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Agreement

An Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2)

AGREEMENT CONCERNING NEW METHODS OF VOTING FOR AN ELECTION USING “PERFAS-TAB” BALLOT BOXES

AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO

BETWEEN

The MUNICIPALITY OF BLAINVILLE, a legal person established in the public interest, having its head office at 1000, chemin du Plan-Bouchard, Blainville, Province of Québec, represented by the mayor, Mr Pierre Gingras, and the clerk, Mr Claude Bertrand, under a resolution bearing number 2005-05-294, hereinafter called

THE MUNICIPALITY

AND

Mr. Marcel Blanchet, in his capacity as CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER OF QUÉBEC, duly appointed to that office under the Election Act (R.S.Q., c. E-3.3), acting in that capacity and having his main office at 3460, rue de La Pérade, Sainte-Foy, Province of Québec, hereinafter called

THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

AND

Ms. Nathalie Normandeau, in her capacity as MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND REGIONS having her main office at 10, rue Pierre-Olivier-Chauveau, Québec, Province of Québec, hereinafter called

THE MINISTER

WHEREAS the council of the MUNICIPALITY, by its resolution No. 2005-05-294, passed at its meeting of May 3, 2005, expressed the desire to avail itself of the provisions of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities to enter into an agreement with the CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER and the MINISTER

in order to allow the use of electronic ballot boxes for the general election of November 6, 2005 in the MUNICIPALITY;

WHEREAS sections 659.2 and 659.3 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2) provide the following:

“**659.2.** A municipality may, in accordance with an agreement made with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Sports and Recreation and the Chief Electoral Officer, test new methods of voting during a poll. The agreement may provide that it also applies to polling held after the poll for which the agreement was entered into; in such case, the agreement shall provide for its period of application.

The agreement must describe the new methods of voting and mention the provisions of this Act it amends or replaces.

The agreement has the effect of law.

659.3. After polling during which a test mentioned in section 659.2 is carried out, the municipality shall send a report assessing the test to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Sports and Recreation and the Chief Electoral Officer.”;

WHEREAS the MUNICIPALITY expressed the desire to avail itself of those provisions for the general election held on November 6, 2005 and could, with the necessary adaptations, avail itself of those provisions for elections held after the date of the agreement, the necessary adaptations to be included in an addendum to this agreement;

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide the procedure that applies to the territory of the MUNICIPALITY for that general election;

WHEREAS an agreement must be entered into between the MUNICIPALITY, the CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER and the MINISTER;

WHEREAS the MUNICIPALITY is solely responsible for the technological choice elected;

WHEREAS the council of the MUNICIPALITY passed, at its meeting of May 3, 2005, resolution No. 2005-05-294 approving the text of the agreement and authorizing the mayor and the clerk or secretary-treasurer to sign this agreement;

WHEREAS the returning officer of the MUNICIPALITY is responsible for the application of this agreement and the means necessary to carry it out;

THEREFORE, the parties agree to the following:

1. PREAMBLE

The preamble to this agreement is an integral part of the agreement.

2. INTERPRETATION

Unless stated otherwise, expressly or as a result of the context of a provision, the following expressions, terms and words have, for the purposes of this agreement, the meaning and application given in this section.

2.1 “Electronic ballot box” means an apparatus containing a vote tabulator, a memory card, a printer, a recipient for ballot papers and a modem, where necessary.

2.2 “Vote tabulator” means a device that uses an optical scanner to detect a mark made by an elector in the space provided for that purpose on a ballot paper.

2.3 “Memory card” means a memory device that computes and records the marks made by an elector for each of the candidates whose names are printed on the ballot paper and the number of rejected ballot papers according to the subdivisions of the vote tabulator program.

2.4 “Recipient for ballot paper cards” means a box into which the ballot paper cards fall.

2.5 “Transfer box” means the box in which the ballot paper cards are placed once the results of the poll have been compiled.

2.6 “Ballot paper card” means the card on which the ballot papers are printed.

2.7 “Refused ballot paper card” means a ballot paper card the insertion of which in the tabulator is refused.

2.8 “Confidentiality sleeve” means a sleeve designed to receive the ballot paper card.

3. ELECTION

3.1 For the purposes of the general election of November 6, 2005 in the municipality, a sufficient number of PerFas-TAB electronic ballot boxes will be used.

3.2 Before the publication of the notice of election, the municipality must take the necessary steps to provide its electors with adequate information concerning the testing of the new method of voting.

4. SECURITY MECHANISMS

The electronic ballot boxes used must include the following security mechanisms:

(1) a report displaying a total of “zero” must be produced by an electronic ballot box upon being turned on by the senior deputy returning officer on the first day of advance polling and on polling day;

(2) a verification report must be generated on a continuous basis and automatically saved on the memory card, and must record each procedural operation;

(3) the electronic ballot box must not be placed in “end of election” mode while the poll is still under way;

(4) the compilation of results must not be affected by any type of interference once the electronic ballot box has been placed in “election” mode;

(5) each electronic ballot box must be equipped with a back-up power source (battery) able to operate for two to five hours, unless all the electronic ballot boxes are connected to a generator;

(6) if a ballot box is defective, the memory card may be removed and transferred immediately into another electronic ballot box in order to allow the procedure to continue.

5. PROGRAMMING

Each memory card used is specially programmed by the firm PG Elections inc. to recognize and tally ballot papers in accordance with this agreement.

6. AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT RESPECTING ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS IN MUNICIPALITIES

6.1 Election officers

Section 68 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2) is amended by inserting the words “senior deputy returning officer, assistant to the senior deputy returning officer” after the word “assistant”.

6.2 Senior deputy returning officer, assistant to the senior deputy returning officer, deputy returning officer and poll clerk

The following is substituted for section 76 of the Act:

“**76.** The returning officer shall appoint the number of senior deputy returning officers and assistants to the senior deputy returning officer that he deems necessary for each polling place.

The returning officer shall appoint a deputy returning officer and a poll clerk for each polling station.”.

6.3 Duties of the senior deputy returning officer, assistant to the senior deputy returning officer and deputy returning officer

The following is substituted for section 80 of the Act:

“**80.** The senior deputy returning officer shall, in particular,

(1) see to the installation and preparation of the electronic ballot box;

(2) ensure that the polling is properly conducted and maintain order in the vicinity of the electronic ballot box;

(3) facilitate the exercise of the right to vote and ensure that voting is secret;

(4) ensure that the electronic ballot box functions correctly;

(5) print out the results compiled by the electronic ballot box at the closing of the poll;

(6) complete an overall statement of votes from the partial statements and the results compiled by the electronic ballot box;

(7) give the returning officer, at the closing of the poll, the results compiled by the electronic ballot box and the partial statements of votes;

(8) put the ballot paper cards from the electronic ballot box recipient into the transfer boxes, seal them and give them to the returning officer;

(9) when a ballot paper card has been refused by the tabulator, ask the elector to return to the polling booth, mark all the spaces provided for the affixing of the elector’s mark, and go to the polling station in order to obtain another ballot paper card;

(10) advise the returning officer immediately of any defect in the memory card or the electronic ballot box.

80.1. The assistant to the senior deputy returning officer shall, in particular,

(1) assist the senior deputy returning officer in the latter’s duties;

(2) receive any elector referred by the senior deputy returning officer;

(3) verify the polling booths in the polling place;

(4) get the pencils and confidentiality sleeves back from the senior deputy returning officer and redistribute them to each deputy returning officer.

80.2. The deputy returning officer shall, in particular,

(1) see to the arrangement of the polling station;

(2) ensure that the polling is properly conducted and maintain order;

(3) facilitate the exercise of the right to vote and ensure that voting is secret;

(4) make sure of electors’ identity;

(5) give electors a ballot paper card, a confidentiality sleeve and a pencil to exercise their right to vote;

(6) receive from electors any ballot paper cards that are refused by the tabulator and give the electors another ballot paper, and record the occurrence in the poll book.”.

6.4 Discretion of the chief electoral officer upon observing an error, emergency or exceptional circumstance

The following is substituted for section 90.5 of the Act:

“**90.5.** Where, during the election period, within the meaning of section 364, it comes to the attention of the chief electoral officer that, subsequent to an error, emergency or exceptional circumstance, a provision referred to in section 90.1 or in the agreement provided for in section 659.2 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities does not meet the demands of the resultant situation, the chief electoral officer may adapt the provision in order to achieve its object.

The chief electoral officer shall first inform the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Regions of the decision he intends to make.

Within 30 days following polling day, the chief electoral officer shall transmit to the President or the Secretary General of the National Assembly a report of the decisions made pursuant to the first paragraph. The President shall table the report in the National Assembly within 30 days of receiving it or, if the National Assembly is not sitting, within 30 days of resumption.”.

6.5 Notice of election

The following is added after paragraph 7 of section 99 of the Act:

“(8) the fact that the method of voting is voting by means of electronic ballot boxes.”.

6.6 Polling subdivisions

The following is substituted for section 104 of the Act:

“**104.** The returning officer shall divide the list of electors into polling subdivisions.

The polling subdivisions shall have a number of electors determined by the returning officer. That number shall not be greater than 750 electors.”.

6.7 Verification of electronic ballot boxes

The Act is amended by inserting the following subdivision after subdivision 1 of Division IV of Chapter VI of Title I:

“§1.1 *Verification of electronic ballot boxes*

173.1. The returning officer shall, at least five days before the first day fixed for the advance poll and at least three days before the day fixed for the polling, test the electronic ballot box to ensure that the vote tabulator accurately detects the mark made on a ballot paper and that it tallies the number of votes cast accurately and precisely, in the presence of a representative of the firm Cognicase inc. and the representatives of the candidates.

173.2. During the testing of the electronic ballot boxes, adequate security measures must be taken by the returning officer to guarantee the integrity of the system as a whole and of each component used to record, compile and memorize results. The returning officer must ensure that no electronic communication that could change the programming of the electronic ballot box, the recording of data, the tallying of votes, the memorization of results or the integrity of the system as a whole may be established.

