

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

**JUNE 29, 2020**  
**8:00 p.m.**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on June 29, 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 Maria Torres, seconded by Councillor Colleen Feeney and resolved:

That the Meeting be declared open.

Carried unanimously  
#20200629-001

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 Dino Mazzone and resolved:

To adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, June 29, 2020 modified as follows:

- by removing item 9 c): **RBC investment certificate.**

Carried unanimously  
#20200629-002

**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 May 25, 2020;
- Special Meeting of June 4, 2020;
- Special Meeting of June 11, 2020
- Special Meeting of June 18, 2020.

Carried unanimously

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.

b) **Regular monthly report**

Mayor Masella first reminded the viewers of this on-line meeting how the two question periods are managed. Then he explained that the Town has revisited the subject of pricing structure for the re-opening of the pool after receiving a few interventions, so that it would accommodate a membership option.

In this sixteenth week of confinement, the Mayor pointed out the potential downside of rapid deconfinement down south. Rather than things getting back to normal, our neighbors are faced with a further stop. Thus he advocated for a slow and steady progression, and for maintaining certain small measures that have immensely positive effects on controlling the spread of the virus. He invited the residents to continue to follow proper sanitary guidelines including social distancing and frequent hand-washing. When unable to respect the guidelines for social distancing, they ought to wear a face mask. Finally, the Mayor asked everyone to stay healthy and safe.

7. **First Public Question Period**

The Mayor announced the beginning of the First Public Question Period at 8:06 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. **Susan Superstein**

Asked if the Town will permit Tempos this year for seniors who will suffer great health risks this winter if they fall trying to clean their cars on snowy icy driveways.

2. **Randi Weitzner**

Noticed that when driving on Westminster going South, past Sherbrooke, over the tracks, there is often a problem if one wants to turn left onto Broughton. At that intersection, there are drivers heading North who will challenge the entry of drivers trying to turn left, which makes no sense as they are not to stop on the tracks at that point. There should be appropriate signage to address this problem.

3. **Nathaniel Ward**

Noting that Radcliffe, Rugby, Wolseley North and Crestwood have all been repaved in recent years, except Roxton, the resident asked when sidewalks and street on Roxton will be redone, given the poor state in which they are. Secondly, he asked why the Town does not repair all the cracks and potholes on Westminster. Finally, he more specifically asked what is being done about the pothole/sinkhole at the tracks on Westminster/Sherbrooke.

4. **Anna Pawulski**

Asked the Town to consider making face coverings/masks mandatory inside the businesses that are open to the public in Montreal West. If not, she asked what measures can the Town take to make residents feel secure and safe inside the businesses.

5. **Donna McLaughlin**

Asked to remove the temporary fence in dog park, since the grass is now completely taken, as much as in the rest of dog park. Also asked to make masks mandatory inside businesses, until the pandemic is resolved.

6. **Norbert Bedoucha**

Asked if there any updates on the sale of the library lot and its redevelopment. Also asked when the Town is going to take a stand and take action to ensure the safety and well-being of its citizens at the train crossing.

**7. Maureen Cullen**

Asked when will Kirkpatrick park on Easton open.

**8. Valmar Jurol**

The resident applied on line three weeks ago for a permit to re-shingle a leaking roof, and has heard nothing back, wondering if this has been refused or what.

**9. Michael Elie**

Noted that there is a significant number of weeds (including ragweed) and overgrowth on Ronald across from the park. With so many daycare children walking and playing there, the resident asked if there any recourse that the Town can take to remedy the situation sooner than later, even if this is on private property. Also asked if the weeds and dead cedars in Ronald park can be dealt with as well.

**10. Harold Simpkins**

Asked what actions will the Town be taking to reduce or eliminate the highly intrusive levels noise emanating from the basketball court baskets and backboards.

**11. Mauro Degano**

Asked if there is a timeline to take care of trees that are dead or dying and have dead branches. These can cause material damage and, even worse, human injuries should they fall down. Asked for an update on a request submitted last year concerning certain trees that the resident was told would be on the trimming list.

**12. Henri Tasse**

Asked if the Town could help him in a neighborhood quarrel about a tree.

**13. Aurore Duval**

Requested that the temporary fence be removed on top of the stairs on Courtney Drive, and at the bottom of Ronald Drive's hill. Also asked that the water be turned on at the fountain in Ronald Park. Finally asked for permission to allow parents use some parking spaces in front of the daycare, on the occasion of graduation ceremonies in July.

**14. Andrew Shapiro**

Asked if there is any plan to re-pave the roads on Fenwick, Broughton, Ainslie, which are really quite awful. Also asked how COVID 19 has impacted the Town spending budget, and if there will be new budget forecasts in 2020. Finally, asked if there are English versions of the Town's yearly financial reports.

**15. Harold Knowles**

Asked for a summary of the impact of the pandemic on the Town's finances. Also asked if there are contingency plans for a COVID-19 resurgence. Finally, asked if municipalities have input into provincial COVID19 decisions or is IT the usual top-down dictatorship.

**16. Louise Chenevert**

Said that the friends of the Hydro corridor would like to cull some Buckthorn in August. It is invasive species. Asked if the Public Works Department could pick up the branches.

The First Question Period ended at 8:36 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 2019.

**9. Administration and finances**

**a) Approval of disbursements – May 22 to June 26, 2020**

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

That the list of accounts payable from May 22 to June 26, 2020 totaling \$ 3 643 329.61 be approved and paid as listed.

Carried unanimously  
#20200629-004

**b) Delegation of powers for the month of June 2020**

It was moved by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin, 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 2020.

Carried unanimously  
#20200629-005

**c) RBC investment certificate**

This item was withdrawn.

**10. Urban Department**

There was nothing under this item.

**11. Public Works**

**a) Awarding of contract – sidewalk repairs**

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West issued a call for tenders by invitation for the purpose of sidewalk repairs;

WHEREAS three contractors were invited;

WHEREAS two bids were received and assessed to verify their conformity with the requirements of the tender document;

THEREFORE:

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

- 1) To award the contract for sidewalk repairs to Cojalac Inc., being the lowest conforming bidder, that is, for a total price of \$46,886 plus taxes.
- 2) To charge this expense to budget code 02-320-04-640.
- 3) To authorize the Mayor and the Town Clerk to sign any documents required to implement this resolution, as the case may be.

Carried unanimously  
#20200629-006

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

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

- 1) That Councillor Dino Mazzone be appointed Pro-Mayor for the months of August, September, October and November 2020.
- 2) That Councillor Dino Mazzone 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, 2020.

Carried unanimously  
#20200629-007

**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**

**a) Adoption of By-Law No. 2020-006 – By-Law amending By-Law No. 2019-007 concerning taxes of the Town of Montreal West for the fiscal year 2020**

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 Dino Mazzone, seconded by Councillor Colleen Feeney and resolved:

That By-Law No. 2020-006 entitled “By-Law amending By-Law No. 2019-007 concerning taxes of the Town of Montreal West for the fiscal year 2020” be adopted.

Carried unanimously  
#20200629-008

**b) Notice of Motion and Deposit of Draft By-Law for a By-Law concerning the Town employees' pension plan and replacing By-Law No. 466 and its amendments**

Mayor Masella gave notice of motion that it is intended at a subsequent Meeting of Council to submit for adoption a “By-Law concerning the Town employees' pension plan and replacing By-Law No. 466 and its amendments”.

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 9:06 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.

**18. Termination of the Meeting**

At 9:07 p.m., no questions being asked,

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

That the Meeting be terminated.

Carried unanimously  
#20200629-009

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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-20200629*