

**Province of Quebec  
Western Quebec School Board**

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on May 30, 2023, 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, Graham, Giannakoulis, Goldsbrough, Labadie, Lyrette-Brennan, McCrank, Shaar, Co-opted Commissioners Commonda and Garner, and Parent-Commissioners Boucher-Sharma, Fortier and Taylor.

**REGRETS:** Commissioner George

**Personnel:**

Director of Finance M. Lupien  
Director of Buildings P. Proulx  
Director of Adult Ed. & Vocational Training Jennifer Dubeau  
Assistant Director of Human Resources J. Svetec  
Contract Compliance Officer A. Gendron  
Coordinator of Buildings Soufiane El Ouezzani  
Project Manager Luc Carrière  
Administrative Officer R. Vincent

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

- **Land Acknowledgment**

Call to Order: 7:11 p.m.

**C-22/23-183**

**Adoption of the Agenda**

IT WAS MOVED by Co-Opted Commissioner Garner that the agenda be adopted as presented, with the addition of agenda items:

- 11.1 Ethics Commissioner Designated Person
- 11.2 WQSB Communications Plan
- 11.3 Reports on Bullying and Violence Involving Special Needs Students

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-184**

**Approval of Minutes**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brushey that the minutes of a meeting held on April 25, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

## **Director General's Report**

The Director General and Assistant Director General provided verbal reports on the following subjects:

- Words of farewell
- Commitment to success plan update

**C-22/23-185**

### **Election Procedures**

IT WAS MOVED by Co-Opted Commissioner Garner that the elections of the of Vice-Chair of the Council of Commissioners be held by secret ballot.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-186**

### **Appointment of Scrutineers**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Goldsbrough that Co-Opted commissioner Garner and Rachel Vincent be appointed as scrutineers for the election of the of Vice-Chair of the Council of Commissioners.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-187**

### **Nominations for the Position of Vice-Chair of the Council of Commissioners**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher-Sharma that Council accept nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Council of Commissioners.

Nominations

By

Commissioner McCrank	Parent-Commissioner Taylor
Commissioner Labadie	Commissioner Labadie

**C-22/23-188**

### **Cease Nominations for the Position of Vice-Chair of the Council of Commissioners**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher-Sharma that nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Council of Commissioners cease.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-189**

### **Declaration of Election of Vice-Chair of the Council of Commissioners**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that Commissioner McCrank be declared elected as Vice-Chair of the Council of Commissioners.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-190**

**Electoral Division Proposal for the 2024 Elections**

WHEREAS according to the Act Respecting School Elections, the Western Quebec School Board is entitled to 8 electoral divisions for the November 2024 school elections;

WHEREAS on May 10, 2023, the Western Quebec School Board was granted three (3) additional electoral divisions by the Minister of Education, Mr. Bernard Drainville, for a total of eleven (11) electoral divisions for the November 2024 school elections;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that the division proposal for the November 2024 school elections be adopted as presented, and that the Western Quebec School Board's proposed electoral divisions be described as follows:

**Electoral Division 01 (1238 electors):**

It includes the MRCs of Témiscamingue, Abitibi-Ouest, Abitibi, and La Vallée-de-l'Or, as well as the City of Rouyn-Noranda.

It also includes the First Nations Reserves of Kebaowek, Timiskaming, Pikogan, and Lac-Simon.

It also includes the First Nations Establishments of Hunter's Point, Kitcisakik, and Winneway.

**Electoral Division 02 (1454 electors):**

It includes the following municipalities: Rapides-des-Joachims (M), Sheenboro (M), Chichester (CT), Waltham (M), L'Isle-aux-

Allumettes (M), Mansfield-et-Pontefract (M), Fort-Coulonge (VL), L'Île-du-Grand-Calumet (M), Campbell's Bay (M), Otter Lake (M), Litchfield (M) and Bryson (M).

It also includes the Non-Organised Territory of Lac-Nilgaut.

**Electoral Division 03 (1546 electors):**

It includes the following municipalities: Thorne (M), Clarendon (M), Shawville (M), Portage-du-Fort (VL), and Bristol (M).

**Electoral Division 04 (2149 electors):**

It includes the MRC of La Vallée-de-la-Gatineau.

It also includes the Indian Reserves of Kitigan Zibi and Lac-Rapide.

It also includes the following municipalities: Alleyn-et-Cawood (M) and La Pêche (M).

**Electoral Division 05 (1463 electors):**

It includes the municipalities of Chelsea (M) and Cantley (M).

