

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 28, 2017
8:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on August 28, 2017 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. Claude Gilbert, Town Clerk

Mayor Beny Masella acted as chairperson of the meeting.
Mr. Claude Gilbert, Town Clerk, acted as secretary of the meeting.

Fifteen (15) 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
#20170828-001

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

2. Acknowledgement of Visitors

Mayor Masella greeted and welcomed Lieutenant Fred Jennings from the Montréal Police Department (Neighbourhood Police Station 9).

3. Adoption of the Agenda

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

To adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, August 28, 2017 as presented.

Carried unanimously
#20170828-002

4. Approval of the Minutes

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

To approve the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on the following dates:

- Regular Meeting of June 27, 2017;
- Special Meeting of July 14, 2017;
- Special Meeting of August 11, 2017.

Carried unanimously
#20170828-003

5. Correspondence

There was nothing under this item.

6. Report of the Mayor

Mayor Masella praised an on-going charity work in favor of families that is well funded by donations from Montreal West residents and businesses. He noted that, on July 19, the Town received a letter by which it was notified the new Community and Recreation Center project would not get the grant that was expected, not because it was not eligible, but because there were no monies left in the program. The Mayor remarked that several important grants were announced for projects located outside the Island of Montreal. It remains to be seen if there will be a new phase in this program, like was said in the letter. Concerning the major work on Brock and Ballantyne, there have been no big problems except with Canada Post, which was a premiere after so many years of infrastructure projects being undertaken in Montreal West. However, there was a gas leak last week on Ballantyne. To this day, this has not entailed extra costs for the Town and it should not. Finally, he said the next Coffee with the Mayor will be September 14.

7. First Public Question Period

The Mayor announced the beginning of the First Public Question Period at 8:10 p.m.

Residents were invited to ask the Mayor and Councillors questions concerning matters of general interest.

Ian Robinson asked the Mayor if he did not pretend that his good relations with the government were supposed to be a reason to support his candidacy for the next election. The Mayor disagreed he said such a thing, going over the declaration he made last month to announce he would run again. The resident wondered why not one municipality on the Island succeeded to obtain a grant. The Mayor suggested that it may have something to do with votes to win.

David Superstein criticized the location of certain road traffic signs as children's safety is concerned. He also said there should be a better choice of colors and pictorial symbols should be preferred instead of signs with too many words. Mayor Masella said he would ask the Public Security Lieutenant to look into that matter. Councillor Feeney added that it would be discussed at the Traffic and Safety Committee (TSC). The resident asked if the Town has considered the idea of electronic speed indicators. The Mayor said it could be discussed at the TSC which will make a recommendation to Council. Councillor Tasker-Brown noted that some were borrowed from Côte Saint-Luc for some time.

Abby Shyavitz complained that she was almost hit by a construction truck on Ballantyne. The Mayor asked the Foreman, Mr. Ferdinando Guadagnino, to put this incident on the agenda of the next meeting of his department with the contractor. Councillor Tasker-Brown said she saw a construction truck driving in reverse direction on Ballantyne.

Cynthia Nichols thanked blue collar Bruce Thicke for his gardening work. She said she received a letter about her tax arrears and brought a cheque to pay them.

Michael Shinder asked about a Plan B now for the Recreation and Community Center project. The Mayor said it is to wait and see what the next program will look like. The resident asked if the project would be the same if the new program is similar to its last version. The Mayor said probably yes.

Ian Robinson asked the Mayor if he would make a statement on behalf of the demerged municipalities, or just of Montreal West, concerning this whole subsidy file. The Mayor answered that he could, but only on behalf of this Town. The resident said he would disagree that the Mayor spoke on behalf of a majority of the people concerning the arena, and advised that the Town should seek to gather stronger support by offering alternate options rather than a single concept.

Harold Knowles wondered if there is a possibility that a new Council may decide not to proceed with the work planned next year on Percival. The Mayor said it is possible but not very plausible, considering that a grant has already been announced.

The First Question Period ended at 8:35 p.m.

8. Contracts and Town Clerk's Office

There was nothing under this item.

9. Administration and finances

a) Approval of disbursements – June 21 to August 23, 2017

It was moved by Councillor Colleen Feeney, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

That the list of accounts payable from June 21 to August 23, 2017 totaling \$1,004,145.40 be approved and paid as listed.

Carried unanimously
#20170828-004

b) Delegation of powers for the months of July and August 2017

It was moved by Councillor Maria Torres, seconded by Councillor Julie Tasker-Brown and resolved:

To approve the report of the Director General concerning the exercise of powers delegated under By-Law No. 2005-002 for the months of July and August 2017.

Carried unanimously
#20170828-005

10. Urban Department

a) Site Planning Projects and Architectural Integration Programs (SPAIP)

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

1) To acknowledge receipt of the minutes of a meeting held by the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) on August 23, 2017.

2) To approve under the SPAIP the following plans submitted to this meeting, subject to the conditions stated by the PAC as outlined in the minutes, as the case may be:

Address	Project	PAC's recommendation
350 Ballantyne N.	replacement of twelve windows, of the front door and of the patio door	as presented;
155 Ballantyne S.	replacement of garden shed	as presented;
31 Fenwick	replacement of front landing and stairs, and of railings on the side access way	as presented.

3) To defer the examination of the following plans to a next meeting of this Council, in accordance with the recommendations of the PAC as outlined in the minutes:

Address	Project
350 Ballantyne N.	replacement of the siding and soffits and installation of gutters.

Carried unanimously
#20170828-006

b) Minor exemption request (340 Brock North)

NOTE Councillor Julie Tasker-Brown summarized the issues involved in the following matter. She also noted that it had been advertised in the newspaper. No comments were received since the publication (and none were made after these explanations).

