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Formules Municipales No 5614-MYST

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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON

Minutes of the regular municipal council sitting of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon held on April 21st 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
 Jeremy Griffin
 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.

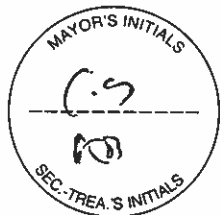
READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

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

AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE SITTING
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ADOPTION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MINUTES OF THE SITTING HELD ON MARCH 17TH 2026

It is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Jeremy Griffin** and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the sittings held on March 17th 2026 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 MARCH 2026

It is proposed by **Jeremy Griffin**, 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 March 2026 in the respective amount of \$ 114 305.69 for general administration and \$ 31 993.38 for the payroll.

2026-058

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

It is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the payable accounts for the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$ 13 111.92.

2026-059

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

It is proposed by **Jeremy Griffin**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the budgetary reports, transfers, and credit commitments for the months of March and April 2026 in the respective amounts of \$ 161 156.75 and \$ 262 205.00.

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

The Director General deposited and commented on the tax arrears report as of March 31st 2026 as \$ 1 200 451.58.

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ADOPTION OF BY-LAW NUMBER 2026-R-002 ADOPTION OF THE CODE OF ETHICS AND GOOD CONDUCTS OF THE ELECTED MEMBERS

WHEREAS on February 15, 2022, the Municipal Council adopted Bylaw No. 2022-R-001 enacting a Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Elected Officials;



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- WHEREAS** pursuant to section 13 of the Act respecting ethics and professional conduct in municipal matters, RLRQ c. E-15.1.0.1 (hereinafter the “LEDMM”), every municipality must, before May 1 following any general election, adopt a revised code of ethics and professional conduct to replace the one in force, with or without amendments;
- WHEREAS** a general election was held on November 2, 2025, and it is therefore necessary to adopt a revised code of ethics and professional conduct for elected officials;
- WHEREAS** the formalities provided for in the LEDMM for the adoption of such a revised code have been complied with;
- WHEREAS** the Director General states that the purpose of this bylaw is to set out the Municipality's core values in terms of ethics and the rules of professional conduct that must guide the conduct of a person as a member of the Municipal Council, a committee or a commission of the Municipality or, in their capacity as a member of the Municipal Council, of another body;
- WHEREAS** these by-laws are adopted pursuant to section 13 of the Act respecting ethics and professional conduct in municipal matters, CQLR, c. E-15.1.0.1;
- WHEREAS** the notice of motion was given by Councillor **Jeremy Griffin** at the regular meeting of January 20, 2026;
- WHEREAS** a project by-law was adopted at the regular meeting of March 17th 2026;

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

THAT the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon adopt bylaw number 2026-R-002 concerning the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Elected Officials, which, as an appendix, forms an integral part of this resolution as if it were reproduced here in full.

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ADOPTION OF BY-LAW NUMBER 2026-R-003 ADOPTION OF THE CODE OF ETHICS AND GOOD CONDUCTS OF THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

- WHEREAS** on February 15, 2022, the Municipal Council adopted Bylaw No. 2022-R-002 enacting a Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for municipal employees;
- WHEREAS** pursuant to section 13 of the Act respecting ethics and professional conduct in municipal matters, RLRQ c. E-15.1.0.1 (hereinafter the “LEDMM”), every municipality must, before May 1 following any general election, adopt a revised code of ethics and professional conduct to replace the one in force, with or without amendments;
- WHEREAS** a general election was held on November 2, 2025, and it is therefore necessary to adopt a revised code of ethics and professional conduct for municipal employees;
- WHEREAS** the formalities provided for in the LEDMM for the adoption of such a revised code have been complied with;



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- WHEREAS** the Director General states that the purpose of this bylaw is to set out the Municipality's core values in terms of ethics and the rules of professional conduct that must guide the conduct of a person as a municipal employee, a committee or a commission of the Municipality or, of another body;
- WHEREAS** these bylaws are adopted pursuant to section 13 of the Act respecting ethics and professional conduct in municipal matters, CQLR, c. E-15.1.0.1;
- WHEREAS** the notice of motion was given by Councillor **Alexis Beaudoin** at the regular meeting of January 20, 2026;
- WHEREAS** a project bylaw was adopted at the regular meeting of March 17th 2026;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Jeremy Griffin**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved:

THAT the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon adopt bylaw number 2026-R-003 concerning the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for municipal employees, which, as an appendix, forms an integral part of this resolution as if it were reproduced here in full.