**Electoral Division 06 (1724 electors):**

It includes the MRC of Papineau and the following municipalities: Val-des-Monts (M) and L'Ange-Gardien (M).

It also includes part of the City of Gatineau delimited as follows: starting from a point located at the intersection of the South limit of the City of Gatineau and the extension of Montée Mineault, this extension, Montée Mineault and the municipal limit to the starting point.

**Electoral Division 07 (1803 electors):**

It includes part of the City of Gatineau delimited as follows: starting from a point located at the intersection of the Gatineau River and the North limit of the City, this limit, Montée Mineault, its extension, the municipal limit, and the Gatineau River to the starting point.

**Electoral Division 08 (1840 electors):**

It includes part of the City of Gatineau delimited as follows: starting from a point located at the intersection of Notch Road and the North municipal limit, this limit, the Gatineau River, the South municipal limit, the extension of the South-West limit of the property located at 150 de Lucerne Boulevard, this limit, Alexandre-Taché Boulevard, the back line of Aylmer Road (North side), the extension of McConnell Road, the extension of Allen Road, Boulevard des Allumettières, the extension of the back line of Scouts Street (North side), this back line, Boulevard du Plateau, Vanier Road, de la Montagne Road and Notch Road to the starting point.

**Electoral Division 09 (1799 electors):**

It includes part of the City of Gatineau delimited as follows: starting from a point located at the intersection of the North municipal limit and Notch Road, this Road, de la Montagne Road, Vanier Road, du Plateau Boulevard, the back line of Scouts Street (Northside), its extension, des Allumettières Boulevard, the extension of Allen Road, and the extension of McConnell Road, the back line and the intersection of Aylmer Road (North side), Alexandre-Taché Boulevard, the South-West limit of the property located at 150 Boulevard de Lucerne, its extension, the South municipal limit, the extension of Bell Street, the back line of this Street (East side), the back line of Arial Street (North side), the back line of Foley Road (East side), Aylmer Road, Samuel-Edey Street, des Allumettières Boulevard, Klock Road, Pink Road and the municipal limit to the starting point.

**Electoral Division 10 (1845 electors):**

It includes part of the City of Gatineau delimited as follows: starting from a point located at the intersection of the West municipal limit and Eardley Road, this Road, Park Street, Principale Street, Wilfrid-Lavigne Boulevard, des Allumettières Boulevard, Samuel-Edey Street, Aylmer Road, the back line of Foley Road (East side), the back line of Arial Street (North side), the back line of Bell Street (East side), the extension of this Street, the South municipal limit to the starting point.

**Electoral Division 11 (2043 electors):**

It includes the Municipality of Pontiac.

It also includes part of the City of Gatineau delimited as follows: starting from a point located at the intersection of the West municipal limit and Pink Road, this Road, Klock Road, des Allumettières Boulevard, Wilfrid-Lavigne Boulevard, Principale Street, Park Street, Eardley Road and the municipal limit to the starting point.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-191**

**President of Elections**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that Administrative Officer, Ms. Rachel Vincent be named the WQSB Returning Officer for the ward 6 By-Election.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-192**

**By-Election Polling Date for Commissioner Ward 6**

WHEREAS ward 6 became vacant on April 28, 2023;

WHEREAS Rachel Vincent has been appointed to the position of Returning Officer for the Western Quebec School Board;

WHEREAS Section 200 of the Act respecting school elections states that within 30 days from the date on which a seat becomes vacant, the returning officer must set as polling day, a Sunday, in the four months that follow that date;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher-Sharma to set September 24, 2023 as the polling day for the By-Election for Ward 6.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-193**

**Executive Committee Report – May 23, 2023**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of May 23, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-194**

**Appointment of New Director General**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners appoint George Singfield as the new Director General of the Western Quebec School Board, effective June 1, 2023 for an indeterminate term.

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1 – Taylor

Motion carried

C-22/23-195

**Public Tender – Onslow Elementary School – Parking, Bus Lane, Levelling, Water Retention and Accessibility – Contract # 22510B019**

WHEREAS resolution C-21/22-197 approved the Buildings and technology investment plan;

WHEREAS this project has been allocated \$1,250,000.00 from 2021-2022 measure 50621;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

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

- Gestion Outabec Inc. (10023914 Canada Inc.)
- Delta Électrique (2998939 CANADA INC.)
- Équinoxe JMP (6369472 CANADA INC.)
- ACQ - Région de l'Outaouais
- CONSTRUCTION JASON HYNES INC.
- CONSTRUCTION NUGENT INC.
- Eurovia Québec Construction Inc.
- Groupe GMR Construction inc.
- Infratek Construction
- LES INDUSTRIES CAMA
- RN Civil
- SÉGUIN MORRIS INC.
- TMR3 Couvreur Inc.

