

**Province of Quebec
Western Quebec School Board**

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on February 27, 2024, in a hybrid model at the Western Quebec School Board office, 15, rue Katimavik at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Daly, Commissioners Brushey, Cornforth, George, Giannakoulis, Graham, Goldsbrough, Kane, Labadie, Lyrette-Brennan, and McCrank, Parent-Commissioners Brennan, Boucher-Sharma, Fortier, and Taylor, Co-opted Commissioners Commonda and Garner

REGRETS: **Commissioner** Shaar

Personnel:

Director of Complementary Services L. Falasconi
Director of Adult Ed. & Vocational Training J. Dubeau
Director of Education S. Aitken
Director of Human Resources P. Bazinet
Contract Compliance Officer A. Gendron
Administrative Officer R. Vincent

The Director General, Mr. G. Singfield, the Secretary-General, Mr. E. Keon, and the Assistant Director General / Director of Buildings and Technology, Mr. P. Proulx, were also present.

- **Welcome by Co-Opted Commissioner Commonda**
- **Land Acknowledgment by Vice-Cahir McCrank**

Call to order: 7:03 p.m.

C-23/24-99 **Adoption of Agenda**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that the agenda be adopted as presented with the addition of the following agenda item:

- 10.3 QESBA Conference
- 10.4 Notice of Motion by Parent Commissioner Taylor

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-100 **Approval of Minutes**
IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Boucher that the minutes of a meeting held on January 30, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously.

Director General's Report

As part of his report, Director General Singfield discussed the following topics:

- Solar Eclipse
- Destination Imagination
- TIP Upcoming Virtual Sessions
- School Visits
- Presented a slide Show Around the Board
- Gave a brief overview of his Objectives, vision and plan

Assistant Director General's Report

ADG Proulx discussed the following topics:

- A Review & Planning Report
- Activité de réseautage en sécurité alimentaire

C-23/24-101 President of Elections

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Kane that Administrative Officer, Ms. Rachel Vincent be named the WQSB Returning Officer for the 2024 November School Board Election.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-102 Executive Committee Report – January 23, 2024

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that Council acknowledge receipt of the Executive Committee minutes of January 23, 2024.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-103 Public Tender – Hadley/Philemon Wright – Parking Phase 3 – Contract #23510B013

WHEREAS resolution C-22/23-236 approved the 2023-2024 buildings and technology investment plan;

WHEREAS an amount of \$1,700,000 has been set aside from the 2023-2024 measure 50620;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses retrieved the tender documents:

- 10023914 CANADA INC. (Outabec Construction (2017))
- 10087548 CANADA INC. (Excavation GTS)
- 118012 CANADA LTÉE (Entreprise Rob&Syl)
- 130247 CANADA INC. (Pavage Intercite)
- 14210972 Canada Inc. (Entreprise Civil-DB)
- 2998939 CANADA INC. (Delta Electrique)
- 4138961 CANADA INC. (Bouladier Entrepreneur General)
- 6369472 CANADA INC. (Equinox JMP)
- ACQ - Région de l'Outaouais

- CONSTRUCTION NUGENT INC.
- Eurovia Québec Construction Inc.
- Infratek construction
- Les entreprises Le-Bo Construction inc.
- PAYSAGISTE ENVERT ET FILS
- POLANE INC.
- RN Civil
- SÉGUIN MORRIS INC.

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

6369472 CANADA INC. (Equinox JMP)	\$ 880 000.00
118012 CANADA LTÉE (Entreprise Rob&Syl)	\$ 1 030 080.03
Infratek construction	\$ 1 138 280.80
Eurovia Québec Construction Inc.	\$ 1 186 777,50
POLANE INC.	\$ 1 216 556,96
PAYSAGISTE ENVERT ET FILS	\$ 1 418 280,07
RN Civil	\$ 1 456 001,80
130247 CANADA INC. (Pavage Intercite)	\$ 1 476 822,00
4138961 CANADA INC. (Bouladier Entrepreneur General)	\$ 1 698 222,00

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends by its resolution # E-23/24-60 to award the contract to 6369472 CANADA INC. (Equinox JMP) and give ADG, Pascal Proulx, the signing authority for this contract;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council award the contract to 6369472 CANADA INC. (Equinox JMP) and give ADG, Pascal Proulx, the signing authority for this contract.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-104

Public Tender – St-Michael – Leaching Field Replacement – Contract #23510B017

WHEREAS an amount of \$750,000 set aside from 2020-2021 measure 50620;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses retrieved the tender documents:

