

Gouvernement du Québec

## Addendum

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

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

MADE IN 2002

BETWEEN

THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAINT-JEAN-SUR-  
RICHELIEU

AND

THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

AND

THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND  
GREATER MONTREAL

WHEREAS the parties signed an agreement in 2002 pursuant to section 659.2 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2) in order to allow for the use of electronic ballot boxes for the general elections and by-elections held in the municipality until December 31 of the year 2005;

WHEREAS the said agreement amends the provisions of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities;

WHEREAS the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities has been amended since the parties signed the agreement;

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the agreement made by the parties in order to follow up on the amendments made to the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities;

WHEREAS it is also pertinent to make certain technical amendments to the agreement;

WHEREAS the municipal council, at its sitting of June 6 in the year 2005, adopted resolution number 2005-06-0546 approving the text of the addendum and authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk or Secretary-Treasurer to sign the addendum;

THEREFORE, the parties agree to the following:

### 1. PREAMBLE

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

### 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT MADE IN 2002

2.1 The following is substituted for section 4.1 of the agreement:

#### “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.”

2.2 The following is substituted for section 5 of the agreement:

#### “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.”

2.3 Section 6.2 of the agreement is amended by substituting the following for the title of the section:

“6.2 **Senior deputy returning officer, assistant to the senior deputy returning officer, deputy returning officer and poll clerk**”.

2.4 Section 6.3 of the agreement is amended

(1) by substituting the following for paragraphs 6 and 7 of section 80:

“(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;”;

(2) by substituting the following for paragraph 4 of section 80.2:

“(4) make sure of electors’ identity;”;

(3) by the withdrawal of paragraph 7 of section 80.2.

2.5 Section 6.4 of the agreement is amended by substituting the following for paragraph 2 of section 81:

“(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;”.

2.6 Section 6.8 of the agreement is amended:

(1) by substituting the following for section 173.2:

“**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.”;

(2) by substituting the following for paragraph 7 of section 173.4:

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

2.7 Section 6.9 of the agreement is amended by the withdrawal of the words “The representatives of the candidates may be present.” in the second paragraph of section 175.2.

2.8 Section 6.10 of the agreement is amended by substituting the following for the fifth and sixth paragraphs of section 183:

“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.”.

2.9 Section 6.18 of the agreement is amended by substituting the following for the second paragraph of section 200:

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

2.10 Section 6.20 of the agreement is amended by substituting the following for section 207.1:

“**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.”.

2.11 The following is substituted for section 6.28 of the agreement:

#### “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) 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.”.

2.12 Section 6.31 of the agreement is amended by substituting the following for paragraph 3 of the second paragraph of section 233:

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

**2.13** The following is substituted for section 6.34 of the agreement:

“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.”.

2.14 Section 6.35 of the agreement is amended by substituting the following for sections 241 and 243:

“**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.

**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.”.

2.15 Section 6.36 of the agreement is amended by substituting the following for section 247:

“**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.”.

2.16 Section 6.37 of the agreement is amended by substituting the following for section 248:

“**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.”.

2.17 The following is substituted for section 6.40 of the agreement:

**“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.”.

**ADDENDUM SIGNED IN THREE COPIES**

In Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, on this 27th day of the month of June of the year 2005

**THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAINT-JEAN-SUR-RICHELIEU**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
GILLES DOLBEC, *Mayor*

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M<sup>e</sup> FRANÇOIS LAPOINTE, *Clerk*

In Québec, on this 30th day of the month of June of the year 2005

**THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER**

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MARCEL BLANCHET

In Québec, on this 19th day of the month of July of the year 2005

**THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND REGIONS**

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DENYS JEAN, *Deputy Minister*

Gouvernement du Québec

**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 COMPUTERIZED POLLING STATIONS AND “PERFAS-TAB” BALLOT BOXES**

**AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO**

**BETWEEN**

The MUNICIPALITY OF SAINT-JÉRÔME, a legal person established in the public interest, having its head office at 10, rue Saint-Joseph, bureau 301, Saint-Jérôme, Province de Québec, J7Z 7G7, represented by the mayor, Marc Gascon, and the clerk, Marcel Bélanger, under a resolution bearing number CM-2989/05-03-15, herein-after called

**THE MUNICIPALITY**

**AND**

The MUNICIPALITY OF SAINTE-JULIE, a legal person established in the public interest, having its head office at 1580, chemin du Fer-à-Cheval, Sainte-Julie, Province de Québec, J3E 2M1, represented by the acting mayor, Mrs. Suzanne Roy, and the clerk, M<sup>e</sup> Jean-François Gauthier, under a resolution bearing number 05-204, 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 de Québec, hereinafter called

**THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER**