

## Council Highlights February 26, 2025

## The Council adopted the following resolutions:

Signing Authorization for Banking

CC-250226-FR-0060

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-190123-CA-0119, authorizing the Chair, or in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chair, together with the Director General, or in her absence or with her knowledge, the Assistant Director General; or in his absence or with his knowledge, the Director of the Financial Resources Department, to sign cheques and other related financial documents on behalf of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-230621-CA-0137, approving the amendments to by-law no. BL2023-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions and Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*, which delegated to the Director of the Financial Resources Department the authority to sign and do all necessary acts relating to banking transactions and notably, to change signatories when required;

WHEREAS notwithstanding the delegation mentioned above, the Caisse Desjardins Thérèse-De Blainville, the banking institution for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, still requires document no. CC-SWLSB-2025/02/26-FR-001 to be signed;

Commissioner Benny Catania MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Director of the Financial Resources Department be authorized to sign document no. CC-SWLSB-2025/02/26-FR-001 to authorize the current Chair, or in his absence or with his knowledge, the Vice-Chair, together with the Director General, or in his absence or with his knowledge, the Assistant Director General or the Director of the Financial Resources Department, to sign cheques and other related financial documents on behalf of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board:

AND THAT resolution CC-190123-CA-0119 be rescinded as of this date.

Seconded by Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson.

Carried unanimously

Engagement of Contractor – Resurfacing of Asphalt, Landscaping and Exterior Staircase Renovation Project WHEREAS the asphalted area needs to be resurfaced and the staircase needs to be renovated at Grenville Elementary School;

Grenville Elementary School

WHEREAS public call for tenders no. 24-153-01 was published for the resurfacing of asphalt, landscaping, and exterior staircase renovation project at Grenville Elementary School and the bids were opened on January 30, 2025;

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WHEREAS the conformity of all bidders has been verified;

Commissioner Désirée Ramacieri MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the resurfacing of asphalt, landscaping and exterior staircase renovation project at Grenville Elementary School to Lavallée & Frères (1959) Ltée., for a total cost of \$814,000.00 before taxes, or \$870,058.15 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.

Seconded by Bob Pellerin.

**Carried unanimously** 

Commissioners Expense Reports

CC-250226-CA-0062

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution no. CC-190424-CA-0169 regarding the publication of Commissioners' travel and expenses on the school board's website:

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners wishes to have the expense reports of all Commissioners presented to the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board as a recurring information item in order to review said travel and expenses;

WHEREAS this process will be followed while respecting the authorizations required as per policy no. 1999-FR-01: Expense Reimbursement Policy for the Members of the Council of Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS Commissioners consent to the disclosure to the Executive Committee of their personal information as it appears in their expense reports, with the exception of their employee number, telephone number, and personal home address, which must be redacted;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Administration, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize and mandate its Executive Committee to receive and review the expense reports of all members of the Council of Commissioners, effective immediately;

AND THAT the Secretary General or their substitute be authorized to share the expense reports of all Commissioners with the Executive Committee members, as well as with the Director General and the Assistant Director General, without any confidential information redacted, with the exception of the employee number, telephone number, and personal address of Commissioners;

FURTHER THAT resolution no. CC-190424-CA-0169 be rescinded as of this date.

Seconded by Commissioner Melissa Wall.

**Carried unanimously** 

Appointment of Ethics Commissioner

CC-250226-CA-0063

WHEREAS in accordance with section 9.1 of by-law no. BL2009-CA-17: Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct for Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, an Ethics Commissioner must be named by resolution;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution no. CC-241211-CA-0043, which mandated the Secretary General to post the positions of Ethics Commissioner and Alternate Ethics Commissioner and established the Selection Committee;

WHEREAS this position was posted and the Selection Committee held interviews on February 14, 2025;



Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint Vincent Guida as Ethics Commissioner, effective immediately:

AND THAT the Ethics Commissioner be remunerated only when dealing with a complaint, in accordance with the hourly rate indicated in the Regulation respecting the fees for certain legal services rendered to bodies of the Government (CQLR, c. C-65.1, r. 7.3);

FURTHER THAT this resolution replaces resolution no. CC-190925-CA-0009.

Seconded by Commissioner Barbara Barrasso.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner

Appointment of Alternate Ethics WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolutions no. CC-190925-CA-0010 and CC-190925-CA0011 naming Alternate Ethics Commissioners no. 1 and no. 2;

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WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution no. CC-231129-CA-0039 naming a temporary Alternate Ethics Commissioner given Alternate Ethics Commissioners no. 1 and no. 2 had informed the school board that they were unavailable for an undetermined time period;

WHEREAS, as per section 9.1.4 of by-law BL2009-CA-17: Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, the Council of Commissioners must name by resolution a substitute to replace the Ethics Commissioner if they are absent or unable to perform their duties;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution no. CC-241211-CA-0043, which mandated the Secretary General to post the positions of Ethics Commissioner and Alternate Ethics Commissioner and established the Selection Committee;

WHEREAS this position was posted and the Selection Committee held interviews on February 14, 2025;

Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint Kathia Nadeau, as Alternate Ethics Commissioner, effective immediately:

AND THAT the Alternate Ethics Commissioner be remunerated only when dealing with a complaint, in accordance with the hourly rate indicated in the Regulation respecting the fees for certain legal services rendered to bodies of the Government (CQLR, c. C-65.1, r.7.3);

FURTHER THAT this resolution replaces resolutions no. CC-190925-CA-0010, CC-190925-CA-0011 and no. CC-231129-CA-0039.

Seconded by Commissioner Anick Brunet.

**Carried unanimously** 