- 14210972 Canada Inc (Civil DB)

- 2998939 CANADA INC. (Delta Electrique)
- 6369472 CANADA INC. (Equinox JMP)
- 6739741 CANADA INC. (Gestion DMJ)
- 9001-0216 QUÉBEC INC. (Carriere Tremblay)
- 9115-1951 QUÉBEC INC. (Excavatech JL)
- ACQ - Région de l'Outaouais
- CONSTRUCTION NUGENT INC.
- D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.
- Groupe GMR Construction inc.
- Les entreprises Le-Bo Construction inc.
- LES PAVAGES LAFLEUR & FILS INC.
- RAY A. THOMPSON CAMIONNAGE LTÉE
- RN Civil

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

9115-1951 QUÉBEC INC. (Excavatech JL)	\$ 802 556,64
Groupe GMR Construction inc.	\$ 980 970,00
RAY A. THOMPSON CAMIONNAGE LTÉE	\$ 1 008 021,42

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends by its resolution # E-23/24-61 to award the contract to 9115-1951 QUÉBEC INC. (Excavatech JL) and give ADG, Pascal Proulx, the signing authority for this contract;

IT WAS MOVED by Co-Opted Commissioner Commonda that as recommended by the Executive Committee Council award the contract to 9115-1951 QUÉBEC INC. (Excavatech JL) and give ADG, Pascal Proulx, the signing authority for this contract.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-105

Parents' Committee Report – November 20, 2023

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Brennan that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Parents' Committee Minutes of November 20, 2023.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-106

Parents' Committee Report – December 11, 2023

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Brennan that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Parents' Committee Minutes of December 11, 2023.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-107

Parents' Committee Report – January 22, 2024

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Brennan that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Parents' Committee Minutes of January 22, 2024.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-108

IREC Committee Report – January 15, 2024

IT WAS MOVED by Co-Opted Commissioner Garner that the Council acknowledge receipt of the IREC Committee Minutes of January 15, 2024.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-109

IREC Proposed Upcoming Expenditures

WHEREAS in the budget approved for 2023-2024 the WQSB Council of Commissioners decided to commit up to \$30,000 to a proposed program of activities elaborated and led by the Intercultural Relations and Education Committee, and

WHEREAS the Black History Month workshop in February 2024 was well received and further learning was requested by participants,

WHEREAS conferences for racialized and Indigenous students and staff are planned for the Spring,

WHEREAS expenditures are also being costed out for creating multimedia materials and digital resources for deployment in response to racial incidents, and

WHEREAS the Intercultural Relations and Education Committee is committed to supportive collaborations with the Ad Hoc Indigenous Education Committee aimed at embedding best practices related to reconciliation,

It was moved by Co-Opted Commissioner Garner that Overture with the Arts be engaged to present a virtual workshop in April open to up to 100 participants in the amount of \$1500 + tax, and it was moved to authorize \$5000 to be used for the preliminary stages of organization of the conferences and development of anti-racism/reconciliation materials and resources. Finally, it was moved to allocate \$9000 to provide travel and release funding for cross-cultural immersion of staff in Indigenous learning environments.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-110

Adoption of School Calendar 2024-2025

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brushey that the 2024-2025 school calendar be adopted as presented by the Director of Human Resources.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-111

Rescinding of Policy, A-16 Governance Policy

WHEREAS at its November 28 meeting council adopted By-Law 1 Rules of Governance for Commissioners and Committees of the Western Quebec School Board Council;

WHEREAS at its January 30 meeting council mandated the Governance and Ethics Committee to update and complete By-Law 1 Rules of Governance for Commissioners and Committees of the Western Quebec School Board Council;

WHEREAS Policy A-16 is no longer needed as it has been replaced by By-Law 1;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner Labadie to rescind Policy A-16 Governance Policy as it has been replaced by By-Law 1.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-112

QESBA Spring Conference Participation

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that the Council authorize 4 councilors to attend the 2024 QESBA Spring conference and that the cost of registration, travel & accommodations be paid from the Commissioner PD & travel budgets in accordance with the board's travel policy.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-113

Appointment of a Commissioner to the 2025 QESBA Spring Conference Steering Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that Commissioner Keri George be appointed to the 2025 QESBA Spring Conference steering committee.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-114

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Co-Opted Commissioner Commonda that the meeting be adjourned at 10:19 p.m.