

**Province of Quebec
Western Quebec School Board**

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on September 26, 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, Giannakoulis, Goldsbrough, Graham, Labadie, Lyrette-Brennan, McCrank, Shaar, Co-opted Commissioners Commonda and Garner, and Parent-Commissioners Brennan, Boucher-Sharma, Fortier and Taylor.

REGRETS: Commissioner George

Personnel:

Director of Education S. Aitken
Director of Complementary Services L. Falasconi
Director of Adult Ed. & Vocational Training Jennifer Dubeau
Director of Human Resources Phil 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 & Technology Mr. P. Proulx were also present.

- **Land Acknowledgment**

Call to order: 7:50 p.m.

C-23/24-1 Adoption of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that the agenda be adopted as presented with the following additions:

- Agenda Item 10.4 SEAC
- Agenda Item 10.6 IREC
- Agenda Item 11.1 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-2 Approval of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that the minutes of a meeting held on June 27, 2023, be approved as circulated.

For: 12
Abstention: 1 (Graham)
Against: 0
Motion Carried

Director General’s Report

The Director General Mr. G. Singfield provided a verbal report on the following:

- New administrative appointments
 - Ward 6 Election: Commissioner Acclimation
 - Hiring of an ethics commissioner update
 - Planned reasonable accommodation training.
 - The WQSB Senior Admin. decision-making process
 - Opening Days – 2023-2024 School Year: Highlight: Poltimore School
 - The introduction of the JEDI table
 - Admission delays
 - Secretary General related information
 - Staffing allocation
 - Transportation related information
 - Truth and reconciliation
- At 8:12 p.m., Commissioner Lyrette-Brennan left the meeting.
 - At 9:02 p.m., Commissioner Goldsbrough left the meeting but returned to the meeting at 9:25 p.m.
 - At 9:42 p.m., Commissioner Labadie left the meeting.

C-23/24-3

Establishment of a Review and Planning Committee

WHEREAS at the request of the Senior Administration, a Review and Planning Committee shall be established;

WHEREAS the Review and Planning Committee shall be composed of all commissioners of the Board who volunteer to be a member of the Committee when it is formed, including the Chair;

WHEREAS all rules of conduct that apply to Board meetings will also apply to meetings of the Review and Planning Committee;

WHEREAS the Review and Planning Committee may, at any time, invite members of the public, members of governing boards potentially affected, and any other body to attend any of its meetings to assist it in its decision-making process;

IT WAS MOVED by Co-Opted Commissioner Garner that at the request of the Senior Administration, a Review and Planning Committee shall be established.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-4

Development of a Policy to Replace C-16 Self-Funded Trips

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that the Council task the Governance and Ethics Committee with a

review of whether it was necessary to develop another Board level policy to replace Policy C-16 Self-Funded Trips and to review any draft policy that the Administration might develop on the subject.

Carried Unanimously

C-23/24-5

Executive Committee Report – September 19, 2023

IT WAS MOVED by Co-Opted Commissioner Garner that Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of September 19, 2023.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-6

Extra – Contract #22510B016 – Gym Renovation – Phase 1 - Infrastructure – South Hull

WHEREAS the resolution C-22/23-170 awarded a contract to Defran Incorporée in the amount of \$131,222.00 for the above-mentioned project;

WHEREAS, during the excavation of the Southern face of the school, a second footing was discovered under the sidewalk and the flowerbed;

WHEREAS the cost of the extra is under analysis but will bring the extra for this project above the 10% threshold;

WHEREAS this additional expense can be covered by the budget;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-8 that Council amends the Director General's delegated authority to approve amendments to this contract that may incur additional costs of up to 20%;

IT WAS MOVED by Co-Opted Commissioner Garner that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council amend the Director General's delegated authority to approve amendments to this contract that may incur additional costs of up to 20%.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-7

Public Tender – Namur – Retrofit Change Rooms into Multi-Purpose Room and Accessibility Washroom – Revision of The Accessibility Entrance – Contract #22510B033

WHEREAS an amount of \$625,000.00 was set aside from the 2019-2020 measure 50621;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

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

- Plomberie 2B Inc.

