

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

**JUNE 26, 2019**  
**8:00 p.m.**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on June 26, 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.

Twenty (20) residents and visitors were in attendance.

**1. Opening of the Meeting**

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

That the Meeting be declared open.

Carried unanimously  
#20190626-001

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 Elizabeth Ulin, seconded by Councillor Colleen Feeney and resolved:

To adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, June 26, 2019 as presented.

Carried unanimously  
#20190626-002

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

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

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

- Regular Meeting of May 27, 2019;
- Special Meeting of June 7, 2019;
- Special Meeting of June 17, 2019.

Carried unanimously  
#20190626-003

**5. Correspondence**

There was nothing under this item.

**6. Report of the Mayor**

**a) Mayor's report on the financial position of the Town**

In accordance with section 105.2.2 of the Cities and Towns Act, Mayor Masella made a report on the highlights of the financial report and of the external auditor's report. That report was distributed to every civic address in Montreal West by insertion in The Informer. The Mayor noted that it is the same report that Councillor Feeney presented in a former regular meeting.

**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 he was pleased with infrastructure work on his street. However, he was concerned about the lack of parking availability during this work, and the uncertainty regarding the alternatives. The Mayor said that there is more tolerance regarding the enforcement of parking regulations in certain areas for as long as the work is under way, especially for people with mobility issues, and invited Public Security Lieutenant Demetrios Georgiou to comment. Mr. Georgiou added that if necessary, the zones of tolerance may be extended.

Keith Henderson said he was speaking on behalf of the friends of the library. He was glad for the announcement of a joint meeting in July between the Town and the library board. The Mayor said it may not be in July, but it will take place. The resident asked if the library is considered as a building of interest in the sense. The Mayor said it is not, contrary to the banks which present features of architectural quality. Councillor Feeney noted that they are mentioned in the new chapter of the SPAIP by-law dealing with the beautification of the commercial district. The resident said a report should be done to analyze the value of the library building. Councillor Mazzone noted that this matter was discussed at the last regular meeting.

Karen Drewery introduced herself as a friend of a coalition against the use of single-use plastic. Mayor Masella answered that he received a petition on that subject. It was discussed at the table of the Association of Suburban Municipalities, and it is on the table of Council for discussion too. He added that the question at this point is whether it would be better to come all together or to work in each municipality, one by one.

Louise Chenevert asked a question about illegal dumping of materials by contractors down a ditch on CP land, something she mentioned last year. She linked that to the closure of the eco-center in LaSalle. The Mayor said that it is in fact working reduced hours. He added that the Administration and Public Works can work on that.

Giuliana Pendenza asked why the Town would not apply for a grant intended for the library alone, rather than for a multi-task building. Mayor Masella explained that this idea was never considered because a condition for receiving such grants is always that the recipient contributes an amount itself. Instead of applying for two different projects, one for a new arena and one for a new library, Council has deemed it a better idea to put forward a multi-task building. The reason is that this Town has relatively limited resources. The resident replied that obtaining a separate grant for a new library would go along well with the revitalization's objective for the surrounding sector. Councillor Ulin added that one must keep in mind that the library board is independent. The Mayor said that the library is a gathering place, but one may wonder if it could exist in another way than a stand-alone building. The resident agreed. Councillor Mazzone added that the library is not solely the building where it is located. The library is a place of interest but this building is not. This debate takes place within a larger context which is not just about the library but also increasing the housing stock in particular for senior citizen, and enlarging the Town's tax basis. The Mayor noted that it is also about being able to continue to support the library like the Town has always done.

Cynthia Nichols thanked Councillor Feeney and the Director General for coming by her place for the merchants' meeting. The resident said she was concerned with traffic on Westminster in front of her house. Councillor Feeney agreed that it is tough. The Mayor noted that it was especially today, because the street lights at the corner of Avon were off.

Tanya Radhakrishna introduced herself as the president of the library board. She explained the library's activities, and said there is no easy answer to the question of its relocation. She said the common goal must be a successful library, and would be more

open to relocating in another building on the same site. She added that the friends of the library are an advocacy group distinct from the board.

Keith Henderson talked in favor of recognizing the heritage value of the library building. Councillor Mazzone noted that the SPAIP by-law looks at the aesthetic value of buildings.

The First Question Period ended at 8:45 p.m.

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

**a) Contract management by-law – annual report**

In accordance with the seventh paragraph of section 573.3.1.2 of the Cities and Towns Act, a report was tabled summing up the main points concerning the application of the Town's contract management by-law in 2018.

**9. Administration and finances**

**a) Approval of disbursements – May 17 to June 19, 2019**

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

That the list of accounts payable from May 17 to June 19, 2019 totaling \$3,883,477.20 be approved and paid as listed.

Carried unanimously  
#20190626-004

**b) Delegation of powers for the month of June 2019**

It was moved by Councillor Dino Mazzone, seconded by Councillor Maria Torres 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 June 2019.

Carried unanimously  
#20190626-005

**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 June 19, 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>
455 Brock N.	Modifications to the front landing and stairs as well as parging the front foundation wall;
91-93 Roxton	Replacement of six basement windows;
8019-8021 Avon	Replacement of seven basement windows;
146 Wolseley N.	Recap front landing and stairs;
127 Wolseley N.	Replacement of six windows;
222 Percival	Construction of a garden shed in the back yard;
69-71 Westminster N.	Replacement of three basement windows in the back façade.