173.3. The returning officer shall conduct the test by performing the following operations:

(1) he shall mark the memory card with the returning officer’s initials and insert it into the electronic ballot box;

(2) he shall insert into the electronic ballot box a pre-determined number of ballot paper cards, previously marked and tallied manually. The ballot paper cards shall include

(a) a sufficient and pre-determined number of ballot papers correctly marked to indicate a vote for each of the candidates;

(b) a sufficient and pre-determined number of ballot papers that are not correctly marked;

(c) a sufficient and pre-determined number of ballot papers marked to indicate a vote for more than one candidate for the same office;

(d) a sufficient and pre-determined number of blank ballot papers;

(3) he shall place the electronic ballot box in “end of election mode” and ensure that the results compiled by the electronic ballot box are consistent with the manually-compiled results;

(4) once the test has been successfully completed, he shall reset the memory card to zero and seal it; the returning officer and the representatives who wish to do so shall initial the seal;

(5) he shall place the tabulator in the travel case and place a seal on it; the returning officer and the representatives who wish to do so shall note the number entered on the seal;

(6) where an error is detected, the returning officer shall determine with certitude the cause of the error, make the necessary corrections and proceed with a further test, and shall repeat the operation until the optical scanner of the vote tabulator accurately detects the mark made on a ballot paper and until a perfect compilation of results is obtained. Any error or discrepancy observed shall be noted in the test report;

(7) he may not change the programming for the scanning of the mark made by an elector in the space provided for that purpose without supervision from the firm PG Elections inc.”.

6.8 Mobile polling station

The said Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 175 :

“175.1. The electors shall indicate their vote on the same type of ballot paper as that used in an advance polling station. After marking the ballot paper, each elector shall insert it in the confidentiality sleeve and place it in the ballot box provided for that purpose. At the close of the mobile poll, the deputy returning officer and the mobile poll clerk shall seal the ballot box and affix their initials to it.

175.2. The deputy returning officer shall, before the opening of the advance polling station, give the senior deputy returning officer the ballot box containing the ballot papers from the mobile polling station.

The senior deputy returning officer shall, in the presence of the assistant to the senior deputy returning officer, remove from the ballot box the confidentiality sleeves containing the ballot papers and insert the ballot papers, one by one, in the electronic ballot box.”

6.9 Advance polling

The following is substituted for sections 182, 183 and 185 of the Act :

“182. After the close of the advance polling station, the poll clerk shall enter the following particulars in the poll book :

- (1) the number of ballot paper cards received from the returning officer ;
- (2) the number of electors who were given a ballot paper card ;
- (3) the number of spoiled, refused or cancelled ballot paper cards and the number of unused ballot paper cards ;
- (4) the names of the persons who have performed duties as election officers or as representatives.

The deputy returning officer shall place in separate envelopes the spoiled, refused or cancelled ballot paper cards, the unused ballot paper cards, the forms, the poll book and the list of electors. The deputy returning officer shall then seal the envelopes. The deputy returning officer, the poll clerk and the representatives who wish to do so shall affix their initials to the seals of the envelopes. The envelopes, except the envelope containing the list of electors, shall be given to the senior deputy returning officer for deposit in one of the transfer boxes.

182.1. The senior deputy returning officer, in the presence of the candidates or of their representatives who wish to be present, shall open the recipient of the electronic ballot box and place the ballot paper cards from the recipient in one or more transfer boxes, and seal the transfer boxes. The senior deputy returning officer shall then seal the opening of the electronic ballot box. The senior deputy returning officer and the representatives who wish to do so shall affix their initials to the seals. Next, the senior deputy returning officer shall place the electronic ballot box in its travel case and seal it. The senior deputy returning officer and the representatives who wish to do so shall affix their initials to the seals.

The senior deputy returning officer shall then give the transfer boxes and the envelopes containing the list of electors to the returning officer or to the person designated by the returning officer.

The returning officer shall have custody of the transfer box or boxes until the results of the advance poll have been compiled and then for the time prescribed for the conservation of electoral documents.

183. Immediately before the time fixed for the opening of the polling station on the second day, where applicable, the senior deputy returning officer, before the persons present, shall open the transfer boxes and give each deputy returning officer the poll books, the envelopes containing unused ballot paper cards and the forms. Each deputy returning officer shall open the envelopes and take possession of their contents. The spoiled, refused or cancelled ballot paper cards from the first day shall remain in the transfer boxes, which the senior deputy returning officer shall seal.

The senior deputy returning officer, before the persons present, shall remove the seal from the travel case of the tabulator.

The returning officer, or the person designated by the returning officer, shall give each deputy returning officer the list of electors of grouped polling stations, where applicable.

At the close of the second day of advance polling, where applicable, the senior deputy returning officer, the deputy returning officer and the poll clerk shall perform the same actions as at the close of the first day of advance polling. In addition, the senior deputy returning officer shall withdraw the memory card from the electronic ballot box, place it in an envelope, seal the envelope, place the envelope in a transfer box and seal the box.

The spoiled, refused or cancelled ballot paper cards from the second day shall be placed in separate sealed envelope by the deputy returning officer. They shall also be placed in a sealed transfer box.

The deputy returning officer, the poll clerk and the representatives who wish to do so shall affix their initials to the seal.

185. From 7:00 p.m. on polling day, the returning officer or the person designated by the returning officer shall print out the results compiled by the electronic ballot box at an advance polling station, in the presence of the deputy returning officers, the poll clerks and the representatives who wish to be present.

The results shall be printed out at the location determined by the returning officer. The print-out shall be performed in accordance with the rules applicable to the printing-out of the results from polling day, adapted as required.”.

6.10 Booths

The following is substituted for section 191 of the Act:

“**191.** Where electronic ballot boxes are used in an election, the polling station shall have the number of polling booths determined by the returning officer.”.

6.11 Ballot papers

The following is substituted for section 193 of the Act:

“**193.** With the exception of the entry stating the office to be filled, the ballot papers shall be printed in accordance with the model shown in the Schedule, by reversing process so that, on the obverse, the indications appear in white on a dark-coloured background and each circle provided for the affixing of the elector’s mark appears in white inside an coloured circle. Every ballot paper shall contain bar codes.”.

Section 195 of the Act is revoked.

6.12 Identification of the candidates

Section 196 of the Act is amended

(1) by substituting the following for the first paragraph:

“**196.** The ballot paper cards shall contain a ballot paper for the office of mayor and the ballot papers for the office or offices of councillor. Each ballot paper shall allow each candidate to be identified. It shall contain, on the obverse:”;

(2) by adding the following after subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph:

“(4) the offices in question and, where applicable, the number of the seat to be filled. The indications of the offices in question shall correspond to those contained in the nomination papers.”.

6.13 Ballot paper cards

The following is substituted for section 197 of the Act:

“**197.** The ballot paper card shall contain on the obverse, as shown in the attached specimen:

(1) a space for the identification of:

— the name or number of the borough;

— the name or number of the electoral district, where applicable;

(2) a space for the identification of the polling subdivision;

(3) the ballot paper card(s);

(4) the bar code.

The ballot paper cards shall contain, on the reverse, as shown on the attached specimen:

(1) arrows indicating the direction of insertion of the ballot paper card in the vote tabulator;

(2) a space for the initials of the deputy returning officer;

(3) the name of the municipality;

(4) the indication “municipal elections” and the polling date;

(5) the name and address of the printer;

(6) the indication of copyright, where applicable;

(7) the bar code, where applicable.”.

6.14 Confidentiality sleeve

The Act is amended by inserting the following after section 197:

“**197.1.** The returning officer shall ensure that a sufficient number of confidentiality sleeves are available. Confidentiality sleeves shall be sufficiently opaque to ensure that no mark affixed on the ballot paper may be seen through it.”

6.15 Withdrawal of a candidate

Section 198 of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraphs at the end:

“Where electronic ballot boxes are used in an election, the returning officer shall ensure that the memory card is adjusted so that it does not take into account the candidates who have withdrawn.

Any vote in favour of those candidates before or after their withdrawal is null.”

6.16 Withdrawal of authorization or recognition

Section 199 of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Where electronic ballot boxes are used in an election, the returning officer shall ensure that the memory card is adjusted so that it does not take into account the party or the ticket from which recognition has been withdrawn.”

6.17 Number of electronic ballot boxes

The following is substituted for section 200 of the Act:

“**200.** The returning officer must ensure that there are as many electronic ballot boxes as polling places available and that a sufficient number of replacement electronic ballot boxes are available in the event of a breakdown or technical deficiency.

The returning officer shall ensure that a sufficient number of recipients for ballot paper cards and transfer boxes are available for each electronic ballot box.”

6.18 Provision of polling materials

Section 204 of the Act is amended by substituting the word “recipient” for the words “ballot box” in the second line of the first paragraph.

6.19 Examination of the electronic ballot box and polling materials

The following is substituted for section 207 of the Act:

“**207.** In the hour preceding the opening of the polling stations, the senior deputy returning officer, before the persons present, shall initialize the electronic ballot box for the polling place. The senior deputy returning officer shall ensure that the electronic ballot box displays a total of zero recorded ballot papers by verifying the printed report of the electronic ballot box.

The senior deputy returning officer shall keep the report and show it to any person present who wishes to examine it.

The senior deputy returning officer shall examine the documents and materials provided by the returning officer.

207.1. In the hour preceding the opening of the polling stations, the deputy returning officer and poll clerk shall examine the documents and polling materials provided by the returning officer.”

The following is substituted for section 209 of the Act:

“**209.** Immediately before the hour fixed for the opening of the poll, the senior deputy returning officer, before the deputy returning officers, the poll clerks and the representatives of the candidates present, shall ensure that the recipient of the electronic ballot box is empty.

The recipient shall then be sealed by the senior deputy returning officer. The senior deputy returning officer and the representatives present who wish to do so shall affix their initials to the seal. The electronic ballot box shall be placed in such a way that it is in full view of the polling officers and the electors.”

POLLING PROCEDURE

6.20 Presence at the polling station

The following is substituted for the third paragraph of section 214 of the Act:

“In addition, only the deputy returning officer, the poll clerk and the representatives assigned to the polling station, together with the returning officer, the election clerk, the assistant to the returning officer, the senior

deputy returning officer and the assistant to the senior deputy returning officer may be present at the station. The officer in charge of information and order may be present, at the request of the deputy returning officer for as long as may be required. The poll runner may be present for the time required to perform his duties. Any other person assisting an elector under section 226 may be present for the time required to enable the elector to exercise his right to vote.”.

