

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 25, 2020
8:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on May 25, 2020 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.

NOTE This Council meeting was held in camera, and was attended by Council members using tele-communications means, as authorized by the Ministerial Order 2020-029 of April 26, 2020 from the Quebec Minister of Health and Social Services (page 2, last paragraph).

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
#20200525-001

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 Dino Mazzone and resolved:

To adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, May 25, 2020 as presented.

Carried unanimously
#20200525-002

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 April 27, 2020;
- Special Meeting of May 7, 2020

Carried unanimously
#20200525-003

5. Correspondence

There was nothing under this item.

6. **Report of the Mayor**

Mayor Masella announced that, for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic, the Town has taken measures to make sure it is possible to receive and answer questions about the agenda of a regular meeting in the second question period. He noted there have been quite a few questions about the summer camp, and explained why a decision has not yet been reached on whether or not it will take place this year, but it will be decided in one week or two. The Mayor also noted that some rules have been loosened. Some stores have been allowed to re-open, some types of gatherings are now allowed and there are plans to go further if the numbers continue to warrant it. However, he made two observations concerning sidewalks. First, he reminded that bicycles are not allowed to ride on sidewalks. Secondly, he said there have been calls to make sidewalks one-way, but this will not happen. On another point, he remarked that the restrictions that were imposed for such a long time have made people more for any type of social interaction. He expressed hopes that this will continue after the pandemic. Nevertheless, he invited everyone to follow the directives of the federal and provincial governments, so that the end of this situation comes more safely and quickly, and to stay healthy and safe.

7. **First Public Question Period**

The Mayor announced the beginning of the First Public Question Period at 8:05 p.m.

Given the circumstances, residents had been invited to submit in advance their questions concerning matters of general interest to the Mayor and Councillors.

1 – Eileen O'Reilly

Replacement of lamp posts on all streets for the brighter version seen on Strathearn and other streets.

2 – Deborah Marcogliese

Given the context created by the pandemic and the guidelines for social distancing and staying home or close, make the Town more available to residents by creating pedestrian streets, widening sidewalks, and/or adding bike lanes, like elsewhere in Montreal.

3 – Kevin Brothaler

Request for a speed bump on Ballantyne North, close to the park, since Brock North has three speed bumps but Ballantyne North only has two.

4 – Andy Baker

Asking the Town to recommend or even mandate walking in only one direction on the sidewalks on each side of the street.

5 – Donna McBain

Asking when the dog park will open.

6 – Adelina Pereira Coppola

Asking if there is a by-law compelling Montreal West citizens to keep their property clean.

7 – Victor Fu

Asking when the dog park will open, and to prevent residents from using sidewalks for cycling.

8 – Philippe Roy

Request to set up a subsidy program to cover costs of reusable diapers to fight pollution and reduce cost related to waste management. Request to find ways of ensuring that Ballantyne North is being used for local traffic only and not as an alternative to Westminster street to transit through Montreal West.

9 – Michael Smith

Request for a speed bump on Brock North, whether temporarily during summer months or on a permanent basis.

10 – Anthony Seminara

Request for traffic calming measures to protect children on Ballantyne North, among various proposals put forward.

11 – Peter Kerr

Request for cleanup of the debris on the land under Hydro-Quebec lines, after ten trees or so were fell last year, while branches and trunks were left there, on the north east side of the hump bridge.

12 – Farah Issa

Complaint about speed on Avon going uphill is 40K/h while the majority of drivers drive at 60 to 70K/h and the presence of semi-trailer trucks. Request for the Town to resurface Avon Road, to control the situation or to have the current street signs replaced.

13 – Michael Elie

Asking for a plan to mitigate the traffic/parking nightmare that will follow the completion of the large rental apartment buildings (the Belle Vue) adjacent to the South East corner of Montreal West and the likely desire for the developer to open the street leading off of Brock South and the East end of Ronald Drive; asking for more signage posting the speed limit on Ronald and ideally a radar sign illustrating how fast cars travelling especially with three daycares and a park in one space.

14 – Andy Malolepszy

Asking the Town to repave Westminster Avenue.

15 – Marie Dubuis

Asking when the dog park will open, when will Avon Road be repaved, and if a bike path could be created on Avon.

16 – Rene Boucher

Asking why parking is forbidden between Midnight and 8 a.m. on Westminster like on Roxton and Ronald, instead of between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. on all other streets.

