

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 2017
8:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on December 18, 2017 at the Town Hall located at 50 Westminster Avenue South.

Present: Mr. Beny Masella, Mayor
Mr. Dino Mazzone, Councillor
Ms. Elizabeth Ulin, Councillor
Ms. Colleen Feeney, Councillor
Ms. Maria Torres, Councillor

Also present: Me Raffaele Di Stasio, Director General
Me Claude Gilbert, Town Clerk

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

Twenty-two (22) residents and visitors were in attendance.

1. Opening of the Meeting

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

That the Meeting be declared open.

Carried unanimously
#20171218-001 (2)

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 8:36 p.m.

2. Acknowledgement of Visitors

There was nothing under this item.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

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

To adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 18, 2017 as presented.

Carried unanimously
#20171218-002 (2)

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 November 14, 2017;
- Special Meeting of November 27, 2017;
- Special Meeting of December 4, 2017
- Special Meeting of December 13, 2017.

Carried unanimously
#20171218-003 (2)

5. Correspondence

There was nothing under this item.

6. Report of the Mayor

Mayor Masella announced that he was elected chairman of the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM). The ASM represents the interests of related municipalities within the Agglomeration and will seek to work with Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante. As chairman, he will be called to sit on the board of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM) and of the Union des Municipalités du Québec. Concerning grant applications, he noted that it was repeated before and after municipal elections that the Town would apply to other subsidy programs if any were available, which has happened. He also mentioned that residents on Percival were consulted regarding infrastructure work that will be done next year on that street. Finally, he said that the next Coffee with the Mayor will be January 25.

7. First Public Question Period

The Mayor announced the beginning of the First Public Question Period at 8:40 p.m.

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

Laura Cousineau thanked all Council members for their work, and also thanked those people who voted for her during the election. She said that on their behalf, she would advocate environmental issues. For instance, it would be a good thing to find ways to reduce garbage pickup, like a by-law mandating to put organic waste in paper bags. The Mayor said it was fair to discuss such issues. Councillor Ulin agreed. The Town is already encouraging good practices like that, but up until now has always used carrots instead of sticks.

Barbara Malcomson-Baily said that residents should be properly informed when there are reports of criminal activity in their neighborhood, and some kind of monitoring in the sense of crime watch would be good. Mayor Masella said that notices were distributed to residents in the past, when there were a series of car crashes. Councillor Mazzone added that the Traffic and Safety Committee (TSC) will discuss ways of increasing neighborhood awareness.

Norbert Bedoucha noted that the presence of curb extensions on Westminster should be made more visible in the winter. Mayor Masella said the Town will continue to improve their visibility, but they are there to stay. On another subject, the resident asked how the Town is trying to involve the Canadien National (CN) in discussions regarding problems with Turcot yards. The Mayor remarked that Transports Québec, not the Town, is running the neighborhood committee for the Turcot project. He added that the Town will continue to advocate the residents' views in those meetings and in between. Councillor Mazzone noted that the CN will be at the next neighborhood committee.

Stan Carny asked what it cost in terms of material, equipment and manpower for the tree planting project at Edinburgh School. Councillor Torres explained that this initiative was not just for that school and although it entailed costs, they were not broken down for each place. The resident also had a question about the street lights. Councillor Torres said the decision making process in this file must consider environmental aspects, financial ones and public safety. The Mayor added that the Town will ask someone to validate the appropriate level of lighting in certain areas. On another point, the resident said the Council should restructure the Planning Advisory Committee. Mayor Masella reminded him that it is a provincial law which mandates municipalities to have such a committee in order to deal with certain matters. On the other hand, Council has made a number of by-law changes to reduce the committee's work load.

Ian Robinson expressed concerns about a traffic issue on Ballantyne North. Councillor Mazzone asked him to send an email on this problem.

Stan Carny had a remark concerning the infrastructure project on Percival. The Mayor said that there was a consultation and the residents had the chance to express their views.

The First Question Period ended at 9:10 p.m.

8. Contracts and Town Clerk's Office

a) Assessment criteria and weighting grid – tender document (Town website)

WHEREAS the Town intends to launch a call for tenders by invitation for the purpose of redesigning its website;

WHEREAS the choice of a supplier as a result will not only be based on price, but will also take into account the quality of the proposals received;

WHEREAS this qualitative evaluation must be based on criteria, which are to be presented in the tender document, in accordance with sections 573.1.0.1 and 573.1.0.1.1 of the Cities and Towns Act;

THEREFORE:

It was moved by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin, seconded by Councillor Dino Mazzone and resolved:

That the assessment criteria and weighting grid found in sections 4 and 5 of the tender document mentioned in the preamble of this resolution be approved.

