

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

**NOVEMBER 25, 2019**  
**8:00 p.m.**

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

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

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| Absent: |  | Ms. Maria Torres | Seat 4 |
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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.

Ten (10) 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  
#20191125-001

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

**2. Acknowledgement of Visitors**

There was nothing under this item.

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

To adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, November 25, 2019 as presented.

Carried unanimously  
#20191125-002

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

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

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

- Regular Meeting of October 28, 2019
- Special Meeting of November 8, 2019.

Carried unanimously  
#20191125-003

**5. Correspondence**

There was nothing under this item.

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

Mayor Masella noted that the Agglomeration's budget for 2020 was deposited today. The suburban municipalities are not satisfied because their expectations concerning the process, following a commitment made by Montreal last year, have been ignored by the central city. As a result, there are flagrant iniquities in the share of the fiscal burden between municipalities, where tax increases are solely based on real estate valuation without the residents receiving more services from the agglomeration. The file has been brought up to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, but to no avail until now. The Mayor, on another point, reminded the audience that the CP Holiday Train will make its 6<sup>th</sup> annual stop in Montreal West tomorrow. He then proceeded to explain snow removal practices and priorities, because there are questions that are asked every year concerning certain points. The Mayor noted that there will be no Coffee with the Mayor in December, the next one being scheduled on January 23 next year. Finally, he said that there will be two other public meetings December 16 before the regular one at 8:00 p.m., one at 6:30 p.m. where Council will act as demolition Committee concerning a request for the building located at 74 Easton, followed by the special meeting for the adoption of the 2020 budget at 7:30 p.m.

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

The Mayor announced the beginning of the First Public Question Period at 8:10 p.m.

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

Bob Barnes wanted to know the situation in Montreal West with respect to lead in drinkable water. Mayor Masella said that the concern is essentially about private service pipes, not public pipes which have been replaced over time for the last thirty years or so, when there are major aqueduct work. Each time when there are such projects, the adjacent owners on a given street are invited to do the same on their side. The Town is now collecting data and statistics. The Director General added that in order to fully solve the problem, replacing old pipes is needed on both sides. The resident asked if there are still public lead pipes at this time. The Mayor answered that he did not think so but verify. The resident then asked what is happening in the file of cross-connections. The Mayor noted that this problem is one of the qualifying factors in terms of prioritizing some streets for the next major projects. For instance, this is one of the reasons why Wolseley and Crestwood Avenues were done this year. The resident suggested that the town communicate summaries of where it stands in the two files he mentioned.

Cynthia Nichols asked that the streets be cleaned in view of the upcoming CP Holiday Train visit. She then asked if it were true that a certain community group was told not to be associated with her. The Mayor and Councillors Feeney and Mazzone said no.

Harold Knowles asked if there were anything that could be done legally to challenge the Agglomeration's budget. Mayor Masella answered that it is not possible, given the existing rules. There are other places where the cost-sharing is not based only on the real estate valuation but also on the population. However, Montreal disagrees with this approach. The suburban municipalities have asked the government to intervene. The resident asked if Brock South is closed at this time. The Mayor said yes, and added that when it is reopened after the work on Turcot project is completed, it will be a one-way street to the South.

Mina Hanna asked if the Demolition Committee meeting on December 16 will be public. The Mayor confirmed it will be,

The First Question Period ended at 8:30 p.m.

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

### **a) Communication Policy**

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West recognizes the need to properly inform its residents about its services, orientations and strategic decisions;

WHEREAS to this end, the Town promotes the dissemination of accurate and complete information on political and administrative decisions taken, as well as on its activities;

WHEREAS a policy has been developed to ensure effective and timely communication to all external target audiences, while providing municipal stakeholders with a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities in this respect;

THEREFORE:

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

That the Communication Policy mentioned in the preamble of this resolution, a copy of which is included as appendix and forms an integral part hereof, be adopted.

Carried unanimously  
#20191125-004

**9. Administration and finances**

**a) Approval of disbursements – October 23 to November 20, 2019**

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

That the list of accounts payable from October 23 to November 20, 2019 totaling \$957,681.57 be approved and paid as listed.

Carried unanimously  
#20191125-005

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

It was moved by Councillor Dino Mazzone, 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 month of November 2019.

Carried unanimously  
#20191125-006

**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, 2019;

THEREFORE:

It was moved by Councillor Dino Mazzone, seconded by Councillor Colleen Feeney 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> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Articulated mini-loader | (Res. #20150710-004) | \$54,047.56      |
| Ford F-450              | (Res. #20170828-009) | \$31,789.38      |

2) To charge the total amount of \$85,836.93 to the operating surplus.

Carried unanimously  
#20191125-007

**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 November 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:

| <b>Address</b> | <b>Project</b>  |
|----------------|---|
| 226 Sheraton   | Installation of railings on front landing and stairs; |

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|----------------------|--|
| 162 Strathearn N.    | Removal of the chimney and installation of a skylight, replacement of three windows, removal of a side door, the landing the stairs and a window as well as the replacement of the patio door with a larger model; |
| 37 Milner            | Replacement of four windows;   |
| 14-16 Westminster N. | Replacement of commercial sign.  |

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>   |
|----------------|--|
| 137 Broughton  | Replacement of front door and trim around it;                        |
| 87 Percival    | Demolition and reconstruction of a detached garage in the back yard; |
| 182 Bedbrook   | Removal of a bathroom window.  |

Carried unanimously  
#20191125-008

**11. Public Works**

There was nothing under this item.

**12. Human Resources**

**a) Hiring of a Foreman**

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

That Mr. Giovanni D'Amico be promoted into the position of Foreman as of November 26, 2019 subject to a six-month probationary period, with a starting salary at level 7, as per the Working Conditions of Directors and Middle Managers of Montreal West, and the relevant fringe benefits.

Carried unanimously  
#20191125-009

**13. Appointments**

There was nothing under this item.

**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**

In the absence of Councillor Maria Torres, Mayor Masella read her report 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) Notice of Motion and Deposit of Draft By-Law for a By-Law Concerning Publishing Modalities of Public Notices**

Mayor Masella gave notice of motion that it is intended at a subsequent Meeting of Council to submit for adoption a "By-Law Concerning Publishing Modalities of Public Notices".

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 8:55 p.m.

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

Bob Barnes wondered if it would not be better to make anticipated reimbursements on loans contracted in virtue of by-laws and that bear interest, instead of reimbursements to the working fund. Councillor Feeney noted that it is easier to do with the working fund. The opportunity with loan by-laws happens less often, since the loans are contracted for a given period of time. On another point, the resident drew a parallel between blowing snow on private laws and allowing or not residents to blow their snow on the street. The Mayor noted that the first occurrence does not happen often and only when winter conditions are exceptionally difficult. The parallel has limits.

Cynthia Nichols asked how the by-law concerning publishing modalities of municipal notices would be implemented if adopted. Councillor Ulin and the Town Clerk offered some explanations. The resident also asked what the Demolition Committee meeting is about. The Mayor answered it is about a request for 74 Easton.

Another resident asked why there does not seem to be crime statistics available anymore. Councillor Mazzone answers that it has to do with changing the methods of reporting at the Montreal Police Department. The Mayor added that there is a will to introduce a centralized standard with the report's template in every neighborhood station.

**18. Termination of the Meeting**

At 9:05 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  
#20191125-010

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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-20191125*