- ACQ - Région de l'Outaouais
- D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.
- SEGUIN MORRIS INC.
- LES INDUSTRIES CAMA

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC	\$373,000.00
LES INDUSTRIES CAMA	\$416,917.00

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS in consideration of the cost being within budget and the need to commence construction during the summer, the contract was authorized;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-9 that Council endorse the awarding of the contract to D.L.S. Construction Inc. in the amount of \$373,000.00;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Fortier that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council endorse the awarding of the contract to D.L.S. Construction Inc. in the amount of \$373,000.00 and give the signing authority for this contract to ADG and Director of Buildings and Technology, Mr. Pascal Proulx.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-8

Extra – Contract #22510B033 – Retrofit Change Rooms into a Multipurpose Room and Accessibility Washroom – Revision of The Accessibility Entrance – Namur.

WHEREAS resolution C-23/24-7 endorses a decision to award a contract to D.L.S. Construction Inc in the amount of \$373,000.00 for the above-mentioned project;

WHEREAS, during the excavation, major foundation issues were discovered;

WHEREAS the cost of the extra is under analysis but will bring the extra for this project above the 10% threshold;

WHEREAS this additional expense can be covered by the budget;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-10 that Council amend the Director General’s delegated authority to approve additional costs of up to 20% for this contract;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Fortier that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council amend the Director General’s delegated authority to approve additional costs of up to 20% for this contract

Carried unanimously.

**C-23/24-9 Public Tender – Dr Wilbert Keon – Elevator and Exterior Wall
– Contract #22510B008**

WHEREAS an amount of \$623,669.00 was set aside from the 2020-2021 measure 50622;

WHEREAS an amount of \$500,000.00 was set aside from the 2022-2023 measure 30850;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

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

- ACQ - Région de l'Outaouais
- ASCENSEURS VERTEC INC.
- DEFRAN INCORPORÉE
- D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

DEFRAN INCORPORÉE	\$1,188,422.00
D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$1,717,000.00

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS to balance the project, additional funds will be allocated within the same budgetary envelop;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-11 that Council award the contract to DEFRAN Incorporée in the amount of \$1,188,422.00;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brushey that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council award the contract to DEFRAN Incorporée in the amount of \$1,188,422.00 and give the signing authority for this contract to ADG and Director of Buildings and Technology, Mr. Pascal Proulx.

Carried unanimously.

**C-23/24-10 Public Tender – Symmes / D'Arcy McGee – Replacement of
Water Pipes (Kytex) – Contract # 23510B005**

WHEREAS an amount of \$150,000.00 was set aside from the 2022-2023 measure 50621;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

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

- 6739741 CANADA INC. (Gestion DMJ)
- ACQ – Région de l'Outaouais

- BARETTE BERNARD - ÉNERFLAMME INC.
- D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.
- DEFRAN INCORPORÉE

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

DEFRAN INCORPORÉE	\$279,422.00
6739741 CANADA INC. (Gestion DMJ)	\$429,850.00
D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$669,000.00

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-12 that Council award the contract to DEFRAN Incorporée in the amount of \$279,422.00;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council award the contract to DEFRAN Incorporée in the amount of \$279,422.00 and give the signing authority for this contract to ADG and Director of Buildings and Technology, Mr. Pascal Proulx.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-11

Public Tender – Maniwaki Woodland – Upgrade Protective Surfacing and Relocate Some Playground Structures – Contract # 23510B003

WHEREAS an amount of \$100,000.00 was set aside from the 2023-2024 measure 50624;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

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

- 916383 CANADA INC. (Les Fermes Renaud)
- Peinture BROOM INC.
- PLOMBERIE AUMOND INC.

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

PLOMBERIE AUMOND INC.	\$128,000.00
916383 CANADA INC. (Les Fermes Renaud)	\$149,000.00

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS in consideration of the cost being within budget and the need to commence construction during the summer, the contract was authorized;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-13 that Council endorse the awarding of the

contract to Plomberie Aumond Inc. in the amount of \$128,000.00;

IT WAS MOVED by Co-Opted Commissioner Commonda that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council endorse the awarding of the contract to Plomberie Aumond Inc. in the amount of \$128,000.00 and give the signing authority for this contract to ADG and Director of Buildings and Technology, Mr. Pascal Proulx.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-12 Group Buying Program – Centre d’acquisitions gouvernementales – Car and Truck Rental (short term) - 2023-8115-50

WHEREAS this group contract is part of the ministerial order number 2020-01 dated November 17, 2020, which requires ministries and agencies to lease their vehicles through the CAG group;