Carried unanimously
#20171218-004 (2)

b) City of Côte Saint-Luc – by-law regulating the traffic of trucks and tool vehicles

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc has adopted a by-law regulating the traffic of trucks and tool vehicles in its territory;

WHEREAS this by-law requires the approval of the Quebec Ministry of Transportation;

WHEREAS the City, in order to obtain this approval, has notified the neighboring municipalities and boroughs of the content of this by-law;

THEREFORE:

It was moved by Councillor Dino Mazzone, seconded by Councillor Maria Torres and resolved:

That the Town of Montreal West inform the City of Côte Saint-Luc that it has no objection to its By-Law No. 2493.

Carried unanimously
#20171218-005 (2)

9. Administration and finances

a) Approval of disbursements – November 9 to December 15, 2017

It was moved by Councillor Colleen Feeney, seconded by Councillor Dino Mazzone and resolved:

That the list of accounts payable from November 9 to December 15, 2017 totaling \$1,074,619.45 be approved and paid as listed.

Carried unanimously
#20171218-006 (2)

b) Delegation of powers for the month of December 2017

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

To approve the report of the Director General concerning the exercise of powers delegated under By-Law No. 2005-002 for the month of December 2017.

Carried unanimously
#20171218-007 (2)

c) Credit allocation – general fund (By-Law No. 2016-003)

It was moved by Councillor Dino Mazzone, seconded by Councillor Colleen Feeney and resolved:

That Loan By-Law No. 2016-003 concerning infrastructure work on Strathearn Avenue be amended by the addition of the following paragraph to its article 5, in accordance with section 564 of the Cities and Towns Act:

“Council allocates an amount of \$89,131 from the general fund in order to pay the remaining balance for the cost of the work authorized in article 1 of this by-law.”

Carried unanimously
#20171218-008 (2)

d) Credit allocation – general fund (By-Law No. 2017-002)

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

That Loan By-Law No. 2017-002 concerning infrastructure work on Brock and Ballantyne Avenues be amended by the addition of the following paragraph to its article 5, in accordance with section 564 of the Cities and Towns Act:

“Council allocates an amount of \$285,000 from the general fund in order to make a partial payment for the cost of the work authorized in article 1 of this by-law.”

Carried unanimously
#20171218-009 (2)

e) Grants for 2018

It was moved by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin, seconded by Councillor Dino Mazzone and resolved:

That the Town of Montreal West award the following grants for the year 2018:

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| • Montreal West Children’s Library | \$85,450 |
| • Montreal West Public Library | 82,620 |
| • The Informer | 15,000 |
| • Community Services Council | 4,500 |
| • Dr. Robert Drummond (Roots and Remembrance) | 250 |

Carried unanimously
#20171218-010 (2)

10. Urban Department

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

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

- 1) To acknowledge receipt of the minutes of a meeting held by the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) on December 13, 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
135 Brock S.	replacement of eight windows	as presented;
177 Bedbrook	replacement of eight windows	as presented;
251 Ballantyne N.	replacement of twenty-one windows	as presented;
154 Wolseley N.	replacement of one window	as presented;
8 Westminster S.	installation of a building for storage	as presented;
134 Westminster N.	replacement of a sunroom, six windows and a door, demolition of a deck, and addition of a new bay window	with conditions.

- 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
135 Brock S.	replacement of front door.

Carried unanimously
#20171218-011 (2)

b) Minor exemption request – 37 Courtney

NOTE Councillor Colleen Feeney 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 Colleen Feeney, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

That the plans and request submitted to the November 8, 2017 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee be approved, in accordance with By-Laws 2010-002 and G-18-0005, for the following minor exemption from section 3.2.2 of the Zoning By-Law, regarding the immovable located at 37 Courtney in order to:

- Allow that the front setback of the existing building be 2.55 metres from the property line, while the minimum setback is 4.57 metres in the concerned zone, the consequence being to reduce this requirement by 2.02 metres.

Carried unanimously
#20171218-012 (2)

c) Minor exemption request – 47 Banstead

NOTE Councillor Colleen Feeney 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 Colleen Feeney, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

That the plans and request submitted to the November 8, 2017 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee be approved, in accordance with By-Laws 2010-002 and G-18-0005, for the following minor exemption from section 3.2.2 of the Zoning By-Law, regarding the immovable located at 47 Banstead in order to:

- Allow that the rear setback of the existing building be 5.55 metres from the property line, while the minimum setback is 6.10 metres in the concerned zone, the consequence being to reduce this requirement by 0.55 metre.

Carried unanimously
#20171218-013 (2)

d) Minor exemption request – 163 Northview

NOTE Councillor Colleen Feeney 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 Colleen Feeney, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

To reject the plans and request submitted to the November 8, 2017 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), in accordance with the recommendation of the PAC, for minor exemptions from section 5.2.1.1, paragraph 5.3 of section 5.2.3, section 5.4.1 and section 5.4.3 of the Zoning By-Law concerning the immovable located at 163 Northview.