6.21 Initialling of ballot papers

The following is substituted for section 221 of the Act:

“**221.** The deputy returning officer shall give the ballot paper card to which the elector is entitled to each elector admitted to vote, after initialling the ballot paper card in the space reserved for that purpose and entering the number of the polling subdivision. The deputy returning officer shall also give the elector a confidentiality sleeve and a pencil.

The deputy returning officer shall instruct the elector how to insert the ballot paper card in the confidentiality sleeve after having voted.”.

6.22 Voting

The following is substituted for section 222 of the Act:

“**222.** The elector shall enter the polling booth and, using the pencil given by the deputy returning officer, mark the ballot paper or papers in the space provided for that purpose opposite the indications pertaining to the candidates whom the elector wishes to elect to the offices of mayor, councillor or councillors.

The elector shall insert the ballot paper card, without folding it, into the confidentiality sleeve in such a way that the deputy returning officer’s initials can be seen.”.

6.23 Following the vote

The following is substituted for section 223 of the Act:

“**223.** After marking the ballot paper or papers and inserting the ballot paper card in the confidentiality sleeve, the elector shall leave the polling booth and go to the electronic ballot box.

The elector shall allow the senior deputy returning officer to examine the initials of the deputy returning officer.

The elector or, at the elector’s request, the senior deputy returning officer shall insert the ballot paper card into the electronic ballot box without removing it from the confidentiality sleeve.”.

6.24 Automatic acceptance

The Act is amended by inserting the following after section 223:

“**223.1.** The electronic ballot box shall be programmed to accept automatically every ballot paper card that is inserted and that has been given by the deputy returning officer to an elector.

223.2. If a ballot paper card becomes blocked in the recipient receiving ballot paper cards, the senior deputy returning officer, in the presence of the representatives of the candidates who wish to be present, shall open the recipient, restart the electronic ballot box, close it and seal the recipient again in their presence, before authorizing voting to resume. The senior deputy returning officer and the representatives who wish to do so shall affix their initials to the seal.

The senior deputy returning officer must report to the returning officer the time during which voting was stopped. Mention of that fact shall be made in the poll book.

If a ballot paper card becomes blocked in the tabulator, the senior deputy returning officer, in the presence of the representatives of the candidates who wish to be present, shall unblock the tabulator and restart the electronic ballot box.”.

6.25 Cancelled ballots

The following is substituted for section 224 of the Act:

“**224.** The senior deputy returning officer shall prevent the insertion into the electronic ballot box of any ballot paper card that is not initialled or that is initialled by a person other than the deputy returning officer of a polling station. The elector must return to the polling station.

The deputy returning officer of the polling station in question shall, if his initials are not on the ballot paper, initial it before the persons present, provided that the ballot paper card is *prima facie* a ballot paper card given to the elector by the deputy returning officer that was not initialled by oversight or inadvertence. The elector shall return to insert the ballot paper card into the electronic ballot box.

If the ballot paper card has been initialled by a person other than the deputy returning officer, or if the ballot paper card is not a ballot paper card given to the elector by the deputy returning officer, the deputy returning officer of the polling station in question shall cancel the ballot paper card.

The occurrence shall be recorded in the poll book.”.

6.26 Visually impaired person

Section 227 of the Act is amended:

(1) by substituting the following for the second and third paragraphs:

“The assistant to the senior deputy returning officer shall set up the template and the ballot paper card, give them to the elector, and indicate to the elector the order in which the candidates’ names appear on the ballot papers and the particulars entered under their names, where such is the case.

The senior deputy returning officer shall help the elector insert the ballot paper card into the electronic ballot box.”; and

(2) by striking out the fourth paragraph.

COMPILATION OF RESULTS AND ADDITION OF VOTES

6.27 Compilation of results

The following is substituted for sections 229 and 230 of the Act:

“**229.** After the closing of the poll, the senior deputy returning officer shall place the electronic ballot box in “end of election” mode and print the results compiled by the electronic ballot box. The representatives assigned to the polling stations at the polling place may be present.

The report on the compiled results shall indicate the total number of ballot paper cards, the number of rejected ballot papers and the number of valid votes for each office.

230. After the closing of the poll, the deputy returning officer of each polling station the in polling place shall complete the partial statement of votes according to section 238 and shall give a copy of it to the senior deputy returning officer.

The poll clerk of the polling station shall enter the following information in the poll book:

(1) the number of ballot paper cards received from the returning officer;

(2) the number of electors admitted to vote;

(3) the number of spoiled, refused or cancelled ballot paper cards and the number of unused ballot paper cards;

(4) the names of the persons who have performed duties as election officers or representatives assigned to that station.”.

The Act is amended by inserting the following after section 230:

“**230.1.** The senior deputy returning officer shall ensure, before the persons present, that the results entered on the printed report of the electronic ballot box and the total number of unused, spoiled, refused and cancelled ballot paper cards entered on the partial statement of votes of each deputy returning officer correspond to the total number of ballot paper cards issued by the returning officer.

230.2. Using the partial statement or statements of votes, the senior deputy returning officer shall complete an overall statement of votes in a sufficient number so that each representative assigned to a polling station or each candidate can have a copy of it.”.

6.28 Manual counting of the votes

Sections 231 to 244 of the Act, adapted as required, apply if a manual counting of the votes is necessary.

6.29 Compiling sheet

Section 231 of the Act is revoked.

6.30 Electronic counting of the votes

Section 232 of the Act is revoked.

6.31 Rejected ballot papers

The following is substituted for section 233 of the Act:

“**233.** The electronic ballot box shall be programmed in such a way as to reject any ballot paper that

(1) has not been marked;

(2) has been marked in favour of more than one candidate;

(3) has been marked in favour of a person who is not a candidate.

For the purposes of the poll, the memory card shall be programmed in such a way as to ensure that the electronic ballot box processes and conserves all the ballot paper cards inserted, in other words those containing valid ballot papers and those containing rejected ballot papers, except any ballot paper cards that have been refused.”

6.32 Rejected ballot papers, procedural omission, valid ballot papers

Sections 233 to 236 of the Act, adapted as required, shall apply only in the case of a judicial recount.

6.33 Contested validity

The following is substituted for section 237 of the Act:

“**237.** The poll clerk, at the request of the senior deputy returning officer, shall enter in the poll book every objection raised by a representative present at the poll in respect of the validity of the results following the printing of the results compiled by an electronic ballot box.”

6.34 Partial statement of votes, overall statement of votes and copy given to representatives of candidates

The following is substituted for section 238 of the Act:

“**238.** The deputy returning officer shall draw up the partial statement of votes, setting out

- (1) the number of ballot paper cards received from the returning officer;
- (2) the number of spoiled, refused or cancelled ballot paper cards or those that were not inserted into the electronic ballot box;
- (3) the number of unused ballot paper cards.

The deputy returning officer shall make two copies of the partial statement of votes, including a copy that must be given to the senior deputy returning officer.

Using the partial statements of votes and the results compiled by the electronic ballot box, the senior deputy returning officer shall draw up an overall statement of votes.

The senior deputy returning officer shall immediately give a copy of the overall statement of votes to the representatives.”

Section 240 of the Act is revoked.

6.35 Separate, sealed and initialled envelopes given to the returning officer

The following is substituted for sections 241, 242 and 243 of the Act:

“**241.** After the closing of the poll, each deputy returning officer shall place in separate envelopes the list of electors, the poll book, the forms, the spoiled, refused or cancelled ballot paper cards and those that were not inserted into the electronic ballot box, the unused ballot paper cards and the partial statement of votes. Each deputy returning officer shall seal the envelopes and place them in a large envelope, seal it and give it to the senior deputy returning officer. The deputy returning officer, the poll clerk and the representatives assigned to the polling station who wish to do so shall initial the seals.

242. After the results compiled by the electronic ballot box have been printed, in the presence of the candidates or their representatives who wish to be present, the senior deputy returning officer shall place the ballot paper cards from the electronic ballot box recipient in one or more envelopes, and then seal and initial the envelope or envelopes. Any representatives or candidates who wish to do so may initial the seal or seals.

The senior deputy returning officer shall place the envelope or envelopes in a transfer box. He shall remove the memory card from the electronic ballot box and insert it in an envelope with a copy of the report on the results compiled by the electronic ballot box. The senior deputy returning officer shall seal the envelope, initial it and place it in one of the transfer boxes.

The senior deputy returning officer shall place the large envelope received from the deputy returning officers in one of the transfer boxes.

The senior deputy returning officer shall then seal and initial the transfer boxes, allow the representatives who wish to do so to initial them, and give the boxes to the returning officer.

243. The senior deputy returning officer shall place in an envelope a copy of the overall statement of votes stating the results of the election and the partial statements of votes. The senior deputy returning officer shall then seal and initial the envelope and give it to the returning officer.

The representatives assigned to the polling stations may initial the seal.”.

Section 244 of the Act is revoked.

6.36 Addition of votes

The following is substituted for section 247 of the Act:

“**247.** The returning officer shall proceed with the addition of the votes using the overall statement of votes drawn up by each senior deputy returning officer.”.

6.37 Adjournment of the addition of votes

The following is substituted for section 248 of the Act:

“**248.** The returning officer shall, if unable to obtain an overall statement of votes that should have been provided, adjourn the addition of votes until the statement has been obtained.

Where it is not possible to obtain an overall statement of votes, or the printed report on the results compiled by an electronic ballot box, the returning officer shall, in the presence of the senior deputy returning officer and the candidates concerned or their representatives if they so wish, print out the results using the memory card taken from the transfer box opened in the presence of the persons listed above.”.

6.38 Placing in envelope

The following is substituted for section 249 of the Act:

“**249.** After printing and examining the results, the returning officer shall place them in an envelope together with the memory card.

The returning officer shall seal the envelope, put the envelope in the transfer box and then seal the box.

The returning officer, the candidates and the representatives present may initial the seals.”.

