

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

**APRIL 30, 2018**  
**8:00 p.m.**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on April 30, 2018 at the Town Hall located at 50 Westminster Avenue South.

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

Absent: Mr. Dino Mazzone, 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 Maria Torres, seconded by Councillor Colleen Feeney and resolved:

That the Meeting be declared open.

Carried unanimously  
#20180430-001

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 Maria Torres and resolved:

To adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, April 30, 2018 modified as follows:

- by deferring item 9 c): **Terms of payment – certificates of authorization (Bell Canada)**;
- by deferring item 11 a): **Rebuilding work of Turcot interchange – necessary impact mitigation measures.**

Carried unanimously  
#20180430-002

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

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

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

- Regular Meeting of March 26, 2018;
- Special Meeting of April 6, 2018;
- Special Meeting of April 23, 2018.

Carried unanimously  
#20180430-003

5. **Correspondence**

There was nothing under this item.

6. **Report of the Mayor**

Mayor Masella noted that the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal has now made available throughout the whole Greater Montreal area the phone and web versions of the 211 service line, which aims to provide the population with a centralized information and referral service to various social and community resources. Concerning the library lot, he informed the audience that no offers were received by the end of the call for proposals that had been launched, although the deadline was extended more than once. It may have been that the terms and conditions were deemed too stringent by the promoters. For instance, there is a main sewer line in the middle of the land lot, and the selected purchaser would have been required to move it. The Town will probably revisit some of those conditions. Finally, he said that the next Coffee with the Mayor would take place May 24.

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.

David Superstein noted that he was not here when the Mayor addressed the issue of snow blowing on private lawns at the last monthly meeting. He asked if the estimated \$28 saving per taxpayer was calculated for each snow fall or for the whole winter season. Mayor Masella said it would be for the season. Concerning safety at the level crossing, the resident recalled that the Mayor had said forbidding left turns would only divert traffic on other streets. However, the resident contended that the status quo was worse for pedestrians. He suggested that one of the crosswalks be removed, given the fact that there is another one not far and which is less dangerous. The Mayor noted that the Réseau de Transport Métropolitain will be doing some changes at the train station this summer. They should answer some of the concerns relating to pedestrian safety.

Daniel Markuze signaled a pot hole on Westminster and Avon. Also, he mentioned real estate signs on Northview/Westminster and Hudson/Edinburgh that have been there for a long time. Finally, he noted that a car had been parked overnight without a permit on Sheraton and was not ticketed. The Mayor thanked him for these remarks.

Norbert Bedoucha raised again the matter of safety at the level crossing and gave pictures to the Mayor. The Mayor noted once more that this is not an action which Montreal West can handle, as enforcing traffic laws is something only the Service de Police de Montreal can do. The Town asked the SPVM to be there and it is every day. The CPR police is also there. But there are still people who disregard safety.

Ian Robinson asked if the Town would join other municipalities that will fund the court proceedings to oppose the changing of borders of the provincial riding of Outremont. The Mayor said that Council has not discussed about it yet. He noted that the municipalities which have participated so far are located in that constituency. Also he wondered if there was any development concerning the bike path. The Mayor said he was about to meet Mayor Plante and would mention it. Also the resident complained about the state of the road down Avon towards Lachine. The Mayor noted that it is the Borough's responsibility at that point which the resident mentioned.

Louise Chenevert asked if she could have free access to the chalet or library when she has her educational tours of the Town, in order for people to use washrooms. Councillor Ulin asked if she was a member of the library. She noted that when there are not already planned activities in these buildings, it would cost the Town the salary of an employee to open them. The Mayor advised her to forward him her email to Councillor Ulin and the administration will try to find out what can be done.

Daniel Markuze asked why the Town does not use bollards on Sherbrooke/Westminster for traffic calming purposes. The Mayor said the Town did not want these bollards to be taken by some drivers as a refuge for cars which would be even more dangerous. Actually, the traffic engineers did not recommend to use bollards. The resident also asked why the Town's website does not have a section where pot holes could be reported. Councillor Ulin said that the website will be reconfigured and this suggestion would be considered. In the meantime, the resident could send emails.