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

Infratek Construction	\$695,265.00
LES INDUSTRIES CAMA	\$829,163.00
CONSTRUCTION NUGENT INC.	\$832,376.42
TMR3 Couvreur Inc.	\$859,497.00
Eurovia Québec Construction Inc.	\$865,586.20

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS with its resolution E-22/23-176, the Executive Committee recommends Council award the contract to Infratek Construction in the amount of \$695,265.30 and give the Director of Buildings signing authority for this contract;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council award the contract to Infratek Construction in the amount of \$695,265.30 and give the Director of Buildings signing authority for this contract.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-196**

**Public Tender – Greater Gatineau, Lord Aylmer Junior, Senior, and Buckingham - Replacement of The Play Structures Protective Surface – Contract # 22510B029**

WHEREAS a public tender was completed for the above-mentioned project;

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

- Les Fermes Renaud (3916383 CANADA INC.)
- ACQ - Région de l'Outaouais
- D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.
- LES PAVAGES LAFLEUR & FILS INC.
- PAYSAGISTE ENVERT ET FILS

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

LES PAVAGES LAFLEUR & FILS INC.	\$213,773.31
Les Fermes Renaud (3916383 CANADA INC.)	\$229,000.00
PAYSAGISTE ENVERT ET FILS	\$253,500.00

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS with its resolution E-22/23-177, the Executive Committee recommends Council award the contract to LES PAVAGES LAFLEUR & FILS INC. in the amount of \$213,773.31 and give the Director of Buildings signing authority for this contract;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council award the contract to LES PAVAGES LAFLEUR & FILS INC. in the amount of \$213,773.31 and give the Director of Buildings signing authority for this contract.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-197**

**Appointment of Representative – Corporation Gestion de l'inforoute régionale de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue (GIRAT)**

WHEREAS a fiber optic network has been installed in the Western Quebec School Board's and Abitibi-Témiscamingue region;

WHEREAS a non-profit corporation entitled "corporation Gestion de l'inforoute régionale de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue" (GIRAT) was formed to oversee the network;

WHEREAS the Western Quebec School Board is a member of the Board of Directors;

WHEREAS the Western Quebec School Board must appoint a representative to sit on the Board of Directors;

WHEREAS with its resolution E-22/23-178, the Executive Committee recommends:

- to rescind the resolution C-17/18-130 that appointed Glenn Holmstead as the Board representative;
- that David Carle, coordinator of IT infrastructure and security be appointed as the new board representative and that Glenn Holmstead be appointed as the substitute on the corporation Gestion de l'infrastructure régionale de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue (GIRAT) board of directors.

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Goldsbrough:

- that Council rescind the resolution C-17/18-130 that appointed Glenn Holmstead as the Board representative;
- that David Carle, coordinator of IT infrastructure and security be appointed as the new board representative and that Glenn Holmstead be appointed as the substitute on the corporation Gestion de l'infrastructure régionale de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue (GIRAT) board of directors.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-198**

**Public Tender – Hadley / Philemon Wright High School – After Hours Security Access / Visitor Management – Contract # 22510B025**

WHEREAS the resolution C-21/22-197 approved the Buildings and technology investment plan;

WHEREAS the amount of \$130,000.00 set aside from 2021-2022 measure 50621 was allocated to this project as well as an additional residual budget from measure 50621;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

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

- Les Constructions Qualitech (2696894 CANADA INC.)
- Gestion D.M.J. (6739741 CANADA INC.)
- ACQ - Région de l'Outaouais
- DEFRAN INCORPORÉE
- LEXCO CONSTRUCTION INC

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

DEFRAN INCORPORÉE	\$179,022.00
Gestion D.M.J. (6739741 CANADA INC.)	\$190,500.00

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;



WHEREAS additional budget will be transferred from the Onslow Elementary School project – parking, bus lane, levelling, water retention, and accessibility;

WHEREAS with its resolution E-22/23-180, the Executive Committee recommends Council award the contract to DEFRAN INCORPORÉE in the amount of \$179,022.00 and give the Director of Buildings signing authority for this contract;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Shaar that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council award the contract to DEFRAN INCORPORÉE in the amount of \$179,022.00 and give the Director of Buildings signing authority for this contract.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-199**

