

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on January 26, 2021 via Zoom videoconferencing at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Guy, Commissioners Boucher, Cornforth, Daly, Garbutt, Giannakoulis, Graham, Lyrette-Brennan, Labadie, McCrank, Schaler, Young, and Parent-Commissioners Brennan, Connell, Coutlée and Taylor.

Personnel:

Director of Buildings, Technology & Transportation P. Proulx
Director of Complementary Services L. Falasconi
Director of Education S. Aitken
Director of Finance S. Cox
Director of Finance M. Lupien
Director of Human Resources T. Kharyati
Assistant Director of Buildings, Technology & Transportation M. Dusablon
Administrative Officer R. Vincent

The Director General, M. Dubeau, the Secretary General – Director of Corporate Services, G. Singfield, and the Assistant Director General / Director of Education, Adult Education/Vocational Training, R. Ahern were also present.

Call to Order: 7:06 pm

C-20/21-96 **Adoption of Agenda**
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Connell that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-97 **Approval of Minutes – December 1, 2020**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the minutes of a meeting held on December 1, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

Chair's Report

Chair Guy presented his report. Topics discussed included:

- Thank you to everyone in our educational network
- Bill 40 Evidence Gathering
- Survey Invitation by Peter Loewen, PhD, commissioned by QESBA
- The QESBA request that school personnel be deemed a priority for the COVID vaccine
- QESBA Committees

*Commissioner Young joined the meeting 7:12pm.

Director General's Report

The Director General highlighted a few topics including:

- The WQSB Teacher Appreciation Week: February 15, 2021
- The Teacher Appreciation Week - Challenge to the Commissioners!

- A special thank you to Commissioner Taylor for providing numerous resources for schools and administrators on Black History Month

Report on the Anti-Racism Community Building Group

The Assistant Director General R. Ahern presented a report on the new working group. Topics discussed included:

- The origins of the group's name
- The group's established mandate
- The engagement of professional services for an equity, diversity and inclusion audit
- The group's strategy for recognizing and promoting important dates/events/celebration to contribute to cultural awareness and understanding
- The group's various sub-committees

C-20/21-98

Executive Committee Report – January 19, 2021

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Boucher that Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes from January 19, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

Presentation on Air Quality

The Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation P. Proulx presented a detailed report on the air quality in our schools.

Presentation on WQSB Building Statuses

The Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation P. Proulx presented a report on the WQSB building statuses.

C-20/21-99

Extra - 19510B180 - Patching and Painting of Interior Walls and Division of Three Classrooms into Six Classrooms – Eardley Elementary

WHEREAS the resolution C-19/20-149 authorized a contract with Industries CAMA for an amount of \$328,600 excluding taxes;

WHEREAS there was significant water damage forcing the modification of the project scope, a significant increase in delivery times and the obligation to create temporary classrooms for the opening 2020-2021;

WHEREAS the change orders are the following:

- Change orders related to the water damage:
 - o Creation and demolition of temporary classrooms: \$8,464
 - o Modification to plumbing: \$28,411
 - o Modification to lockers following water damage: \$7,033
- Change orders not related to the water damage (5%)
 - o Main Entrance Health and Safety: \$7,168
 - o Electricity: \$5,107

WHEREAS the change orders are in the amount of \$56,183 plus taxes;

WHEREAS these change orders are over the 10% threshold;

WHEREAS the project is 100% complete;

WHEREAS there is a possibility to move \$100,000 assigned to the Onslow school project by the resolution C-19/20-8 without affecting the service at that school;

WHEREAS the Onslow project will be requested in the measure 50621 2020-2021;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée to authorize the Director General to sign the change orders for the Eardley project and to authorize the transfer of budget from the Onslow project to the Eardley project.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-100

Extra - 19510B017 – Mechanical Work in the Laboratories, Renovation of the Changing Rooms and Replacement of the Gymnasium Lighting at Symmes/D’Arcy McGee

WHEREAS the resolution C-19/20-148 authorized a contract with Gestion DMJ Entrepreneur Général for an amount of \$401,800 excluding taxes;

WHEREAS an important amount of mold was discovered in the hallway and the change rooms;

WHEREAS the change orders are the following:

- Change orders related to the mold
 - o Removal of the mold, decontamination and reconstruction of the walls: \$147,394
- Change orders not related to the mold (7%)
 - o Replacement of the Kitec plumbing: \$2,834
 - o Fixing concrete under showers: \$12,171
 - o Modification to plumbing equipment: \$3,808
 - o Ceiling insulation: \$10,920

