

Council Highlights September 23, 2020

The Council adopted the following resolutions:

PQI 2020-2030

CC-200923-MR-0003

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) adopted resolution no. CC-191023-MR-0028, approving requests for the 2020-2030 Plan québécois des infrastructures (PQI 2020-2030);

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the SWLSB also approved an update to the PQI so as to include the resolutions received from the Governing Boards of Crestview, Joliette, Laurentia and Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary Schools;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board clearly expressed the most urgent needs of each of its regions, namely Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière;

WHEREAS, for the Laval region, a new school adapted to its special needs students was requested;

WHEREAS this new school is essential considering the insufficient space to service the students of Crestview Elementary School, most of whom have complex physical, intellectual, emotional and social needs;

WHEREAS larger classrooms are necessary to properly service these students who require many resources and adapted materials;

WHEREAS additional rooms are required to enable the professional staff, including speechlanguage pathologists, occupational therapists and psychologists, to properly assist these students;

WHEREAS Crestview Elementary School lacks a sufficient number of adapted washrooms for students requiring specific hygiene measures;

WHEREAS additional sensory rooms are required for students with special needs who often use specific materials to practise self-regulation;

WHEREAS, in addition to the lack of appropriate space, Crestview Elementary School requires major renovations;

WHEREAS Crestview Elementary School would also greatly benefit from a bus lay-by for adapted vehicles;

WHEREAS both the SWLSB and the Governing Board of Crestview Elementary School have indicated to the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES), via their respective resolutions, that Crestview Elementary School has difficulty meeting the needs of the growing number of students within its existing facilities;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding this information, the MEES has rejected the request for the construction of a new school in the Laval area;

WHEREAS, for the Laurentides region, a new school was requested in order to alleviate overcrowding at Laurentia and Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary Schools;

WHEREAS the Governing Boards of Laurentia and Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary Schools have indicated that their respective schools are operating at overcapacity;

WHEREAS Laurentia and Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary Schools cannot offer services to prekindergarten students due to this lack of available space despite the demand in this regard;

WHEREAS, despite the requests made by the SWLSB and the aforementioned Governing Boards, the MEES has refused the request for the construction of a new school in the Saint-Jérôme/Mirabel area:

WHEREAS the SWLSB prides itself on its culture of inclusion and integration as well as of its 87.7% graduation rate;

WHEREAS the SWLSB is committed to its students and needs the support of the MEES to provide the best learning environment in order to continue ensuring the success of its students within a culture of inclusion and integration;

Commissioner Anne McMullon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board formally ask the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur to reconsider its decision with regard to the requests made for Crestview Elementary School and a new school in the Saint-Jérôme/Mirabel area;

AND THAT the mandate be given to the chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to write a letter outlining this request and the concerns of the SWLSB, and that said letter be sent notably to the Minister of Education.

Carried unanimously

Enrolment Criteria 2020-2021

WHEREAS section 239 of the *Education Act* states that each school board must adopt its enrolment criteria;

CC-200923-TS-0004

WHEREAS section 193 (6) of the *Education Act* requires that the Parents' Committee be consulted on the enrolment criteria established by each school board;

Commissioner Vicky Kaliotzakis MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize for consultation the amendments to policy no. 2014-TS-04: *Enrolment Criteria*;

AND THAT this proposed Enrolment Criteria be subject to a 60-day consultation with the Parents' Committee, beginning on September 28, 2020, and ending on November 27, 2020.

