

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

**OCTOBER 26, 2020**  
**8:00 p.m.**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held by telecommunications means on October 26, 2020.

Present:	Mayor:	Mr. Beny Masella	
	Councillors:	Ms. Elizabeth Ulin	Seat 2
		Ms. Colleen Feeney	Seat 3
		Ms. Maria Torres	Seat 4

Absent:		Mr. Dino Mazzone	Seat 1
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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.

**NOTE** This Council meeting was held in camera, and was attended by Council members using telecommunications means, as mandated by the Ministerial Order 2020-074 of October 2, 2020 from the Quebec Minister of Health and Social Services (page 3, paragraph 14).

**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  
#20201026-001

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 Maria Torres and resolved:

To adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, October 26, 2020 as presented.

Carried unanimously  
#20201026-002

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

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

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

- Regular Meeting of September 29, 2020;
- Special Meeting of October 8, 2020;
- Special Meeting of October 22, 2020.

Carried unanimously  
#20201026-003

**5. Correspondence**

There was nothing under this item.

## 6. Report of the Mayor

The Mayor said that after a few weeks of not hearing of idling trains behind Ronald Drive, a train was caught idling on October 19. He notified his contacts and was later informed that this was not an emergency situation and that the crew was being investigated and reminded of the importance of enforcing the directives. On another point, he mentioned that, last fall, the Town was victim of a ransomware attack, last fall. As soon as the threat was discovered, a team of cyber security experts was hired to put all necessary measures in place to remove all traces of the virus and secure the environment. The network was quickly restored, and an investigation was opened to better understand the origin and the impact of the virus attack. The situation is now under control and there is no evidence that any personal information has been accessed, used or communicated. However, the Town did not want to take any risks and decided to offer free credit monitoring surveillance with a firm, TransUnion, to those whose information may have been compromised. On another point, the Minister of Municipal Affairs announced that the provincial government was earmarking \$800M for the municipalities across the province to help them offset the extra expenses and reduced revenues caused by this pandemic. Each is free to use the funds as needed, including to offset any increases from the Agglomeration. Montreal West will receive almost \$503,000 – some in 2020 and some in 2021. Finally, the Mayor noted that the coming Saturday is Halloween. Trick or treating is allowed but children can only go out with kids in their own households. He invited the residents to do their part to ensure the overall safety of the community.

## 7. First Public Question Period

The Mayor announced the beginning of the First Public Question Period at 8:10 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. **Xavier MacLaren**

Asked for a dedicated bicycle lane on Westminster Street.

### 2. **Kristopher Mariani**

Asked when the construction to redo Percival Avenue between Curzon and Nelson will take place.

### 3. **Adelle Blackett**

Asked if the Town might consider discussions with Meadowbrook golf course to secure regular access for residents to the grounds for cross-country skiing and other outdoor activities during the winter months.

### 4. **Donna McLaughlin**

In view of the amount of vacancies on Westminster, asked what the Town plans to do about enticing new business and keeping existing ones.

### 5. **Giuseppe Abbatiello**

Complained that household garbage is dumped at the Toe Blake Park recycling bin adjacent to the golf course on Fridays, to be picked it up on Mondays.

### 6. **Gerry Ahronheim**

Signalled the presence of some sort of mildew on numerous lawns this past summer, with patches of lawn where grass seemed to die, then were slowly replaced by small weed.

### 7. **Patrice Archambault**

Asked why the dog park remains open while no one wears a mask and physical distances between humans are not kept.

### 8. **Ellen Moore**

Noted that used kleenexes are now allowed with compost materials by some municipalities. Asked why glass is not collected separately for recycling, to prevent breakage and permit genuine recycling, and also what happens to the toilets left on the curbsides.

### 9. **Mike Elie**

Concerning the radar/traffic signage on Ronald, noted that it often does not work due to it being in a shaded location. Asked for tree trimming or relocating of the solar panel. Also asked for two yellow signs "ralentissez: attention à nos enfants" similar to the ones on other streets. Finally, asked that public works employees occasionally rake the wood chips at Ronald Park to better protect kids from the metal sewer grate near the bench.

**10. Marsha Milstock**

Asked that senior citizens and handicapped home owners be allowed to put up temporary driveway structures during the winter months.

**11. Ian Robinson**

Wondered if the Mayor could provide an update on progress if any on the proposed new recreation center.

**12. Peter McLean**

Asked the Town to do something in regards to bicycles on sidewalks. Also asked to put a waste container at the corner of Nelson and Westminster by the bus stop.

**13. Catherine Dixon**

Heard at the EXO presentation that there would be a request to close the sidewalk, South of the tracks on the East side of Westminster, and that everyone walk on the West side.

**14. Armand Aalamian**

Asked the Town to monitor and discourage gatherings of children and adults in public parks and on the streets. Also asked that the Town do something about dog owners who let their animals run unleashed outside of the exercise area on Hodgson Field.

**15. Pierre Dessaulles**

Asked where to call if he witnesses a large gathering in someone's house, like the one he saw last week-end.

**16. André Langlois**

Asked for an update on the road conditions in Montreal West and how the Town plans on better correcting the situation, since the patch work is non-lasting.

**17. Mike Peytchev**

Asked the Town to help residents persuade Transports Québec to build a protective wall next to Ronald Drive or go to the federal level to convey this request.

**18. Bill Olshefsky**

Asked for better communication and instructions the next time hydrants are flushed as per maintenance procedures, so that people can fill posts the night before in order to have drinking water the next morning, when there is brown running water.

