MINUTES SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 19, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on December 19, 2016 at the Town Hall located at 50 Westminster Avenue South.

Present: Mr. Beny Masella, Mayor

Ms. Julie Tasker-Brown, Councillor Ms. Elizabeth Ulin, Councillor Ms. Colleen Feeney, Councillor Ms. Maria Torres, Councillor

Also present: Mr. Stéphan Dulude, Director General

Mr. Claude Gilbert, Town Clerk

Ms. Valentina Maria Todoran, Treasurer

Mayor Beny Masella acted as chairman of the meeting.

Mr. Claude Gilbert, Town Clerk, acted as secretary of the meeting.

Nine (9) residents and visitors were in attendance.

1. Opening of the Meeting

It was moved by Councillor Maria Torres, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

That the Meeting be declared open.

Carried unanimously # 20161219-001 (1)

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Julie Tasker-Brown, seconded by Councillor Colleen Feeney and resolved:

To adopt the Agenda of the Special Meeting of Monday, December 19, 2016, as presented.

Carried unanimously # 20161219-002 (1)

NOTE A presentation was made by Councillor Colleen Feeney of the Montreal West 2017 budget and of the 2017, 2018 and 2019 Program of Capital Expenditures.

3. Presentation and adoption of the 2017 Budget for the Town of Montreal West

It was moved by Councillor Colleen Feeney, seconded by Councillor Maria Torres and resolved:

- 1) To adopt the 2017 Budget of the Town of Montreal West, for an amount of \$15,296,894.00.
- 2) To deposit a copy of the 2017 Budget in the Town of Montreal West Archives.

Carried unanimously # 20161219-003 (1)

4. Presentation and adoption of the 2017–2018–2019 Program of Capital Expenditures

It was moved by Councillor Maria Torres, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

- 1) To adopt the 2017, 2018 and 2019 Program of Capital Expenditures for the Town of Montreal West as follows:
 - a) For 2017, an amount of THREE million THREE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR thousand dollars (3,344,000.00);
 - b) For 2018, an amount of TWO million FORTY thousand dollars (2,040,000.00);
 - c) For 2019, an amount of ONE million FORTY thousand dollars (1,040,000.00).
- 2) To deposit a copy of the program in the Town of Montreal West Archives.

Carried unanimously # 20161219-004 (1)

5. Question period

The Mayor announced the beginning of the Public Question Period at 7:59 p.m.

The residents were invited to ask their questions to the Mayor and Councillors, solely on matters related to the budget and program of capital expenditures.

Paul Kenton said he was glad to see there is a tax decrease, but puzzled that the tax revenues increased by \$250,000 and wondered how the allocation of the tax burden between residential and non-residential properties is made. Councillor Feeney explained that the non-residential tax rate also went down, but since the values went up in the last real estate roll, the revenues did too. The resident noted that there must be fewer and fewer vacant lots in the Town, but somehow their total value seems to have increased remarkably over the years. The Mayor said the valuation of land has gone up in Montreal West, be it on vacant or built lots. Having been invited to comment, the Treasurer confirmed this is the case.

6. <u>Termination of the meeting</u>

At 8:04 p.m., no other questions being asked,

It was moved by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin, seconded by Councillor Julie Tasker-Brown and resolved:

That the Meeting be terminated.

Carried unanimously # 20161219-005 (1)

Beny Masella	Claude Gilbert
Mayor	Town Clerk

The annexes mentioned above are deposited in the municipal archives in File *Archives-20161219 (1)*