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**ADOPTION OF BY-LAW 2026-R-004 ESTABLISHING RULES FOR BUDGET
CONTROL AND MONITORING**

- WHEREAS** pursuant to the second paragraph of section 960.1 of the Municipal Code of Québec, the council must adopt a bylaw concerning budgetary control and monitoring;
- WHEREAS** this bylaw must provide, in particular, for the means used to ensure the availability of funds prior to any decision authorizing an expenditure, which means may vary depending on the authority granting the expenditure authorization or the type of expenditure planned;
- WHEREAS** under the second paragraph of section 165.1 of the Municipal Code of Québec, an employee commitment is effective only if, in accordance with the bylaw adopted under the second paragraph of section 960.1, appropriations are available for that purpose;
- WHEREAS** under section 961 of the Municipal Code of Québec, a bylaw or resolution of the council authorizing an expenditure is effective only if, in accordance with the bylaw adopted under the second paragraph of section 960.1, appropriations are available for the purposes for which the expenditure is proposed;
- WHEREAS** under the fourth paragraph of section 961.1 of the Municipal Code of Québec, an authorization of expenditure granted under a delegation has effect only if, in accordance with the bylaw adopted under the second paragraph of section 960.1, appropriations are available for that purpose;
- WHEREAS** Section 176.4 of the Municipal Code of Québec and the fifth paragraph of Section 961.1 set out the terms and conditions for reporting to the council for the purposes of budgetary control and monitoring;
- WHEREAS** the notice of motion was given by Councillor **Laurette Willcott** at the regular meeting of March 17th, 2026;



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WHEREAS a project by-law was adopted at the regular meeting of March 17th, 2026;

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

THAT the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon adopt bylaw number 2026-R-004 concerning the rules for budget control and monitoring, which, as an appendix, forms an integral part of this resolution as if it were reproduced here in full.

RENTAL OF MACHINERY AND PURCHASE OF BACKFILL MATERIALS

WHEREAS that there are several suppliers, for the rental of machinery and the sale of backfill materials, on the territory of the Municipality;

WHEREAS that the Municipality has the responsibility to optimize the use of public funds;

WHEREAS that the Municipality must demonstrate transparency and equity, while respecting the established processes;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Jeremy Griffin** and unanimously resolved that the Municipality proceed systematically by tenders, for the rental of machinery and the purchase of backfill materials and, at the end of the process, to retain the lowest bidder, unless an exceptional situation is duly authorized by the General Director.

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CONTINUATION OF THE LAWSUIT FILED BY BILINGUAL MUNICIPALITIES CONTESTING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF AN ACT RESPECTING FRENCH, THE OFFICIAL AND COMMON LANGUAGE OF QUEBEC

WHEREAS the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon has agreed to join as co-plaintiff in a legal action contesting the provisions of Law 96 and is desirous of reiterating the mandate to the law firm Grey Casgrain S.E.N.C.;

WHEREAS the Municipality agrees to share the legal fees and costs with the other co-plaintiffs, on a pro rata basis, established on the basis of population, said fees to be coordinated by the City and paid at the end of each quarter;

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

THAT the Blanc-Sablon Municipal Council hereby reiterates the mandate given to the Law Firm Grey Casgrain S.E.N.C. to represent the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon in its application before the Superior Court to contest certain provisions of Law 96 which affect the rights and obligations of bilingual municipalities;

THAT the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon commits to sharing the legal fees and costs with the other co-plaintiffs, on a pro rata basis, based on the relative size of its population;



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THAT an expenditure not exceeding **\$1.00** per resident of the Municipality be reserved by each of the co-plaintiff municipalities for all necessary expenses to this end to cover the application and pleadings of said proceedings before the Superior Court;

THAT the City of Côte Saint-Luc will receive the payments for the Law Firm Grey Casgrain S.E.N.C. for all legal fees, from all municipalities involved in this action.