WHEREAS the change orders are in the amount of \$177,128 plus taxes;

WHEREAS these change orders are over the 10% threshold;

WHEREAS the project is 90% complete;

WHEREAS there is a possibility to move a portion of the budget for the Hull Adult Education Centre interior renovation project to the Symmes D’Arcy McGee project to balance the budget;

WHEREAS the Hull Adult Education Centre interior renovation project will be requested in the measure 50621 2020-2021;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Brennan to authorize the Director General to sign the change orders for the project and to authorize the transfer of budget from the Hull Adult Education Centre project to the Symmes D’Arcy McGee project.

Against 1

For: 14

Motion Carried

C-20/21-101

Extra - 19510B190 – Dismantling, Renovation, Relocation, and Reinstallation of Portable Classrooms from Chelsea Elementary School to Symmes/D’Arcy McGee High School

WHEREAS the resolution C-19/20-147 authorized a contract with TMR3 Couvreur Inc. for an amount of \$474,800 excluding taxes;

WHEREAS some modification needed to be made to meet the fire departments recommendations;

WHEREAS the change orders are the following:

- Change orders related to the fire department recommendations
 - o Access road for the firetruck: \$49,050.25
 - o Firewall between portables and auditorium: \$8,750.29
 - o Emergency exit behind the portables: \$17,557.45
 - o Modification to the alarm system: \$5,202.73

- Change orders not related to the fire department recommendations (3.94%)
 - o Additional gravel for the foundation: \$1,737.74
 - o Minor wall repairs not in contract: \$387.55
 - o Additional canalization: \$16,572.50

WHEREAS the change orders are in the amount of 99,258.51 plus taxes;

WHEREAS these change orders are over the 10% threshold;

WHEREAS the project is 100% complete;

WHEREAS the remaining budget in the measure 50624 will be enough to cover the added costs;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Garbutt to authorize the Director General to sign the change orders for Symmes D’Arcy McGee project.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-102

Project South Hull Repointing of the Bricks - Measure 50622 2019-2021 – Increase of the Budget Commitment

WHEREAS the resolution C-19/20-9 granted a budget commitment of \$200,000 for the masonry project and \$725,000 for the renovation of the large gymnasium project, at South Hull;

WHEREAS further expertise was done and the cost estimation for the masonry project has been revised to \$643,000 excluding taxes and professional fees;

WHEREAS it is recommended to transfer the commitment for the gymnasium project to the masonry project;

WHEREAS the gymnasium project will be requested in the Measure 50622 2020-2021;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young to authorize the transfer of the budget.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-103

Group Buying Program – (CSPQ) – Heating Oil in Bulk for the Period of February 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023

WHEREAS the school board needs to purchase heating oil in bulk for heating;

WHEREAS the School Board has the opportunity to participate in the group purchasing plan offered by the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales – Éducation : Carburant en vrac et huile à chauffage;

WHEREAS this grouping of purchases (CAG) provides for a standing pricing contract awarded to the lowest bidder;

WHEREAS the Regulation Respecting Certain Supply Contracts of Public Bodies, RLRQ C-65.1, r 5.1;

WHEREAS this type of contract requires the authorization of the chief executive officer of the public body before joining such a contract once the group's contract has been awarded;

WHEREAS this pricing contract covers the period of 3 years, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023;

WHEREAS the WQSB wishes to join for the period starting February 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023;

WHEREAS the WQSB spends an average of \$125,000/year in oil;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Giannakoulis that the WQSB participate in this group purchase and that the Director General be authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Against: 1
Abstained: 1
For: 13
Motion Carried

C-20/21-104

Group Buying Program – Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales – Microsoft Licenses – 2021-7520-01

WHEREAS resolution C18/19-109 Group Buying Program – Collecto – Microsoft Licenses authorized the contract to purchase the Microsoft licenses for the WQSB;

WHEREAS the current authorized contract's period started June 2019 and ended June 2020 with an option of renewal for 2 additional years;

WHEREAS the parties will not exercise the last contract renewal options, therefore, the current contract will expire March 31, 2021;

WHEREAS the WQSB is requesting to participate in the group buying program – Microsoft Licenses 2021-7520-01 through the CAG;