**Public Tender – Noranda School – Front Entrance, Exterior Stairs, Emergency Exits, and Exterior Finishing – Contract # 22510B015**

WHEREAS the resolution C-21/22-197 approved the Buildings and technology investment plan;

WHEREAS this project has been allocated \$1,250,000.00 from 2021-2022 measure 50621;

WHEREAS in the course of the plans and specifications stage asbestos was discovered behind the exterior finishing which had to be removed. The cost of removing the asbestos and disposing of the contaminated soil was higher than anticipated;

WHEREAS an amount of \$600,000.00 can be added to this project from 2019-2020 measure 50621;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

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

- Construction LA-RAY (2428-8516 QUÉBEC INC.)
- ACQ – Région de l'Outaouais
- CONSTRUCTION NORMAND MARTEL INC.
- LES CONSTRUCTIONS BENOIT DOYON INC.

WHEREAS the following bid was received:

CONSTRUCTION NORMAND MARTEL INC.	\$1,700,000.00
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WHEREAS the bid conformed;

WHEREAS considering that there is only one bidder and the bid is over budget, the procurement officer and Director of Buildings recommend that the bid be canceled;

WHEREAS with its resolution E-22/23-181, the Executive Committee recommends Council:

- refuse the bid submitted by CONSTRUCTION NORMAND MARTEL INC.;
- cancel this tender;
- review the plans and specifications for a new tendering next year;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brushey that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council:

- refuse the bid submitted by CONSTRUCTION NORMAND MARTEL INC.;
- cancel this tender;
- review the plans and specifications for a new tendering next year.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-200**

**Public Tender – Chelsea Elementary School – Removal of The Oil Heating System and Installation of an Electric/Natural Gas Heating System – Phase 1 – Contract #22510B018**

WHEREAS the resolution C-21/22-197 approved the Buildings and technology investment plan;

WHEREAS the amount of \$593,327.00 from 2021-2022 measure 50621 was allocated to this project;

WHEREAS during the preparation of the plans and specifications, necessary modifications were made to the scope of the project, affecting its estimation. The project was then divided into two phases;

WHEREAS Phase 1 involves the replacement of the electric boiler and the installation of an optional rental backup system - rented on a monthly basis;

WHEREAS Phase 2 will be carried out next summer and will include the replacement of the oil boiler, the removal of the oil tank, and the reconfiguration of the heating pump system;

WHEREAS an amount of \$600,000.00 will be required from the 2023-2024 measure 50621 to cover the costs of Phase 2 of the project;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

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

- PCI Mechanical (3863573 CANADA INC.)
- ACQ - Région de l'Outaouais
- Émile Séguin & Fils Ltée

WHEREAS the following bid was received:

Contractor	Construction	Optional
Émile Séguin & Fils Ltée	\$159,500.00	\$285,000.00

WHEREAS the bid conformed;

WHEREAS it is recognized that this project is particular and therefore the procurement officer and Director of Buildings recommend awarding the contract, despite the fact that there is only one conformed bidder;

WHEREAS following the completion of this contract, the Director of Buildings will report back to Council on the total amount spent;

WHEREAS with its resolution E-22/23-182, the Executive Committee recommends Council:

- Award the contract to Émile Séguin & Fils Ltée in the amount of \$159,500.00 for the construction and \$285,000.00 for the options;
- Give the Director General the authority to sign and transmit to the Treasury Board an Annex 2 justifying awarding the contract to the only conformed bidder;
- Give the Director of Buildings signing authority for this contract;
- Request that the Director of Buildings report back to Council the total amount spent on this contract at completion.

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council:

- Award the contract to Émile Séguin & Fils Ltée in the amount of \$159,500.00 for the construction and \$285,000.00 for the options;
- Give the Director General the authority to sign and transmit to the Treasury Board an Annex 2 justifying awarding the contract to the only conformed bidder;
- Give the Director of Buildings signing authority for this contract;
- Request that the Director of Buildings report back to Council the total amount spent on this contract at completion.

Carried Unanimously

C-22/23-201

**Public Tender – Board Office - Geothermal System  
Drainage, Assessment of Repair, Repair and Refilling –  
Contract # 22510B028**

WHEREAS the resolution C-22/23-168 authorized a special tendering strategy for this project;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

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

- Barette Bernard – Énerflamme Inc.