6.39 New counting of the votes

The following is substituted for section 250 of the Act:

“**250.** Where it is not possible to print a new report on the results compiled using the memory card, the returning officer, on the date, at the time and at the place that he determines, in the presence of the candidates or their representatives who wish to be present, shall recover the ballot paper cards used for the office or offices concerned and shall insert them, one by one, in the opening of the electronic ballot box that includes a new programmed memory card. He shall then print out the results compiled by the electronic ballot box.”.

6.40 Notice to the Minister

Section 251 of the Act is amended by substituting the words “overall statement of votes, the report on the results compiled by the electronic ballot box and the ballot paper cards” for the words “statement of votes and the ballot papers” in the first line of the first paragraph.

6.41 Access to ballot papers

The following is substituted for section 261 of the Act:

“**261.** Except for the purposes of an examination of rejected ballot papers pursuant to this agreement, the returning officer or the person responsible for providing access to the documents held by the municipality may not issue copies of the ballot papers used, or allow any person to examine the ballot papers, without being required to do so by an order issued by a court or magistrate.”.

6.42 Application for a recount

Section 262 of the Act is amended by substituting the words “an electronic ballot box” for the words “a deputy returning officer, a poll clerk or the returning officer” in the first and second lines of the first paragraph.

7. EXAMINATION OF REJECTED BALLOT PAPERS

Within 120 days from the date on which an election is declared or contested, the returning officer must, at the request of the chief electoral officer or the Minister, examine the rejected ballot papers to ascertain the grounds for rejection. The returning officer must verify the ballot paper cards contained in the transfer boxes.

The returning officer must notify the candidates or their representatives that they may be present at the examination. The Chief Electoral Officer and the Minister shall be notified and they may delegate their representatives. The representative of the company that sold or rented out the electronic ballot boxes must attend the examination to explain the operation of the mechanism for rejecting ballot papers and to answer questions from the participants.

The programming parameters for rejecting ballot papers must be disclosed to the participants.

The examination of the rejected ballot papers shall in no way change the results of the poll or be used in a court to attempt to change the results of the poll.

A report on the examination must be drawn up by the returning officer and include, in particular, the assessment sheet for the grounds for rejection and a copy of the related ballot paper. Any other relevant comment concerning the conduct of the poll must also be included.

Prior to the examination of the rejected ballot papers, the rejected ballot papers must be separated from the other ballot papers, using the electronic ballot box duly programmed by the representative of the firm, and a sufficient number of photocopies must be made for the participants present. The candidates or their representatives may be present during this operation.

8. DURATION AND APPLICATION OF AGREEMENT

The returning officer of the municipality is responsible for the application of this agreement and, consequently, for the proper conduct of the trial application of the new method of voting during general elections and by-elections held before October 31, 2009.

9. AMENDMENT

The parties agree that this agreement may be amended if need be to ensure the proper conduct of the general elections or subsequent by-elections provided for in the agreement.

Mention of that fact shall be made in the assessment report.

10. ASSESSMENT REPORT

Within 120 days following the general election held on November 6, 2005, the returning officer of the municipality shall forward, in accordance with section 659.3 of

the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2), an assessment report to the chief electoral officer and the Minister setting out relevant ways to improve the trial and addressing, in particular, the following points:

- the preparations for the election (choice of the new method of voting, communications plan, etc.);
- the conduct of the advance poll and the poll;
- the cost of using the electronic voting system:
 - the cost of adapting election procedures;
 - non-recurrent costs likely to be amortized;
 - a comparison between the actual polling costs and the estimated polling costs using the new methods of voting and the projected costs of holding the general election on November 6, 2005 using traditional methods;
- the number and duration of incidents during which voting was stopped, if any;
- the advantages and disadvantages of using the new method of voting;
- the results obtained during the addition of the votes and the correspondence between the number of ballot papers given out to the deputy returning officers and the number of ballot paper cards returned used and unused;
- a survey of rejected ballot papers, if the survey has been completed.

11. APPLICATION OF THE ACT RESPECTING ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS IN MUNICIPALITIES

The Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2) shall apply to the general election held on November 6, 2005 in the municipality, subject to the provisions of the Act that this agreement amends or replaces.

12. EFFECT OF THE AGREEMENT

This agreement has effect from the time when the returning officer performs the first act for the purposes of an election to which this agreement applies.

AGREEMENT SIGNED IN THREE COPIES

In Blainville, this 25th day of May, 2005

MUNICIPALITY OF BLAINVILLE

By: _____
PIERRE GINGRAS, *Mayor*

CLAUDE BERTRAND, *Clerk*

In Québec, on this 31th day of May 2005

THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

MARCEL BLANCHET

In Québec, on this 9th day of June 2005

THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
AND REGIONS

DENYS JEAN, *Deputy Minister*

SCHEDULE

MODEL BALLOT PAPER CARD

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Borough
District xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Agreement

An Act respecting elections and referendums
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(R.S.Q., c. E-2.2)

AGREEMENT CONCERNING NEW METHODS OF VOTING FOR AN ELECTION USING COMPUTERIZED POLLING STATIONS AND “ACCU-VOTE ES 2000 ” BALLOT BOXES

AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO

BETWEEN

The MUNICIPALITY OF VILLE DE LONGUEUIL, a legal person established in the public interest, having its head office at 2001, boulevard Rome, Longueuil, province of Québec, represented by the mayor, Jacques Olivier, and the clerk, Daniel Carrier, under resolution number CM-050517-8.4, hereinafter called

THE MUNICIPALITY

AND

Mr. Marcel Blanchet, in his capacity as CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER OF QUÉBEC, duly appointed to that office under the Election Act (R.S.Q., c. E-3.3), acting in that capacity and having his main office at 3460, rue de La Pérade, Sainte-Foy, province of Québec, hereinafter called

THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

AND

Ms. Nathalie Normandeau, in her capacity as MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND REGIONS, having her main office at 10, rue Pierre-Olivier-Chauveau, Québec, province of Québec, hereinafter called

THE MINISTER

WHEREAS the council of the MUNICIPALITY, by its resolution No. CM-050517-8.4, expressed the desire to avail itself of the provisions of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities and to enter into an agreement with the CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER and the MINISTER in order to allow the use of electronic ballot boxes for the general election of November 6, 2005 in the MUNICIPALITY ;

WHEREAS under sections 659.2 and 659.3 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2):

“**659.2.** A municipality may, in accordance with an agreement made with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Sports and Recreation and the Chief Electoral Officer, test new methods of voting during a poll. The agreement may provide that it also applies to polling held after the poll for which the agreement was entered into ; in such case, the agreement shall provide for its period of application.

The agreement must describe the new methods of voting and mention the provisions of this Act it amends or replaces.

The agreement has the effect of law.

659.3. After polling during which a test mentioned in section 659.2 is carried out, the municipality shall send a report assessing the test to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Sports and Recreation and the Chief Electoral Officer.”;

WHEREAS the MUNICIPALITY expressed the desire to avail itself of those provisions to hold a general election on November 6, 2005 and, could, with the necessary adaptations, avail itself of those provisions for elections held after the date of the agreement, the necessary adaptations to be included in an addendum to this agreement ;

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide the procedure that applies to the territory of the MUNICIPALITY for that general election ;

WHEREAS an agreement must be entered into between the MUNICIPALITY, the CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER and the MINISTER ;

WHEREAS the MUNICIPALITY is solely responsible for the technological choice elected ;

WHEREAS the council of the MUNICIPALITY passed resolution CM-050517-8.4 approving the text of the agreement and authorizing the mayor and the clerk to sign this agreement ;

WHEREAS the returning officer of the MUNICIPALITY is responsible for the application of this agreement and the means necessary to carry it out ;

THEREFORE, the parties agree to the following:

1. PREAMBLE

The preamble to this agreement is an integral part of the agreement.

2. INTERPRETATION

Unless stated otherwise, expressly or as a result of the context of a provision, the following expressions, terms and words have, for the purposes of this agreement, the meaning and application given in this section.

2.1 “Computerized polling station” means an apparatus consisting of the following devices:

— a computer with the list of electors for the polling place stored in its memory (the computers at the same polling place are linked together);

— a card reader for cards with bar codes;

— one or more printers per polling place for printing the list of electors who voted during the advance poll or on polling day.

2.2 “Electronic ballot box” means an apparatus containing a vote tabulator, a memory card, a printer, a cardboard or, where necessary, plastic recipient for ballot papers and a modem, where necessary.

2.3 “Vote tabulator” means a device that uses an optical scanner to detect a mark made in a circle on a ballot paper by an elector.

2.4 “Memory card” means a memory device that computes and records the marks made by an elector for each of the candidates whose names are printed on the ballot paper and the number of rejected ballot papers according to the subdivisions of the vote tabulator program.

2.5 “Recipient for ballot papers” means a box into which the ballot paper cards fall.

2.6 Where applicable, “transfer box” means the box in which the ballot paper cards are placed when a plastic recipient is used for the electronic ballot box.

2.7 “Ballot paper card” means the card on which the ballot paper or papers are printed.

2.8 “Refused card” means a ballot paper card the insertion of which into the tabulator is refused.

2.9 “Confidentiality sleeve” means a sleeve designed to receive the ballot paper card.

3. ELECTION

3.1 For the purposes of the general election of November 6, 2005 in the municipality, a sufficient number of Accu-Vote ES 2000 model electronic ballot boxes will be used.

3.2 Before the publication of the notice of election, the municipality must take the necessary steps to provide its electors with adequate information concerning the testing of the new method of voting.

4. SECURITY MECHANISMS

4.1 Computerized polling stations

The list of electors for a polling place must correspond to the list of electors for that polling place as drawn up and revised by the returning officer. Access to the computers at a polling place must be secured by a password.

4.2 Electronic ballot boxes

The electronic ballot boxes used must include the following security mechanisms:

(1) a report displaying a total of “zero” must be automatically produced by an electronic ballot box upon being turned on on the first day of advance polling and on polling day;

(2) a verification report must be generated on a continuous basis and automatically saved on the memory card, and must record each procedural operation;

(3) the electronic ballot box must not be placed in “end of election” mode while the poll is still under way;

(4) the compilation of results must not be affected by any type of interference once the electronic ballot box has been placed in “election” mode;

(5) each electronic ballot box must be equipped with a back-up power source (battery) able to operate for two to five hours, unless all the electronic ballot boxes are connected to a generator;

(6) if a ballot box is defective, the memory card may be removed and transferred immediately into another electronic ballot box in order to allow the procedure to continue.