Carried unanimously

Engagement of Contractor

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-180627-MR-0159, approving in principle the ecologically responsible buildings project;

CC-200923-MR-0005

Energy Project

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-180705-MR-0004, approving the composition of a Selection Committee responsible for qualifying energy-savings companies and for selecting one of these companies to conduct the detailed feasibility study;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolutions no. CC-190327-MR-0151, authorizing Ecosystem to conduct the detailed feasibility study, and no. CC-191127-MR-0043, authorizing the school board to borrow the necessary funds to carry out the work detailed in document no. SWLSB-20191127-MR-002;

WHEREAS, following the detailed feasibility study, Ecosystem established the cost of the project to be supported by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board at \$6,145,500.33, before taxes, or \$6,568,725.57, net taxes, less the amount of \$1,500,000.00 provided by Measure 50621 (*Maintien des bâtiments*), for a cost of \$4,840,868.88, before taxes, or \$5,174,247.42, net taxes;

WHEREAS Measure 50643 (*Établissements écoresponsables*), other financial incentives and tax returns will reduce the financial responsibility of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to a net amount of \$2,408,729.00, with a PRI (*prix de revient indexé*) of 10.2 years;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the energy project to Ecosystem for the initial cost of \$6,145,500.33, before taxes, or \$6,568,725.57, net taxes;

AND THAT the Chairperson or, in his absence or with his knowledge, the Vice-Chairperson as well as the Director General, or in her absence or with her knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign documentation concerning this project, as per by-law no. BL2008-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.*

Carried unanimously

Engagement of Service Provider

WHEREAS the snow removal and salting contracts of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's schools and centres expired on June 30, 2020;

Snow Removal – SWLSB Establishments

WHEREAS public tenders for snow removal and salting services for the majority of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier school board establishments covering the school years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 were received and opened on September 3, 2020;

CC-200923-MR-0006

WHEREAS the contract is awarded by individual lots;

WHEREAS the only price received for Morin Heights Elementary School is considered unreasonably high and above the budgeted amount, and therefore will be excluded from this contract:

WHEREAS the only prices received for the lots for Mountainview and St-Jude Elementary Schools and Lake of Two Mountains High School did not meet the criteria of conformity, and therefore will be excluded from this contract;

Commissioner Emilio Migliozzi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the snow removal and salting services for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years, with the exception of the lots for Morin Heights, Mountainview and St-Jude Elementary Schools and Lake of Two Mountains High School, for a total global cost for all lots of \$1,098,673.00, before taxes or \$1,174,335.86 net taxes, as per document no. SWLSB-2020/09/23-MR-001;

AND THAT the Chairperson, or in their absence or with their knowledge the Vice-Chairperson, as well as the Director General, or in their absence or with their knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project;

FURTHER THAT, the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, be authorized to sign documentation concerning this project, as per By-Law no BL2008-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

Amendment to Resolution

Commissioner Anne McMullon MOVED THAT in the name Hillcrest elementary School be replaced with Hillcrest Academy. Seconded by Commissioner Anick Brunet.

CC-200923-MR-0007

Carried unanimously

Engagement of Service Provider

WHEREAS the snow removal and salting contracts of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's schools and centres expired on June 30, 2020;

Snow Removal – FHES, Hillcrest Academy and LJA WHEREAS public tenders for snow removal and salting services for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years for Franklin Hill Elementary School, Hillcrest Academy and Laval Junior Academy were opened on September 11, 2020;

CC-200923-MR-0008

WHEREAS the the contract is awarded by individual lots;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contracts for snow removal and salting services for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years for Franklin Hill Elementary School, Hillcrest Academy and Laval Junior Academy as per the table below, for a total global cost for all three lots of \$192,446.00, before taxes, or \$205,699.27, net taxes;

Lot 1 – Franklin Hill ES	Alekko Inc.	\$48,000.00
Lot 2 – Hillcrest Academy	Cárard Tránaniar 9 fila Inc	\$39,452.00
Lot 3 – Laval Junior Academy	Gérard Trépanier & fils Inc.	\$104,994.00

AND THAT the Chairperson, or in his absence or with his knowledge, the Vice-Chair as well as the Director General or, in her absence or with her knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign documentation concerning this project, as per by-law no. BL2008-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.*

Carried unanimously

Change Orders

LSA Washroom Renovation Project

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-191023-MR-0029, awarding the contract for the bathroom renovation project at Laval Senior Academy to Berloy Construction Inc., for a total cost of \$1,466,995.00, before taxes, or \$1,568,023.28, net taxes;