Peter Cooney asked a question about Bell Canada that did some damage on his lawn and the sidewalk nearby. The Mayor said the Town would follow up with Bell. The resident also asked if the Town could do something about heavy vehicles on Avon. The Mayor noted that there are talks with the Ministère des Transports du Québec, which has been again notified that trucks are going where they are not supposed to. The resident wondered if the Town could do something with Parmalat. The Mayor noted that the Town does not have the jurisdiction to enforce traffic moving infractions. On the other hand, the MTQ has agreed to put back road signs forbidding trucks to circulate one way on Avon, and the Town is asking now that they be forbidden to the other way East of Westminster.

Louise Chenevert mentioned Bell Canada was authorized to cut tree branches on Roxton, but did not pick them up. The Mayor said it is something that Bell has to do.

Cynthia Nichols said there are seven holes now in the land where is located her house. She believed that Bell Canada was involved.

Norbert Bedoucha wanted to know why the item on the agenda tonight concerning the Turcot project and the MTQ was deferred. The Mayor explained that in the absence of Councillor Mazzone who oversees this file, it was deemed more appropriate. The resident noted that the MTQ has offered to monitor vibration problems; however, not many residents South of Avon seem to be aware. He said the Town should encourage them to accept this offer to have sound and vibration readings. The Mayor said he would find out how this could be done.

The First Question Period ended at 8:45 p.m.

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

### **a) Donation of abandoned bicycles – Montreal Children's Hospital**

WHEREAS article 934 of the Civil Code states that movables of slight value or in a very deteriorated condition that are left in a public place, including a public road, are deemed abandoned things;

WHEREAS article 935 of the Civil Code states that an abandoned movable, if no one appropriates it for oneself, belongs to the municipality that collects such a movable in its territory;

WHEREAS the Public Security Officers of the Town have collected forty-five abandoned bicycles over the last few years in Montreal West, all of which have been evaluated and found of little value considering the state in which they are;

WHEREAS it is deemed appropriate to donate these bicycles which could serve for another use if adequately repaired or recycled otherwise;

THEREFORE:

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

- 1) That the Town of Montreal West donate the abandoned bicycles in its possession to the Foundation of the Montreal Children's Hospital for the benefit of its Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.
- 2) That the Town Clerk and the Treasurer be authorized to sign any necessary document to implement this resolution.

Carried unanimously  
#20180430-004

## **9. Administration and finances**

### **a) Auditor's report – filing**

The financial statements for the fiscal year 2017 were tabled with Council. Councillor Colleen Feeney summed up the main points of this report.

### **b) Approval of disbursements – March 22 to April 24, 2018**

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

That the list of accounts payable from March 22 to April 24, 2018 totaling \$505,314.87 be approved and paid as listed.

Carried unanimously  
#20180430-005

**c) Terms of payment – certificates of authorization (Bell Canada)**

This item was postponed to another meeting.

**10. Urban Department**

**a) Minor exemption request (46 Curzon)**

*NOTE* Councillor Colleen Feeney summarized the issues involved in the following matter. He 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 March 21, 2018 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 paragraphs 6 and 15 of section 4.1.10 of the Zoning By-Law, regarding the immovable located at 46 Curzon in Zone RB-5 to:

- Normalize an encroachment of the main building, which is located at 2.76 metres from the property line, while the minimum front setback is of 4.57 metres, the consequence being to reduce this requirement by 1.81 metre.
- Normalize an encroachment of the main building, which is located at 2.46 metres from the property line, while the minimum rear setback is of 6.10 metres, the consequence being to reduce this requirement by 3.64 metres.
- Normalize the encroachment of an existing deck in the rear setback, while such an encroachment is not allowed, the consequence being to allow that the deck be located at 0.82 metre from the property line instead of 6.10 metres (despite the fact that the main building itself does not meet this requirement).
- Normalize the encroachment of an existing detached garage in the lateral yard and setback, while such an encroachment is not allowed, the consequence being to allow that the garage be located at zero (0) metre from the right lateral line of the land lot.

Carried unanimously  
#20180430-006

**11. Public Works**

**a) Rebuilding work of Turcot interchange – necessary impact mitigation measures**

This item was postponed to another meeting.