5. PROGRAMMING

Each memory card used is specially programmed either by the firm Technologies Nexxlink inc., or by the returning officer under the supervision of the firm Technologies Nexxlink inc., to recognize and tally ballot papers in accordance with this agreement.

6. AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT RESPECTING ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS IN MUNICIPALITIES

6.1 Election officers

Section 68 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2) is amended by inserting the words “senior deputy returning officer, assistant to the senior deputy returning officer” after the word “assistant”.

6.2 Senior deputy returning officer, assistant to the senior deputy returning officer, deputy returning officer and poll clerk

The following is substituted for section 76 of the Act:

“**76.** The returning officer shall appoint the number of senior deputy returning officers and assistants to the senior deputy returning officer that he deems necessary for each polling place.

The returning officer shall appoint a deputy returning officer and a poll clerk for each polling station.”.

6.3 Duties of the senior deputy returning officer, assistant to the senior deputy returning officer and deputy returning officer

The following is substituted for section 80 of the Act:

“**80.** The senior deputy returning officer shall, in particular,

(1) see to the installation and preparation of the electronic ballot box;

(2) ensure that the polling is properly conducted and maintain order in the vicinity of the electronic ballot box;

(3) facilitate the exercise of the right to vote and ensure that voting is secret;

(4) ensure that the electronic ballot box functions correctly;

(5) print out the results compiled by the electronic ballot box at the closing of the poll;

(6) complete an overall statement of votes from the partial statements and the results compiled by the electronic ballot box;

(7) give the returning officer, at the closing of the poll, the results compiled by the electronic ballot box, the overall statement and the partial statement or statements of votes;

(8) when a ballot paper card has been refused by the tabulator, ask the elector to return to the polling booth, mark all the circles and go to the polling station in order to obtain another ballot paper card;

(9) advise the returning officer immediately of any defect in the memory card or the electronic ballot box.

80.1. The assistant to the senior deputy returning officer shall, in particular,

(1) assist the senior deputy returning officer in the latter’s duties;

(2) receive any elector referred by the senior deputy returning officer;

(3) verify the polling booths in the polling place;

(4) get the pencils and confidentiality sleeves back from the senior deputy returning officer and redistribute them to each deputy returning officer.

80.2. The deputy returning officer shall, in particular,

(1) see to the arrangement of the polling station;

(2) ensure that the polling is properly conducted and maintain order in the polling station;

(3) facilitate the exercise of the right to vote and ensure that voting is secret;

(4) make sure of electors’ identity;

(5) give the electors a ballot paper card, a confidentiality sleeve and a pencil to exercise their right to vote;

(6) receive from electors any ballot paper cards that are refused by the tabulator and give them another ballot paper card, and record the occurrence in the poll book.”.

6.4 Duties of the poll clerk

The following is substituted for section 81 of the Act :

“**81.** The poll clerk shall, in particular,

(1) enter in the poll book the particulars relating to the conduct of the polling;

(2) note on the screen and on the paper list of electors “has voted” next to the names of electors to whom the deputy returning officer has given ballot paper cards;

(3) assist the deputy returning officer.”.

6.5 Discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer upon observing an error, emergency or exceptional circumstance

The following is substituted for section 90.5 of the Act :

“**90.5.** Where, during the election period, within the meaning of section 364, it comes to the attention of the Chief Electoral Officer that, subsequent to an error, emergency or exceptional circumstance, a provision referred to in section 90.1 or in the agreement provided for in section 659.2 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities does not meet the demands of the resultant situation, the Chief Electoral Officer may adapt the provision in order to achieve its object.

The Chief Electoral Officer shall first inform the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Regions of the decision he intends to make.

Within 30 days following polling day, the Chief Electoral Officer shall transmit to the President or the Secretary General of the National Assembly a report of the decisions made pursuant to the first paragraph. The President shall table the report in the National Assembly within 30 days of receiving it or, if the National Assembly is not sitting, within 30 days of resumption.”.

6.6 Notice of election

The following is added after paragraph 7 of section 99 of the Act :

“(8) the fact that the method of voting is voting by means of electronic ballot boxes.”.

6.7 Polling subdivisions

The following is substituted for section 104 of the Act :

“**104.** The returning officer shall divide the list of electors into polling subdivisions.

The polling subdivisions shall have a number of electors determined by the returning officer. That number shall not be greater than 750 electors.”.

6.8 Verification of computerised polling stations and electronic ballot box

The Act is amended by inserting the following subdivisions after subdivision 1 of Division IV of Chapter VI of Title I :

“§1.1. *Verification of computerized polling stations*

173.1. The returning officer shall, at a time considered to be expedient but at the latest before the polling stations open on the first day of advance polling or before the polling stations open on polling day, in cooperation with the firm’s representative and, if necessary, the representatives of the candidates, for all polling places, ensure that all computers contain the list of electors for that place. In particular, the returning officer shall perform the following tests :

(1) searching for an elector using the card with the bar code;

(2) searching for an elector using the keyboard, typing either the elector’s name or address;

(3) indicating to the computer that a certain number of electors have voted and ensuring that each computer in the polling place displays “has voted” for the electors concerned;

(4) printing out the list of electors who have voted, in a non-cumulative way, by elector number and polling subdivision, and ensuring that the results are consistent with the data entered in the computer.

§1.2. *Verification of electronic ballot box*

173.2. The returning officer shall, at least five days before the first day fixed for the advance poll and at least three days before the day fixed for the polling, test the electronic ballot box to ensure that the vote tabulator accurately detects the mark made on a ballot paper and that it tallies the number of votes cast accurately and precisely, in the presence of a representative of the firm Technologies Nexxlink inc. and the representatives of the candidates.

173.3. During the testing of the electronic ballot box, adequate security measures must be taken by the returning officer to guarantee the integrity of the system as a whole and of each component used to record, compile and memorize results. The returning officer must ensure that no electronic communication that could change the programming of the electronic ballot box, the recording of data, the tallying of votes, the memorization of results or the integrity of the system as a whole may be established.

173.4. The returning officer shall conduct the test by performing the following operations:

(1) he shall mark the memory card with the returning officer's initials and insert it into the electronic ballot box;

(2) he shall insert into the electronic ballot box a pre-determined number of ballot paper cards, previously marked and tallied manually. The ballot paper cards shall include

(a) a sufficient and pre-determined number of ballot papers correctly marked to indicate a vote for each of the candidates;

(b) a sufficient and pre-determined number of ballot papers that are not correctly marked;

(c) a sufficient and pre-determined number of ballot papers marked to indicate a vote for more than one candidate for the same office;

(d) a sufficient and pre-determined number of blank ballot papers;

(3) he shall place the electronic ballot box in "end of election" mode and ensure that the results compiled by the electronic ballot box are consistent with the manually-compiled results;

(4) once the test has been successfully completed, he shall reset the memory card to zero and seal it; the returning officer and the representatives who wish to do so shall note the number entered on the seal;

(5) he shall place the tabulator in the travel case and place a seal on it; the returning officer and the representatives who wish to do so shall note the number entered on the seal;

(6) where an error is detected, the returning officer shall determine with certitude the cause of the error, make the necessary corrections and proceed with a further test, and shall repeat the operation until the

optical scanner of the vote tabulator accurately detects the mark made on a ballot paper and until a perfect compilation of results is obtained. Any error or discrepancy observed shall be noted in the test report;

(7) he may not change the programming for the scanning of the mark in a circle without supervision from the firm Technologies Nexxlink inc."

6.9 Mobile polling station

The said Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 175:

"175.1. The electors shall indicate their vote on the same type of ballot paper as that used in an advance polling station. After marking the ballot paper, each elector shall insert it in the confidentiality sleeve and place it in the ballot box provided for that purpose. At the close of the mobile poll, the deputy returning officer and the mobile poll clerk shall seal the ballot box and affix their initials to it.

175.2. The deputy returning officer shall, before the opening of the advance polling station, give the senior deputy returning officer the ballot box containing the ballot papers from the mobile polling station.

The senior deputy returning officer shall, in the presence of the assistant to the senior deputy returning officer, remove from the ballot box the confidentiality sleeves containing the ballot papers and insert the ballot papers, one by one, in the electronic ballot box."

6.10 Advance polling

The following is substituted for sections 182, 183 and 185 of the Act:

"182. After the close of the advance polling station, the poll clerk shall enter the following particulars in the poll book:

(1) the number of ballot paper cards received from the returning officer;

(2) the number of electors who were given a ballot paper card;

(3) the number of spoiled, refused or cancelled ballot paper cards and the number of unused ballot paper cards;

(4) the names of the persons who have performed duties as election officers or as representatives.

The deputy returning officer shall place in separate envelopes the spoiled, refused or cancelled ballot paper cards, the unused ballot paper cards, the forms, the poll book and the list of electors. The deputy returning officer shall then seal the envelopes. The deputy returning officer, the poll clerk and the representatives who wish to do so shall affix their initials to the seals of the envelopes. The envelopes, except those containing the list of electors, shall be given to the senior deputy returning officer for deposit in a box reserved for that purpose.

182.1. The senior deputy returning officer, in the presence of the candidates or of their representative who wish to be present, shall seal the recipient for ballot papers, and then place the electronic ballot box in its travel case and place a seal the case. The senior deputy returning officer and the representatives who wish to do so shall note the number entered on the seal.

The senior deputy returning officer shall then give the recipient or recipients for ballot papers, the transfer box and the envelopes containing the list of electors to the returning officer or to the person designated by the returning officer.

The returning officer shall have custody of the recipient or recipients for ballot papers until the results of the advance poll have been compiled and then for the time prescribed for the conservation of electoral documents.