WHEREAS the new contract – Microsoft Licenses 2021-7520-01 will be for a period of 3 years, starting April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2024;

WHEREAS the WQSB Microsoft licenses costs are approximately \$80,000/year;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that the WQSB proceed with participating in the group buying program through CAG, and that the Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation, Mr. Pascal Proulx be authorized to sign all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-105

**Group Buying Program – (CAG) – Projectors and Smart Boards–
2021-7509-01**

WHEREAS there is a specific need for the acquisition and/or replacements of classroom projectors and smart boards;

WHEREAS the School Board has the opportunity to participate in the group purchasing plan offered by the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales – Éducation : Équipements audiovisuels et solutions numériques interactives;

WHEREAS the Regulation Respecting Certain Supply Contracts of Public Bodies, RLRQ C-65.1, r 5.1;

WHEREAS this type of contract requires the authorization of the chief executive officer of the public body before the notice of a call for tenders is published;

WHEREAS the contract will cover the period of 2 years, from April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2023, with one (1) 12-month renewal option;

WHEREAS the estimated financial commitment for this contract is approximately \$180,000 for the 36-month period of April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2024;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Lyrette-Brennan that the WQSB proceed with joining the contract for its purchasing of projectors and smart boards through the CAG program, and that the Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation, Mr. P. Proulx be authorized to sign all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

*Parent-Commissioner Brennan left the meeting at 9:20pm

C-20/21-106

MB Projects – Mesure 50621 2020-2021

WHEREAS the MEQ allocated \$10,963,034 within the Mesure 50621;

WHEREAS that Mesure is for major renovations and can be applied to any building;

WHEREAS a list of projects needs to be approved by the Council of Commissioners prior to requesting the authorization at the MEQ;

WHEREAS the requested amounts include professional fees and taxes;

WHEREAS the Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation, P. Proulx recommends requesting authorization from the MEQ for the following projects;

School	Project	Expected Period for the Construction	Estimated Cost
Several Schools	Replacement Pipes - Lead	Summer 2021	\$350,000
Hull Adult Education Centre	Interior Renovation Second Floor	Summer 2022	\$875,000
South Hull	Renovation Big Gymnasium	Summer 2022	\$675,000
Greater Gatineau	Gymnasium hallway entrance	Summer 2021	\$200,000
Greater Gatineau	Gymnasium roof	Summer 2021	\$200,000
Dr SE McDowell	Repointing Bricks	Summer 2022	\$453,034
Queen Elizabeth	Fixing floor issues	Summer 2022	\$135,000
Poltimore	Leaching Field	Summer 2022	\$475,000
Onslow	Roof	Summer 2021	\$525,000
Hadley Philemon Wright	Replacement Generator	Summer 2022	\$475,000
Hadley Philemon Wright	Cars and Buses Access	Summer 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024	\$4,450,000*
Hadley Philemon Wright	Roof - 6 Basins	Summer 2022	\$2,000,000
Symmes D'Arcy McGee	Replacement of Kitec Pipes - Phase 1	Summer 2021	\$150,000

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the list of projects mentioned above be sent to the MEQ by the Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation M. P. Proulx for approval.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-107

MB Projects – Measure 50622 2020-2021

WHEREAS the MEQ allocated \$1,703,669 within the Measure 50622;

WHEREAS this Measure is for major renovations and can only be applied to buildings with a conditional index of D or E;

WHEREAS a list of projects needs to be approved by the Council of commissioners prior to requesting the authorization of the MEQ;

WHEREAS the requested amounts include professional fees and taxes;

WHEREAS the Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation, P. Proulx recommends requesting authorization from the MEQ for the following projects;

School	Project	Expected Period for the Construction	Estimated Cost
Dr. Wilbert Keon	Bat Control and Decontamination	Spring 2021 / Summer 2021	\$330,000
Dr. Wilbert Keon	Exterior Wall	Summer 2021	\$623,669
St-Michael's	Leaching Field	Summer 2022	\$750,000

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Connell that the list of projects mentioned above be sent to the MEQ by the Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation, M. P. Proulx for approval.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-108

Transportation Committee Report – January 20, 2021

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Transportation Committee minutes of January 20, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-109

One-Year Contract - Autobus LaSalle Inc.

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, Council approve the one-year contract negotiated with Autobus Lasalle Inc., in the amount of \$288,981.68.

