

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 2019
8:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on February 25, 2019 at the Town Hall located at 50 Westminster Avenue South.

Present:	Mayor:	Mr. Beny Masella	
	Councillors:	Mr. Dino Mazzone	Seat 1
		Ms. Elizabeth Ulin	Seat 2
		Ms. Colleen Feeney	Seat 3
		Ms. Maria Torres	Seat 4

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.

Fifteen (15) residents and visitors were 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
#20190225-001

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 Maria Torres, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

To adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, February 25, 2019 modified as follows:

- by the addition of item 16 b): **Notice of Motion and Deposit of Draft By-Law Establishing the Remuneration of Town Council Members and replacing By-Law No. 2006-001.**

Carried unanimously
#20190225-002

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 January 28, 2019;
- Special Meeting of February 8, 2019.

Carried unanimously
#20190225-003

5. Correspondence

a) Justice Canada (protection against crimes committed with handguns, assault rifles and semi-automatic firearms)

On January 29, 2019, the cabinet of the Justice Minister acknowledged receipt of Resolution #20180926-005 by which the Town Council, along with other municipalities, had requested that the Government of Canada prohibit the private possession of handguns, assault rifles and semi-automatic firearms, and that it strengthen eligibility criteria for private citizens seeking to purchase a firearm.

b) Transports Québec (safety study update – Avon Road sector)

On February 11, 2019, the Director for the Turcot project at the Ministry of Transportation, Sustainable Mobility and Transport Electrification 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 informed the Town that he considered the City of Montréal and Montreal West, having each jurisdiction on their streets, would have to reach a consensus about traffic direction and road configuration of this avenue.

6. Report of the Mayor

Mayor Masella mentioned that the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM) took position against the proposed compost centre in the St-Laurent borough, for a number of reasons: 1- The City of Montreal withheld the monetary information about this contract for several months before bringing it to the agenda of the Agglomeration Council; 2- The price is far beyond the prior cost estimates of 2013 and 2017; 3- The project itself is based on a 2009 plan which has not been validated since. Consequently, the ASM asked Mayor Valérie Plante to answer these concerns and postpone the decision. On another point, the Mayor invited residents who would have questions for him to attend regular Council meetings, to come at Coffee with the Mayor, to send emails or to phone him, but noted that he is not a Facebook user so this is not the place to get his attention. Finally, he said that the next Coffee with the Mayor will be March 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.

Sean Hanrahan complained about a statement of offence he received for having parked his vehicle in the street. He explained that he could not park it in his own driveway during home renovation work. He also said that many places in the municipal parking are used by NDG car owners and wondered if the Town could do something to remedy this situation by controlling the place of origin of permit holders. Having been invited by the Mayor to comment, Public Security Lieutenant Demetrios Georgiou said that the resident could simply get a daytime permit allowing his vehicle to remain parked in the street. The Mayor told the resident he had raised some good points which could be looked into.

David Superstein praised the excellent work of the Public Works Department during snow removal operations in difficult weather conditions. He made the suggestion that the Town purchase a piece of equipment that could help in removing ice from drains to prevent flooding. On another point, he said that the Royalmount project would result in a traffic nightmare. The Mayor said that part of the solution would be to connect Cavendish Boulevard's South and North sections. This way a bad situation could be made better.

Cynthia Nichols complained that her garbage, recycling and compost are never picked up. She wanted to know the nature of the recent changes brought to the by-law concerning SPAIP. Councillor Feeney explained that the amendments were to make various minor corrections or adjustments with the wording, and to introduce a new chapter concerning the commercial sector of Westminster Avenue. The resident said she was interested in greening her house and wanted to know if there are any incentives she could benefit from. Councillor Feeney answered she did not think so, but invited her to contact the Building Inspector.

George Hilal wanted to know the intentions of the Town regarding traffic calming measures in the sector located South of Avon. For instance, it had been said there would be a curb extension at the corner of Courtney and Brock. The Mayor explained that a call for tenders was actually launched but the lowest bid far exceeded the cost estimated and that halted the project. Since then, the Town found out about the residential development at Motel Raphaël and that became a major factor in assessing the situation and the ways to address it. This is why the Town has requested an update to the safety study it has

earlier commissioned. Councillor Mazzone added that one must not forget that another municipality is also involved. The resident wondered if there is a possibility Brock could become a two-way street. The Mayor said he did not see that happening.