Carried unanimously
#20171218-014 (2)

11. Public Works

a) Supply of road salt

WHEREAS the City of Montreal issued a public call for tender for the purpose of awarding a supply contract for road salt for the winter season 2017-2018;

WHEREAS this call for tender was conducted on behalf of the boroughs and all reconstituted municipalities, including the Town of Montreal West;

THEREFORE:

It was moved by Councillor Dino Mazzone, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

- 1) That this supply contract be awarded to Compass Minerals, being the lowest conforming bidder, on the basis of a price of \$74.15 per metric ton (plus taxes), plus delivery costs of \$2.95 per metric ton (plus taxes).
- 2) That this expense be charged to budget code 02-330-00-629.

Carried unanimously
#20171218-015 (2)

12. **Human Resources**

There was nothing under this item.

13. **Appointments**

There was nothing under this item.

14. **Councillors' Reports**

a) **Seat Number 2**

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

b) **Seat Number 3**

Councillor Colleen Feeney reported on matters pertaining to Urban Planning, Finance, Administration and Human Resources.

c) **Seat Number 4**

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

d) **Seat Number 1**

Councillor Dino Mazzone reported on matters pertaining to Public Security and to Special Projects Fundraising.

15. **Deposit of Documents**

a) **Statements of pecuniary interests of Council Members**

All Council members have now filed their statements of pecuniary interest.

b) **Register of gifts received by Council Members**

An excerpt of the register of gifts, marks of hospitality and benefits received by Council members, in excess of a value of \$200 each, was filed. No such benefits were entered on the register.

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

a) **Adoption of By-Law No. 405-38 – By-Law Amending Traffic By-Law No. 405**

WHEREAS a copy of this By-Law in draft version was previously tabled at a Council meeting and made available in accordance with the law;

THEREFORE:

It was moved by Councillor Dino Mazzone, seconded by Councillor Maria Torres and resolved:

That By-Law No. 405-38 entitled “By-Law Amending Traffic By-Law No. 405” be adopted.

Carried unanimously
#20171218-016 (2)

b) **Adoption of By-Law No. 2017-008 – By-Law Concerning Taxes of the Town of Montreal West for the Fiscal Year 2018**

WHEREAS a copy of this By-Law in draft version was previously tabled at a Council meeting and made available in accordance with the law;

THEREFORE:

It was moved by Councillor Colleen Feeney, seconded by Councillor Dino Mazzone and resolved:

That By-Law No. 2017-008 entitled "By-Law Concerning Taxes of the Town of Montreal West for the Fiscal Year 2018" be adopted.

Carried unanimously
#20171218-017 (2)

c) Adoption of By-Law No. 2017-009 – By-Law enacting a Code of Ethics and Good Conduct for Elected Municipal Officers and replacing By-Laws Nos. 2014-003 and 2016-018

WHEREAS a copy of this By-Law in draft version was previously tabled at a Council meeting and made available in accordance with the law;

THEREFORE:

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

That By-Law No. 2017-009 entitled "By-Law enacting a Code of Ethics and Good Conduct for Elected Municipal Officers and replacing By-Laws Nos. 2014-003 and 2016-018" be adopted.

Carried unanimously
#20171218-018 (2)

17. Second Public Question Period

The Mayor announced the beginning of the Second Public Question Period at 9:50 p.m.

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

Abby Shyavitz asked what the goal is with the call for tenders concerning the Town's website. The Mayor said the goal is to completely redesign the website while improving its maintainability. The resident also asked what the register of gifts and the statements of pecuniary interests are about. The Mayor explained that it is a requirement for elected officials to declare their properties in Montreal West and in the CMM, as well as their jobs, loans and interests in businesses. As for the register of gifts, no Council member received any so none was declared.

Stan Carny asked a question about speed bumps. Councillor Mazzone said that an analysis has been done of the different types and recommendations were made. As for implementing the changes, it will be done by the Public Works Department.

Cynthia Nichols complained about traffic poles around the corner of Ballantyne and Avon. They slow down traffic too much. The Mayor said their installation was recommended by engineers to increase security. The resident noted that there are stop signs, and the Mayor answered that this was not enough. Councillor Mazzone added that the congestion should be alleviated a bit with the amendment that was adopted tonight to the traffic by-law. The resident, on another point, noted that the art exhibition in the Assembly Hall has stopped for a while now. Councillor Ulin explained that it was removed when Art Etc. was taking place, but will come back.

18. Termination of the Meeting

At 10:05 p.m., no other questions being asked,

It was moved by Councillor Maria Torres, seconded by Councillor Dino Mazzone and resolved:

That the Meeting be terminated.

Carried unanimously
#20171218-019 (2)

*The annexes mentioned above are deposited
in the municipal archives in File Archives-20171218*