

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 28, 2018
8:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on May 28, 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.

Fourteen (14) residents and visitors were in attendance.

1. Opening of the Meeting

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

That the Meeting be declared open.

Carried unanimously
#20180528-001

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 8:05 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 Dino Mazzone, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

To adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, May 28, 2018 as presented.

Carried unanimously
#20180528-002

4. Approval of the Minutes

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

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

- Regular Meeting of April 30, 2018;
- Special Meeting of May 4, 2018.

Carried unanimously
#20180528-003

5. Correspondence

There was nothing under this item.

6. Report of the Mayor

Mayor Masella noted that he has been elected on the Executive Committee of the Union des Municipalités du Québec, and explained how this organization plays an important role in the municipal world. He noted that Premier Couillard promised the province would transfer the equivalent of 1% on the Taxe du Vente du Québec to municipalities, and the other two main political parties have endorsed this commitment. The Mayor expressed his gratitude to the Montreal Police Department, whose agents have been following up more closely on dangerous behaviour at the cross level, and to the road controllers of the Société d'Assurance Automobile du Québec, who have been enforcing traffic restrictions on trucks using Avon Road. He noted the police took note of the Town's concerns following a knife fight that took place at the corner of Northview and Westminster. Finally, he said that the next Coffee with the Mayor will be June 21.

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.

John Marrett complained about the use of leaf blowers in Montreal West. The Mayor said they have been banned since 2009 except for two weeks in the spring and one month in the fall every year. He told the resident to call the Public Security Officers (PSO) if he notes that this prohibition is not respected.

Norbert Bedoucha pointed out the impact of vibrations generated by the work on the Turcot exchange project, and more particularly damages to the building of a business on Ronald, Adore Croissants, and he handed pictures. The Mayor said he was not aware of this situation. Councillor Mazzone noted that the Town cannot be responsible for something due to the consequences of the work done by a contractor which the Ministry of Transports of Quebec (MTQ) selected. The Mayor added that the neighborhood committee headed by the MTQ would be the proper forum to send this information in order to get a response. As the resident said the owner of that building sent a letter to Council, the Mayor answered he was surprised since the owner was previously his neighbor and would know how to reach him.

Philippe Bergeron asked what are Council's intentions regarding R.D. Paul Park. Councillor Ulin said the Town will look at the results of the survey that was made and come up with a plan based on the residents' interests. She noted that there are some restraints, however, like underground pipes in this area. The resident noted that security is a concern to be taken into account.

Louise Chenevert asked if the list of permits which is produced monthly could include tree cutting permits, with other information like the species, for instance. Mayor Masella said it could be discussed. Councillor Feeney remarked that these permits are issued by the Building Inspector in accordance with Town by-laws, which are very strict.

Suzanne Barwick mentioned that Mr. Peter Cooney thanked Council for having helped with the action taken regarding trucks on Avon Road.

Dimitri Prassinis asked when there will be speed bumps on his corner of Ballantyne North. The Mayor answered that there will not be any such work before traffic speed studies have been conducted, which has not been done yet but should be this year. The resident also deplored the lack of adequate landscape maintenance of a particular building. The Mayor said he would look into that.

Cynthia Nichols spoke of a plate to be placed beside the peace tree planted in 2015 at St. Philip's Church. The Mayor said the Church could put it anywhere on its property. The resident wondered why she was not invited at the Community Night celebration. She was told at the Recreation and Culture Department it was because she did not represent an organization, but disagreed with that assessment. She said her peace garden project involved various people. Councillor Ulin explained that this event targeted Montreal West organizations like the volunteers at the library or the scouts and guides, not individual volunteer work or business projects or initiatives.

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

8. Contracts and Town Clerk's Office

a) Inter-municipal agreement concerning a mandate to the Union des municipalités du Québec (UMQ) for the purchase of property and liability insurance and the hiring of a consultant and risk manager

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 29.9.1 of the Cities and Towns Act (CQLR c. C-19), a municipality may enter into an agreement with Union des municipalités du Québec (UMQ) to award an insurance contract or a contract for the supply of services;

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Town entered into an agreement with other municipalities of the island of Montreal to form a purchasing group called "Regroupement municipalités de l'Île de Montréal relativement à l'achat en commun d'assurances de dommages et de services de consultant et de gestionnaire de risques", and said agreement expires on January 1, 2019;

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to enter into a new agreement with the municipalities which are members of this purchasing group for a five (5) year period, from January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2023:

THEREFORE:

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

- 1) That the Town agree to take part in the "Regroupement municipalités de l'Île de Montréal relativement à l'achat en commun d'assurances de dommages et de services de consultant et de gestionnaire de risques".
- 2) That Council designate the UMQ to act as its mandatary in order to make a common call for tenders and award a contract on behalf of the Town for the purchase of general liability insurance and to obtain consultant services in general insurance risk management.
- 3) That the Mayor and the Town Clerk be authorized to sign on behalf of the Town, the agreement entitled "Entente du Regroupement municipalités de l'Île de Montréal relativement à l'achat en commun d'assurances de dommages et de services de consultant et de gestionnaire de risques 2019-2023".