WHEREAS the following bid was received:

Barette Bernard – Énerflamme Inc.	\$182,300.00
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WHEREAS the bid conformed;

WHEREAS the procurement officer and the Director of Buildings recognize the particularities of this project and recommend awarding the contract even though there is only one conformed bidder;

WHEREAS with its resolution E-22/23-183, the Executive Committee recommends Council:

- Award the contract to Barette Bernard – Énerflamme Inc. in the amount of \$182,300.00;
- Give the Director General the authority to sign and transmit to the Treasury Board an Annex 2 justifying awarding the contract to the only conformed bidder;
- Give the Director of Buildings signing authority for this contract;
- Request that the Director of Buildings report back to Council the total amount spent on this contract at completion.

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Fortier that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council:

- Award the contract to Barette Bernard – Énerflamme Inc. in the amount of \$182,300.00;
- Give the Director General the authority to sign and transmit to the Treasury Board an Annex 2 justifying awarding the contract to the only conformed bidder;
- Give the Director of Buildings signing authority for this contract;
- Request that the Director of Buildings report back to Council the total amount spent on this contract at completion.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-202**

**Public Tender – Pontiac Adult Education Centre –  
Renovation of the Entrance (Accessibility), the Renovation of  
the Washrooms and the Repointing of the Bricks – Contract  
# 22510B021**

WHEREAS the resolution C-21/22-197 approved the Buildings and technology investment plan;

WHEREAS an amount of \$525,000.00 from the 2021-2022 measure 50621 was allocated for the renovation of the entrance - accessibility;

WHEREAS an amount of \$270,000.00 from the 2021-2022 measure 50621 was allocated for the renovation of the washrooms;

WHEREAS an amount of \$453,034.00 from the 2021-2022 measure 50621 was allocated for the repointing of the bricks;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

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

- Gestion D.M.J. (6739741 CANADA INC.)
- ACQ - Région de l'Outaouais
- D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.
- DEFRAN INCORPORÉE

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$635,000.00
DEFRAN INCORPORÉE	\$987,422.00

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS with its resolution E-22/23-184, the Executive Committee recommends Council award the contract to D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC. in the amount of \$635,000.00 and give the Director of Buildings signing authority for this contract.

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Goldsbrough that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council award the contract to D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC. in the amount of \$635,000.00 and give the Director of Buildings signing authority for this contract.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-203**

**Public Tender – Identification of Circuit Breakers in Electrical Panels – Gatineau Sector - Contract # 22510B031**

WHEREAS a public tender was completed for the above-mentioned project;

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

- DEFRAN INCORPORÉE
- MAROIS ELECTRIQUE (1980) LIMITEE
- Société de transport de Montréal

WHEREAS the following bid was received:

MAROIS ÉLECTRIQUE (1980) Limitée	\$265,980
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WHEREAS the bid conformed;

WHEREAS based on our estimation, the bid is too high;

WHEREAS the Procurement Officer and the Director of Buildings recommend canceling the tender, review the procurement strategy, and returning to tender;

WHEREAS with its resolution E-22/23-186, the Executive Committee recommends Council cancel this tender;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council cancel this tender.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-204**

**Public Tender — Task Order Contract (Standing orders) for Electrician Services – Contract #22510B020**

WHEREAS a call for tenders was made for the above-mentioned contract;

WHEREAS the following contract specifications:

- this contract amount is for a maximum of \$200,000.00;
- the task order will not exceed \$25,000.00;
- the contract ends after 3 years or when the maximum amount is reached;
- the contractor will be rank based on the cost submitted in the bid;
- the task order will be offered based on the contractor's rank; if the contractor ranked 1 cannot accomplish the task order, the others will be solicited according to their respective rank;

WHEREAS the school board will use this bank of electricians for its tenders by invitation for every contract over \$25,000 and below \$100,000.00;

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

- Phil Électrique (8585750 CANADA LTÉE)
- Centre de services scolaire de Portneuf
- INNOVÉLEC INC.
- Lamarche Électrique QC Inc.
- MAROIS ÉLECTRIQUE (1980) LIMITÉE

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Scenarios Total Cost (For Adjudication Only)</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Phil Électrique (8585750 CANADA LTÉE)	\$3,753.00	1
INNOVÉLEC INC.	\$7,654.35	2
MAROIS ÉLECTRIQUE (1980) LIMITÉE	\$11,505.00	3

WHEREAS the scenarios were based on simple tasks and on the hourly cost of an electrician by the decree and therefore the large differences between the bids are unexplainable;

