

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 26, 2018
8:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on March 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

Absent: 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 (20) residents and visitors were in attendance.

1. Opening of the Meeting

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

That the Meeting be declared open.

Carried unanimously
#20180326-001

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

2. Acknowledgement of Visitors

There was nothing under this item.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

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

To adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, March 26, 2018 modified as follows:

- by deferring item 8a): **Terms of payment – certificates of authorization (Bell Canada)**.

Carried unanimously
#20180326-002

4. Approval of the Minutes

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

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

- Regular Meeting of February 26, 2018;
- Special Meeting of March 9, 2018.

Carried unanimously
#20180326-003

5. Correspondence

There was nothing under this item.

6. Report of the Mayor

Mayor Masella noted that the Town did blow snow on private lawns this year, contrary to past years' practice, essentially because there was so much snow this winter that the snow dump was nearly full and an alternative was needed. Considering the number of complaints he received as a result, and the relative benefits this approach brought from a monetary point of view, the conclusion is that the Town will not change its former ways in future more usual weather conditions. Finally, he said that the next Coffee with the Mayor will be April 26 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.

Norbert Bedoucha raised three issues. The first one was about garbage collection on Westminster Avenue, more particularly in relation to Pharmaprix and Pâtisserie de la Gare. The second one was to complain that commercial trucks are unloading during rush hours. The last one was to reiterate that there is a safety problem with vehicles which make left turns on Westminster from Sherbrooke at peak hours. Mayor Masella remarked that Montreal West is one of the few left municipalities that pick up commercial garbage. Most often in others, businesses now have to pay for it by themselves. The resident said that public garbage is not picked up often enough. The Mayor noted that the replacement of street furniture on Westminster, including the number and type of garbage bins, is one of the main issues that will be addressed this year. About trucks unloading, he said that it is supposed to take place between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Concerning the suggestion to prohibit left turns, he opined that drivers probably would then use Brock Avenue, and the consequences should be considered first. Councillor Mazzone noted that the Réseau de Transport Métropolitain also has a responsibility in this situation being in charge of train stations, and one must consider the current impact of the Turcot project. He added that he preferred more cars on Westminster instead of adjacent residential streets. The resident said that buses turning left at that intersection block cars, which may lead to a major accident. Councillor Mazzone agreed that trucks are sometimes getting to the lane in moments when they should not. There is no quick fix at hand.

Ellen Moore and a friend from Dorval raised the issue of hazardous materials transportation by railway. Mayor Masella explained that the Canadian Pacific does not have to inform municipalities in advance of the content of their cargo. The power to change this lies with the federal government. The resident left a document concerning this matter. The Mayor mentioned that it could help in the revision of the emergency preparedness plan of the Town.

Mathieu Etchecopar thanked Council for the consultation that was held for residents of Percival about the up-coming infrastructure work. He said that he invested a lot of money to get a wood stove in compliance with norms. However, with the new regulations in Montreal, it would still not be enough. He wondered if Montreal West will follow the same path. Mayor Masella answered that Council has not yet evaluated the situation. He expressed as a personal view that he would not be in favor of having more restrictive rules in Montreal West than Côte Saint-Luc, for instance. Those rules should be set at the provincial level, or at a regional one, meaning the Communauté Métropolitaine de Montréal. On a second topic, the resident said that he has been a regular user of commuter trains for twelve years. He had thought that the Réseau Express Métropolitain (REM) project would come in addition to the existing services, but heard that the Vaudreuil-Dorion line would disappear in five years. The Mayor answered this was not his understanding. The REM is designed for the North of the island, while the existing commuter lines are for the South. They would only disappear if the ridership significantly lowered. The resident also questioned how the REM would be financed, while he noted that losing the train station would have a negative impact on real estate value. The Mayor said that the REM would be essentially financed by its promoter. At the same time, another project, the metro rose line, would benefit Montreal West if it materialized.

Cynthia Nichols asked how she could join a merchant association. The Mayor said that such an association is coming. The resident noted that she was ready to sell her house at a fair price. The Mayor said the Town is not interested. The resident said she wanted to operate an art studio at home. The Mayor advised her to call the Building Inspector because she would have to check if the zoning allowed it.

The First Question Period ended at 8:40 p.m.

8. Contracts and Town Clerk's Office

a) Terms of payment – certificates of authorization (Bell Canada)

This item was postponed to another meeting.

b) Toe Blake park – curfew

WHEREAS article 10.1 of By-Law No. 456 Concerning Nuisance, Noise and Public Security provides that parks shall be closed to the public from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. unless a permit has been obtained;

WHEREAS article 15.1 of the same by-law forbids the consumption of alcoholic beverages in a public place like a park, unless authorized by a resolution for a special event in a specific place and under the conditions stated by that resolution;

WHEREAS article 23.1 of the same by-law also forbids the use of a loud-speaker, amplifier or similar apparatus inside or near a building, to the extent the sounds produced, reproduced or transmitted are audible in a park or street;

WHEREAS the resident of 218 Sheraton has asked permission to access and use Toe Blake Park for a wedding reception on Sunday, July 8, 2018;

WHEREAS the said resident has gathered the signatures of neighbors around the park to support that request, and has undertaken to comply with special conditions imposed by the Town in order to be allowed access to the park despite articles 10.1, 15.1 and 23.1;

