

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2018**  
**8:00 p.m.**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on February 26, 2018 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.

Eleven (11) 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  
#20180226-001

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 8:00 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 Colleen Feeney and resolved:

To adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, February 26, 2018 as presented.

Carried unanimously  
#20180226-002

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

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

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

- Special Meeting of January 29, 2018;
- Regular Meeting of January 29, 2018;
- Special Meeting of February 5, 2018
- Special Meeting of February 8, 2018.

Carried unanimously  
#20180226-003

**5. Correspondence**

There was nothing under this item.

## **6. Report of the Mayor**

Mayor Masella mentioned that he will soon meet with Mayor of Montreal Valérie Plante as president of the Association of Suburban Municipalities, to discuss substantial changes to the agglomeration that may be achieved in the short and medium term. He noted that the two contracts that will be awarded tonight came at a price quite lower than what was forecast, probably due to the fact that the calls for tenders were launched earlier this year. This is why the public consultation for the work on Percival took place before Christmas, so that the Town would get the residents' feedback enough in advance to take them into consideration while allowing to begin the bidding process as soon as possible. Finally, he said that the next Coffee with the Mayor will be March 22 at the Community Center.

## **7. First Public Question Period**

The Mayor announced the beginning of the First Public Question Period at 8:05 p.m.

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

Ian Robinson commented the proposed closure of a street on Mont-Royal by the City of Montreal, and asked the Mayor if he would raise that issue at his meeting with Ms. Valérie Plante. Mayor Masella thought it might not be the right occasion, in view of his agenda.

Norbert Bedoucha asked why Montreal West did not join Westmount in its lawsuit against the Québec Ministry of Transports, since the two have complaints about how the Turcot project is managed in their territories. The Mayor explained that the proceedings instituted by the other municipality deal with a different part of that project, so there would be no ground for the Town to do this. The resident noted that in both cases, it is a matter about noise nuisance. The Mayor explained that the plan to take down the tunnel in Montreal West was apparently not a modification to the project, unlike what happened in Westmount, which would motivate the lawsuit. Councillor Mazzone concurred, adding that Westmount seemed to rely on what it characterizes as a broken commitment of the government. Montreal West would need a distinct basis to sue, otherwise it is pointless to say it should join the lawsuit. The resident insisted he still saw a basic common ground between the two municipalities in this file. Councillor Mazzone noted that Westmount can also rely on a certain baseline of noise level that the Ministry had undertaken in the past to respect, which is not the same thing in Montreal West. He said he would need first to see the brief in court, and until then could not see the point of discussing the idea of a common lawsuit. On another point, the resident asked if anything had been done in terms of police presence at the level crossing. Mayor Masella noted that there are more police officers over there, be it from the Montreal Police Department or from Canadian Pacific Railway. For sure, it can never be enough. No one would argue the situation is not problematic, but the fact is that a real solution would cost half a billion dollars and involve extensive expropriations. Councillor Ulin noted that an idea to increase even more the level of police presence could be to hire cadets to direct traffic. The resident then made a comment about composting, to say that in wintertime the content of the bins get stuck inside and cannot be vacated properly. Councillor Torres commented. Councillor Ulin added some practical advice.

David Superstein reminded Council he had advised to blow snow on lawns for a long time and was not listened to, but now the Town has got some experience in doing it because of the heavy snowfalls this year. The Mayor remarked that the Town did not choose to do this for cost-savings, but rather for operational reasons (the snow dump being near full). It is not the preferred line of conduct, if there was any choice. This is especially the case in view of the many complaints it has brought. The resident opined that maybe there would be less complaints if people knew how much was saved. The resident also asked why the snow was blown only on the West side of Ballantyne. The Mayor said that it depends on which way the equipment is oriented to blow versus traffic direction on the street. It is not always an option to blow on the sunnier side.

Daniel Markuze asked a question about snow clearing, concerning a complaint he had. Councillor Torres asked if he actually received her answer by email about it. The resident acknowledged he did, but disagreed with her. The Mayor told the resident that he would certainly agree the snow is removed correctly in general, so one mistake from time to time is not so bad. The Mayor added that he would be comfortable with comparing the quality of this service in Montreal West and in the adjacent Borough of NDG any time. The resident then asked why Councillors would not ask questions on the Facebook account of the Town, like Council members do in other municipalities. Councillor Ulin

said that functionality might come with the new website. Councillor Mazzone noted that residents can already call Councillors and get answers by email.

Louise Chenevert said there was a problem with private snow contractors on Roxton. Councillor Mazzone said this is not an obvious problem to solve, but the Town is aware and will try to be more vigilant. The resident said the Town must know who these contractors are since they must be registered. Councillor Mazzone said it is matter of logistics to track them. The Mayor noted that it is time to consider better or easier enforcement of the rules they must follow, but in any case, an e-bulletin was recently sent to residents in order to inform owners who hire such contractors. Basically, added Councillor Mazzone, although there can be a real problem, Public Security Officers must witness infractions in order to issue tickets. On another point, the resident asked Councillor Mazzone if he received her application to sit on the Traffic and Safety Committee. He said yes, as well as others.

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

## **8. Contracts and Town Clerk's Office**

### **a) Earth Hour 2018**

WHEREAS the "Earth Hour" is a yearly international event sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund;

WHEREAS this event is intended to increase public awareness of the importance of saving energy to fight climate change;

WHEREAS in 2017, more than 7,000 municipalities in 187 countries participated in this initiative;

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

- 1) That the Town of Montreal West agree to turn off all nonessential lighting for one (1) hour on Saturday, March 24, 2018 starting at 8:30 p.m.
- 2) That all residents of Montreal West be encouraged to join this event in the same way.
- 3) That the Town of Montreal West invite all Montreal Island municipalities to take part in the Earth Hour 2018.

