the areas of recreation and culture;

WHEREAS young people hired through this program are mainly assigned to essential services such as municipal day camps, which enable parents to balance work and family responsibilities during the summer;

WHEREAS the anticipated cuts to the program for 2026 will significantly reduce the ability of municipalities to offer these services;

WHEREAS the inconsistencies between the Quebec government's and the Canadian government's policies on integrating young people into the labor market create ambiguous situations and hinder municipal planning;

WHEREAS maintaining and improving services to citizens requires predictable and equitable support from the federal government;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Laurette Willcott**, and unanimously resolved to denounce the cuts to the Canada Summer Jobs program for 2026, which directly affect services offered to families and youth;

THAT the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon ask the Government of Canada to maintain funding for the program in order to ensure the continuation of municipal summer jobs and the public services that depend on them;

THAT the Municipality forward a copy of this resolution to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Employment, the relevant federal and provincial members of parliament, the Fédération québécoise des municipalités, the Union des municipalités du Québec, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, as well as other municipalities in Quebec, in order to obtain their support.



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2026-038

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE OFFER FROM VÉRONIQUE ST-ONGE FROM ÉCO-CONSEIL SYMBIOS, FOR THE PREPARATION OF A FUNDING APPLICATION FOR A RECYCLING PROJECT WITH RECYC-QUÉBEC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1 980 PLUS TAXES

WHEREAS the service offer is below the contractual management regulation threshold;

WHEREAS the service offer meets our expectations;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Alexis Beaudoin**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and unanimously resolved to accept the professional service offer from Véronique St-Onge, for the preparation of a funding application for a recycling project with Recyc-Québec in the amount of \$ 1 980 plus taxes and to authorize M. Colin Shattler to sign and transmit all documents pertaining to the said request for financial assistance.

2026-039

NAMING AN ELECTED MEMBER TO SIT ON THE ADO-CITÉ COMMITTEE

It is proposed by **Jeremy Griffin**, seconded by **Alexis Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to mandate the Councillor **Laurette Willcott** as municipal representative to sit on the Ado-Cité committee. This resolution repeals resolution 2026-013.

NEW AFFAIRS

There were no new affairs.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

2026-040

CLOSING OF THE SITTING

It is proposed by **Alexis 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