WHEREAS it is understood the Town is not the only authority which has to give its consent with respect to this special event, and the resident has been notified of this;

THEREFORE:

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

- 1) That the Town accept the request from Ms. Zara Rubin for a wedding party to use Toe Blake Park on Sunday, July 8, 2018, subject to the following conditions.
- 2) That any chairs, tables or walls to be installed for this event be put in place no sooner than July 8 and shall be removed no later than July 9.
- 3) That the use of glassware, glass tableware, and glass bottles be strictly forbidden in the park, and that the resident undertake at its costs to ensure this prohibition is in effect.
- 4) That the resident shall clean the park at her own expense and be required to pay a reimbursable deposit to guarantee this commitment, the amount of which is to be determined by the Director General.
- 5) That the resident shall also pay the Town for the services of an extra Public Security Officer on the night of July 8.
- 6) That the sound level be reduced after 11 p.m. and that the park be completely vacated after 12:30 a.m.
- 7) That the resident be required to comply with the other conditions stated by the Director General concerning notably but not exclusively the provision of a sketch, insurance, number of guests, parking and disposal of waste and recycling.
- 8) That the acceptance by the Town is conditional to the proof that the resident has obtained all other applicable authorizations from the Service Incendie de Montréal and the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux, and will be repealed otherwise.

Carried unanimously
#20180326-004

9. Administration and finances

a) Approval of disbursements – February 21 to March 21, 2018

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

That the list of accounts payable from February 21 to March 21, 2018 totaling \$3,515,023.27 be approved and paid as listed.

Carried unanimously
#20180326-005

b) Delegation of powers for the month of March 2018

It was moved by Councillor Dino Mazzone, 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 March 2018.

Carried unanimously
#20180326-006

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 March 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:

Address	Project	PAC's recommendation
69 Nelson	demolition of backyard veranda and construction of a two-storey extension, modification of the front entrance canopy, demolition of the chimney and replacement of garage door	as presented;
66 Curzon	installation of frost sheets on lower window panels of second storey rear elevation	as presented;
248 Brock N.	replacement of four windows, a side door and a patio door	as presented;
11 Brynmor	construction of an extension above the garage, modification to the front and left façades and replacement of all windows and doors	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
5 Crestwood	replacement of two patio doors and painting of cladding material.

Carried unanimously
#20180326-007

11. Public Works

a) Supervision contract – infrastructure work (Percival Avenue)

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West issued a call for tender by invitation for the purpose of hiring an engineering firm within the scope of its 2018 infrastructure renewal program;

WHEREAS three firms were invited and one of them submitted a service offer which was evaluated by a committee on the qualitative level before its members could take the element of price into consideration;

WHEREAS the said firm was also be evaluated on this element as a result of the process, which was conducted as required by the applicable legislation;

THEREFORE:

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

- 1) That the contract for professional services of supervision within the scope of infrastructure work on Percival Avenue be awarded to Avizo Experts-Conseils Inc. for a price of \$51,650.00 (excluding taxes).
- 2) That this expenditure be charged to Loan By-Law No. 2018-003.
- 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
#20180326-008

b) Laboratory services – qualitative control (Percival Avenue)

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West issued a call for tender by invitation for the purpose of hiring a laboratory firm within the scope of its 2018 infrastructure renewal program;

WHEREAS three firms were invited and two submitted a service offer which had to be evaluated by a committee on the qualitative level before its members could take the element of price into consideration;

WHEREAS the said firms could also be evaluated on this element as a result of the process, which was conducted as required by the applicable legislation;

THEREFORE:

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

- 1) That the professional services contract for qualitative control of materials within the scope of infrastructure work on Percival Avenue be awarded to GHD Consultants Ltée, for a price of \$37,070.00 (excluding taxes), being the tenderer with the highest score.
- 2) That this expenditure be charged to Loan By-Law No. 2018-003.
- 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
#20180326-009

c) Contract for road line marking

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West issued a public call for tenders for the purpose of awarding a three-year contract for road line marking work based on unit prices;

WHEREAS four contractors ordered the tender document and one bid was received;

THEREFORE:

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

- 1) To award the road line marking contract to Les Signalisations R.C. Inc., being the lowest conforming bidder, for a total price of \$86,974.40 (excluding taxes) to have this work carried out in 2018, 2019 and 2020.
- 2) That this expense be charged to budget account # 02-320-03-419.
- 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
#20180326-010

12. Human Resources

a) Administrative termination of employment

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

To confirm the end of employment of Employee No. 35 for administrative reasons.

Carried unanimously
#20180326-011

13. **Appointments**

There was nothing under this item.

14. **Councillors' Reports**

a) **Seat Number 3**

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

b) **Seat Number 1**

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

c) **Seat Number 2**

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

d) **Seat Number 4**

In the absence of Councillor Maria Torres, there was no report on matters pertaining to Environment, Public Works and Buildings.

15. **Deposit of Documents**

a) **Treasurer's report on the financing of municipal election expenses**

The report of the Treasurer on activities related to the financing of independent candidates and the control of election expenses was tabled with Council.

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.

18. **Termination of the Meeting**

At 9:06 p.m., no other questions being asked,

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

That the Meeting be terminated.

Carried unanimously
#20180326-012

Beny Masella
Mayor

Claude Gilbert
Town Clerk

The annexes mentioned above are deposited

in the municipal archives in File Archives-20180326