183. Immediately before the time fixed for the opening of the polling station on the second day, where applicable, the senior deputy returning officer, before the persons present, shall open the transfer box and give each deputy returning officer the poll books, the envelopes containing unused ballot paper cards and the forms. Each deputy returning officer shall open the envelopes and take possession of their contents. The spoiled, refused or cancelled ballot paper cards shall remain in the transfer boxes, which the senior deputy returning officer shall seal.

The senior deputy returning officer, before the persons present, shall remove the seal from the travel case of the tabulator.

The returning officer, or the person designated by the returning officer, shall give each deputy returning officer the list of electors of the grouped polling station or stations, where applicable.

At the close of the second day of advance polling, where applicable, the senior deputy returning officer, the deputy returning officer and the poll clerk shall perform the same actions as at the close of the first day of advance polling. In addition, the senior deputy return-

ing officer shall withdraw the memory card from the electronic ballot box, place it in an envelope, seal the envelope, place the envelope in the recipient for ballot papers, and seal the recipient.

The spoiled, refused or cancelled ballot paper cards from the second day shall be placed in separate sealed envelope by the deputy returning officer. They shall also be placed in a sealed transfer box.

The deputy returning officer, the poll clerk and the representatives who wish to do so shall affix their initials to the seal.

185. From 7:00 p.m. on polling day, the returning officer or the person designated by the returning officer shall print out the results compiled by the electronic ballot box at an advance polling station, in the presence of the deputy returning officers, the poll clerks and the representatives who wish to be present.

The results shall be printed out at the location determined by the returning officer. The print-out shall be performed in accordance with the rules applicable to the printing-out of the results from polling day, adapted as required.”.

6.11 Booths

The following is substituted for section 191 of the Act:

“**191.** Where electronic ballot boxes are used in an election, the polling station shall have the number of polling booths determined by the returning officer.”.

6.12 Ballot papers

The following is substituted for section 193 of the Act:

“**193.** With the exception of the entry stating the office to be filled, the ballot papers shall be printed by reversing process so that, on the obverse, the indications appear in white on a black background and the circles provided to receive the elector’s mark appear in white on an orange vertical strip.”.

Section 195 of the Act is revoked.

6.13 Identification of the candidates

Section 196 of the Act is amended

(1) by substituting the following for the first paragraph:

“**196.** The ballot paper card shall contain a ballot paper for the office of mayor and the ballot papers for the office or offices of councillor. Each ballot paper shall allow each candidate to be identified. It shall contain, on the obverse:”;

(2) by adding the following after subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph:

“(4) the offices in question and, where applicable, the number of the seat to be filled. The indications of the offices in question shall correspond to those contained in the nomination papers.”.

6.14 Ballot paper cards

The following is substituted for section 197 of the Act:

“**197.** The ballot paper cards shall contain on the obverse, as shown in the Schedule,

- (1) the name of the municipality;
- (2) the indication “municipal election” and the date of the poll;
- (3) the ballot papers;
- (4) the bar code.

The ballot paper cards shall contain, on the reverse, as shown in the Schedule,

- (1) a space intended to receive the initials of the deputy returning officer;
- (2) a space intended to receive the number of the polling subdivision;
- (3) the name and address of the printer;
- (4) the bar code.”.

6.15 Confidentiality sleeve

The Act is amended by inserting the following after section 197:

“**197.1.** The returning officer shall ensure that a sufficient number of confidentiality sleeves are available. Confidentiality sleeves shall be sufficiently opaque to ensure that no mark affixed on the ballot paper may be seen through them.”.

6.16 Withdrawal of a candidate

Section 198 of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraphs at the end:

“Where electronic ballot boxes are used in an election, the returning officer shall ensure that the memory card is adjusted so that it does not take into account the candidates who have withdrawn.

Any vote in favour of those candidates before or after their withdrawal is null.”.

6.17 Withdrawal of authorization or recognition

Section 199 of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Where electronic ballot boxes are used in an election, the returning officer shall ensure that the memory card is adjusted so that it does not take into account the party or the ticket from which recognition has been withdrawn.”.

6.18 Number of electronic ballot boxes

The following is substituted for section 200 of the Act:

“**200.** The returning officer must ensure that there are as many electronic ballot boxes as polling places available and that a sufficient number of replacement electronic ballot boxes are available in the event of a breakdown or technical deficiency.

The returning officer shall ensure that a sufficient number of recipients for ballot paper cards and, where applicable, of transfert boxes are available for each electronic ballot box.”.

6.19 Provision of polling materials

Section 204 of the Act is amended by substituting the word “recipient” for the words “ballot box” in the second line of the first paragraph.

6.20 Examination of the electronic ballot box and polling materials

The following is substituted for section 207 of the Act:

“**207.** In the hour preceding the opening of the polling stations, the senior deputy returning officer, before the persons present, shall initialize the electronic ballot box for the polling place.

The senior deputy returning officer shall ensure that the electronic ballot box displays a total of zero recorded ballot papers by verifying the printed report of the electronic ballot box.

The senior deputy returning officer shall keep the report and show it to any person present who wishes to examine it.

The senior deputy returning officer shall examine the documents and materials provided by the returning officer.

207.1. In the hour preceding the opening of the polling stations, the deputy returning officer and poll clerk shall examine the documents and polling materials provided by the returning officer.”.

The following is substituted for section 209 of the Act:

“**209.** Immediately before the hour fixed for the opening of the polling stations, the senior deputy returning officer, before the deputy returning officers, the poll clerks and the representatives of the candidates present, shall ensure that the recipient of the electronic ballot box is empty.

The recipient shall then be sealed by the senior deputy returning officer. The senior deputy returning officer and the representatives present who wish to do so shall affix their initials to the seal. The electronic ballot box shall be placed in such a way that it is in full view of the polling officers and the electors.”.

POLLING PROCEDURE

6.21 Presence at the polling station

The following is substituted for the third paragraph of section 214 of the Act:

“In addition, only the deputy returning officer, the poll clerk and the representatives assigned to the polling station, together with the returning officer, the election clerk, the assistant to the returning officer, the senior deputy returning officer and the assistant to the senior deputy returning officer may be present at the station. The officer in charge of information and order may be present, at the request of the deputy returning officer for as long as may be required. The poll runner may be present for the time required to perform his duties. Any other person assisting an elector under section 226 may be present for the time required to enable the elector to exercise his right to vote.”.

6.22 Initialling of ballot papers

The following is substituted for section 221 of the Act:

“**221.** The deputy returning officer shall give the ballot paper card to which the elector is entitled to each elector admitted to vote, after initialling the ballot paper card in the space reserved for that purpose and entering the number of the polling subdivision. The deputy returning officer shall also give the elector a confidentiality sleeve and a pencil.

The deputy returning officer shall instruct the elector how to insert the ballot paper card in the confidentiality sleeve after having voted.”.

6.23 Voting

The following is substituted for section 222 of the Act:

“**222.** The elector shall enter the polling booth and, using the pencil given by the deputy returning officer, mark one of the circles on the ballot paper or papers opposite the indications pertaining to the candidates whom the elector wishes to elect to the offices of mayor, councillor or councillors.

The elector shall insert the ballot paper card, without folding it, into the confidentiality sleeve in such a way that the deputy returning officer’s initials can be seen.”.

6.24 Following the vote

The following is substituted for section 223 of the Act:

“**223.** After marking the ballot paper or papers and inserting the ballot paper card in the confidentiality sleeve, the elector shall leave the polling booth and go to the electronic ballot box.

The elector shall allow the senior deputy returning officer to examine the initials of the deputy returning officer.

The elector or, at the elector’s request, the senior deputy returning officer shall insert the ballot paper card on the reverse side into the electronic ballot box without removing it from the confidentiality sleeve.”.

6.25 Automatic acceptance

The Act is amended by inserting the following after section 223:

“**223.1.** The electronic ballot box shall be programmed to accept automatically every ballot paper card that is inserted on the reverse side and that was given by the deputy returning officer to an elector.

223.2. If a ballot paper card becomes blocked in the recipient for ballot paper cards, the senior deputy returning officer, in the presence of the representatives of the candidates who wish to be present, shall open the recipient, restart the electronic ballot box, close it and seal the recipient again in their presence, before authorizing voting to resume.

The senior deputy returning officer must report to the returning officer the time during which voting was stopped. Mention of that fact shall be made in the poll book.

If a ballot paper card becomes blocked in the tabulator, the senior deputy returning officer, in the presence of the representatives of the candidates who wish to be present, shall unblock the tabulator and restart the electronic ballot box.”.

6.26 Cancelled ballots

The following is substituted for section 224 of the Act:

“**224.** The senior deputy returning officer shall prevent the insertion into the electronic ballot box of any ballot paper card that is not initialled or that is initialled by a person other than the deputy returning officer of a polling station. The elector must return to the polling station.

The deputy returning officer of the polling station in question shall, if his initials are not on the ballot paper card, initial it before the persons present, provided that the ballot paper card is prima facie a ballot paper card given to the elector by the deputy returning officer that was not initialled by oversight or inadvertence. The elector shall return to insert the ballot paper card into the electronic ballot box.

If the ballot paper card has been initialled by a person other than the deputy returning officer, or if the ballot paper card is not a ballot paper card given to the elector by the deputy returning officer, the deputy returning officer of the polling station in question shall cancel the ballot paper card.

The occurrence shall be recorded in the poll book.”.

6.27 Visually impaired person

Section 227 of the Act is amended:

(1) by substituting the following for the second and third paragraphs:

“The assistant to the senior deputy returning officer shall set up the template and the ballot paper card, give them to the elector, and indicate to the elector the order in which the candidates’ names appear on the ballot papers and the particulars entered under their names, where such is the case.

The senior deputy returning officer shall help the elector insert the ballot paper card into the electronic ballot box.”; and

(2) by striking out the fourth paragraph.

COMPILATION OF RESULTS AND ADDITION OF VOTES

6.28 Compilation of results

The following is substituted for sections 229 and 230 of the Act:

“**229.** After the closing of the poll, the senior deputy returning officer shall place the electronic ballot box in “end of election” mode and print out the results compiled by the electronic ballot box. The representatives assigned to the polling stations at the polling place may be present.

The report on the compiled results shall indicate the total number of ballot paper cards, the number of rejected ballot papers and the number of valid votes for each office.