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

That the plans and request submitted to the July 12, 2017 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee be approved, in accordance with By-Laws 2010-002 and G-18-0005, for the following minor exemptions from section 3.2.2 and paragraph 6 of section 4.1.10 of the Zoning By-Law, regarding the immovable located in zone RA-4 at 340 Brock North in order to:

- Allow that the front setback of the main building be 4.43 metres from the property line, while the minimum setback is 4.57 metres, the consequence being to reduce this requirement by 0.14 metre;
- Allow the 2.50 metres' encroachment of an existing deck in the front setback, despite the fact that such an encroachment is not allowed, the consequence being to accept that this deck remain at 2.07 metres from the property line instead of 4.57 metres.

Carried unanimously

#20170828-007

c) Minor exemption request (340 Ballantyne North)

NOTE Councillor Julie Tasker-Brown summarized the issues involved in the following matter. She also noted that it had been advertised in the newspaper. No comments were received since the publication (and none were made after these explanations).

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

That the plans and request submitted to the July 12, 2017 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee be approved, in accordance with By-Laws 2010-002 and G-18-0005, for the following minor exemptions from section 3.2.2 of the Zoning By-Law, regarding the immovable located in zone RA-4 at 340 Ballantyne North in order to:

- Allow that the lateral setback of the existing building be of 0.0 metre, while the minimum lateral setback is of 1.2 metre, the consequence being to reduce this requirement by 1.2 metre;
- Allow that the combined lateral setback of the existing building be of 3.66 metres, while the minimum combined lateral setback is of 4.0 metres, the consequence being to reduce this requirement by 0.34 metre.

Carried unanimously
#20170828-008

11. Public Works

a) Purchase contract (vehicle)

WHEREAS a call for tenders by invitation has been issued in order to purchase a Ford F-450 vehicle for the Public Works Department;

WHEREAS four suppliers were invited and one tender was received;

WHEREAS the tender received was reviewed and found conform to the specifications;

THEREFORE:

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

- 1) That the purchase contract for a Ford F-450 cab chassis vehicle (year 2017), be awarded to the lowest conforming bidder, being Ford Lincoln Gabriel Saint-Jacques, as per its tender dated August 21, 2017, for a total price of \$37,849.00 (plus taxes).
- 2) That the Assistant Director of Public Works, Mr. Nick Mavrias, be authorized to sign the necessary documents for ordering, delivery and registration purposes.
- 3) That this expense be charged to the working fund and reimbursed within ten years.

Carried unanimously
#20170828-009

12. Human Resources

There was nothing under this item.

13. Appointments

There was nothing under this item.

14. Councillors' Reports

a) Seat Number 4

Councillor Maria Torres reported on matters pertaining to Public Works and Buildings.

b) Seat Number 1

Councillor Julie Tasker-Brown reported on matters pertaining to Urban Planning and Environment.

c) Seat Number 2

Councillor Elizabeth Ulin reported on matters pertaining to Recreation, Culture and Communications.

d) Seat Number 3

Councillor Colleen Feeney reported on matters pertaining to Finance, Administration and Public Security.

15. Deposit of Documents

There was nothing under this item.

16. Notice of Motion, Reading and Adoption of By-Laws

a) Notice of Motion and dispensation from reading for a By-Law on contract management

Mayor Masella gave notice of motion that it is intended at a subsequent Meeting of Council to submit for adoption a "By-Law on contract management".

A draft By-Law will be made available to the public at a subsequent Meeting of Council and at least two days before the meeting when it is scheduled to be adopted.

Mayor Masella requested that the reading of this "By-Law on contract management" be dispensed with.

b) Notice of Motion and dispensation from reading for a By-Law governing the publication of municipal notices

Mayor Masella gave notice of motion that it is intended at a subsequent Meeting of Council to submit for adoption a "By-Law governing the publication of municipal notices".

A draft By-Law will be made available to the public at a subsequent Meeting of Council and at least two days before the meeting when it is scheduled to be adopted.

Mayor Masella requested that the reading of this "By-Law governing the publication of municipal notices" be dispensed with.

c) Draft By-Law Amending Traffic By-Law No. 405

Further to the notice of motion that was given at a Meeting of Council held on August 11, 2017, Mayor Masella tabled a draft version of a "By-Law Amending Traffic By-Law No. 405".

17. Second Public Question Period

The Mayor announced the beginning of the Second Public Question Period at 9:05 p.m.

Residents were invited to ask the Mayor and Councillors questions concerning the matters on the agenda of this meeting.

David Superstein complimented the Montreal Police Department for the quality of its work, recalling an incident when two officers came to his home some time ago.

Abby Shyavitz had a question about Councillor Feeney's report, concerning a series of recent break-ins. Mayor Masella said two men were seen and caught while in a house's back yard. They got a fine but were not sued as they did not commit a criminal act as such. However, they were identified and since then there have been no break-ins.

Ian Robinson asked what the changes are in the new collective agreement that has been reached with white collars. Councillor Feeney said the salary increases will be around 2% yearly. As for pension rights and contributions, this part still has to be negotiated, as a result of the legislative changes enacted a few years ago. Mayor Masella also noted that there are changes regarding the long-term disability group insurance.

Michael Shinder noted that the question period should deal with Council's role and not with personal matters. Such questions should not be termed relevant.

18. Termination of the Meeting

At 9:15 p.m., no other questions being asked,

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

That the Meeting be terminated.

Carried unanimously
#20170828-010

Beny Masella
Mayor

Claude Gilbert
Town Clerk

*The annexes mentioned above are deposited
in the municipal archives in File Archives-20170828*