

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 29, 2019
8:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on April 29, 2019 at the Town Hall located at 50 Westminster Avenue South.

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

Absent:		Ms. Elizabeth Ulin	Seat 2
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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.

Seventeen (17) 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
#20190429-001

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 Dino Mazzone, seconded by Councillor Colleen Feeney and resolved:

To adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, April 29, 2019 as presented.

Carried unanimously
#20190429-002

4. Approval of the Minutes

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

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

- Regular Meeting of March 25, 2019;
- Special Meeting of April 12, 2019.

Carried unanimously
#20190429-003

5. Correspondence

There was nothing under this item.

6. Report of the Mayor

Mayor Masella summed up the current state of the redevelopment file of the library lot, the fact that a first public request for proposals had not given results and that a second one was launched after the Town made some changes to its documents. The Mayor reiterated the Town's objectives in this file, and also that it remains committed to support and collaborate with the library, either during its temporary location and going forward in whatever its permanent location will be. He mentioned that the next Coffee with the Mayor will be May 23.

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.

Norbert Bedoucha said that he had sent a question to the administration concerning the relationship between the Town and Imperial Oil and did not get an answer. Having been invited by the Mayor to comment, the Town Clerk confirmed the resident would be answered. The resident handed a letter on this topic. He also said he saw some confusion about the project area, being described around Davies Park. The Mayor explained that the redevelopment of the library lot goes hand in hand with the intent of beautifying this sector. He asked him if he had ordered the document from the Electronic Tendering System (SEAO). The resident said no and the Director General invited him to order it and if he had questions, to call her.

Keith Henderson suggested that a public consultation be held about the future of the library. The Mayor said that the library should be better located and more accessible, and at some point it would be necessary to address the building deficiencies. He noted that he has been saying the same thing on this subject for the past six or seven years and made his views known at the last "Meet the Candidates" assembly at the last election. Everyone will agree that the Town should look to enlarge its tax basis and this land lot is one of the very few available that may support a project. The resident pointed out that the Town must not disregard the architectural heritage integration factor in that area. The Mayor noted that any new building in that location would have to be integrated and fit in the environment, but the library is not a heritage building. The resident contended that the SPAIP by-law does not limit the heritage value to set standard and that an institutional building should be considered. Councillor Feeney noted that the institutional character does not make a building heritage per se, and this one is not recognized as particularly aesthetic. Councillor Mazzone asked the residents what were his concerns. The resident said a consultation is needed. The Mayor answered that the library being an independent body may organize a consultation. Council has already said the Town would provide a temporary location during the project, and relocate the library afterwards. The library was already told that a year ago during the first request for proposals. He opined that a better place could be in a new community center, for instance.

Libby Cohen complained about neighborhood disturbances from a renovation project that has been underway for nearly two years. Having been invited by the Mayor to comment, Public Security Lieutenant Demetrios Georgiou said that there are indeed on-going construction work near that address. The Mayor told the resident that she would hear back from the Town about it.

Giuliana Pendenza, as a member of the library board said the Town should consider keeping the library in a new separate location, rather than making it part of another building. She talked to an architect who said that grants could be available to this end. The Mayor noted again that this piece of land is the only one the Town owns and can develop. He added that a new separate place for the library is not something the Town considered. He said a multi-task building is a better idea, especially for families.

Andra Syvanen asked if the Town had environmental assessments performed on the library lot. The Director General answered that there were many, since there used to be a gas station where there is now a green space. There is more information about this in the request for proposals' document on SEAO. Within the scope of this process, a developer would be called to support decontamination costs.

Ian Robinson noted that the Mayor held a press conference about Bill 21. The Mayor said the Town does not have the kind of employees to whom the laicity bill would apply. The resident asked what criteria Council would use to distinguish laws that should be opposed from the others. Councillor Mazzone noted that there have been laws in the past which infringed on human rights. The Mayor said the Town will not promote civil disobedience, at least he would have trouble with that. The resident asked if the Town

would consider burying wires when undertaking major infrastructure works. The Mayor said there were subsidy programs for that in the past, but not anymore.

Norbert Bedoucha noted that there are empty businesses on Westminster. The Mayor said trying to rejuvenate the street may help. Councillor Feeney added that an expert maybe could be involved at some point to assist in getting new businesses. The resident asked if the Town was aware of the role a SIDAC may play. The Mayor said he knew they were replaced with CLD. The one serving Montreal West also stands for Hampstead, Côte Saint-Luc and Saint-Laurent.