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 is for a period of 36 months, starting February 1, 2024, and ending January 31, 2027, with no option for renewal;

WHEREAS the total commitment for this contract is estimated at \$60,000.00;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-14 that Council authorize the WQSB to proceed with joining the contract for its car and truck leasing through the Centre d’acquisitions gouvernementales;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Fortier that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council authorize the WQSB to proceed with joining the contract for its car and truck leasing through the Centre d’acquisitions gouvernementales’ program, and that the ADG and Director of Buildings and Technology, Mr. Pascal Proulx, be authorized to sign all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-13 Group Buying Program – Centre d’acquisitions gouvernementales – Educational Technology – Educational Tablets and Robots– 2023-7542-50

WHEREAS there are specific needs for the acquisition of supplies consisting of educational technology tools;

WHEREAS there is an opportunity to join the purchasing group offered by the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales, 2023-7542-50, Équipements Pédagogiques Numériques;

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 is for a period of 12 months, starting February 1, 2024, and ending January 31, 2025, with one option for renewal for a period of 3 months, ending April 30, 2025.;

WHEREAS the total commitment for this contract is estimated at \$55,608.00;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-15 that Council authorize the WQSB to proceed with joining the contract for its purchasing of educational technology through the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council authorize the WQSB to proceed with joining the contract for its purchasing of educational technology through the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales' program, and that the ADG and Director of Buildings and Technology, Mr. Pascal Proulx, be authorized to sign all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-14 Group Buying Program – (CAG) – Classroom Furniture – 2023-7547-50

WHEREAS the school board has the opportunity to participate in the group purchasing plan offered by the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales for classroom furniture;

WHEREAS this type of contract requires the authorization of the chief executive officer since this is a standing offer contract with multiple suppliers;

WHEREAS the contract will cover a period of 2 years, from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2026, with one renewal option of 12 months;

WHEREAS the estimated financial commitment for this contract is approximately \$150,000.00;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-16 that Council authorize the WQSB to proceed with joining the contract for the purchasing of classroom furniture through the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council authorize the WQSB to proceed with joining the contract for the purchasing of classroom furniture through the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales' program, and that the ADG and Director of Buildings and Technology, Mr. Pascal Proulx, be authorized to sign all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-15 Extra – Contract #22510B016 – Gym Renovation – Phase 1 - Infrastructure – South Hull

WHEREAS resolution C-22/23-170 awarded a contract to DEFTRAN Incorporée in the amount of \$131,222.00 for the above-mentioned project;

WHEREAS the resolution C-23/24-6 modifies the Director General's delegation of power to authorize amendments to this contract of up to 20%;

WHEREAS there was an unexpected presence of contaminated soil;

WHEREAS the cost of this additional extra is currently at \$29,418.57 and will bring the total extra for this project well over 20%;

WHEREAS the budget is available to cover the cost of this additional extra;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-18 that Council endorse the amending of the Director General's delegated authority to approve additional costs of up to 40% for this contract;

IT WAS MOVED by Co-Opted Commissioner Garner that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council endorse the amending of the Director General's delegated authority to approve additional costs of up to 40% for this contract.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-16 Public Tender – Standing Offers Contract for Cleaning Products and Cleaning Items – Contract # 22510B030

WHEREAS an amount of \$1,000,000.00 was set aside from the operational budget for the next 3 years;

WHEREAS the contract is for 3 years or \$1,000,000.00, whichever comes first;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

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

- DISTRIBUTION PRO-EXPERT INC.
- Investissement Québec.
- LES EMBALLAGES CARROUSEL INC.
- SWISH MAINTENANCE LIMITED
- Centre de services scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord
- SMITH & SAKHO ENTRETIEN MÉNAGER INC.
- SOLUTIONS SUPÉRIEURES S.E.C.
- VÉTI-VERT INC.
- Dustbane
- Imperial Dade Canada Inc.
- SERVICE INSTUKEM LTÉE

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

LES EMBALLAGES CARROUSEL INC.	\$419,781.66 annually
Imperial Dade Canada Inc.	\$443,216.83 annually
SOLUTIONS SUPÉRIEURES S.E.C.	\$805,823.06 annually
SWISH MAINTENANCE LIMITED	Not Conformed
DISTRIBUTION PRO-EXPERT INC.	Not Conformed

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-19 that Council endorse the awarding of the contract to LES EMBALLAGES CARROUSEL INC. in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 (Maximum) over 3 years;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brushey that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council endorse the awarding of the contract to LES EMBALLAGES CARROUSEL INC. in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 (Maximum) over 3 years and give the signing authority for this contract to ADG and Director of Buildings and Technology, Mr. Pascal Proulx.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-17

Responsable de l'application des règles contractuelles (R.A.R.C.)