**b) Authorization for roundabout work on Percival Avenue – Agreement with the English Montreal School Board**

WHEREAS THE Town is going to undertake major infrastructure work on Percival Avenue between Nelson and the dead end on the North side;

WHEREAS it appears appropriate to develop a moderate roundabout at the end of the street within the scope of this project;

WHEREAS this part of the work involves to encroach and acquire part of lot 1 290 797 which belongs to the English Montreal School Board (EMSB);

WHEREAS a request to this effect was submitted to the EMSB, and its Council of Commissioners accepted this request on March 28, 2018, subject to certain conditions requiring the Town Council to make a decision;

WHEREAS the EMSB, after having consulted the Governing Board of Elizabeth Ballantyne School, confirmed its intention to accept the Town's request under the same conditions by adopting another resolution at the meeting of its Commissioners of April 25;

WHEREAS these conditions are acceptable for the Town;

THEREFORE:

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

- 1) That the Town of Montreal agree to the conditions set on April 25, 2018 by the Council of Commissioners of the EMSB concerning its request for the transfer of part of lot 1 290 797 to allow for the construction of a roundabout at the North end of Percival Avenue.
- 2) That the Town take sole responsibility and undertake to indemnify the EMSB of any damages, recourses, complaints, costs of any types related to the carrying out of this work and to the use of the roundabout thereafter.
- 3) That the Town undertake to rearrange the installations of Percival Park immediately after completion of the construction of the roundabout, in order to ensure the security of the said park's users, to the full and complete satisfaction of the EMSB.
- 4) That the Town undertake to propose to the EMSB a long-term solution regarding the status of lot 1 290 797, involving either the transfer of this lot in whole or part, in full property or in the way of another real right, and this no later than December 31, 2018.
- 5) That the Director General of the Town be authorized to sign any necessary document to implement this resolution.

Carried unanimously  
#20180430-007

## 12. **Human Resources**

### a) **Permanent appointment – general and cleanliness worker**

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

That Mr. Adam Ferguson be appointed general and cleanliness worker (Class 3) as of May 1, 2018.

Carried unanimously  
#20180430-008

## 13. **Appointments**

### a) **Greenhouse gas reduction plan – Town representative**

WHEREAS the Environment Department of the City of Montreal is responsible for the follow up on a reduction plan of non-residential greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS the City is about to release the results of an inventory that was made of greenhouse gas emissions related to municipal activities in the Montreal Agglomeration;

WHEREAS the next stage involves the setup of a steering committee comprised of representatives from all boroughs and reconstituted municipalities on the Island;

WHEREAS boroughs and municipalities are invited to appoint a representative who will handle this particular file;

THEREFORE:

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

That Mr. Allen Idle, Assistant Director of Public Works, be appointed official representative of the Town of Montreal West in charge of the greenhouse gas reduction file.

Carried unanimously  
#20180430-009

## 14. **Councillors' Reports**

### a) **Seat Number 4**

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

**b) Seat Number 1**

In the absence of Councillor Mazzone, there was no report on matters pertaining to Public Security and Special Projects Fundraising.

**c) Seat Number 2**

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

**d) Seat Number 3**

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

**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 9:15p.m.

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

Norbert Bedoucha asked how one can find out what are the applicable zoning regulations to a particular property. Mayor Masella advised him to ask the Building Inspector.

Laura Cousineau asked Council to make it mandatory that green waste be collected with compost. Councillor Ulin said she would be open to that idea.

Louise Chenevert asked Councillor Ulin if all community events will take place in Strathearn Park this summer. Councillor Ulin said yes. She added that she would like to see more events held in other parks too. The resident asked another question about rainwater management in Davies Park. Councillor Ulin admitted it was not specifically addressed in renovation plans for the park this year, but there will be trees and other landscaping elements like plants that will help.

Cynthia Nichols said she had no idea the Town had so many abandoned bicycles in storage. She added that she lost four bicycles that were stolen over the years. Councillor Ulin said that anyone whose bicycle has been stolen can declare it to the Town and that would allow to check if theirs was collected at some point. Councillor Torres added that these ones were stored for many years.

Louise Chenevert also asked for an explanation about the process that the Town followed concerning these bicycles. Mayor Masella said that the local business Solo Cycle was helpful in determining that they were of little value. The idea was to donate them in order to help the hospital's foundation.

**18. Termination of the Meeting**

At 9:25 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  
#20180430-010

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Beny Masella  
Mayor

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Claude Gilbert  
Town Clerk

*The annexes mentioned above are deposited  
in the municipal archives in File Archives-20180430*