The First Question Period ended at 8:50 p.m.

8. Contracts and Town Clerk's Office

There was nothing under this item.

9. Administration and finances

a) Auditor's report – filing

The financial statements for the fiscal year 2018 were tabled with Council. Councillor Colleen Feeney summed up the main points of this report.

b) Approval of disbursements – March 20 to April 23, 2019

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

That the list of accounts payable from March 20 to April 23, 2019 totaling \$582,625.48 be approved and paid as listed.

Carried unanimously
#20190429-004

10. Urban Department

a) Site Planning Projects and Architectural Integration Programs (SPAIP)

NOTE Mayor Beny Masella noted that he had an interest in one of the files considered in the following item, and that he withdrew from the private work meeting when it was addressed and therefore did not attempt to participate in the deliberations concerning the said file.

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

1) To acknowledge receipt of the minutes of a meeting held by the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) on April 24, 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
226 Sheraton	Replacement of eight windows;
112 Strathearn N.	Replacement of a side door;
144 Radcliffe	Installation of railings on front landing and stairs;
11 Ballantyne S.	Recapping front landing and stairs in pavers and replacement of the railings;
137 Wolseley N.	Replacement of two windows with modification to openings;
234 Wolseley N.	Replacement of five windows;
147 Strathearn N.	Replacement of twenty windows, a regular door and a patio door with modification to openings;
162 Percival	Replacement of roof cladding;
155 Ballantyne S.	Replacement of a garden shed in the back yard.

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
340 Ballantyne N.	Demolition and reconstruction of main entrance porch, landing and stairs;

50 Banstead Replacement of front door, one regular door, one patio door as well as seventeen windows.

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
47 Courtney	Installation of a window in the rear façade.

Carried unanimously
#20190429-005

11. Public Works

There was nothing under this item.

12. Human Resources

There was nothing under this item.

13. Appointments

a) Traffic and Safety Committee

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

1) That the following persons be appointed permanent members of the Traffic and Safety Committee constituted by Resolution #20190225-010:

- Dino Mazzone, Councillor, Chairperson (voting);
- Demetrios Georgiou, Public Security Lieutenant, Secretary (non-voting).

2) That the following persons be appointed voting members of the Committee until April 30, 2020:

- Samson Antel;
- Norbert Bedoucha;
- Linda Hammerschmid;
- Ann McLaughlin;
- Ilan Rose.

3) That Resolution #20101025-015 and Resolution #20140331-019 be repealed.

Carried unanimously
#20190429-006

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

In the absence of Councillor Ulin, Mayor Masella read her report 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

a) Adoption of By-Law No. 2019-003 – By-Law Establishing the Remuneration of Town Council Members and replacing By-Law No. 2006-001

WHEREAS a copy of this By-Law in draft version was previously tabled at a Council meeting when the notice of motion was given, 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 Maria Torres, seconded by Councillor Colleen Feeney and resolved:

That By-Law No. 2019-003 entitled “By-Law Establishing the Remuneration of Town Council Members and replacing By-Law No. 2006-001” be adopted.

Carried unanimously
#20190429-007

17. Second Public Question Period

The Mayor announced the beginning of the Second Public Question Period at 9:20 p.m.

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

Norbert Bedoucha asked when Council meetings will be broadcast. Mayor Masella said it would be when the Town can ascertain they can be at a reasonable cost. There is no timeline now.

Daniel Markuze said the street line contractor should use a better paint because it fades fast every year. The Mayor noted that the paint seems to last more in some places and less in others, perhaps because they were not all painted at the same time during the season. Councillor Mazzone also noted that the paint used is water based. There are products with a more lasting effect, but they are also much more expensive. Longevity goes with costs.

Brian Gill said he called about a problem around his house which he said the Public Works Department should solve. Councillor Torres said his comment was noted, but added he had to answer the latter from the Department concerning the choice of a tree.

18. Termination of the Meeting

At 9:30 p.m., no other questions being asked,

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

That the Meeting be terminated.

Carried unanimously
#20190429-008

Beny Masella
Mayor

Claude Gilbert
Town Clerk

*The annexes mentioned above are deposited
in the municipal archives in File Archives-20190429*