ATTENDU QU'en vertu de l'article 21.0.1 de la *Loi sur les contrats des organismes publics*, la CSWQ doit désigner un responsable de l'application des règles contractuelles;

ATTENDU QUE, par sa résolution C-19/20-15 datée du 24 septembre 2019, le conseil des commissaires nommait M. Alain Gendron à titre de responsable de l'application des règles contractuelles (RARC);

ATTENDU QUE le Comité exécutif recommande, par la résolution E-23/24-20, que le conseil abroge la résolution C-19/20-15 datée du 24 septembre 2019 et que M. Eldon Keon soit désigné comme responsable de l'application des règles contractuelles (RARC) de la CSWQ;

LE COMMISSAIRE MCCRANK PROPOSE QUE, conformément à la recommandation du Comité exécutif, le conseil abroge la résolution C-19/20-15 datée du 24 septembre 2019 et que M. Eldon Keon soit désigné comme responsable de l'application des règles contractuelles (RARC) de la CSWQ, prenant effet immédiatement.

For: 10
 Abstentions: 2 (Boucher/Fortier)
 Against: 0
 Motion Carried

C-23/24-18 Public Tender – Standing Offers Contract for Lockers – Contract # 23510B002

WHEREAS an amount of \$500,000.00 set aside from the FTE Budget for a period of 3 years;

WHEREAS the contract is for 3 years or \$500,000.00, whichever comes first;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

WHEREAS the bidders were required to bid on one unit of each locker combination that we might purchase, meaning that they have the product and the lowest price;

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

- BOUTIQUE DU BUREAU GYVA INC.

WHEREAS the following bid was received:

BOUTIQUE DU BUREAU GYVA INC.	\$44,857.00
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WHEREAS the lowest bid is conformed;

WHEREAS upon validation of the quoted price, it was determined that the value is too high;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher that Council refuse the bid from BOUTIQUE DU BUREAU GYVA INC. in the amount of \$44,587.00.

Carried unanimously.

- C-23/24-19** **Appointment of a Complaints Officer**
WHEREAS section 24 of the *Act respecting the National Student Ombudsman* stipulates that the person in charge of processing complaints is designated from among the Board's personnel by the Council of Commissioners;
WHEREAS Decree 621-2023 provides for the Complaints Officer to take office on August 28, 2023;
WHEREAS considering the expertise developed by the Secretary General in handling complaints;
WHEREAS considering the Director General's recommendation;
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that Mr. Eldon Keon, Secretary General; be appointed as Complaints Officer for the WQSB, effective August 28, 2023.

Carried unanimously.
- C-23/24-20** **D-1 Travel, Accommodation and Business Representation Expenses**
WHEREAS in consideration of the Director of Finance's recommendation to update the D-1 Travel, Accommodation, and Business Representation Expenses policy as follows:
 - an allowance of a per diem for meal expenses without the requirement of supporting documents, except in certain circumstancesIT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher that Council adopt the updated D-1 Travel, Accommodation and Business Representation Expenses policy as recommended by the Director of Finance.

Carried unanimously.
- C-23/24-21** **Governance & Ethics Committee Minutes**
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that Council acknowledge receipt of the Governance & Ethics Committee Minutes.

Carried unanimously.
- C-23/24-22** **Rescinding of By-law 18**
WHEREAS the Act Respecting the National Student Ombudsman, CQLR c P-32.01 has taken effect,
WHEREAS the process for appealing decisions by a school board is established in the new law,
WHEREAS the process for examining complaints and appealing decisions established by the Western Quebec School Board as

written in By-law 18, by-law establishing procedures for the examination of complaints no longer conforms to the law;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that By-law 18, By-law establishing procedures for the examination of complaints, be rescinded and removed from publication on all communication channels across the Board as a result of the coming into force of the Act Respecting the National Student Ombudsman, CQLR c P-32.01.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-23