The First Question Period ended at 8:40 p.m.

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

**a) Regular Council meetings in 2021 – calendar**

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

1) That the regular meetings of Council in 2021 be held in the Music Room of the Town Hall on the last Monday of the following months at 8:00 p.m., except in March (second to last Monday), September (second to last Monday), October (first Monday), November (third Monday) and December (second Monday), on these dates:

- January 25;
- February 22;
- March 22;
- April 26;
- May 31;
- June 28;
- August 30;
- September 20;
- October 4;
- November 15;
- December 13.

2) That this calendar be posted in The Suburban and on the website of the Town.

Carried unanimously  
#20201026-004

**b) Deed of sale – lot 1 292 196**

WHEREAS the Town accepted the irrevocable offer for the purchase and development of lot 1 292 196 from a land developer by virtue of Resolution #20200929-006;

WHEREAS this offer must be finalized through a deed of sale;

THEREFORE:

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

- 1) That the Town of Montreal West accept the terms and conditions of a deed of sale for lot 1 292 196 which shall be substantially conform to the provisions of the purchase and development offer made by Guerrera Tedeschi Investments Inc.
- 2) That the Mayor and the Director General be jointly authorized to sign this deed of sale on behalf of the Town.

Carried unanimously  
#20201026-005

**c) Mandate to the Union des Municipalités du Québec (UMQ) – group purchasing of reputation and privacy insurance coverage and of penal liability insurance coverage for health and safety at work**

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West, in keeping with section 29.9.1 of the Cities and Towns Act (CQLR, c. C-19), is interested in joining a group set up by the Union des municipalités du Québec (UMQ), on its behalf and on behalf of other municipalities, in order to purchase insurance products for the protection of reputation and privacy of elected and administrative officials and of penal liability risks for health and safety at work, during a term extending from 2020 to 2025;

THEREFORE:

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

- 1) That the Town agree to take part in the purchasing group set up by the UMQ, for the purpose of obtaining insurance coverage for the protection of reputation and privacy of elected and administrative officials and of penal liability risks for health and safety at work, the term of this agreement beginning December 31, 2020 and ending December 31, 2025.
- 2) That the Mayor and the Town Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement entitled "Entente de regroupement de municipalités au sein de l'Union des municipalités du Québec relativement à l'achat en commun d'assurances protection de la réputation et de la vie privée des élus et hauts fonctionnaires et d'assurances responsabilité pénale en matière de santé et sécurité (C-21)", a copy of which is included in appendix to this resolution and shall be deemed an integral part thereof.

Carried unanimously  
#20201026-006

**9. Administration and finances**

**a) Approval of disbursements – September 26 to October 23, 2020**

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

That the list of accounts payable from September 26 to October 23, 2020 totaling \$273,521.88 be approved and paid as listed.

Carried unanimously  
#20201026-007

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

It was moved by Councillor Maria Torres, 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 October 2020.

Carried unanimously  
#20201026-008

**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 October 21, 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:

<b>Address</b>	<b>Project</b>
31 Banstead	Replacement of five windows and a patio door

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>
265-267 Westminster N.	Replacement of the front door and of the cladding surrounding it
123 Wolseley N.	Replacement of twenty-six windows

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>
143 Strathearn N.	Replacement of the garage roof, doors, windows, painting of stucco

Carried unanimously  
#20201026-009

**11. Community services**

**a) Municipalité amie des aînés (MADA) – Honoraria for Concordia and McGill Universities**

WHEREAS the Town decided in 2018 to seek recognition as MADA and set up a Steering Committee with a budget to develop a Plan of Action to this end;

WHEREAS the Town received a government grant of \$12,000 from the MSSS Secretariat des Aînés to support the development of this plan;

WHEREAS the first phase of the plan involved surveying all senior residents of Montreal West;

WHEREAS the Concordia Center for Research on Aging (engAGE) and the Neuroepidemiology Research Unit of the Research Institute of the McGill University Health Center both provided invaluable assistance pro bono in the development of a survey, and analysis of the results, and the preparation and presentation of the survey report:

THEREFORE:

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

1) That the Town of Montreal West send a formal note of appreciation to each of the above University Centers.

2) That the Town offer an honorarium of \$1,000 to each of the above Centers.

3) That the expense be charged to the operating budget.

Carried unanimously  
#20201026-010

**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 Maria Torres, seconded by Councillor Colleen Feeney and resolved:

1) That Councillor Elizabeth Ulin be appointed Pro-Mayor for the months of December 2020, and January, February and March 2021.

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 December 1, 2020.

Carried unanimously  
#20201026-011

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**

In the absence of Councillor Dino Mazzone, there was no report on matters pertaining to Public Security and to Special Projects Fundraising.

15. **Deposit of Documents**

a) **Statement of comparative financial results**

A comparative statement of financial results as of September 30, 2020 was tabled with Council.

16. **Notice of Motion, Reading and Adoption of By-Laws**

a) **Notice of Motion and Deposit of Draft By-Law for a By-Law Consolidating the By-Law Concerning Employees' Pension Plan for the Town of Montreal West and modifying various of its provisions**

Mayor Masella gave notice of motion that it is intended at a subsequent Meeting of Council to submit for adoption a "By-Law Consolidating the By-Law Concerning Employees' Pension Plan for the Town of Montreal West and modifying various of its provisions".

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 9:12 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 9:13 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  
#20201026-012

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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-20201026*