MOTION TO AMEND BILL NO. 22 TO REPEAL SECTION 245.1 OF THE ACT RESPECTING LAND USE AND URBAN PLANNING

WHEREAS the Government of Quebec has entrusted regional county municipalities with the mandate to develop wetland and water protection plans and, by extension, has imposed on municipalities the obligation to implement them;

WHEREAS wetland and water protection plans must be approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Climate Change, Wildlife, and Parks to come into effect;

WHEREAS in 2023, the National Assembly granted immunity to local and regional municipalities in the implementation of their wetland and water protection plans by amending section 245 of the Act respecting land use planning and development;

WHEREAS during the clause-by-clause review of the bill amending section 245, a new section was introduced into the Act (245.1), without prior consideration or impact assessment, requiring every municipality, regional county municipality, and metropolitan community to send a notice to every owner of a property (land) affected by an act aimed at protecting wetlands and water bodies;

WHEREAS the provisions of the new section 245.1 require any municipality, regional county municipality, or metropolitan community that wishes to avail itself of the immunity provided for in section 245 to demonstrate that it has sent a notice to all affected property owners;

WHEREAS this procedure, which applies exclusively to wetlands and water bodies, will ensure that all affected property owners receive at least two notices on the same subject, and that those located within the territory of a metropolitan community will receive three;

WHEREAS the obligation to individually send notices to all affected property owners imposes a significant administrative burden and substantial costs on municipalities, regional county municipalities, and metropolitan communities, particularly due to printing and distribution costs, which are exacerbated by the current instability and disruptions in Canada Post services;

WHEREAS the proliferation of notices concerning the same wetland and water protection measure is likely to hinder citizens' understanding, create confusion regarding the actual scope of the measures adopted, and generate dissatisfaction with municipal action;

WHEREAS the exclusive nature of the procedure under section 245.1 and the fact that the obligations set forth in the Act for municipalities and RCMs regarding the provision of information to citizens for this type of measure would have made it possible to effectively reach the affected property owners;



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WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment refuses to impose the same obligations on itself to inform property owners affected by the new flood zone mapping—who are more numerous than those affected by wetlands and water bodies—due to prohibitive costs;

WHEREAS the repeal of section 245.1 of the Act respecting land use planning and development would constitute a real administrative relief for municipalities and RCMs;

WHEREAS on November 27, 2025, the working group on reducing the administrative burden—established pursuant to the Declaration of Reciprocity signed on December 13, 2023, and comprising the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Quebec Federation of Municipalities, the Union of Quebec Municipalities, the City of Montreal, and the City of Quebec, and also involving the Association of Municipal Directors of Quebec, the Association of General Directors of Quebec's RCMs, the Association of General Directors of Quebec Municipalities, and the Corporation of Certified Municipal Officers of Quebec, has agreed to recommend including the repeal of section 245.1 of the Act respecting land use planning and development as a priority measure in a bill;

WHEREAS the Minister of Municipal Affairs, M. Samuel Poulin, introduced Bill No. 22, An Act to enhance the powers of intervention of municipalities and to amend other legislative provisions, on March 25, 2026, without a section repealing section 245.1 of the Land Use Planning and Development Act;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Jeremy Griffin** and unanimously resolved:

THAT the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon request that the members of the National Assembly's Parliamentary Committee on Land Use Planning introduce an amendment to Bill 22 repealing section 245.1 of the Land Use Planning and Urban Planning Act in order to respect the consensus reached between the Ministry and its municipal partners;

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the secretariat of the National Assembly's Parliamentary Committee on Land Use Planning cat@assnat.qc.ca for official distribution to all members of the committee;

THAT a copy of this resolution also be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, M. Samuel Poulin ministre@mam.gouv.qc.ca , to Kateri Champagne Jourdain, the Member of the National Assembly representing the riding of Duplessis Kateri.ChampagneJourdain.DUPL@assnat.qc.ca , and to the Fédération québécoise des municipalités info@fqm.ca .