Increase to the SEAC Operating Budget

WHEREAS the current budget of \$1,000 allocated to the SEAC Committee has proven insufficient to meet the committee's needs and objectives;

WHEREAS additional funding is required to ensure the successful completion of events, postcards, and workshops in addition to maintaining its website;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Fortier that the budget allocation for SEAC be increased from \$1,000 to \$3,000. It is also resolved that this increase commences with the 2023-2024 school year and is implemented by the first SEAC meeting on October 30, 2023.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-24

Rescind C-22/23-15: Two-Year Contract – Transport Michel Therrien

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth to rescind resolution C-22/23-15; two-year contract, including a one-year (1) renewal option negotiated with Transport Michel Therrien, in the amount of \$366,939.00.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-25

Rescind C-22/23-16: Two-Year Contract – Transport Louis Martel

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth to rescind resolution C-22/23-16; two-year contract, including a one-year (1) renewal option negotiated with Transport Louis Martel, in the amount of \$44,658.00.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-26

Rescind C-22/23-17: Six-Year Contract – Transport Létourneau Inc.

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth to rescind resolution C-22/23-17; six-year contract negotiated with Transport Létourneau Inc., in the amount of \$94,903.06.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-27 Rescind C-22/23-88: Six-Year Transportation Contracts Negotiations 2022-2028

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth to rescind resolution C-22/23-88; six-year contract, including a two-year (1+1) renewal option based on the terms, guidelines and budget parameters set by the Ministry and the terms set out in the mutual agreement for:

Baie Transport Inc.	\$3,426,353.64
Autobus LaSalle Inc.	\$2,763,722.59
Autobus La Petite Nation Inc.	\$1,203,173.64
Autobus Transbell Inc.	\$333,639.01

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-28 Rescind C-22/23-103: Six-year contract – Transport Bigras Inc.

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth to rescind resolution C-22/23-103; six-year contract, including the optional two-year (1+1) renewal negotiated with Transport Bigras, in the amount of \$1,377,955.59.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-29 Contract – Transport Michel Therrien

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-21 that Council approve the two-year contract, including a one-year (1) renewal option negotiated with Transport Michel Therrien, in the amount of \$1,100,817.00;

WHEREAS August 2022 marks the beginning of the contract;

WHEREAS a kilometer revision and an indexation are both conducted annually;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council approve the two-year contract, including a one-year (1) renewal option negotiated with Transport Michel Therrien, in the amount of \$1,100,817.00.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-30 Contract – Transport Louis Martel

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-22 that Council approve the two-year contract, including a one-year (1) renewal option negotiated with Transport Louis Martel, in the amount of \$133,974.00;

WHEREAS August 2022 marks the beginning of the contract;

WHEREAS a kilometer revision and an indexation are both conducted annually;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council approve the two-year contract, including a one-year (1) renewal option negotiated with Transport Louis Martel, in the amount of \$133,974.00.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-31

Contract – Autobus Maheux

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-23 that Council approve the six-year contract negotiated with Transport Létourneau Inc, which was purchased by Autobus Maheux (resolution C-22/23-178), in the amount of \$569,418.36;

WHEREAS August 2022 marks the beginning of the contract;

WHEREAS a kilometer revision and an indexation are both conducted annually;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council approve the six-year contract negotiated with Transport Létourneau Inc, which was purchased by Autobus Maheux (resolution C-22/23-178), in the amount of \$569,418.36.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-32

Contract – Baie Transport Inc.

WHEREAS the senior administration was given the mandate to negotiate by mutual agreement the transportation contracts with our different transportation carriers;

WHEREAS due to the difficult economic context and the environmental shifts that the transportation industry must make, carriers have requested an eight-year contract;

WHEREAS the government and the Federation of Transporters have agreed on a six-year contract term;

WHEREAS the administration has completed their negotiations by concluding a six-year contract, including a two-year (1+1) renewal option based on the terms, guidelines, and budget parameters set by the Ministry;

WHEREAS August 2022 marks the beginning of the contract;

WHEREAS a kilometer revision and an indexation are both conducted annually;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-24 that Council approve the negotiated contract with Baie Transport Inc. in the amount of @ 27, 410, 829.12;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council approve the negotiated contract with Baie Transport Inc. in the amount of \$27,410,829.12, including the terms set out in the mutual agreement.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-33

Contract – Autobus LaSalle Inc.

