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Notation No.

2026-074

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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 19th 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: Dany Gaudreault
 Jarvin Joncas
 Johanne V. Beaudoin

Karine Benoit, Director General 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.

READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda as read.

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ADOPTION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MINUTES OF THE SITTING HELD ON APRIL 21st 2026

It is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the sittings held on April 21st 2026 with exemption of reading.

2026-076

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

It is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the list of cheques issued and the non-reducible expenses paid during the month of April 2026 in the respective amount of \$ 129 886.69 for general administration and \$ 32 714.50 for the payroll.

2026-077

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

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 April 2026 in the amount of \$ 20 849.30.

2026-078

DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETARY REPORTS, TRANSFERS, AND CREDIT COMMITMENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY 2026

It is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the budgetary reports, transfers, and credit commitments for the months of April and May 2026 in the respective amounts of \$ 185 942.06 and \$ 336 783.00.

DEPOSIT OF THE TAX ARREARS REPORT AS OF APRIL 30th 2026

The Director General deposited and commented on the tax arrears report as of April 30th 2026 as \$ 1 083 312.69.

2026-079

NOMINATION OF AN ACTING MAYOR

It is proposed **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to mandate the councillor **Johanne V. Beaudoin** as Acting Mayor for the months of June, July, and August 2026



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**NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT A PROJECT BY-LAW ON
CONTRACTUAL MANAGEMENT**

A notice of motion is hereby given by Councilor **Dany Gaudreault** that at a subsequent meeting will be submitting by-law 2026-R-005 on Contractual Management and asks that the reading of the by-law be dispensed with, a copy having been given to all members of Council

2026-081

**ADOPTION OF PROJECT BY-LAW 2026-R-005 ON CONTRACTUAL
MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS by-law number 2024-R-005 on contract management was adopted by the Municipality on November 19th, 2024, in accordance with article 938.1.2 of the Municipal Code of Québec ("MC");

WHEREAS following the entry into force, on April 1, 2026, of the new Act respecting contracts of municipal bodies, it is necessary to amend these Contract Management by-laws;

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

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

THAT the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon adopt the project by-law bearing number 2026-R-005 on Contractual Management, which, appended hereto, forms an integral part of the present resolution as if it were reproduced here at length.

2026-082

**NECESSARY REVISION OF THE DRAFT REGULATION ON AGRO-
ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES**

WHEREAS land use planning is a political responsibility shared among various levels of government, particularly the municipal level, which plays a leading role in this regard;

WHEREAS all MRCs are currently developing climate plans and revising their land-use plans to comply with the new government guidelines on land use planning (OGAT), in effect since December 2024, and to ensure the resilience of their communities in the face of the challenges posed by climate change;

WHEREAS these guidelines stipulate, in particular, that the MRCs must ensure the protection, availability, and quality of water; the conservation of natural environments; the maintenance of forest cover to ensure ecological connectivity and the protection of biodiversity; as well as the development of agricultural activities;



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- WHEREAS** the draft regulation on Agri-Environmental Practices, intended to replace the Regulation on Agricultural Operations, was developed without consulting municipal representatives or taking into account the land-use planning process;
- WHEREAS** the draft regulation is inconsistent with Guideline 2 of the OGAT, which aims to ensure the conservation of ecosystems and promote sustainable and integrated water resource management;
- WHEREAS** this bylaw would result in the conversion of large areas of forest cover into agricultural land, without adequate oversight or consideration of local conditions, and this decision runs counter to the government's stated intent (OGAT Expectation 2.2.2) to limit the fragmentation of forest cover;
- WHEREAS** by introducing the principle of precedence, this regulation would have the effect of stripping MRCs and municipalities of the power to regulate riparian zones in agricultural areas in order to protect the water of lakes and watercourses;
- WHEREAS** the loss of this authority to intervene will result in significant and immediate environmental setbacks in several areas and jeopardize the efforts and investments made to improve the water quality of watercourses;
- WHEREAS** in many municipalities, the majority of watercourses are located in agricultural zones;
- WHEREAS** lifting the moratorium may promote the development of new agricultural activities and the vitality of communities, provided that the opening of new land for cultivation complies with municipal regulations and regional planning;
- WHEREAS** any new land development must ensure the conservation of water resources, the protection of the environment and biodiversity, and be consistent with climate change adaptation measures;
- WHEREAS** lifting the moratorium on the conversion of new parcels to agricultural use, as proposed in the draft regulation, could exacerbate the water supply challenges observed in several regions, with significant consequences for several economic sectors, including agriculture;
- WHEREAS** this regulation will also have the effect of hindering the implementation of regional wetland and water plans, the alignment of which with land use plans is a requirement of the Act affirming the collective nature of water resources and promoting better governance of water and associated environments (Chapter C-6.2);
- WHEREAS** the municipal sector, including the Fédération québécoise des municipalités, has raised numerous concerns regarding the proposed regulation, particularly with respect to sections 7, 51 to 54, and 104 to 106.
- WHEREAS** the positive results achieved in several municipalities and MRCs regarding the establishment of riparian strips, the protection of wetlands, and significant improvements in water quality all have in common a collaborative effort with farmers that is part of a sustainable vision for land use planning;



