

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

**JANUARY 28, 2019**  
**8:00 p.m.**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on January 28, 2019 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.

Sixteen (16) 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  
#20190128-001

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 8:02.m.

**2. Acknowledgement of Visitors**

Mayor Masella greeted and welcomed Commandant Luis Oliveira from the Montréal Police Department (Neighbourhood Police Station 9).

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

To adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, January 28, 2019 as presented.

Carried unanimously  
#20190128-002

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

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

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

- Special Meeting of December 17, 2018;
- Regular Meeting of December 17, 2018;
- Special Meeting of January 7, 2019.

Carried unanimously  
#20190128-003

**5. Correspondence**

**a) City of Montreal (safety study update – Avon Road sector)**

On January 14, 2019, the City Clerk of Montreal acknowledged receipt of Resolution #20181217-013 (2) concerning an assessment of the impact of the new residential development project located on Brock Avenue South in the territory of the Borough of Côte-des-Neiges – Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, and notified the Town that this resolution will be tabled at the Agglomeration Council meeting of January 31, 2019.

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

Mayor Masella said he met with local MP and federal Minister of Transportation Marc Garneau before the holidays. In that meeting the Mayor focused on the security of the level crossing. He told the Minister that a connected Cavendish Boulevard would relieve some of the congestion on Westminster. He also relayed the problems EXO has had getting its new exit on Sherbrooke approved by the Borough of CDN-NDG. Concerning a development project in Royalmount, the Mayor summed up the history of this file and the issues at stake. Although this development would take place in Town of Mount Royal, he said that he was concerned, as mayor of a reconstituted municipality, that the Agglomeration would pretend to decide what another municipality could do or not on its own territory. He drew a parallel with the issues surrounding the condo development at the former Motel Raphael. As president of the Association of Suburban Municipalities, he therefore stood behind TMR. On another point, he said his first meeting with new Minister for the Metropolis Chantal Rouleau, along with colleagues from the ASM, was extremely positive. Finally, he said that the next Coffee with the Mayor will take place February 21.

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

The Mayor announced the beginning of the First Public Question Period at 8:08 p.m.

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

Norbert Bedoucha said the level crossing situation is a nightmare. He also referred to the campaign of Murray Levine concerning the support of charities from Velo Quebec as a condition for municipalities to help with Le Tour de l'Île. The Mayor noted that Côte Saint-Luc asked Montreal West to adopt this kind of resolution, but although he agreed that encouraging donations is all right, he would not make it a requirement. Councillor Mazzone noted that Mr. Levine had talked to him. He said he thought the way CSL is trying to push the idea is counter-productive.

Ian Robinson asked if the Mayor discussed a number of issues, like infrastructure programs, with Minister Garneau. The Mayor answered that he told Mr. Garneau the level crossing is the crucial issue now. The resident noted that the Federal Government is willing to spend much on infrastructure, but Mayor Masella observed that in Quebec, municipalities are not allowed to talk to Ottawa without the Provincial Government in the middle. About Cavendish, the Mayor said that this file has a long history, but the good news is that CSL is now siding on the positive side regarding the connection project, unlike in the past. About Royalmount, he said the resident and him may have different opinions regarding the merits of this project, but the main point is not that, it is the matter of jurisdiction.

Kathryn Minorgan commented the Cavendish connection project, saying that the side effects of the Turcot interchange work make it even more expedient. The Mayor restated that he told the Minister that it would alleviate congestion the congestion on Westminster and Avon.

Daniel Markuze complained about the speed and efficiency of recent snow clearing operations. The Mayor said he disagreed with him. Councillor Torres also remarked that two water breaks had occurred in the meantime. On another point, the resident said there was a problem due to parking being allowed right to the corner of Wolseley on Radcliffe, that makes it difficult for drivers turning left on Radcliffe from Wolseley. Councillor Mazzone said he would talk to the Public Security Lieutenant about that.

Meg Catalano said the parents at Edinburgh School have launched a petition relating to the problem of overcrowded facilities there. She noted that many young families come to Montreal West because of the schools here. The Mayor said he understood the parents are concerned over the use of modular classrooms. He said that Council members have not made up their mind and have to do their homework.

Cynthia Nichols expressed her support to the people of Venezuela who are living through a grave crisis. She complained that her garbage, compost and recycling are not collected. Councillor Torres said she would look into it. The resident also complained that a Town employee used racial slur at her. Mayor Masella said she would look into it.

Finally, the resident said she called Bell Canada for a broken tree. The Mayor asked her if the tree was in her backyard and she said yes.

The First Question Period ended at 8:33 p.m.

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

There was nothing under this item.

**9. Administration and finances**

**a) Approval of disbursements – December 11, 2018 to January 23, 2019**

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

That the list of accounts payable from December 11, 2018 to January 23, 2019 totaling \$876,342.85 be approved and paid as listed.

Carried unanimously  
#20190128-004

**b) Delegation of powers for the months of December 2018 and January 2019**

It was moved by Councillor Maria Torres, 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 months of December 2018 and January 2019.

Carried unanimously  
#20190128-005

**c) Working fund – anticipated reimbursement**

WHEREAS it is deemed appropriate to proceed with paying back some monies in the working fund, as of December 31, 2018;

THEREFORE:

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

1) To authorize the anticipated reimbursement of the working fund for the balance of the following financial commitments:

| <u>Title</u>                | <u>Amount \$</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Road roller                 | 12,752.70 \$     |
| Loader 2014 John Deere      | 111,758.65 \$    |
| Control box for leader 2014 | 5,079.52 \$      |
| Town Hall floor replacement | 53,454.89 \$     |

2) To charge the total amount of \$183,045.76 \$ to the operating surplus.

