

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2020
8:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held by telecommunications means on December 14, 2020.

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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 |
| | | Ms. Maria Torres | Seat 4 |

Also present: Me Raffaele Di Stasio, Director General
Me Claude Gilbert, Town Clerk
Ms. Manon Schalk, Communications Officer

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 Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

That the Meeting be declared open.

Carried unanimously
#20201214-001 (2)

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 Elizabeth Ulin, seconded by Councillor Dino Mazzone and resolved:

To adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 14, 2020 as presented.

Carried unanimously
#20201214-002 (2)

4. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Dino Mazzone, seconded by Councillor Maria Torres and resolved:

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

- Regular Meeting of November 30, 2020;
- Special Meeting of December 10, 2020.

Carried unanimously
#20201214-003 (2)

5. Correspondence

There was nothing under this item.

6. Report of the Mayor

Mayor Masella noted that even with the announcement that a vaccine will be available in a not too distant future, holiday celebrations will not be the same this year because the restrictions put forward by public health authorities will limit the usual family and friendly gatherings. He invited his listeners not to lose heart despite this situation. Above all, he urged them not to give up on following safety guidelines at this time. The Mayor also thanked municipal employees on behalf of Council for their dedication to keep things as normal as possible in the present circumstances. Finally, he extended his holiday season's wishes to all residents and hopes for a happy new year.

7. First Public Question Period

The Mayor announced the beginning of the First Public Question Period at 8:15 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. Nancy Mackey

Asked the reason why the contractor has changed for the garbage collection service.

2. Sarah Carey

Concerning the redevelopment of the library's current site, asked what will be the schedule for ground breaking and construction be like. Also asked what businesses are being considered and if the public will have a say.

3. Susyn Borer

Asked what is happening at the old and unused Bank of Montreal building, as there seems to be lots of work going on inside.

4. Ann McLaughlin

Raised the problem of rats and other vermin around Westminster businesses and on Strathearn once again. Also asked why the Town does not require businesses to use secure waste-disposal containers.

5. Christopher Smith

Asked when more public information will be available with regards to the schedule of ground-breaking and construction of new Easton condominiums being developed at the corner of Westminster and Avon. Also asked what businesses will be permitted and if residents will have a voice in their selection.

6. Harold Knowles

Said The Gazette has reported that Beaconsfield Mayor Georges Bourelle contends that his municipality has overpaid by \$2 million to the City of Montreal and has retained a lawyer to pursue the issue. Asked if there has been any progress in getting a fairer arrangement with the City of Montreal and the demerged municipalities recently.

7. Stan Carnyc

Said that the new street lights cast less light making his street less safe. With only two for the whole street, it needs more. Asked the Town to put in more lights or go back to the previous system, and noted that others share his views.

8. Stephen Donahue

Asked why the Town cannot clear the sidewalks (walking path) across the track after snow storms.

9. Stan Carny

Concerning winter car shelters, an issue which he raised before, asked Council to provide facts and data in order to justify its position, and if it would agree to hold a referendum on the question.

10. Peter McLean

Asked if anybody has come up with a solution for the bicycles on sidewalks, and if a garbage can is going to be put beside the bus stop at Nelson and Westminster.

11. J.J. Heisler

Asked if and when skating rinks will be completed in light of the current Covid-19 situation.

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

8. Contracts and Town Clerk's Office

There was nothing under this item.

9. Administration and finances

a) Approval of disbursements – November 27 to December 9, 2020

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

That the list of accounts payable from November 27 to December 9, 2020 totaling \$564,584.06 be approved and paid as listed.

Carried unanimously
#20201214-004 (2)

b) Subsidy application – gas excise tax

WHEREAS the Town has taken cognizance of the Guide concerning the Payment Terms of the Government's Contribution within the scope of the Program regarding Gasoline Tax and the Contribution of Quebec (TECQ) for the years 2019 to 2023;

WHEREAS the Town must follow the applicable terms of this Guide in order to receive a contribution in the amount of \$ 1,974,983, as confirmed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, for the carrying out of sewer and aqueduct lines renewal work (priority 3);

THEREFORE:

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

- 1) That the Town of Montreal West undertake to comply with the applicable content of the Guide mentioned in the preamble.
- 2) That the Town accept and agree to be fully and solely liable and to exonerate the Canadian and Quebec Governments as well as their ministers, officers, employees and agents in the event of any claims, requests, losses, damages and costs of whatever nature arising from bodily injuries to third parties (including death) and material losses or damages to property that may be attributed to a deliberate or negligent behavior directly or indirectly linked to capital expenditures realized with the proceeds from the funding received under the TECQ 2019-2023 program.
- 3) That the Town approve and authorize the sending of the partial work planning enclosed with this resolution (file number 1166047 – version number 1) and of all the required documentation to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, in order to receive the contribution of which it was notified, as mentioned in the preamble.
- 4) That the Town undertake to reach the minimum level of investment in terms of municipal infrastructure, that is, to spend at least \$50 / person / year during each one of the five years of the program, meaning a total of \$250 per person.
- 5) That the Town undertake to inform the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing of any modification that may be brought to the said work planning approved by the present resolution.

Carried unanimously
#20201214-005 (2)

c) Budget transfers to allocated surplus

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

To approve the following budget transfers as per the recommendation of the Treasurer, from the unallocated surplus (55-991-00-000) to the allocated surplus (55-992-00-000):

- \$25,000.00 winter contingencies
- \$40,000.00 municipal elections.