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WHEREAS under the modernized regulatory framework for water resources management, which came into effect on March 1, 2026, the government has reaffirmed the importance of allowing municipalities to designate expanded shorelines, and that this commitment is also reflected in the invitation it extends to the MRCs through the OGATs (expectation 2.2.2) to provide for additional protection measures for expanded shorelines;

WHEREAS it is important to adopt a coordinated approach tailored to the diverse realities of the region;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas**, and unanimously resolved:

TO REQUEST that the Minister of the Environment, Climate Change, Wildlife, and Parks, Ms. Pascale Déry, suspend the adoption process for this regulation in order to significantly revise it, this time involving the municipal sector in the process;

More Specifically:

- **TO** waive the precedence of this regulation over any municipal by-law aimed at enhanced environmental protection, particularly of our water resources (sections 7, 104 to 106);
- **TO** link the expansion of cultivated areas to the land-use planning process and compliance with territorial plans, which are developed in consultation with all local stakeholders (sections 52 to 54).

TO FORWARD a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Quebec, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Member of the National Assembly representing our riding, the Ministry of the Environment, and the Quebec Federation of Municipalities.

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AUTHORIZING WORK TO HOOK UP TO THE WATER AND SEWER NETWORK FOR KARLA ROBERT AND TYLER ROBERTSON ON POINTE-AU-POT STREET – DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF THE BUDGET

It is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to authorize work to hook up to the water and sewer network for Karla Roberts and Tyler Robertson on Pointe-au-Pot Street and depending on availability of the budget

2026-084

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN – FIRE DISPATCH SERVICE CONTRACT WITH CAUREQ

WHEREAS the Eastern Quebec Emergency Call Center (CAUREQ) provides a Secondary Emergency Communications Center (CSCU) service for the dispatch of fire calls;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon must provide an emergency call response service within its territory;

WHEREAS the Municipality wishes to entrust the dispatch of fire calls to a specialized organization in order to ensure an efficient, continuous service that complies with legal requirements;



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WHEREAS a service contract has been agreed upon between the Municipality and CAUREQ for the provision of fire call dispatch services;

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

THAT the municipal council approve the contract to be entered into between the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon and the Emergency Call Center for the Eastern Regions of Quebec (CAUREQ) regarding the provision of a fire call dispatch service;

THAT this contract be entered into for a term in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth;

THAT the Mayor and the Director General be authorized to sign, for and on behalf of the Municipality, said contract as well as any document necessary to give full effect to this resolution;

THAT the Municipality undertake to fulfill its obligations under this contract;

THAT a certified true copy of this resolution be sent to CAUREQ and attached to the contract as an appendix.

2026-085

**AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN – 9-1-1 EMERGENCY CALL CENTER SERVICE
CONTRACT WITH CAUREQ**

WHEREAS the Emergency Call Center for the Eastern Regions of Quebec (CAUREQ) provides a 9-1-1 emergency call center service (9-1-1 ECC);

WHEREAS the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon is responsible for ensuring that its territory is served by a 9-1-1 emergency call center;

WHEREAS the Municipality wishes to entrust CAUREQ with the management and operation of the 9-1-1 emergency call center for its territory;

WHEREAS a contract has been agreed upon between the parties establishing the terms and conditions for the provision of the service;

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

THAT the municipal Council approve the contract to be entered into between the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon and the Centre d'appel d'urgence des régions de l'Est du Québec (CAUREQ) regarding the provision of a 9-1-1 emergency call-taking service;

THAT this contract be entered into for the term set forth in the terms and conditions;

THAT the Mayor and the Director General be authorized to sign, for and on behalf of the Municipality, said contract as well as any document necessary to give full effect to this resolution;



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THAT the Municipality undertake to fulfill its obligations under this contract;

THAT a certified true copy of this resolution be sent to CAUREQ and attached to the contract as an appendix.

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**ADOPTION OF THE 2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE
MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON**

WHEREAS the Director General has deposited and commented on the 2025 financial statements and the auditor report of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon;

WHEREAS for the 2025 financial year, the firm Mallette Chartered Accountants as prepared our financial statements;

WHEREAS that these reports as been deposited by the Director General to the Council;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to adopt the 2025 financial statements of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon and the Auditors report prepared by the firm Mallette, Chartered Accountants.