Carried unanimously  
#20190128-006

**d) 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 2019, for a bulk discount amount of \$2,622.20 (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 \$811.10 no later than May 1, 2019.

Carried unanimously  
#20190128-007

**e) National Holiday Grant**

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

That the Town of Montreal West apply for a subsidy to the “Mouvement national des Québécoises et Québécois” through the “Fête nationale du Québec 2019” program of the Provincial Government, and authorize its Director of Recreation and Cultural Services to sign any necessary documents for this purpose.

Carried unanimously  
#20190128-008

**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 January 23, 2019.
- 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:

| <b>Address</b> | <b>Project</b>   |
|----------------|--|
| 201 Brock N.   | Replacement of bricks on the second floor rear façade with stucco; |
| 205 Bedbrook   | Rebuilding the side landing and stairs;                            |
| 156 Easton     | Replacement of two windows.  |

- 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>                     |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 39-43 Westminster N. | Installation of a commercial sign. |

Carried unanimously  
#20190128-009

**b) Minor exemption request – 205 Bedbrook**

*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 Dino Mazzone and resolved:

That the plans and request submitted to the December 12, 2019 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 paragraph 5.2 of section 5.2.3 and paragraph 7 of section 4.1.10 of the Zoning By-Law, regarding the immovable located at 205 Bedbrook in zone RB-4 to:

- Allow paving 55% of the land surface in the front yard of an immovable, while the maximum is 40% for such a lot, the consequence being to exceed this requirement by 15%.
- Allow the building of a patio in the front yard and setback, despite the fact that such an accessory construction is not authorized.

Carried unanimously  
#20190128-010

**11. Public Works**

There was nothing under this item.

12. **Human Resources**

There was nothing under this item.

13. **Appointments**

There was nothing under this item.

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**

a) **Adoption of By-Law No. 2019-001 – By-Law Authorizing a Loan of \$4,188,327 for the Carrying out of Repair Work on Road, Sidewalks, Aqueduct and Sanitary and Storm Sewer on Crestwood and Wolseley Avenues**

WHEREAS a copy of this By-Law in draft version was tabled at a previous meeting when the notice of motion was given, and made available to the public in accordance with the law;

WHEREAS the scope of this by-law was summed up at the present meeting, including the fact that the expenditure it authorizes shall be borne by all the taxpayers of the municipality, and that the loan shall be reimbursed within twenty years;

THEREFORE:

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

That By-Law No. 2019-001 entitled "By-Law Authorizing a Loan of \$4,188,327 for the Carrying out of Repair Work on Road, Sidewalks, Aqueduct and Sanitary and Storm Sewer on Crestwood and Wolseley Avenues" be adopted.

Carried unanimously  
#20190128-011

17. **Second Public Question Period**

The Mayor announced the beginning of the Second Public Question Period at 9:08 p.m.

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

Abby Shyavitz noted that the website section lacked many Council minutes from 2018 and should be updated more often. She also wondered why the agenda for tonight was not posted there. Having been invited to answer by the Mayor, the Town Clerk agreed with her but said the two persons who could post the agenda on the website were both absent today. The resident also asked if there will be some video archiving of Council meetings. Councillor Ulin said the matter will be looked into, now that the new version of the website has been launched.

Norbert Bedoucha said he would see video archiving as a priority. He complained about the garbage and compost collection service. Councillor Torres said it is important to report these complaints to the Public Works Department. The resident said he had an issue with snow trucks making a left turn early in the morning down from Westminster on Radcliffe, as it is an obstacle to traffic. The Mayor said a factor is the need to do the work before parents drop their children at nearby schools. He asked Councillor Feeney about an update on Westminster revitalization. She said many merchants attended the consultation meeting. The Mayor added that a great positive is the fact that there is now a merchant association talking to the Town on their behalf.

Murray Levine raised the issue of charities related to the organization of Le Tour de l'Île. Councillor Ulin said that there is sympathy for his cause in Council, but it is difficult to accept that would become an impediment to holding the event. Councillor Mazzone praised the non-resident for his dedication.

David Superstein praised the Public Works Department for the snow removal operations, and reiterated his idea that snow should be blown on private lawns. Mayor Masella explained that the Town did it last year because of the exceptional snowfalls, and the snow dump was full. However, the experience was not great and there were a lot of complaints. Councillor Ulin added that it did not save much money because even when the Town saved on transportation, the operations took more time. On another point, the resident noted that tax increases are hard on people with fixed revenues like retirees, because the Town's costs are indexed but his pension is not. He used that example to say that Council members should not consider increasing their salaries. Councillor Feeney noted that the Town's budget includes a hefty contribution to the Agglomeration and that these costs had increased by over 4%. The Town actually made budget cuts in many areas to try to lessen the impact of this increase on residents. And on the question of salary, the Mayor explained at the last meeting that it is not just a matter of offsetting the provincial taxation of previously non-taxed benefits.

Daniel Markuze asked if the Town would consider changing the due date for taxes. The Mayor said the Town has to pay its bill to the Agglomeration at around the same time, so it needs the money. The resident wondered if the Town could not try to help senior residents with their taxes. Councillor Feeney said the Town needs the cash flow to meet its obligations. The resident added that blowing snow on lawns would have helped to speed up snow clearing operations. Councillor Torres disagreed.

Cynthia Nichols said she would like to attend the next merchant association meeting. She was advised to contact them.

Ian Robinson noted that some private contractors pushed the snow on the street. Mayor Masella said this practice is contrary to Town by-laws, but it is not easy to catch them on the fact.

A former resident pointed out the problem of overcrowded facilities at Edinburgh School. The Mayor said the Town would like to help if possible, but it is not its decision in the end.

## **18. Termination of the Meeting**

At 9:45 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  
#20190128-012

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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-20190128*