Carried unanimously
#20180528-004

9. Administration and finances

a) Approval of disbursements – April 25 to May 18, 2018

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

That the list of accounts payable from April 25 to May 18, 2018 totaling \$489,585.09 be approved and paid as listed.

Carried unanimously
#20180528-005

b) Delegation of powers for the month of May 2018

It was moved by Councillor Maria Torres, 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 May 2018.

Carried unanimously
#20180528-006

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 May 23, 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 |
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| 459 Westminster N. 215 Wolseley N. 5 Crestwood | replacement of front door replacement of two windows in front façade reconstruction and extension of the side deck and patio, and removal of the backyard garden shed | as presented; with conditions; as presented; |
| 308 Strathearn N. 216 Ballantyne N. | replacement of two back doors replacement of the garage door and side door, addition of a window on the detached garage, replacement of the front ground floor window, enlargement of a rear ground floor window, replacement of a window by a patio door on the side, replacement of two windows and a door with a 3 pane window as well as filling in a door and a window | with conditions; with conditions; |
| 164 Brock N. | replacement of six windows and of a back door | as presented; |
| 350 Ballantyne N. | replacement of soffits, fascia and the garage door as well as of a side door | as presented; |
| 14 Brock N. | construction of an access way (stairs and landings) | as presented; |
| 160 Ballantyne N. | reconstruction and replacement of stones on the main entrance stairs (Nelson entrance), reconstruction and extension of the secondary entrance concrete slab (Ballantyne entrance), replacement of bottom side of window frame for basement windows | as presented; |
| 220 Strathearn N. 132 Brock N. | modification of existing rear deck replacement of the metallic roofs on front, rear and side canopies, and replacement of fascia | as presented; as presented; |
| 260 Brock N. | installation of soffits and replacement of fascia and gutters, and replacement of side wall dormers with aluminium siding | with conditions; |
| 27 Milner | replacement of a window at the ground floor | 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 |
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| 201 Brock N. | construction of an extension on the ground floor, demolition of the veranda on the second floor and construction of a deck in the back yard. |

4) To refuse the following plans, in accordance with the recommendations of the PAC as outlined in the minutes:

| Address | Project |
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| 260 Brock N. | capping all wood trims on front main dormer in aluminum. |

Carried unanimously
#20180528-007

b) Minor exemption request – 246 Sheraton

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 Dino Mazzone, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

To refuse the plans and request submitted to the April 18, 2018 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee, concerning minor exemptions from section 5.2.1.1 and paragraph 5.3 of section 5.2.3 of the Zoning By-Law with respect to the immovable located at 246 Sheraton in zone RA-3.

Carried unanimously
#20180528-008

11. Public Works

There was nothing under this item.

12. Human Resources

There was nothing under this item.

13. Appointments

a) Senior-Friendly Municipality – Steering Committee

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West strives to improve the lifestyle of seniors within the community, and is interested in being certified as a Senior-Friendly Municipality, or “Municipalité Amie des Aînés” (MADA)

THEREFORE:

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

1) That the Town of Montreal West form a steering committee to lead the process of obtaining certification as a MADA.

2) That Councillor Colleen Feeney be appointed as chairperson and Councillor responsible for the Seniors' dossier.

3) That Marian Scully, Recreation Department manager, be appointed as representative of the Town's Administration.

4) That the following members be appointed as representatives of Montreal West seniors: Fred Braman, Joan Foster, Rosalind Knitter, and Ron Smith.

5) That the following members be appointed as representatives of outside organizations which play a role in the lives of Montreal West seniors: Karin Derouaux, Stéphanie Dupont, Zelda Freitas, Sheri McLeod, Tracie Swim.

Carried unanimously
#20180528-009

b) Municipal policy for families – Responsible elected official

WHEREAS the Town is interested in drafting a municipal policy in favour of families in Montreal West, and is looking to obtain support in this regard from the Quebec Ministry of Family;

THEREFORE:

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

That Councillor Colleen Feeney be appointed responsible elected official in matters related to family policy (“Responsable des questions familiales”).

Carried unanimously
#20180528-010

14. Councillors' Reports

a) Seat Number 1

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

b) Seat Number 2

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

c) Seat Number 3

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

d) Seat Number 4

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

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 9:15 p.m.

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

Louise Chenevert asked again if it would be possible to have a list of tree cutting permits. Councillor Feeney answered that she would get back to her. The resident asked if Bell Canada was called about some trees felled near her place. The Mayor said he would find out.

Harold Knowles asked about the goal of joining the UMQ to purchase insurance with other municipalities. The Mayor answered this is the way it has been done ever since the demerger, through inter-municipal agreements which are renewed every five years. The resident wondered if it was really to the advantage of Montreal West. Having been invited by the Mayor to comment, the Town Clerk mentioned that even though the goal is to get better prices by increasing the pool for insurers, the policies are set to the individual characteristics of member municipalities, like different amounts for deductibles and premiums adjusted on claim experience.

Cynthia Nichols asked a question about the new Seniors Committee. Councillor Feeney summed up how it would work. The resident also asked how she could have her project recognized as community organization. Councillor Ulin said she would see with the Recreation and Culture Department.

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
#20180528-011

Beny Masella
Mayor

Claude Gilbert
Town Clerk

*The annexes mentioned above are deposited
in the municipal archives in File Archives-20180528*