CC-200923-MR-0009

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolutions no. EC-2001229-MR-0034, EC-200226-MR-0039, EC-200325-MR-0044, EC-200429-MR-0048, and EC-200714-MR-0004, and the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-200625-MR-0122, approving various change orders in the amount of \$157,998.95, before taxes, or \$168,879.94, net taxes;

WHEREAS, during the project, additional change orders occurred (resulting in a credit) relating to various modifications in the amount of (\$8,283.92), before taxes;

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the change order credit in the amount of (\$8,283.92), before taxes;

AND THAT the total cost of the project, including the change orders, be decreased to \$1,616,710.03, before taxes, or \$1,728,048.81, net taxes;

AND THAT the Chairperson or, in his absence or with his knowledge, the Vice-Chairperson as well as the Director General or, in her absence or with her knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, be authorized to sign documentation concerning this project, as per by-law no. BL2008-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.*

Carried unanimously

Plan pluriannuel 2020-2024

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to satisfy priority needs in its schools and centres:

CC-200923-MR-0010

WHEREAS the schools and centres have expressed their needs;

WHEREAS Measure 50621 (*Maintien des bâtiments*) and Measure 50622 (*Résorption du déficit de maintien*) are applied to finance the projects required to address these needs:

WHEREAS the list of capital investment projects planned for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years and their respective budgets are detailed in document no. SWLSB-2020/09/23-MR-002:

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the 2020-2024 Plan pluriannuel (multiyear capital investment plan);

AND THAT the Chairperson, or in his absence or with his knowledge, the Vice-Chairperson as well as the Director General or, in her absence or with her knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation concerning these projects;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign documentation concerning these projects, as per by-law no. BL2008-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.*

Carried unanimously

Delegation of Functions and Powers

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-081022-CA-0038, approving by-law no. BL2008-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions and Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board* (the "By-law");

CC-200923-CA-0011

WHEREAS it has become necessary to revise the By-law's structure, as recommended by the General Directorate;

WHEREAS said revision will improve the By-law's accuracy and ensure its compliance with current practices and laws, as well as its clarity and proper interpretation;

WHEREAS said revision will facilitate efficient governance and management practices while respecting the roles and functions of the Council of Commissioners and the members of senior management;

WHEREAS recommendations were made by the General Directorate, assisted by an external legal firm, to redefine the current delegation of functions and powers with regard to construction contracts, which is the most pressing issue at hand until a final and thorough revision of the By-law can be done at a later date;

WHEREAS section 4.7 of the By-law indicates that "the delegatee is accountable for his decisions and must report back to the appropriate authority";

WHEREAS it is understood that the Executive Committee, the General Directorate and the Director of Material Resources and Transportation must report back to the Council of Commissioners concerning the additional powers delegated herein;

WHEREAS a new Council of Commissioners will be formed following the school elections to be held on November 1, 2020:

WHEREAS, once the new Council of Commissioners is in place, the General Directorate will continue working with its external legal consultants to review the By-law in its entirety;

WHEREAS it is estimated that revising the By-law in its entirety will take approximately six (6) months, as the revision must also take into consideration the Court's conclusion to come concerning case no. 500-17-112190-205 (application of Bill 40 to English-Language School Boards);

WHEREAS an update will be given to the new members of the Council of Commissioners no later than March 31, 2021, concerning the revision and recommendations with regard to the By-law;

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt the amendments to By-law no. BL2008-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions and Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board* as presented in document no. SWLSB-2020/09/23-CA-002;

AND THAT this amended By-law become effective upon the publication of a public notice to that effect, in accordance with section 394 of the *Education Act*;

AND THAT an update be given by the General Directorate to the Council of Commissioners no later than March 31, 2021, concerning the revision and recommendations with regard to By-law BL2008-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions and Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*;

FURTHER THAT a copy of the amended By-law be sent to all Governing Boards and to the Parents' Committee in accordance with section 395 of the *Education Act*.