230. After the closing of the poll, the deputy returning officer of each polling station in the polling place shall complete the partial statement of votes according to section 238 and shall give a copy of it to the senior deputy returning officer.

The poll clerk of the polling station shall enter the following particulars in the poll book:

(1) the number of ballot paper cards received from the returning officer;

(2) the number of electors admitted to vote;

(3) the number of spoiled, refused or cancelled ballot paper cards and the number of unused ballot paper cards;

(4) he names of the persons who have performed duties as election officers or representatives assigned to that station.”.

The Act is amended by inserting the following after section 230:

“**230.1.** The senior deputy returning officer shall ensure, before the persons present, that the results entered on the printed report of the electronic ballot box and the total number of unused, spoiled, refused and cancelled ballot paper cards entered on the partial statement of votes of each deputy returning officer correspond to the total number of ballot paper cards issued by the returning officer.

230.2. Using the partial statement or statements of votes, the senior deputy returning officer shall complete an overall statement of votes in a sufficient number so that each representative assigned to a polling station or each candidate can have a copy of it.”.

6.29 Compiling sheet

Section 231 of the Act is revoked.

6.30 Counting of the votes

Section 232 of the Act is revoked.

6.31 Rejected ballot papers

The following is substituted for section 233 of the Act:

“**233.** The electronic ballot box shall be programmed in such a way as to reject any ballot paper that

- (1) has not been marked;
- (2) has been marked in favour of more than one candidate;
- (3) has been marked in favour of a person who is not a candidate.

For the purposes of the poll, the memory card shall be programmed in such a way as to ensure that the electronic ballot box processes and conserves all the ballot paper cards inserted, in other words both the cards containing valid ballot papers and those containing rejected ballot papers, except any ballot paper cards that have been refused.”.

6.32 Rejected ballot papers, procedural omission, valid ballot papers

Sections 233 to 236 of the Act, adapted as required, shall apply only in the case of a judicial recount.

6.33 Contested validity

The following is substituted for section 237 of the Act:

“**237.** The poll clerk, at the request of the senior deputy returning officer, shall enter in the poll book every objection raised by a representative present at the printing out of the results compiled by an electronic ballot box in respect of the validity of the results.”.

6.34 Partial statement of votes, overall statement of votes and copy given to representatives of candidates

The following is substituted for section 238 of the Act:

“**238.** The deputy returning officer shall draw up the partial statement of votes, setting out

- (1) the number of ballot paper cards received from the returning officer;
- (2) the number of spoiled, refused or cancelled ballot paper cards that were not inserted into the electronic ballot box;
- (3) the number of unused ballot paper cards.

The deputy returning officer shall make two copies of the partial statement of votes, one of which must be given to the senior deputy returning officer.

Using the partial statements of votes and the results compiled by the electronic ballot box, the senior deputy returning officer shall draw up an overall statement of votes.

The senior deputy returning officer shall immediately give a copy of the overall statement of votes to the representatives.”.

Section 240 of the Act is revoked.

6.35 **Separate, sealed and initialled envelopes given to the returning officer**

The following is substituted for sections 241, 242 and 243 of the Act:

“**241.** After the closing of the poll, each deputy returning officer shall place in separate envelopes the list of electors, the poll book, the forms, the spoiled, refused or cancelled ballot paper cards that were not inserted into the electronic ballot box, the unused ballot paper cards and the partial statement of votes. Each deputy returning officer shall seal the envelopes, place them in a recipient, seal it, and give it to the senior deputy returning officer. The deputy returning officer, the poll clerk and the representatives assigned to the polling station who wish to do so shall initial the seals.

242. After the results compiled by the electronic ballot box have been printed, in the presence of the candidates or representatives who wish to be present, the senior deputy returning officer:

— if the plastic recipient has been used for the electronic ballot box, place the ballot paper cards from the recipient of the electronic ballot box in a transfer box. Next, he shall remove the memory card from the electronic ballot box and insert it in an envelope with a copy of the report on the results compiled by the electronic ballot box. He shall seal the envelope, initial it, allow the representatives who wish to do so to initial it and place it in the transfer box. He shall seal and initial the transfer box and allow the representatives who wish to do so to initial it;

— if the cardboard recipient is used for the electronic ballot box, remove the cardboard recipient containing the ballot papers. Next, he shall remove the memory card from the electronic ballot box and insert it in an envelope with a copy of the report on the results compiled by the electronic ballot box. He shall seal the envelope, initial it, allow the representatives who wish to do so to initial it and place it in the cardboard recipient. He shall seal and initial the cardboard recipient and allow the representatives who wish to do so to initial it.

The senior deputy returning officer give the transfer boxes or the cardboard recipients to the returning officer or to the person designated by the returning officer.

243. The senior deputy returning officer shall place in an envelope a copy of the overall statement of votes stating the results of the election and the partial statements of votes. The senior deputy returning officer shall then seal and initial the envelope and give it to the returning officer.

The representatives assigned to the polling stations may initial the seal.”

Section 244 of the Act is revoked.

6.36 **Addition of votes**

The following is substituted for section 247 of the Act:

“**247.** The returning officer shall proceed with the addition of the votes using the overall statement of votes drawn up by each senior deputy returning officer.”

6.37 **Adjournment of the addition of votes**

The following is substituted for section 248 of the Act:

“**248.** The returning officer shall, if unable to obtain an overall statement of votes that should have been provided, adjourn the addition of votes until the statement has been obtained.

Where it is not possible to obtain an overall statement of votes, or the printed report on the results compiled by an electronic ballot box, the returning officer shall, in the presence of the senior deputy returning officer and the candidates concerned or their representatives if they so wish, print out the results using the memory card taken from the transfer box opened in the presence of the persons listed above.”

6.38 **Placing in envelope**

The following is substituted for section 249 of the Act:

“**249.** After printing and examining the results, the returning officer shall place them in an envelope together with the memory card.

The returning officer shall seal the envelope, put the envelope in the transfer box and then seal the box.

The returning officer, the candidates and the representatives present may initial the seals.”

6.39 **New counting of the votes**

The following is substituted for section 250 of the Act:

“**250.** Where it is not possible to print a new report on the results compiled using the memory card, the returning officer, on the date, at the time and at the place that he

determines, in the presence of the candidates or their representatives who wish to be present, shall recover the ballot paper cards used for the office or offices concerned and shall insert them, one by one, in the opening of the electronic ballot box equipped with a new programmed memory card. He shall then print out the results compiled by the electronic ballot box.”.

6.40 Notice to the Minister

Section 251 of the Act is amended by substituting the words “overall statement of votes, the report on the results compiled by the electronic ballot box and the ballot paper cards” for the words “statement of votes and the ballot papers” in the first line of the first paragraph.

6.41 Access to ballot papers

The following is substituted for section 261 of the Act:

“**261.** Except for the purposes of an examination of rejected ballot papers pursuant to this agreement, the returning officer or the person responsible for providing access to the documents held by the municipality may not issue copies of the ballot papers used, or allow any person to examine the ballot papers, without being required to do so by an order issued by a court or judge.”.

6.42 Application for a recount

Section 262 of the Act is amended by substituting the words “an electronic ballot box” for the words “a deputy returning officer, a poll clerk or the returning officer” in the first and second lines of the first paragraph.

7. EXAMINATION OF REJECTED BALLOT PAPERS

Within 120 days from the date on which an election is declared or contested, the returning officer must, at the request of the Chief Electoral Officer or the Minister, examine the rejected ballot papers to ascertain the grounds for rejection. The returning officer must verify the ballot paper cards contained in the recipients for ballot papers.

The returning officer must notify the candidates or their representatives that they may be present at the examination. The Chief Electoral Officer and the Minister shall be notified and they may delegate their representatives. The representative of the company that sold or rented out the electronic ballot boxes must attend the examination to explain the operation of the mechanism for rejecting ballot papers and to answer questions from the participants.

The programming parameters for rejecting ballot papers must be disclosed to the participants.

The examination of the rejected ballot papers shall in no way change the results of the poll or be used in a court to attempt to change the results of the poll.

A report on the examination must be drawn up by the returning officer and include, in particular, the assessment sheet for the grounds for rejection and a copy of the related ballot paper. Any other relevant comment concerning the conduct of the poll must also be included.

Prior to the examination of the rejected ballot papers, the rejected ballot papers must be separated from the other ballot papers, using the electronic ballot box duly programmed by the representative of the firm, and a sufficient number of photocopies must be made for the participants present. The candidates or their representatives may be present during this operation.

8. DURATION AND APPLICATION OF AGREEMENT

The returning officer of the municipality is responsible for the application of this agreement and, consequently, for the proper conduct of the trial application of the new method of voting during general elections and by-elections held before January 1, 2010.

9. AMENDMENT

The parties agree that this agreement may be amended if need be to ensure the proper conduct of the general elections or subsequent by-elections provided for in the agreement.

Mention of that fact shall be made in the assessment report.

10. ASSESSMENT REPORT

Within 120 days following the general election held on November 6, 2005, the returning officer of the municipality shall forward, in accordance with section 659.3 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2), an assessment report to the Chief Electoral Officer and the Minister setting out relevant ways to improve the trial and addressing, in particular, the following points:

— the preparations for the election (choice of the new method of voting, communications plan, etc.);

— the conduct of the advance poll and the poll;

- the cost of using the electronic voting system :
- the cost of adapting election procedures ;
- non-recurrent costs likely to be amortized ;
- a comparison between the actual polling costs and the estimated polling costs using the new methods of voting and the projected cost of holding the general election on November 6, 2005 using traditional methods ;
- the number and duration of incidents during which voting was stopped, if any ;
- the advantages and disadvantages of using the new method of voting ;
- the results obtained during the addition of the votes and the correspondence between the number of ballot paper cards issued to the deputy returning officers and the number of ballot paper cards returned used and unused ;
- the examination of rejected ballot papers, if it has been completed.

11. APPLICATION OF THE ACT RESPECTING ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS IN MUNICIPALITIES

The Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2) shall apply to the general election held on November 6, 2005 in the municipality, subject to the provisions of the Act that this agreement amends or replaces.