Carried unanimously
#20201214-006 (2)

d) Working fund – anticipated reimbursement

WHEREAS it is deemed appropriate to proceed with paying back some monies in the working fund, as of December 31, 2020;

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> |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Backhoe loader | (Res. # 20200427-008) | \$213,702.05 |
| Asphalt trailer | (Res. # 20201130-010) | \$40,918.88 |
| Ford F-150 | (Res. # 20201130-011) | \$36,057.96 |
| Ford F-250 | (Res. # 20201130-012) | \$53,568.82 |

2) To charge the total amount of \$344,247.71 to the operating surplus.

Carried unanimously
#20201214-007 (2)

e) Grants for 2021

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

That the Town of Montreal West award the following grants for the year 2021:

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| • Montreal West Children’s Library | \$87,159 |
| • Montreal West Public Library | 87,620 |
| • The Informer | 16,000 |
| • Community Services Council | 5,000 |
| • Dr. Robert Drummond (Roots and Remembrance) | 250 |

Carried unanimously
#20201214-008 (2)

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 December 9, 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 |
|----------------|--|
| 481-483 Hudson | Replacement of the front doors; |
| 38 Banstead | Replacement of nine windows and two doors. |

3) 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 |
|----------------|--|
| 38 Banstead | Replacement of front door; |
| 38 Campbell | Construction of an extension on the side and replacement of cladding material around the front door. |

Carried unanimously
#20201214-009 (2)

b) Minor exemption request – 457 Westminster North

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 Colleen Feeney, seconded by Councillor Dino Mazzone and resolved:

That the plans and request submitted to the November 11, 2020 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee be approved, in accordance with By-Laws 2020-002 and G-18-0005, for the following minor exemptions from the schedule of uses and standards in effect under section 3.2.2 of the Zoning By-Law, regarding the immovable located at 457 Westminster North in zone RA-1 to:

- Normalize a lateral setback on the South-East side of the main building which is of 0.21 metre, while the minimum setback is 1.20 metres in that zone, the consequence being to reduce this requirement by 0.99 metre.

Carried unanimously
#20201214-010 (2)

11. **Public Works**

a) **Ecological transition support services – CMTL partnership**

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West intends to adopt a comprehensive waste management policy in the near future;

WHEREAS there is a partnership between the Agglomeration of Montréal and Concertation Montréal (CMTL);

WHEREAS CMTL has developed an expertise in the field of ecological transition, especially with its programme L'Accélérateur;

WHEREAS CMTL submitted a service offer to provide the Town of Montreal West with coaching on matters of ecological transition;

WHEREAS

THEREFORE:

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

- 1) To accept the service offer of CMTL for ecological transition support services.
- 2) To authorize the Director General to sign any necessary documents to implement this resolution.

Carried unanimously
#20201214-011 (2)

b) **Traceability analysis of construction, renovation and demolition (CRD) waste – Mitacs partnership**

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West intends to adopt a comprehensive waste management policy in the near future;

WHEREAS the Town has no traceability data on CRD waste in Montreal West;

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to realize a picture of the situation in order to follow up the transit of CRD waste and evaluate if it ends up where it should and if there can be market outlets in the circular economy;

WHEREAS Mitacs is a non-profit organization promoting research and development by linking municipalities and industries with post-secondary learning institutions in order to solve innovation issues in Canada and abroad;

WHEREAS Mitacs proposes to pair the Town with Professor Chunjiang An from Concordia University to produce a study concerning the management of CRD waste in Montreal West;

WHEREAS Mitacs undertakes to contribute an amount of \$7500 plus taxes to fund a portion of the costs for this study;

THEREFORE:

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

1) That the Town undertake to carry out the project called ACCÉLÉRATION and to use the contribution of \$7500 plus taxes in accordance with the schedule of payments of the Mitacs Accélération programme.

2) That the Director General be authorized to sign any necessary documents to implement this resolution.

Carried unanimously
#20201214-012 (2)

12. Human Resources

There was nothing under this item.

13. Appointments

There was nothing under this item.

14. Councillors' Reports

a) Seat Number 1

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

b) Seat Number 2

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

c) Seat Number 3

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

d) Seat Number 4

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

15. Deposit of Documents

a) Statements of pecuniary interests of Council Members

All Council members have now filed their statements of pecuniary interest.

b) Register of gifts received by Council Members

An excerpt of the register of gifts, marks of hospitality and benefits received by Council members, in excess of a value of \$200 each, was filed. No such benefits were entered on the register.

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

a) Adoption of By-Law No. 2020-008 – By-Law Concerning Taxes of the Town of Montreal West for the Fiscal Year 2021

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 to the public in accordance with law;

WHEREAS the purpose and scope of this by-law were summed up at the present meeting;

THEREFORE:

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

That By-Law No. 2020-008 entitled "By-Law Concerning Taxes of the Town of Montreal West for the Fiscal Year 2021" be adopted.

Carried unanimously
#20201214-013 (2)

17. Second Public Question Period

The Mayor announced the beginning of the Second Public Question Period at 9:05 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 9:06 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
#20201214-014 (2)

Beny Masella
Mayor

Claude Gilbert
Town Clerk

*The annexes mentioned above are deposited
in the municipal archives in File Archives-20201214*