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**MANDATE THE FIRM AVIZO EXPERTS-CONSEILS INC. TO DO THE
VERIFICATION OF THE WATER METERS**

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

WHEREAS the service offer meets our expectations;



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CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Jeremy Griffin** and resolved unanimously to mandate the firm Avizo Experts-Conseils Inc. to do the verification of the water meters according to the MAMH norms for an amount of **\$ 2 670.00 plus applicable taxes**.

SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF GREENLY ISLAND AS A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA

- WHEREAS** Greenly Island, located near Blanc-Sablon in the Strait of Belle Isle, is recognized as the landing site of the Bremen aircraft, which, in April 1928, successfully completed the first east-to-west transatlantic flight;
- WHEREAS** this event represents a significant milestone in aviation history and marks the point where the transatlantic crossing was completed in the Strait of Belle Isle;
- WHEREAS** Greenly Island is also of historical and cultural significance to the region due to its longstanding role as a maritime navigation point and its connection to maritime and aviation history;
- WHEREAS** the designation of Greenly Island as a National Historic Site of Canada would contribute to the recognition, preservation, and promotion of the heritage of the Lower North Shore;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Jeremy Griffin**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved that the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon officially supports the proposal to designate Greenly Island as a National Historic Site of Canada and that this resolution be forwarded to Parks Canada in support of this proposal.

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REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE BLANC-SABLON CFBS RADIO STATION'S MOTHER'S DAY ACTIVITIES

- WHEREAS** this request meets the parameters of our donation policy;
- CONSEQUENTLY**, it is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to contribute four gift certificates of **\$ 25 each**, for a total amount of **\$ 100.00**, to Blanc-Sablon CFBS Radio station for the Mother's Day activities.

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REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUBSIDIZED SATELLITE INTERNET PROGRAM

- WHEREAS** Operation High-Speed, which ended in March 2024, aimed to bring high-speed Internet access to all Quebec households;
- WHEREAS** thanks to this operation, more than 348,000 households now have access to high-speed Internet service, whereas the initial objective was to reach 250,000 unserved households;
- WHEREAS** regardless of the technology, the service must offer at least 50 Mbps for downloading and 10 Mbps for uploading, with no limit on the amount of data transferred;
- WHEREAS** the Starlink service provides high-speed Internet access in areas where a wired connection is unavailable, notably due to geographical constraints or the absence of an electrical network;



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WHEREAS in 2022, the Quebec government announced a \$50 million investment to connect an additional 10,200 Quebec households to high-speed Internet via the Starlink satellite transmission service;

WHEREAS a further \$9.5 million will be added to the \$50 million announced, to cover the cost of acquiring reception equipment for homes without access to wired Internet networks;

WHEREAS the subsidized satellite program (Starlink) ended on March 31, 2026;

WHEREAS for the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon, the Starlink solution is the only one offering at least 50 Mbps for downloading and 10 Mbps for uploading;

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

TO REQUEST France-Élaine Duranceau, Minister of Cybersecurity and the Digital Economy, to renew the portion of the program that covers the cost of acquiring reception equipment for homes;

TO TRANSMIT a copy of this resolution to Ms. Catherine Blouin, Minister of Family Affairs, and Kateri Champagne-Jourdain, Minister responsible for the North Shore region.

MAINTENANCE OF WILDLIFE PROTECTION OFFICES IN THE GOLFE-DU-SAINT-LAURENT RCM (LA TABATIÈRE AND LOURDES-DE-BLANC-SABLON)

WHEREAS there are seasonal provincial wildlife protection offices in La Tabatière and Lourdes-de-Blanc-Sablon for the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent;

WHEREAS these service points must be recognized by the Ministry of the Environment, Climate Change, Wildlife, and Parks (MELCCFP) as strategic for the Côte-Nord region;

WHEREAS the closure of these offices would have significant consequences for land monitoring, complaint handling, and the fight against poaching;

WHEREAS these two offices are located in a remote and isolated region, and the nearest office is in Havre-Saint-Pierre, more than 350 kilometers from La Tabatière and approximately 500 kilometers from Lourdes-de-Blanc-Sablon, with no road connection to reach them;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon is a region known for its rich wildlife, consequently requiring an increased presence to ensure the protection of resources, support management organizations, and prevent violations;