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:

<b>Address</b>	<b>Project</b>
42 Banstead	Closing up a side door;
91-93 Roxton	Replacement of seventeen windows;
216 Ballantyne N.	Replacement of front landing and stairs;

441-443 Hudson Replacement of twelve windows and one door.

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:

<b>Address</b>	<b>Project</b>
232 Brock N. 14 Rennie	Replacement of twenty-eight windows; Removal of the front landing and stairs and construction of a porch.

Carried unanimously  
#20190626-006

## **11. Public Works**

### **a) Subsidy agreement within the scope of the PRIMEAU program (phase 2) – Crestwood and Wolseley Avenues**

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West applied for a grant under the PRIMEAU program (phase 2) by virtue of Council resolutions #20180626-013 and #20181029-011 for replacement work of aqueduct and sewer pipes on Crestwood and Wolseley Avenues;

WHEREAS this subsidy request was accepted on November 27, 2018 and an agreement has been submitted on June 6, 2019 for Council's approval to determine the amount of the grant, the administrative conditions and the responsibilities of both the Town and the Quebec Government;

THEREFORE:

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

- 1) That the Town of Montreal West agree to enter into in an agreement with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the purpose of receiving financial assistance in the amount of \$1,020,300 within the scope of the infrastructure program mentioned in title (File No. 2025007).
- 2) That Mayor Beny Masella be authorized to sign this agreement on behalf of the Town.

Carried unanimously  
#20190626-007

## **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 Dino Mazzone, Colleen Feeney, Maria Torres and Elizabeth Ulin.

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

- 1) That Councillor Elizabeth Ulin be appointed Pro-Mayor for the months of August, September, October and November 2019.
- 2) That Councillor Elizabeth Ulin 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 August 1, 2019.

Carried unanimously  
#20190626-008

### **b) Green Corridor Committee**

WHEREAS Hydro-Québec is planning to redo the power line passing on the territory of Montreal West and in doing so, wishes to landscape the lot under the line, which is its property;

WHEREAS Hydro-Québec is interested in working with the Town in order to ensure the social acceptability of this project, and to be informed of local issues associated with it;

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to bring together the various stakeholders;

WHEREAS a way to achieve this is to set up an advisory committee;

THEREFORE:

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

1) That an ad hoc Green Corridor Committee be constituted with a mandate to:

- exchange information;
- elaborate and reflect a common vision;
- formulate recommendations to Hydro-Québec and to the Town.

2) That the following persons be appointed to this advisory committee:

Town administration:

- Me Raffaella Di Stasio.

Council members:

- Mr. Dino Mazzone;
- Ms. Maria Torres.

Resident members:

- Ms. Laura Cousineau;
- Mr. Charles Dejean;
- Mr. Nicolas Lalla;
- Mr. John Limeburner;
- Mr. Remo Rotili.

3) That Resolution #20190617-003 be repealed.

Carried unanimously  
#20190626-009

#### **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**

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.

Cynthia Nichols said there should be a real bonfire on Saint-Jean-Baptiste day. Councillor Ulin explained that the Town has to comply with the requirements of the Fire Department of Montreal.

Louise Chenevert asked who is on the Green Corridor Committee. She would have liked to be appointed, and was surprised she was not invited since her email address is known. Councillor Mazzone answered that he tried to reach her but could not, for whatever reason. Councillor Torres said she was sorry for that, but the resident will be welcome at the "open door" event that Hydro-Québec will organize, the date of which is not known yet. The resident wondered who on the committee represent the users of Hydro-Québec grounds, like the dog walkers. The Director General noted that some members live close to Hydro lines, and others not. In any case, the resident will be able to participate to the consultation exercises.

Kathy Faludi talked about a stop sign around Brock, Westover and Ballantyne which is hardly visible from one side. Mayor Masella said he would forward that information. Concerning the consultation about the MADA program for making the Town a senior-friendly municipality, the resident said there is a sense that people are not informed and involved enough, even though she attended two meetings about it. She learned today of the Green Corridor Committee, and said she would have liked to know about it before, saying that the same people seem to be on every initiative. Councillor Torres noted that other people will be allowed to give their input, since there will be consultations. The resident said she volunteered for the Traffic and Safety Committee two years ago and was not called back after two meetings. Councillor Ulin mentioned she heard what the resident said about communication and information surrounding certain topics of interest.

Deborah Marcogliese asked if there will a consultation on the MADA plan before it is adopted. Councillor Feeney said there should be a possibility of getting some input from the public. The resident also wondered if dog excrement could be composted. Councillor Torres noted this idea.

Norbert Bedoucha asked if Edinburgh School is actually in Montreal West or Côte Saint-Luc. The Mayor said the front is in Montreal West, and the back in Côte Saint-Luc. The resident wondered whose responsibility it would be if an accident occurred on the school's premises. The Mayor said he understood it is the school board's. The resident also asked that Council meetings be broadcast on the website.

Louise Chenevert suggested that any Hydro-Québec presentation be scheduled in September, not in August. It should also be mentioned in The Informer.

**18. Termination of the Meeting**

At 9:40 p.m., no other questions being asked,

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

That the Meeting be terminated.

Carried unanimously  
#20190626-010

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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-20190626*