Carried Unanimously

- C-20/21-110 **One-year contract - Baie Transport Inc.**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, Council approve the one-year contract negotiated with Baie Transport Inc., in the amount of \$140,166.34.
Carried Unanimously
- C-20/21-111 **One-year contract – Autobus Outaouais Inc.**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Lyrette-Brennan that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, Council approve the one-year contract negotiated with Autobus Outaouais Inc., in the amount of \$69,141.20.
Carried Unanimously
- C-20/21-112 **One-year contract – Bigras Transport Inc.**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Boucher that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, Council approve the one-year contract negotiated with Bigras Transport in the amount of \$120,136.21.
Carried Unanimously
- C-20/21-113 **Mileage adjustment 2020-2021 – Autobus Outaouais Inc.**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, Council approve the mileage adjustment **increase** for Autobus Outaouais Inc. in the amount of \$21,181.41 for the 2020-2021 school year.
Carried Unanimously
- C-20/21-114 **Mileage Adjustment 2020-2021 – Baie Transport Inc.**
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, Council approve the mileage adjustment **decrease** for Baie Transport Inc. in the amount of (\$128.34) for the 2020-2021 school year.
Carried Unanimously
- C-20/21-115 **Mileage Adjustment 2020-2021 – Bigras Transport Inc.**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Boucher that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, Council approve the mileage adjustment **increase** for Bigras Transport Inc. in the amount of \$16,414.13 for the 2020-2021 school year.
Carried Unanimously
- C-20/21-116 **Mileage Adjustment 2020-2021 – Autobus LaSalle Inc.**
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Connell that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, Council approve the mileage adjustment **decrease** for Autobus LaSalle Inc. in the amount of (\$6,312.28) for the 2020-2021 school year.
Carried Unanimously
- C-20/21-117 **Mileage Adjustment 2020-2021 – Autobus Transbell Inc.**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, Council approve the mileage

adjustment **increase** for Autobus Transbell Inc. in the amount of \$1,701.90 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-118 **Mileage Adjustment 2020-2021 – Transport Michel Therrien**
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor, that as recommended by the Transportation Committee, Council approve the mileage adjustment **increase** for Transport Michel Therrien in the amount of \$1,680.80 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-119 **Parents' Committee Report – November 16, 2020**
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Parents' Committee minutes of November 16, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-120 **Educational Policy Committee Report – February 19, 2020**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the Council acknowledge receipt of the approved Educational Policy Committee minutes of February 19, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-121 **Educational Policy Committee Report – October 21, 2020**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the Council acknowledge receipt of the approved Educational Policy Committee minutes of October 21, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-122 **Complementary Services Committee Report – January 28, 2020**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Boucher that the Council acknowledge receipt of the approved Complementary Services Committee minutes of January 28, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-123 **Complementary Services Committee Report – June 17, 2020**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Boucher that the Council acknowledge receipt of the approved Complementary Services Committee minutes of June 17, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-124 **Audit Committee Report – November 30, 2020**
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée that Council acknowledge receipt of the approved Audit Committee minutes of November 30, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-125

Affiliation au Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec en Outaouais

IL EST PROPOSÉ PAR LA COMMISSAIRE Garbutt et résolu que la Commission scolaire Western Québec paie une affiliation de 0,71 \$ basée sur un critère PER CAPITA de la population scolaire de la commission scolaire, et ce, au 30 septembre de l'année scolaire en cours. Cette affiliation symbolise la reconnaissance de la commission scolaire aux buts que poursuit le Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec en Outaouais conformément aux lettres patentes de cette dernière.

Against: 3
Abstained: 0
For: 11
Motion Carried

C-20/21-126

Affiliation au Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec (Abitibi-Témiscamingue)

IL EST PROPOSÉ PAR LE COMMISSAIRE Young que la Commission scolaire Western Québec paie une affiliation de base de 700 \$, en plus d'une cotisation de 0,40 \$ per capita pour la clientèle primaire et secondaire de la commission scolaire, et ce, au 30 septembre 2019, pour un total de 887,20 \$ (468 élèves). Cette affiliation symbolise la reconnaissance de la commission scolaire aux buts que poursuit le Réseau de sport étudiant du Québec Abitibi-Témiscamingue, conformément aux lettres patentes de cette dernière.

Against: 1
Abstained: 0
For: 13
Motion Carried

C-20/21-127

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Lyrette-Brennan that the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 p.m.