

Hôtel de Ville



Town Hall

Excerpt from the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Montreal West held on August 29, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. in Town Hall, 50 Westminster Avenue South.

Planting of public trees – guidelines

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West values the importance of public trees in the community for environmental, economic, health and aesthetic reasons;

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West is planting more trees compared to other municipalities on the Island of Montreal based on territory size;

WHEREAS for the past few years the Town of Montreal West has been planting more trees than what is felled by both residents and Town's employees alike;

WHEREAS a substantial portion of the Town's tree canopy, particularly its public street trees, is aging and requires replacement and rejuvenation as soon as possible;

WHEREAS a survey of the Town's public trees found the number of smaller, younger trees is severely underrepresented;

WHEREAS the Town has determined proactive measures are required to protect and ensure the health of its urban forest and establish a robust urban forest for future generations,

THEREFORE:

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

That the Department of Public Works be instructed and mandated to:

- 1) Maximise the planting of public street trees in plantable spaces, defined by an experienced employee or recognized outside expert as spots large enough to accommodate a new tree (i.e. compatible with existing utilities, underground infrastructure, fire hydrants, sidewalks, etc);
- 2) Prioritise areas with minimal street tree coverage (i.e. 2 or more civic addresses in a row with no street tree; corner lots with no street tree) when possible;
- 3) Plant the largest species of tree possible given the constraints of the plantable space;

- 4) Ensure a wide diversity of tree species in the Town by prioritizing underrepresented species;
- 5) Consider the appearance (size and form) of adjacent trees when choosing the species for a particular spot;
- 6) Select good quality nursery trees (i.e. those with single straight trunks and well spaced lateral branches that are free from structural weaknesses).

Carried unanimously
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August 30, 2016

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claude Gilbert". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Claude Gilbert, Town Clerk