12. EFFECT OF THE AGREEMENT

This agreement has effect from the time when the returning officer performs the first act for the purposes of an election to which this agreement applies.

AGREEMENT SIGNED IN THREE COPIES :

In Longueuil, on this 1st day of the month of June of the year 2005

THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLE DE LONGUEUIL

By : _____
JACQUES OLIVER, *Mayor*

DANIEL CARRIER, *Clerk*

In Québec, on this 7th day of the month of June of the year 2005

THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

MARCEL BLANCHET

In Québec, on this 22th day of the month of June of the year 2005

THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND REGIONS

DENYS JEAN, *Deputy Minister*

SCHEDULE

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MUNICIPALITY OF MATTEAU

Municipal Election - November 2, 2003

“SPÉCIMEN”

Mayor Office	
Marie BONENFANT	●
Jean-Charles BUREAU <small>Appartenance politique</small>	●
Pierre-A. LARRIVÉE	●

City Councillor District 1	
Luc GAUTHIER	●
Carl LUSSIER	●
Hélène ROCHETTE <small>Appartenance politique</small>	●
Sylvain SAINT-PIERRE	●

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Polling subdivision

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Draft Regulations

Draft Regulation

An Act respecting collective agreement decrees (R.S.Q., c. D-2)

Cartage industry — Québec — Amendments

Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 5 of the Act respecting collective agreement decrees (R.S.Q., c. D-2), that the Minister of Labour has received an application from the contracting parties to amend the Decree respecting the cartage industry in the Québec region (R.R.Q., 1981, c. D-2, r.7) and that, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), the Decree to amend the Decree respecting the cartage industry in the Québec region, the text of which appears below, could be made by the Government upon the expiry of the 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of this draft Regulation is primarily to increase the wages of Part II – Transport of Wastes, which have remained unchanged since 17 December 2003. To that end, the draft Regulation proposes to amend the minimum hourly wage rates payable to employees in regions 01 (Bas-Saint-Laurent), 02 (Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean), 03 (Capitale-Nationale) and 12 (Chaudière-Appalaches), with respect to the existing classes of employment in each of these regions.

The consultation period shall serve to clarify the impact of the amendments proposed. According to the 2004 Annual Report of the Comité paritaire du camionnage du district de Québec, the Decree governs 202 employers and 1 003 employees. Part II – Transport of Wastes governs in particular 49 employers and 359 employees.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Louise Allen, Direction des politiques, de la construction et des décrets, Ministère du Travail, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 5^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5S1; telephone: (418) 528-8182; fax: (418) 644-6969; e-mail: louise.allen@travail.gouv.qc.ca

Any interested person having comments to make concerning this matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to the Deputy Minister of Labour, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 6^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5S1.

JEAN-PAUL BEAULIEU,
Deputy Minister of Labour

Decree to amend the Decree respecting the cartage industry in the Québec region*

An Act respecting collective agreement decrees (R.S.Q., c. D-2, s. 2 and 6.1)

1. Section 18.01 of the Decree respecting the cartage industry in the Québec region is replaced by the following:

“**18.01.** The minimum hourly wage rates payable to employees is determined in the following tables, by region and by class of employment, on the dates indicated:

1. (A) **Region 01 (Bas-Saint-Laurent):** municipalities included in les municipalités régionales de comté de Kamouraska, Les Basques, Rimouski-Neigette, Rivière-du-Loup and Témiscouata;

(B) **Region 12 (Chaudière-Appalaches):** municipalities included in les municipalités régionales de comté de Beauce-Sartigan, L'Amiante, L'Islet, La Nouvelle-Beauce, Les Etchemins, Montmagny and Robert-Cliche;

* The last amendments to the Decree respecting the cartage industry in the Québec region (R.R.Q., 1981, c. D-2, r.7) were made by the regulation made under Order in Council No. 1289-2003 dated 3 December 2003 (2003, G.O. 2, 5393). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 2005, updated to 1 March 2005.

Class of employment	As of (insert here the date of the enforcement of this Decree)	As of 2006 07 01
1. helper	\$14.67	\$15.11
2. driver, class I	\$14.98	\$15.43
3. driver, class II	\$15.10	\$15.55
4. driver, class III	\$15.74	\$16.21
5. driver, class IV	\$16.34	\$16.83
6. mechanic, welder		
1st grade	\$11.60	\$11.95
2nd grade	\$15.75	\$16.22
7. serviceman		
1st grade	\$11.60	\$11.95
2nd grade	\$15.10	\$15.55;

2. Region 02 (Saguenay-Lac Saint-Jean): municipalities included in les municipalités régionales de comté de Lac Saint-Jean-Est, le Domaine-du-Roy, Le Fjord-du-Saguenay and Maria-Chapdelaine :

Class of employment	As of (insert here the date of the enforcement of this Decree)	As of 2006 07 01
1. helper	\$14.31	\$14.74
2. driver, class I	\$15.63	\$16.10
3. driver, class II	\$15.76	\$16.23
4. driver, class III	\$15.93	\$16.41
5. driver, class IV	\$16.52	\$17.02
6. mechanic, welder		
1st grade	\$11.60	\$11.95
2nd grade	\$15.92	\$16.40
7. serviceman		
1st grade	\$11.60	\$11.95
2nd grade	\$15.31	\$15.77;

3. (A) Region 03 (Capitale-Nationale): municipalities included in la Ville de Québec as well as the municipalities included in les municipalités régionales de comté de L'Île-d'Orléans, La Côte-de-Beaupré, La Jacques-Cartier and Portneuf;

(B) Region 12 (Chaudière-Appalaches): municipalities included in les municipalités régionales de comté de Bellechasse, Desjardins, Les Chutes-de-la-Chaudière and Lotbinière :

Class of employment	As of (insert here the date of the enforcement of this Decree)	As of 2006 07 01
1. helper	\$16.22	\$16.71
2. driver, class I	\$16.55	\$17.05
3. driver, class II	\$16.70	\$17.20
4. driver, class III	\$17.30	\$17.82
5. driver, class IV	\$17.91	\$18.45
6. mechanic, welder		
1st grade	\$11.60	\$11.95
2nd grade	\$17.00	\$17.51
7. serviceman		
1st grade	\$11.60	\$11.95
2nd grade	\$16.69	\$17.19".

2. This Decree comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Regulation

An Act respecting prescription drug insurance
(R.S.Q., c. A-29.01)

Manufacturers and wholesalers of medications — Conditions on which they shall be recognized — Amendments

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the conditions on which manufacturers and wholesalers of medications shall be recognized, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Minister of Health and Social Services on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation makes the consequential amendments necessary as a result of the coming into force of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (S.C. 1996, c. 19).

The draft Regulation also amends the maximum mark-up rate that applies to wholesalers of medications.

The effect of the proposed amendment is to reduce some of the marketplace distortions prevailing in the medications marketplace and to reduce substantial disparities in mark-up among the wholesalers. The mark-up currently varies between 5% and 7.15% and does not necessarily correspond to different levels of service.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting

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Telephone: (418) 644-8103; fax: (418) 644-8120.

Any interested person having comments to make on the draft Regulation is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to the Minister of Health and Social Services, 1075, chemin Sainte-Foy, 15^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1S 2M1.

PHILIPPE COUILLARD,
Minister of Health and Social Services

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the conditions on which manufacturers and wholesalers of medications shall be recognized *

An Act respecting prescription drug insurance
(R.S.Q., c. A-29.01, s. 80)

1. Section 2 of the Regulation respecting the conditions on which manufacturers and wholesalers of medications shall be recognized is amended by replacing paragraph 3 by the following:

“(3) he must hold a licence under subsection 55(1) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (S.C. 1996, c. 19) and be an authorized distributor holding a licence issued under that subsection for the importation, production or sale of controlled drugs and substances.”.

2. Schedule II is amended by replacing “9” in the first paragraph of section 2 by “6”.

3. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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* The Regulation respecting the conditions on which manufacturers and wholesalers of medications shall be recognized, made by the Minister of Health and Social Services by M.O. 92-06 dated 6 July 1992 (1992, *G.O.* 2, 3263), was last amended by the regulation made by M.O. 1999 dated 28 April 1999 (1999, *G.O.* 2, 1289). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Québec Official Publisher, 2005, updated to 1 March 2005.

Treasury Board

Gouvernement du Québec

T.B. 202661, 12 July 2005

An Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel
(R.S.Q., c. R-12.1)

Regulation — Amendment

Regulation to amend the Regulation under the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 196 of the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel (R.S.Q., c. R-12.1), amended by section 263 of the Act to amend the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Peace Officers in Correctional Services and other legislative provisions (2004, c. 39), the Government may, by regulation, after the Commission administrative des régimes de retraite et d'assurances has consulted the Comité de retraite referred to in section 173.1 of the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (R.S.Q., c. R-10), make a regulation for the application of the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel;

WHEREAS the Conseil du trésor made the Regulation under the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel by Decision T.B. 202420 dated 24 May 2005;

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Regulation;

WHEREAS the Comité de retraite has been consulted;

WHEREAS, under section 40 of the Public Administration Act (R.S.Q., c. A-6.01), the Conseil du trésor shall, after consulting the Minister of Finance, exercise the powers conferred on the Government by an Act that establishes a pension plan applicable to personnel of the public and parapublic sectors, except certain powers;

WHEREAS the Minister of Finance has been consulted;

THEREFORE, THE CONSEIL DU TRÉSOR DECIDES:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Regulation under the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel, attached hereto, is hereby made.

SERGE MARTINEAU,
Clerk of the Conseil du trésor

Regulation to amend the Regulation under the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel*

An Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel
(R.S.Q., c. R-12.1, s. 196, 1st par., subpar. 22)

1. Section 12 of the Regulation under the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel is amended by replacing the formula in the first paragraph by the following:

$$\text{“ } \frac{A + (0.7\% \times B)}{2\%} = M \text{ ”.}$$

2. This Regulation comes into force on the date it is made by the Government.

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* The Regulation under the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel, was made by Conseil du trésor Decision T.B. 202420 dated 24 May 2005 and has not been amended since.

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Abbreviations : **A** : Abrogated, **N** : New, **M** : Modified

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