

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 6, 2018
8:15 a.m.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on July 6, 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: Ms. Raffaella Di Stasio, Director General
Mr. Claude Gilbert, Town Clerk

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

No one else was in attendance.

1. Opening of the Meeting

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

That the Meeting be declared open.

Carried unanimously
20180706-001

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

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

To adopt the Agenda of the Special Meeting of Friday, July 6, 2018 as presented.

Carried unanimously
20180706-002

3. Site Planning and Architectural Integration Program (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 July 4, 2018.

2) To approve as presented under the SPAIP the following plans submitted to this meeting, in accordance with the recommendations of the PAC as outlined in the minutes:

Address	Project
64 Strathearn N.	Replacement of roof shingles;
88 Wolseley N.	Construction of two access ways (landings and stairs) and a patio in the back;
77 Percival	Replacement of one window;

159 Bedbrook	Demolition of a garden shed;
188 Sheraton	Replacement of two basement windows;
265 Sheraton	Replacement of three windows;
151 Brock N.	Replacement of cladding material on the rear basement entrance as well as sixteen windows and a back door;
111 Easton	Replacement of front porch stairs and decking boards.

3) To approve with conditions under the SPAIP the following plans submitted to this meeting, in accordance with the recommendations of the PAC as outlined in the minutes:

Address	Project
260 Brock N.	Replacement of fascia and gutters and replacement of side wall dormers with aluminium siding;
223 Strathearn N.	Replacement of nine windows;
236 Strathearn N.	Capping of front stairs;
60 Crestwood	Replacement of aluminium cladding, soffits and installation of a window above the front door as well as modifications to the windows and doors previously approved.

4) 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
63 Strathearn N.	Replacement of front door.

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

Address	Project
260 Brock N.	Installation of soffits and capping all wood trims on front main dormer in aluminum.

Carried unanimously
20180706-003

4. Cochlear implant surgery

WHEREAS Cochlear Implant surgery in Quebec is only done in Quebec City;

WHEREAS approximately 70% of the people needing this surgery live closer to Montreal than to Quebec City;

WHEREAS it is a policy of the Quebec government to have medical services provided close to where the people needing the services live;

WHEREAS it is a hardship both financially and emotionally for deaf and profoundly deaf people to have to travel to Quebec City for the assessment, surgery and programming of the speech processor – all of which require three or four separate trips and a total of about 15 days away from home;

WHEREAS some of these people are unable to travel to Quebec City due to financial reasons, family obligations and/or job requirements;

WHEREAS the surgeons, audiologists, and other professionals to establish a Cochlear Implant program in Montreal are already in Montreal and fully trained;

WHEREAS virtually all medical schools in North America and Europe offer training in cochlear implant surgery and, in fact, medical schools are supposed to offer the training to be accredited;

WHEREAS transferring 70% of the budget from the Quebec City program to a new Montreal program will save the government money since there is presently a duplication of assessment and counselling services;

WHEREAS a Montreal program can be set up and running within a few months of the budgetary allotment being transferred;

WHEREAS wait lists will be shorter if surgeons in both Montreal and Quebec City do the surgery;

WHEREAS people who are deaf or profoundly deaf are usually unemployed or under employed and, after the surgery, can be expected to earn more and pay more taxes;

WHEREAS a group of top surgeons and others have been asking for the surgery to be done in Montreal for over 14 years;

WHEREAS the Quebec Health Minister has been fully aware of this file for at least eight months;

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West has residents who need or may need this surgery;

THEREFORE:

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

1) That the Town of Montreal West request that the government of Quebec transfer 70% of the total budget for a cochlear implant program to Montreal immediately with the remaining 30% being left for the Quebec City program;

2) That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Mayors on the island of Montreal, the MNA for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, the Premier of Quebec, the Quebec Health Minister and the leaders of all the parties represented in the National Assembly.

Carried unanimously
20180706-004

5. Public Question Period

The Mayor noted the beginning of the Public Question Period at 8:40 a.m.

6. Termination of the Meeting

At 8:41 a.m., no questions being asked,

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

That the Meeting be terminated.

Carried unanimously
20180706-005

Beny Masella
Mayor

Claude Gilbert
Town Clerk

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in the municipal archives in File *Archives-20180706*