WHEREAS the Procurement Officer and the Director of Buildings recommend canceling the tender, review the tendering strategy, and returning to tender;

WHEREAS with its resolution E-22/23-187, the Executive Committee recommends Council cancel this tender;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher-Sharma that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council cancel this tender.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-205**

**Contribution for Bill 40 Legal Challenge**

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has launched a constitutional challenge to Bill 40 on May 15, 2020;

WHEREAS the Western Quebec School Board's Council of Commissioners passed resolution C-19/20-47 in support of the defense of English public education;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Lyrette-Brennan to approve a contribution of \$15,000 from the commissioners' discretionary fund (travel, pedagogical development) towards the aforementioned legal fund.

For: 13  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 1 – Fortier  
Motion carried

**C-22/23-206**      **Governance & Ethics Committee Report – April 3, 2023**  
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that Council acknowledge receipt of the Governance & Ethics Committee Minutes of April 3, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-207**      **Governance & Ethics Committee Report – May 8, 2023**  
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that Council acknowledge receipt of the Governance & Ethics Committee Minutes of May 8, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-208**      **Amendment to C-14 Safe Schools Policy**  
WHEREAS the WQSB Statement on the use of Slurs, Epithets was adopted in September 2022;  
WHEREAS policy C-14 should include the statement;  
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that Council approve policy C-14 as amended by the Governance & Ethics Committee.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-209**      **Parents' Committee Report – March 20, 2023**  
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher-Sharma that Council acknowledge receipt of the Parents' Committee Minutes of March 20, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-210**      **Parents' Committee Report – April 17, 2023**  
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Fortier that Council acknowledge receipt of the Parents' Committee Minutes of April 17, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-211**      **SEAC Committee Report – April 11, 2023**  
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Fortier that Council acknowledge receipt of the SEAC Committee Minutes of April 11, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-212**      **IREC Committee Report – April 20, 2023**



IT WAS MOVED by Co-Opted Commissioner Garner that Council acknowledge receipt of the IREC Committee Minutes of April 20, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-213**

**IREC Committee Report – May 17, 2023**

IT WAS MOVED by Co-Opted Commissioner Garner that Council acknowledge receipt of the IREC Committee Minutes of May 17, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-214**

**Designated Person as Ethics Commissioner**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Boucher-Sharma that the Governance and Ethics Committee be mandated to oversee the selection process for the designated person as Ethics Commissioner.

For: 13

Against: 1 – Graham

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried

**C-22/23-215**

**2023-2026 Communications Plan**

WHEREAS the 2019-2022 WQSB Strategic Communications Plan has come to the end of its term and must be renewed;

WHEREAS the Ad Hoc Communications Committee has drafted the 2023-2026 WQSB Strategic Communications Plan;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that Council acknowledge receipt of the 2023-2026 WQSB Strategic Communications Plan.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-216**

**Reports on Bullying and Violence Involving Special Needs Students**

WHEREAS the relevant data was collected starting in the 2021-2022 school year;

WHEREAS the Council passed a resolution in November 2022, that had initially been introduced in September 2022, requesting a report of the 2021-2022 statistics related to bullying and violence involving students with special needs;

WHEREAS SEAC has passed its own motion requesting a report of these statistics in its January 2023 meeting (minutes of which were received by Council in the March 2023 meeting);

WHEREAS finding solutions to this issue as relates to students with special needs is an urgent priority that affects the learning,

safety, social integration, self-regulation, esteem, and sense of belonging which special needs students experience in the WQSB;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Taylor to have a report given to Council in its June 2023 public meeting, including the overall number of incidents as of end June 2022 reported by grade level, with breakdowns by region and by aggregated rural and urban schools, with details of the outcomes (e.g., disciplinary measures or other types of resolution), in order to benchmark for comparison with the report coming in October 2023 and to contextualize the parameters of the incidents our students are experiencing.

For: 10

Against: 2 – Labadie, Graham

Abstentions: 2 – Boucher-Sharma,  
Goldsbrough

Motion carried

**C-22/23-217**

**Motion to Amend Resolution # C-22/23-216**

IT WAS MOVED by Chairman Daly to amend resolution C-22/23- 216 by striking the last paragraph.

For: 9

Against: 2 – Taylor, Fortier

Abstentions: 3 – Boucher-Sharma,  
Labadie, Goldsbrough

Motion carried

**C-22/23-218**

**Adjournment**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Goldsbrough that the meeting be adjourned at 9:46 p.m.