Carried unanimously

Purchase of Additional Laptop Computers

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) continues to invest in technology via the « Plan d'action numérique » for the province of Québec;

Plan d'action numérique 2020-2021

WHEREAS the investment for the Measure 50767 (Mesure spéciale pour l'acquisition d'ensembles numériques) has been increased for the 2020-2021 school year by \$38,400,000;

CC-200923-IT-0012

WHEREAS the allocation for Measure 50767 for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is in the amount of \$926.476;

WHEREAS the MEES mandated Collecto in 2019 to conduct a public tender (SAR130-2019) for the acquisition of laptops, desktop computers, monitors and mobile charging carts:

WHEREAS Collecto in April 2020 revised pricing and equipment availability for tender SAR130-2019 - Postes Informatiques et Moniteurs Neufs providing equipment choices from multiple suppliers;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a participant to the tender SAR130-2019 - Postes Informatiques et Moniteurs Neufs for the 2020-2021 school year;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will require additional laptop computers to ensure its students and staff have the necessary access to technology for the 2020-2021 school year;

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Information Technology, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the acquisition of equipment available in public tender SAR130-2019 for an amount not exceeding \$650,000.00 including taxes;

AND THAT the Director General, and in her absence or with her knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this acquisition.

Carried unanimously

Commissioners Remuneration 2020-2021

CC-200923-FR-0013

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is composed of nine (9) commissioners, one (1) Chair and three (3) parent commissioners;

WHEREAS the annual maximum amount of remuneration to be paid to the members of the Council of Commissioners is established by decree from the Government of Québec;

WHEREAS such decree has not yet been published;

WHEREAS a discussion was held at the Corporate Committee of September 16, 2020 to maintain the same percentage distribution as adopted by the Council of Commissioners during the 2019-2020 school year by resolution CC-190925-FR-0008;

WHEREAS the total amounts to be distributed to each commissioner will be adjusted upon the reception of the decree for the 2020-2021 school year;

Commissioner Anick Brunet MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept to maintain the percentage distribution adopted by resolution no. CC-190925-FR-0008 for the 2020-2021 school year or until October 31, 2020 should school elections be held on November 1, 2020.

AND THAT the total amounts to be distributed to the members of the Council of Commissioners be adjusted upon reception of a new decree for the 2020-2021 school year.

Carried unanimously

Allocation of Measures 15021 and 15026

CC-200923-FR-0014

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) has granted additional funds totalizing \$18.8 million dollars to support Québec schools towards the organization of services during the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS measure 15021 (Soutien additionnel à la consolidation des apprentissages et à l'enseignement scolaire des élèves en contexte COVID) can be used for the consolidation of teaching activities at the elementary and high school levels;

WHEREAS the MEES also granted a new measure for the 2020-2021 school year that can be used for the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten groups, namely measure 15026 (*Ajout d'enseignants spécialistes au préscolaire*);

WHEREAS the MEES has requested that said measure be used to provide each pre-kindergarten and kindergarten group with a weekly 30-minute teaching period in physical education, wellness or the arts:

WHEREAS the Resource Allocation Committee (RAC) held a regular meeting on September 18, 2020, to establish the criteria of allocation for these two measures;

WHEREAS the RAC recommends that an amount of \$6,000 from measure 15021 be allocated to the Virtual Campus;

WHEREAS the RAC recommends that the administrative centre manage all funds allocated to the Virtual Campus as well as all funds from measure 15026 (*Ajout d'enseignants spécialistes au préscolaire*);

Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Resource Allocation Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the criteria of allocation of measures 15021 and 15026 as detailed below:

Measure	Name	Criteria
15021	Soutien additionnel à la consolidation des apprentissages et à l'enseignement scolaire des élèves en contexte COVID	\$6,000 to administrative centre 40% to elementary schools (per capita) 60% to high schools (per capita)
15026	Ajout d'enseignants spécialistes au préscolaire	100% to administrative centre

Carried unanimously