The First Question Period ended at 8:38 p.m.

8. Contracts and Town Clerk's Office

a) Agreement concerning a mandate to the Union des municipalités du Québec (UMQ) for the purchase of insurance products against cyber-risks

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West, in keeping with section 29.9.1 of the Cities and Towns Act (CQLR, c. C-19), is interested in joining a group set up by the Union des municipalités du Québec (UMQ), on its behalf and on behalf of other municipalities, in order to purchase insurance products for cyber risks, during a term extending from 2019 to 2024;

THEREFORE:

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

1) That the Town agree to take part in the purchasing group set up by the UMQ, for the purpose of obtaining insurance coverage for cyber risks, the term of this agreement beginning July 1, 2019 and ending July 31, 2024.

2) That the Mayor and the Town Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement entitled "Entente de regroupement de municipalités au sein de l'Union des municipalités du Québec relativement à l'achat en commun de produits d'assurances contre les cyber-risques", a copy of which is included in appendix to this resolution and shall be deemed an integral part thereof.

3) That the Town agree that any municipality that was not initially a part of the purchasing group may, by resolution, at a later date and under the same terms and conditions, become a member of the group, if authorized by the UMQ and upon the condition that such a municipality undertake to comply with the clauses of the tender document, the insurance contract and the consulting firm's mandate, and accept to pay its share of the fees owed to the UMQ, it being understood that the addition of a new member shall not alter the essence of said tender document, contract and mandate.

Carried unanimously
#20190225-004

b) Memorandum of understanding with Concertation Montréal (MTElles)

WHEREAS Concertation Montréal, jointly with the "Coalition montréalaise des tables de quartier" and "Relais-femmes" are leading the initiative called "Participation égalitaire des femmes à la vie démocratique municipale et communautaire" (hereafter "MTElles") which is funded by the Canadian Department for Women and Gender Equality over a three year term (2017-2020);

WHEREAS this initiative is intended to foster women's participation in citizens' consultation in the territory of the Agglomeration;

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West is interested in advancing the ways in which its citizens can contribute to the debates which improve the community and promote its development;

WHEREAS Montreal West is more particularly interested in the following topics for improvement:

- Information and communication;
- Mobilization and empowerment;
- Consultation mechanisms;

THEREFORE:

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

1) That the Town of Montreal West enter into an agreement with Concertation Montréal for the purposes stated in the preamble.

2) That the Director General, Me Raffaella Di Stasio, be authorized to sign this Memorandum of understanding and to implement its provisions on behalf of the Town.

Carried unanimously
#20190225-005

c) Earth Hour 2019

WHEREAS the “Earth Hour” is a yearly international event sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund;

WHEREAS this event is intended to increase public awareness of the importance of saving energy to fight climate change;

WHEREAS in 2018, more than 7,000 municipalities in 188 countries participated in this initiative;

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

- 1) That the Town of Montreal West agree to turn off all nonessential lighting for one (1) hour on Saturday, March 30, 2019 starting at 8:30 p.m.
- 2) That all residents of Montreal West be encouraged to join this event in the same way.
- 3) That the Town of Montreal West invite all Montreal Island municipalities to take part in the Earth Hour 2019.

Carried unanimously
#20190225-006

9. Administration and finances

a) Approval of disbursements – January 24 to February 21, 2019

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

That the list of accounts payable from January 24 to February 21, 2019 totaling \$877,927.05 be approved and paid as listed.

Carried unanimously
#20190225-007

b) Delegation of powers for the month of February 2019

It was moved by Councillor Maria Torres, seconded by Councillor Colleen Feeney 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 February 2019.

Carried unanimously
#20190225-008

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 February 20, 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:

Address	Project
76-78 Ronald	Replacement of a window and door with a patio door;
147 Ballantyne N.	Replacement of a window by a patio door;
25 Brynmor	Roof replacement;
239 Brock N.	Replacement of front door.

