

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Ville de Rosemère

A special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec, on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, and via videoconference at 7:00 p.m., at which were:

Present: Paolo Galati, Chairperson

Also present: Anna Sollazzo, Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department; and Maxeen Jolin Coordinator of Communications

Present via videoconference: Commissioners Melissa Wall, Vice-Chairperson, Bob Pellerin, Alternate Vice-Chairperson; Barbara Barrasso, Anick Brunet, Vincent Cammisano, James Di Sano and Olivia Landry; and Parent Commissioners Tara Anderson, Stéphane Henley and Gaëlle Absolonne, Director General.

Also present via videoconference: Frédéric Greschner, Assistant Director General, Robin Bennett, Director of Information Resources; and Michel Dufour, Director of Material Resources and Transportation, Stephanie Krenn, Director of Human Resources; Chao Ling Pan, Director of Financial Resources; Eloïse Robichaud, Assistant Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

Absent: Commissioners Karla Abraham Di Francesco, Donna Anber, and Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and confirmed quorum with the Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department.

The Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department confirmed quorum and advised that all legal requirements for this meeting were followed.

TIME: 19:00

1.0 Opening of Meeting

1.1 Acknowledgement of the Land

I would like to honour the existence of the First Peoples by acknowledging that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is on the traditional land of the Kanien'keha:ka or Mohawk nation.

The Mohawk Nation is also known as the "Eastern Door Keepers" and are a member of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy which also includes the Seneca, Cayuga, Tuscarora, Onondaga and Oneida Peoples.

In the spirit of truth, reconciliation, and collaboration, we honour our relationship with the Indigenous Community and respect the history, culture, and language of Canada's original peoples.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

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CC-230322-CA-0084

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED THAT the March 22, 2023, agenda of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be approved as presented in document no. CC-SWLSB-2023/03/22-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

3.0 Engagement of Contractor – New School in Saint-Lin-Laurentides

The Chairperson noted that the upcoming resolution is exciting because it is not very often that a new English school is constructed.

The Director of Material Resources and Transportation advised that this project began more than two years ago and involved pretty much every department of the school board and several Principals. The timeline for the completion of the school has not changed.

The Chairperson thanked the Council for standing firm on its decision to keep pushing forward with this project even though there were roadblocks along the way. It was a very happy moment when the acceptance letter for funding from the Ministère de l'Éducation for the project arrived at the school board.

The Director General noted that the school board is looking forward to providing quality educational services to Saint-Lin-Laurentides and surrounding communities with a brand-new public English school. An official groundbreaking ceremony is being planned and we look forward to welcoming the students, staff, parents and community to the new school, once constructed.

Commissioner Bob Pellerin, whose electoral division includes Saint-Lin-Laurentides, expressed his appreciation to the Council for its unwavering support of this project and to the Material Resources and Transportation team for its dedication to the project. He also thanked the Ministre de l'Éducation, Bernard Drainville, for approving this project because it will be a very positive addition to the Lanaudière region.

Engagement of Contractor

New School in Saint-Lin-Laurentides

CC-230322-MR-0085

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) requested a new school for the Joliette area to alleviate overcrowding in the Lanaudière region;

WHEREAS the SWLSB received authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (Ministry) to build a new school in Saint-Lin-Laurentides;

WHEREAS a public call for tenders was published on September 8, 2022, and tenders were opened on October 19, 2022;

WHEREAS on October 26, 2022, the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution no. CC-221026-MR-0020 awarding the construction contract for the new school in Saint-Lin-Laurentides to the lowest conformable bidder, pending approval and additional financing from the Ministry;

WHEREAS on November 28, 2022, SWLSB received a letter from the Ministry informing that no additional funds would be granted for the construction of the new school in Saint-Lin-Laurentides and suggested that a new call for tenders be published at a more favorable time;

WHEREAS a new public call for tenders was published on January 17, 2023, and tenders were opened on February 21, 2023;

WHEREAS the conformability of all bidders has been verified;

WHEREAS, the Ministry confirmed by a letter dated March 16, 2023, that additional funds would be granted for the construction of the new school in Saint-Lin-Laurentides;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the construction contract for the new school in Saint-Lin-Laurentides to Consortium Raymond Inc. for an amount of \$26,955,000.00, before taxes, or \$28,811,323.46, net taxes;

AND THAT the engagement above be conditional to the receipt of all contractual documents;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project.

Carried unanimously

4.0 Question Period

The Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department confirmed there were no questions.

5.0 Adjournment

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 19:10

NEXT MEETING → REGULAR → March 29, 2023