Carried unanimously  
#20180226-004

## **9. Administration and finances**

### **a) Approval of disbursements – January 25 to February 20, 2018**

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

That the list of accounts payable from January 25 to February 20, 2018 totaling \$1,596,753.63 be approved and paid as listed.

Carried unanimously  
#20180226-005

### **b) Delegation of powers for the month of February 2018**

It was moved by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin, seconded by Councillor Dino Mazzone 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 February 2018.

Carried unanimously  
#20180226-006

### **c) Art Etc.**

It was moved by Councillor Dino Mazzone, seconded by Councillor Maria Torres and resolved, Councillor Elizabeth Ulin having abstained after declaring she had an interest in the matter under review:

1) Given the total number of hours being requested for rent, and in keeping with past practices, that Council agree to rent the Assembly Hall on the occasion of the Arts and Craft Fair that will take place during three days in November 2018, for a bulk discount amount of \$2,578.30 (taxes included), in consideration of a total of twenty-four hours (24 h) of rental for the event, setup and cleanup, and to keep the other terms and conditions of the previous agreement in effect.

2) That Council accept that the deposit to secure the reservation be of \$500.00 upon signing the agreement, followed by a payment of \$789.15 no later than May 1, 2018.

Carried unanimously  
#20180226-007

**10. Urban Department**

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

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

1) To acknowledge receipt of the minutes of a meeting held by the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) on February 21, 2018.

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:

<b>Address</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>PAC's recommendation</b>
188 Sheraton	capping of front stairs reconstruction of a landing and installation of new railings	as presented;
11 Brynmor	addition of two basement windows	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:

<b>Address</b>	<b>Project</b>
11 Brynmor	building of an extension above the garage, modification of the main entrance and front façade, and replacement of windows and doors.

Carried unanimously  
#20180226-008

**11. Public Works**

**a) General contractor – Davies Park (phase 2)**

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West issued a public call for tenders for the purpose of awarding a contract for the second phase of work in Davies Park including the installation of water games;

WHEREAS twenty contractors ordered the tender document and nine bids were received;

WHEREAS the firm Groupe BC2 analyzed the tenders and evaluated their conformity;

THEREFORE:

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

1) That the contract for the second phase of Davies Park's project be awarded to the lowest conforming bidder, Aménagement Sud-Ouest Inc. (9114-5698 Québec Inc.), based on a price of \$312,822.00 (excluding taxes).

2) That this expense be charged to budget code 55-169-40-000 (park fund), up to an amount of \$73,215.00, and to budget code 55-991-00-000 (unallocated surplus) for the balance.

3) That the Mayor and the Town Clerk be authorized to sign any contract and other documents required to implement this resolution, as the case may be.

Carried unanimously  
#20180226-009

**b) General contractor – infrastructure work (Percival Avenue)**

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West issued a public call for tenders for the purpose of awarding a contract for major infrastructure work on Percival Avenue from Nelson Street to the North end;

WHEREAS eighteen tender documents were ordered and six tenders were received;

WHEREAS the engineering firm Avizo analyzed the tenders, evaluated their conformity and recommended that the contract be awarded to the lowest conforming bidder;

THEREFORE:

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

1) That the contract for road, aqueduct and sewer work on Percival Avenue from Nelson Street to the North end be awarded to the lowest conforming bidder, SADE Canada Inc., for a price of \$1,477,728.00 (excluding taxes), conditional upon approval of Loan By-Law No. 2018-003 by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy.

2) That the Mayor and the Town Clerk be authorized to sign any contract and other documents required to implement this resolution, as the case may be.

Carried unanimously  
#20180226-010

**12. Human Resources**

There was nothing under this item.

**13. Appointments**

**a) Designation of the Pro-Mayor**

*NOTE* The last persons who held the office of Pro-Mayor, starting with the most recent incumbent, were Councillors Dino Mazzone, Colleen Feeney, Maria Torres and Elizabeth Ulin.

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

1) That Councillor Elizabeth Ulin be appointed Pro-Mayor for the months of April, May, June and July 2018.

2) That Councillor Elizabeth Ulin be designated to replace Mayor Beny Masella on the Agglomeration Council as necessary, and that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded, if needed, to the Agglomeration Council.

3) That this appointment take effect on April 1, 2018.

Carried unanimously  
#20180226-011

**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**

There was nothing under this item.

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

There was nothing under this item.

**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.

Louise Chenevert asked where are the closest snow chutes, suggesting it might be a good idea to dump snow there. The Mayor said he knew very little about that and was not sure it would be a good idea. There could be contamination issues.

Norbert Bedoucha asked what had been done in order to broadcast Council meetings. Councillor Ulin said it was looked at in the context of the new website. The Town hired a firm to help with its redesigning. There are issues with Facebook and Youtube. Council would probably prefer the Town had its own platform.

Ian Robinson asked Councillor Feeney if the pension plan auditors are investment managers. She said they are certified accountants.

**18. Termination of the Meeting**

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

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

That the Meeting be terminated.

Carried unanimously  
#20180226-012

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Beny Masella  
Mayor

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Claude Gilbert  
Town Clerk

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in the municipal archives in File Archives-20180226*