



Resolution or
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 July 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: Jarvin Joncas
Dany Gaudreault
Laurette Willcott

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.

2026-104

READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** 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 JUNE 16TH 2026
4. DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE CHEQUES ISSUED AND THE NON-REDUCIBLE EXPENSES PAID DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026
5. DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE PAYABLES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026
6. DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETARY REPORT, TRANSFERS, AND CREDIT COMMITMENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY 2026
7. DEPOSIT OF THE TAX ARREARS REPORT AS OF JUNE 30TH 2026
8. AUTHORIZATION TO ASSIGN THE CONTRACT TO POLARIS FOLLOWING A BUSINESS MERGER — SECTION 3.8 OF THE BOOK OF SPECIFICATIONS (WINTER MAINTENANCE OF MUNICIPAL ROADS (ON DEMAND))
9. NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATION ON THE LANGUAGE OF THE ADMINISTRATION (RLA) — ABOLITION OF THE \$ 5 000 EXEMPTION
10. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE COME HOME YEAR 2026 ACTIVITIES
11. NEW AFFAIRS
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2026-105

ADOPTION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MINUTES OF THE SITTING HELD ON JUNE 16TH 2026

It is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Jarvin Joncas** and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the sittings held on June 16th 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 JUNE 2026

It is proposed by **Laurette Willcott**, 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 June 2026 in the respective amount of \$ 78 357.36 for general administration and \$ 28 931.55 for the payroll.

2026-107

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

It is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Laurette Willcott** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the payable accounts for the month of June 2026 in the amount of \$ 33 790.23.

2026-108

DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETARY REPORTS, TRANSFERS, AND CREDIT COMMITMENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY 2026

It is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Laurette Willcott** and unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the budgetary reports, transfers, and credit commitments for the months of June and July 2026 in the respective amounts of \$ 170 026.58 and \$ 161 045.00.

DEPOSIT OF THE TAX ARREARS REPORT AS OF JUNE 30TH 2026

The Director General deposited and commented on the tax arrears report as of June 30th 2026 as \$ 709 463.68.

2026-109

AUTHORIZATION TO ASSIGN THE CONTRACT TO POLARIS FOLLOWING A BUSINESS MERGER — SECTION 3.8 OF THE BOOK OF SPECIFICATIONS (WINTER MAINTENANCE OF MUNICIPAL ROADS (ON DEMAND))

WHEREAS the Municipality awarded a contract to Construction FHD Inc. (hereinafter "the successful bidder") following a public bidding process, in accordance with the applicable rules governing municipal contract management;

WHEREAS Section 3.8 of the book of specifications provides that the successful bidder may assign the contract to a third party, in whole or in part, with the written authorization of the Municipality;

WHEREAS a corporate merger has taken place between Construction FHD Inc. and Polaris, with the result that Polaris is now the legal successor and the continuator of the contractor's rights and obligations;

WHEREAS Polaris has requested that the Municipality authorize the assignment of the contract to it in order to continue performing the work and fulfilling the contractual obligations without interruption;

WHEREAS the Municipal Council has reviewed the request and is of the opinion that it is in the Municipality's interest to authorize said assignment, as Polaris possesses the qualifications and resources required to fulfill the contractual obligations;



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CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Laurette Willcott**, and unanimously resolved:

THAT the municipal council authorize, in accordance with Section 3.8 of the book of specifications, the transfer of the **WINTER MAINTENANCE OF MUNICIPAL ROADS (ON DEMAND)** contract originally entered into with Construction FHD Inc. to Polaris, due to the merger of the parties' companies.

THAT the transfer is granted for the entire contract, under the same conditions as those set forth in the original contract, without any changes to the terms, price, or requirements.

THAT Karine Benoit, General Director, be authorized to sign any document required to give effect to this authorization, including the written authorization provided for in Section 3.8 of the bid specifications.

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Polaris as confirmation.

2026-110

**NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATION ON THE LANGUAGE OF THE
ADMINISTRATION (RLA) — ABOLITION OF THE \$ 5 000 EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS municipalities in Quebec are local governments tasked with providing efficient, timely services tailored to local realities;

WHEREAS Section 17 of the Regulation on the Language of Administration provided, until June 1, 2026, for an exemption for contracts requiring immediate performance with a maximum value of \$ 5 000, allowing for a certain degree of administrative flexibility;

WHEREAS the repeal of this exemption now requires municipalities to systematically apply stricter language requirements, even for low-value, immediate-performance contracts;

WHEREAS this change results in a significant administrative burden that is disproportionate to the issues associated with these contracts;

WHEREAS this new obligation risks causing delays in the procurement of goods and services essential to the proper functioning of municipalities;

WHEREAS municipalities may have to allocate more human resources, or even hire additional staff, to ensure compliance with these requirements;

WHEREAS the implementation and management of language policy are primarily the responsibility of the Government of Quebec, not the municipalities;

WHEREAS this measure reduces the ability of municipalities to function effectively as local governments;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon does not currently have sufficient administrative resources to ensure full compliance with this requirement without compromising its other obligations;

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

THAT the Blanc-Sablon Municipal Council condemn the abolition of the exemption provided for in Section 17 of the Regulation on the Language of the Administration for contracts of \$ 5 000 or less;



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THAT the municipal council request that the Government of Quebec reinstate this exemption or implement administrative relief measures tailored to municipal realities;

THAT the municipal council request that the Government of Quebec recognize the operational constraints faced by municipalities and refrain from transferring additional administrative responsibilities regarding language enforcement to them;

THAT the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon inform the Government of Quebec that, in the absence of adjustments or concrete supporting measures, it will not be able to fully comply with this obligation without compromising the efficiency of its day-to-day operations;

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Minister responsible for the French Language;
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs;
- The Quebec Federation of Municipalities (FQM);
- The Union of Quebec Municipalities (UMQ);
- The municipalities in the region for their support.

2026-111

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE COME HOME YEAR 2026 ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS this request meets the parameters of our donation policy;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Jarvin Joncas**, seconded by **Laurette Willcott** and unanimously resolved to contribute an amount of \$ 250.00 to the Come Home Year 2026 activities.

NEW AFFAIRS

There were no new affairs.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were a variety of questions.

2026-112

CLOSING OF THE SITTING

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

Colin Shattler, Mayor

Karine Benoit, Director General