WHEREAS the senior administration was given the mandate to negotiate by mutual agreement the transportation contracts with our different transportation carriers;

WHEREAS due to the difficult economic context and the environmental shifts that the transportation industry must make, carriers have requested an eight-year contract;

WHEREAS the government and the Federation of Transporters have agreed on a six-year contract term;

WHEREAS the administration has completed their negotiations by concluding a six-year contract, including a two-year (1+1) renewal option based on the terms, guidelines, and budget parameters set by the Ministry;

WHEREAS August 2022 marks the beginning of the contract;

WHEREAS a kilometer revision and an indexation are both conducted annually;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-24 that Council approve the negotiated contract with Autobus LaSalle Inc. in the amount of \$22,109,780.72;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council approve the negotiated contract with Autobus LaSalle Inc. in the amount of \$22,109,780.72, including the terms set out in the mutual agreement.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-34

Contract – Autobus Transco

WHEREAS the senior administration was given the mandate to negotiate by mutual agreement the transportation contracts with our different transportation carriers;

WHEREAS due to the difficult economic context and the environmental shifts that the transportation industry must make, carriers have requested an eight-year contract;

WHEREAS the government and the Federation of Transporters have agreed on a six-year contract term;

WHEREAS the administration has completed their negotiations by concluding a six-year contract, including a two-year (1+1) renewal option based on the terms, guidelines, and budget parameters set by the Ministry;

WHEREAS August 2022 marks the beginning of the contract;

WHEREAS a kilometer revision and an indexation are both conducted annually;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-24 that Council approve the negotiated contract with Autobus Transco in the amount of \$9,625,389.12;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council approve the negotiated contract with Autobus Transco in the amount of \$9,625,389.12, including the terms set out in the mutual agreement.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-35

Contract – Autobus Transbell Inc.

WHEREAS the senior administration was given the mandate to negotiate by mutual agreement the transportation contracts with our different transportation carriers;

WHEREAS due to the difficult economic context and the environmental shifts that the transportation industry must make, carriers have requested an eight-year contract;

WHEREAS the government and the Federation of Transporters have agreed on a six-year contract term;

WHEREAS the administration has completed their negotiations by concluding a six-year contract, including a two-year (1+1) renewal option based on the terms, guidelines, and budget parameters set by the Ministry;

WHEREAS August 2022 marks the beginning of the contract;

WHEREAS a kilometer revision and an indexation are both conducted annually;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-24 that Council approve the negotiated contract with Autobus Transbell Inc. in the amount of \$2,669,112.08;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council approve the negotiated contract with TransBell Inc. in the amount of \$2,669,112.08, including the terms set out in the mutual agreement.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-36

Contract – Transport Bigras Inc.

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends with resolution E-23/24-25 that Council approve the six-year contract, including the optional two-year (1+1) renewal negotiated with Transport Bigras, in the amount of \$11,023,644.72;

WHEREAS August 2022 marks the beginning of the contract;

WHEREAS a kilometer revision and an indexation are both conducted annually;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council approve the six-year contract, including the optional two-year (1+1) renewal negotiated with Transport Bigras, in the amount of \$11,023,644.72.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-37

Approval of Proposed IREC Training Project

WHEREAS Council has recognized and agreed that its professional development is a priority;

WHEREAS Darren McKee led an informative and well-received initial workshop for Council and Senior Administration in the Spring;

WHEREAS he has agreed to make himself available to continue this training with the Board while he is already in the NCR the first week of October;

WHEREAS since he does not charge for his time and travel/accommodations are already paid for, the only costs associated with this training is \$200-300 for food;

IT WAS MOVED by Co-Opted Commissioner Garner that Council endorse the plan made by the Intercultural Relations and Education Committee for this training workshop scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2023, and to encourage members of Council and Senior Administration to make every effort to attend.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-38

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meetings

WHEREAS the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee was established to advise the Board and support initiatives related to strengthening and improving Indigenous students' educational experience and environment, as well as building relationships between communities and the WQSB;

WHEREAS no meetings of this Committee were called during the 2022-2023 school year and there are issues of importance that need to be addressed;

WHEREAS meetings of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee need to be held regularly each school year;

It was moved by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that meetings of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee may be called by the Chair or by any two members of the Committee with 10 days' notice.

Carried unanimously.

C-23/24-39

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brushey that the meeting be adjourned at 10:48 p.m.