17 – Sherri McGurnaghan

Asking for a smaller tree than those distributed by the Town to residents, and that public lanes be better maintained, especially behind Westminster North on the West side.

18 – Aubri Marchand

Asking when the road and sidewalks on Brock North between Curzon and Parkside will be redone, with its public water lines containing lead and the safety issue for pedestrians caused by the imbalanced slopes of sidewalks that collect water and freeze.

19 – Marc Nerenberg

Asking why there are no street signs at the intersection of Westover and Westminster, neither street being identified at this intersection.

20 – Norbert Bedoucha

Asking for an interactive exchange platform at Council meetings instead of a video broadcast.

21 – Kathryn Sherrard

Asking to widen Westminster in business section for pedestrians, by removing parking spaces on both sides of the street and temporarily making more streets one way for cars. Complaint that Strathearn gets very crowded and dangerous with two way traffic.

22 – Mary Mastromonaco

Concern about the opening of the day camps and how it will affect the overall health of this small community. Recommendation not to reopen camps this summer in order to keep contamination numbers low and everyone safe and healthy.

23 – Karen Donnelly

Asking to fix the problem created by people who ride their bicycles on sidewalks.

24 – Louise Chenevert

Asking for acknowledgement of receipt and feedback on a two-part proposal submitted to the Town, concerning a collective gardening project in the Hydro-Quebec corridor, and a park on Saint-Pierre River.

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) Approval of disbursements – April 23 to May 21, 2020

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

That the list of accounts payable from April 23 to May 21, 2020 totaling \$373,207.25 be approved and paid as listed.

Carried unanimously
#20200525-004

b) Delegation of powers for the month of May 2020

It was moved by Councillor Maria Torres, seconded by Councillor Dino Mazzone 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 May 2020.

Carried unanimously
#20200525-005

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 May 20, 2020.
- 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
47 Courtney	Installation of a skylight;
36 Ballantyne S.	Installation of a retractable awning on the rear façade over the deck;
234 Strathearn N.	Replacement of front porch decking, railings, stairs and base of columns as well the installation of railings of front stairs;
56 Rugby	Painting of the light cladding material, soffits, fascia and railings (only the right side colour from the submitted pictures).

- 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
34 Brock S.	Replacement of soffits and extension of the canopy above front 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:

Address	Project
34 Brock S.	Replacement of asphalt shingle roofing with metallic system.

Carried unanimously
#20200525-006

b) Minor exemption request – 29 Campbell (decision)

NOTE Councillor Colleen Feeney summarized the issues involved in the following matter. She also noted that it had been advertised in the newspaper. No comments were received since the publication (and none were made after these explanations).

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

That the plans and request submitted to the April 22, 2020 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee be approved, in accordance with By-Laws 2020-002 and G-18-0005, for the following minor exemption from the schedule of uses and standards in effect under section 3.2.2 of the Zoning By-Law, regarding the immovable located at 29 Campbell in zone RB-7 to:

- Normalize an encroachment of the gallery, which is located at 3.66 metres from the property line, while the minimum front setback is of 4.57 metres, the consequence being to reduce this requirement by 0.91 metre.

Carried unanimously
#20200525-007

11. Public Works

There was nothing under this item.

12. Human Resources

There was nothing under this item.

13. Appointments

There was nothing under this item.

14. Councillors' Reports

a) Seat Number 2

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

b) Seat Number 3

Councillor Colleen Feeney reported on matters pertaining to Urban Planning, Finance, Administration and Human Resources.

c) Seat Number 4

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

d) Seat Number 1

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

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.

Given the circumstances, residents had been invited to send by internet their questions concerning matters on the agenda of this meeting to the Mayor and Councillors.

Abby Shiavitz asked when pools will be reopened. Mayor Masella answered that the government has not provided any guidelines in this matter at this time. When they are known, the Town will have to do the same as with day camps, that is, evaluate if it is practical to open them, with all the conditions to follow.

18. Termination of the Meeting

At 9:20 p.m., no other questions being asked,

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

That the Meeting be terminated.

Carried unanimously
#20200525-008

Beny Masella
Mayor

Claude Gilbert
Town Clerk

*The annexes mentioned above are deposited
in the municipal archives in File Archives-20200525*