2026-087

SCHOLARSHIPS

WHEREAS Mgr. Scheffer 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;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and unanimously resolved to allocate **FIFTY DOLLARS (\$ 50.00)** as a scholarship to be given to four students in secondary five of Mgr. Scheffer School who will continue their studies at a college or professional level in September 2026.

2026-088

**TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF A MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE FOR
JUST AND SUFFICIENT CAUSE**

WHEREAS the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon is a municipal body duly constituted under the laws of Quebec;

WHEREAS Jody Letemplier has been employed as a snow removal operator by the Municipality since November 1, 2025;

WHEREAS breaches of duty have been observed on the part of Mr. Letemplier;

WHEREAS Mr. Letemplier was interviewed and the Municipal Council of Blanc-Sablon duly deliberated on this matter and decided to proceed with the dismissal of Mr. Letemplier for just and sufficient cause.

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

TO proceed with the dismissal of Jody Letemplier, snow removal operator, for just and sufficient cause, effective March 24, 2026;



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TO instruct the Director General of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon to deliver the termination letter to Mr. Letemplier and to take all necessary administrative measures resulting from this decision;

TO request that Mr. Letemplier return all equipment, access cards, keys, or property belonging to the Municipality.

2026-089

**HIRING OF A PERSON FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND DE-ICING WORK -
TEMPORARY POSITION**

WHEREAS the Municipality must ensure the removal of snow and ice from municipal roads and parking lots during the winter season;

WHEREAS it is necessary to hire a dedicated person to perform these essential tasks;

WHEREAS this position is seasonal in nature, corresponding to the winter period;

WHEREAS the Municipality has the necessary budgetary appropriations for this position;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to hire **Mr. Nathan Buckle** as an employee for snow removal and de-icing of municipal streets from March 25th 2026, to April 30th 2026, according to the conditions established in the Human Resources Policy and that the remuneration be set at \$ 37.50 per hour for a 40-hour work week.

2026-090

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MODERNIZATION OF THE QUÉBEC
BORDER WELCOME SIGN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON AND
THE DEVELOPMENT OF A VISITOR REST AREA AT THE LABRADOR-
QUÉBEC BORDER**

WHEREAS since the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of tourists visiting our region has steadily increased;

WHEREAS with the new Expedition 51 route, the number of visitors entering the region via the Labrador Highway has risen significantly;

WHEREAS the current “Bonjour Québec” sign located at the Labrador–Québec border is outdated and no longer reflects the standards of other Québec border crossings;

WHEREAS the sign located at the Blanc-Sablon ferry terminal is more modern and consistent with the signage used at other provincial border crossings;

WHEREAS the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has invested in a new modern welcome sign as well as a large parking and rest area where visitors can stop and enjoy views overlooking the Strait of Belle Isle;

WHEREAS the proposed location for a new Québec welcome sign and rest area would provide visitors with a spectacular view of Blanc-Sablon Bay and the surrounding islands;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to request that the Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable (MTMD) remove the current “Bonjour Québec” sign located at the Labrador–Québec border and replace it with a new modern “Bienvenue au Québec” sign similar to those found at other Québec border crossings;



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MTMD establish a parking and rest area at the same location, allowing visitors to stop, rest, and appreciate the beauty and scenery of our territory.

SERVICE AGREEMENT – WINTER MAINTENANCE OF MUNICIPAL ROADS ON DEMAND - EXERCISE OF THE RENEWAL OPTION

WHEREAS the Municipality proceeded with public tender 2025-075 for winter maintenance services of municipal roads (the “Contract”);

WHEREAS following this process, the Contract was awarded to Construction FHD Inc. (the “Contractor”);

WHEREAS the Contract provides that upon the expiry of the initial term of one (1) year, it may be renewed for an additional period of one (1) year, under the terms and conditions set out therein;

WHEREAS the exercise of this option is conditional upon the transmission of a written notice to the Contractor before June 30, 2026;

WHEREAS the Municipality is considering the exercise of the renewal option provided for in the Contract;

WHEREAS the Municipality nevertheless considers it necessary to carry out a more in-depth analysis before making a final decision in this regard;

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

THAT the Municipality authorize the Mayor Colin Shattler to carry out the required analysis and to decide, if applicable, on the exercise of the renewal option;

THAT the exercise of the renewal option, if applicable, shall take effect only upon the transmission of a written notice to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the Contract;

THAT Mme Karine Benoit, Director General, be authorized to sign and transmit, for and on behalf of the Municipality, any document required to give effect to the present resolution;

THAT this expenditure, if applicable, be charged to the appropriate budget items.

NEW AFFAIRS

There were no new affairs.



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QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

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CLOSING OF THE SITTING

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



Colin Shattler, Mayor



Karine Benoit, Director General