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
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51 Westminster N.	Installation of commercial signs.
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Carried unanimously
#20190225-009

11. Public Security

a) Traffic and Safety Committee – constitution

WHEREAS Council wishes to set up committees to address various matters of interest at the municipal level;

WHEREAS such committees may be helpful as management tools which enable the residents to provide their input and also in order to benefit from the advice of members of society in addressing a number of problematic situations;

THEREFORE:

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

1) To officially constitute the Traffic and Safety Committee (TSC) of Montreal West which will be tasked with studying current issues pertaining to traffic and public safety in the Town, and with making recommendations to Council by way of written reports to deal with actual and future needs.

2) To set up the mandate and membership of the TSC as follows.

Mandate:

- Study the problems submitted by Council with respect to traffic and public safety;
- Make recommendations to improve the security of residents.

Membership: (parity being an objective)

- One or two Council members;
- Five residents appointed by resolution every year;
- Public Security Lieutenant.

Carried unanimously
#20190225-010

12. Human Resources

There was nothing under this item.

13. Appointments

a) Designation of the Pro-Mayor

NOTE The last persons who held the office of Pro-Mayor, starting with the most recent incumbent, were Councillors Colleen Feeney, Maria Torres, Elizabeth Ulin and Dino Mazzone.

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

1) That Councillor Dino Mazzone be appointed Pro-Mayor for the months of April, May, June and July 2019.

2) That Councillor Dino Mazzone be designated to replace Mayor Beny Masella on the Agglomeration Council as necessary, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded, if needed, to the Agglomeration Council.

3) That this appointment take effect on April 1, 2019.

Carried unanimously
#20190225-011

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 4**

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

c) **Seat Number 1**

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

d) **Seat Number 2**

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

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. 2019-002 – By-Law Amending By-Law No. 2012-005 Concerning Site Planning and Architectural Integration Programs**

WHEREAS a copy of this By-Law in draft version was previously tabled at a Council meeting and made available in accordance with the law;

WHEREAS the purpose and scope of this by-law were summed up at the present meeting;

THEREFORE:

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

That By-Law No. 2019-002 entitled "By-Law Amending By-Law No. 2012-005 Concerning Site Planning and Architectural Integration Programs" be adopted.

Carried unanimously
#20190225-012

b) **Notice of Motion and Deposit of Draft By-Law Establishing the Remuneration of Town Council Members and replacing By-Law No. 2006-001**

Mayor Masella gave notice of motion that it is intended at a subsequent regular Meeting of Council to submit for adoption a "By-Law Establishing the Remuneration of Town Council Members and replacing By-Law No. 2006-001".

The said By-Law, in draft version, was tabled with Council and made available to the public.

17. **Second Public Question Period**

The Mayor announced the beginning of the Second Public Question Period at 9:13 p.m.

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

Kadeja Lefebvre said she had sent an email to voice her concerns and questions regarding the proposed changes to the SPAIP by-law. Councillor Feeney noted that as these concerns were made known at the end of the process which had already entailed a formal and public consultation phase, Council may either delay the adoption of the by-law to see how they could be integrated, or adopt it tonight and consider further changes at a later stage. The latter course has been taken. She added that the particular orientation

that worried the non-resident was not a norm as such, since the SPAIP is about setting qualitative goals and not absolute requirements. The non-resident said she understood that the dialogue would therefore continue but added that some businesses were fined in the past for infringing some by-law provisions, which is why she was concerned.

Beverly Lai wanted to emphasize how much composting ought to be encouraged. Mayor Masella noted that the more the Town takes off residual matters from the garbage disposal site, the more it gets back in monetary compensation from the Government. So there is definitely an interest. Councillor Ulin agreed and noted that it appeared there are some streets where there are more efforts than others.

Kadeja Lefebvre wanted to know if there is a list of acceptable compost for the pick-up, saying that many businesses are not contributing as much as they should because they do not know. Councillor Ulin answered that apart from excrement and plastic wraps, pretty much any organic waste is accepted. The Mayor added that someone would send an email to make that clear for merchants in general.

18. Termination of the Meeting

At 9:28 p.m., no other questions being asked,

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

That the Meeting be terminated.

Carried unanimously
#20190225-013

Beny Masella
Mayor

Claude Gilbert
Town Clerk

*The annexes mentioned above are deposited
in the municipal archives in File Archives-20190225*