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WHEREAS the offices in La Tabatière and Lourdes-de-Blanc-Sablon play strategic roles in wildlife management and protection, and it is essential that this role be confirmed by the Ministry, notably through the maintenance of a local office with sufficient human resources;

WHEREAS there are no longer any staff members assigned to the La Tabatière office following retirements;

WHEREAS this situation is causing serious concern among the elected officials of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Jeremy Griffin**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved:

TO REQUEST that the Minister of the Environment, Climate Change, Wildlife, and Parks, Mrs. Pascale Déry, confirm the retention and addition of resources at the Wildlife Protection offices in La Tabatière and Lourdes-de-Blanc-Sablon;

TO FORWARD a copy of this resolution to Ms. Catherine Blouin, Minister of Family Affairs and to Kateri Champagne-Jourdain Minister responsible for the North Shore region, and to Mr. Martin Perreault, Provincial President of the Syndicat des Agents de Protection de la Faune du Québec.

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CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR PROTECTED AREAS

WHEREAS the Natural Heritage Conservation Act, adopted in 2002 by the Government of Quebec, aims to ensure the sustainable protection of natural heritage;

WHEREAS a protected area is a territory designated by law or otherwise to ensure the long-term conservation of biodiversity, ecosystem services, and cultural values;

WHEREAS the Nature Plan 2030 calls for, among other things, the achievement of a protection target of 30% of terrestrial and marine environments by 2030;

WHEREAS as of 2025, Quebec has not yet met these targets, with approximately 17% of its land area and just over 10% of its marine environments protected;

WHEREAS in June 2024, the Government of Quebec launched a call for proposals for protected areas on public land;

WHEREAS every project was required to obtain the support of the relevant RCM in order to be submitted for review;

WHEREAS only one terrestrial project received the support of the Gulf of St. Lawrence RCM and no marine projects were supported;

WHEREAS despite this lack of support, the ministry has formulated proposals for marine areas in this territory;

WHEREAS consultation tables have been established to identify priority territories;

WHEREAS their recommendations must be formally submitted to the Ministry;



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WHEREAS these consultation tables in the Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent RCM are not in favor of establishing marine or terrestrial protected areas in the territories suggested by the Government of Quebec;

WHEREAS the Municipality intends to review these recommendations before making any decision;

WHEREAS several local stakeholders have not yet been consulted and have therefore not been able to express their views;

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

TO CONSULT the MRC du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent and the municipalities within its territory once the consultation process on the selected proposals has been completed, prior to the government's decision;

TO SEND a copy of this resolution to the Minister of the Environment, Climate Change, Wildlife, and Parks, Mrs. Pascale Déry, and to the Minister of Families Ms. Catherine Blouin, and to the Minister responsible for the North Shore region, Ms. Kateri Champagne Jourdain.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENGAGE THE QUEBEC FEDERATION OF MUNICIPALITIES (FQM) TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE

WHEREAS the municipal council of Blanc-Sablon wishes to conduct an in depth analysis of its snow removal service in order to evaluate its efficiency, performance, and costs;

WHEREAS the Fédération québécoise des municipalités (FQM) offers consulting services and recognized expertise in the management of municipal services;

WHEREAS the municipal council deems it appropriate to entrust this mandate to the FQM in order to benefit from an objective and independent analysis;

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

TO AUTHORIZE the Fédération québécoise des municipalités (FQM) to conduct an analysis of the municipality's road maintenance and snow removal service;

TO AUTHORIZE the Mayor to officially initiate proceedings with the FQM, sign any agreement or service contract necessary for the fulfillment of this mandate, and ensure the follow-up of the matter;

THAT the analysis report produced by the FQM be presented to the municipal council upon its receipt.

NEW AFFAIRS

There were no new affairs.

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QUESTION PERIOD

There were multiple questions and complaints directed at the council's decisions regarding the current snow clearing contract.

CLOSING OF THE SITTING

It is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to close the present sitting at 8:15 p.m.



Colin Shattler, Mayor



Karine Benoit, Director General