

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 31, 2022
8:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on January 31, 2022 at the Town Hall located at 50 Westminster Avenue South.

Present:	Mayor:	Mr. Beny Masella	
	Councillors:	Ms. Lauren Small-Pennefather	Seat 1
		Ms. Elizabeth Ulin	Seat 2
		Ms. Colleen Feeney	Seat 3

Absent:		Ms. Maria Torres	Seat 4
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Also present: Me Raffaele Di Stasio, Director General
Me Claude Gilbert, Town Clerk
Ms. Elisabeth Roy, 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, in accordance with 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 Colleen Feeney, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

That the Meeting be declared open.

Carried unanimously
#20220131-001

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 Lauren Small-Pennefather and resolved:

To adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, January 31, 2022 as presented.

Carried unanimously
#20220131-002

4. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Lauren Small-Pennefather, seconded by Councillor Colleen Feeney and resolved:

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

- Regular Meeting of December 13, 2021;
- Special Meeting of December 17, 2021;
- Special Meeting of January 13, 2022;
- First Special Meeting of January 20, 2022;
- Second Special Meeting of January 20, 2022.

Carried unanimously
#20220131-003

5. **Correspondence**

There was nothing under this item.

6. **Report of the Mayor**

There was no report this month.

7. **Councillors' Reports**

a) **Seat Number 1**

Councillor Lauren Pennefather reported on matters pertaining to Public Security and Urban Planning (2).

b) **Seat Number 2**

Councillor Elizabeth Ulin reported on matters pertaining to Public Works, Communications and Environment (1).

c) **Seat Number 3**

Councillor Colleen Feeney reported on matters pertaining to Finance, Recreation and topics related to the status of Age Friendly Municipality.

d) **Seat Number 4**

In the absence of Councillor Maria Torres, there was no report on matters pertaining to Urban Planning (1) and Environment (2).

8. **First Public Question Period**

The Mayor announced the beginning of the First Public Question Period at 8:21 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. **Sondra Sherman**

Said that since her street was re-paved, every time it rains there is a large puddle in front of the driveway between the sidewalk and the street. Asked the Town to fix it.

2. **Mark Lehberg**

Said that whenever it snows, he cannot park on the street, not just for the day that it is cleaned but for the entire week of the removal operation. It was not like that before the last few years. Wanted to know what has changed.

3. **Nicholas Curtis**

Noticed that every morning and evening, his driveway and the sidewalk are used as a thoroughfare to get onto Easton south of Broughton. This cannot be tolerated and he asked Council to look into erecting offsetting metal posts that will allow pedestrian traffic but deter driving on the sidewalk.

4. **Howard Barza**

Even though he understood that much of the very substantial tax increase is attributable to the inequitable downloading of taxes from the agglomeration council, asked if any portion is also attributable to the new recreation center project.

5. **Valmar Kuroi**

Given the fact that attempts at polite negotiations with Montreal over Agglomeration tax structures have not gone anywhere, asked if Montreal West would consider joining any other municipality, like Beaconsfield, in order to pursue legal action and have a court review the issue.

6. **Karen Donnelly**

Considering that the City of Montreal has banned wood-burning home appliances, except EPA certified ones, and that other municipalities on the island have by-laws that ban fireplace and wood stove use during smog alerts, wanted to know why Montreal West has not acted on this important issue.

7. **Domenica Pulcini**

Wanted to know why there is no longer an indication of bike path on Ronald Drive. Also said that Ronald Drive has become a service road due to the construction on Brock, where traffic is seriously overloaded, and asked for help to keep the street safer.

8. Susan Elgie

Said that it would be a great advantage to pedestrians if the sidewalks at each end of the crosswalks and the adjoining roadway at Westminster and Milner could be linked, so that they would not step into 6 inches of slush when crossing Westminster.

9. Peter McLean

Asked when the mailbox on Nelson and Westminster on the sidewalk is going to be repaired, and if something will be done about the bicycles on the sidewalk come spring.

10. Georges Lanmafankpotin

Concerning a vacant piece of land between 191 and 255 Brock South, wanted to know what the Town is planning to do with it.

11. Louise Chenevert

Knowing that, in 2019, dye tests were done in the north end of Montreal West, asked what percentage of the area was assessed, and how many cross connections were discovered.

12. Louise Chenevert

Since there was work done on the sewer systems under Toe Blake Park and in the surrounding streets (Sheraton, Crestwood, Banstead), asked what percentage of the cross connections discovered were corrected, how much did it cost, and if the Town's share of the problem has been settled.

13. Ellen Moore

Asked why the Adult Library cannot find a place in the new recreation center. Also asked the Town to find other solutions than salt in clearing streets and sidewalks of snow.

The First Question Period ended at 8:43 p.m.

9. Contracts and Town Clerk's Office

There was nothing under this item.

10. Administration and finances

a) Approval of disbursements – December 11, 2021 to January 28, 2022

It was moved by Councillor Colleen Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lauren Small-Pennefather and resolved:

That the list of accounts payable from December 11, 2021 to January 28, 2022 totaling \$1,257,434.94 be approved and paid as listed.

Carried unanimously
#20220131-004

b) Delegation of powers for the month of January 2022

It was moved by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin, seconded by Councillor Colleen Feeney 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 January 2022.

Carried unanimously
#20220131-005

c) Art Etc.

It was moved by Councillor Colleen Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lauren Small-Pennefather and resolved, Councillor Elizabeth Ulin having abstained after declaring she had an interest in the matter under review:

1) Given the total number of hours being requested for rent, and in keeping with past practices, that Council agree to rent the Assembly Hall on the occasion of the Arts and Craft Fair that will take place during three days in November 2022, for a bulk discount amount of \$3,052.35 (taxes included), in consideration of a total of twenty-four hours (24 h) of rental for the event, setup and cleanup, and to keep the other terms and conditions of the previous agreement in effect.

2) That Council accept that the deposit to secure the reservation be of \$500.00 upon signing the agreement, followed by a payment of \$1,026.18 no later than May 1, 2022.

Carried unanimously
#20220131-006

11. Urban Department

a) Site Planning Projects and Architectural Integration Programs (SPAIP)

It was moved by Councillor Lauren Small-Pennefather, 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 January 26, 2022.

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
162 Percival	Replacement of a basement window;
28 Banstead	Replacement of eleven windows and three doors;
325 Brock N.	Replacement of the railings.

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
63 Ainslie	Replacement of one window by a patio door, replacement of five doors and replacement of twenty windows;
70 Nelson	Replacement of sixteen windows, two doors and windows sills, extension of the backyard mudroom in the basement and painting of the windows shutters;
58 Ainslie	Replacement of thirty-five windows, one patio door and two regular doors.

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
70 Nelson	Construction of a porch;
325 Brock N.	Replacement of the front stairs and landing.

Carried unanimously
#20220131-007

12. Public Works

There was nothing under this item.

13. Human Resources

There was nothing under this item.

14. Appointments

There was nothing under this item.

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. 2022-002 – By-Law enacting a Code of Ethics and Good Conduct for Elected Municipal Officers and replacing By-Law No. 2017-009

WHEREAS a copy of this By-Law in draft version was previously tabled at a Council meeting when the notice of motion was, 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 Colleen Feeney, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

That By-Law No. 2022-002 entitled “By-Law enacting a Code of Ethics and Good Conduct for Elected Municipal Officers and replacing By-Law No. 2017-009” be adopted.

Carried unanimously
#20220131-008

b) Notice of Motion and Deposit of Draft By-Law for a By-Law amending By-Law No. 2020-007 Consolidating the By-Law Concerning Employees’ Pension Plan for the Town of Montreal West

Mayor Masella gave notice of motion that it is intended at a subsequent Meeting of Council to submit for adoption a “By-Law amending By-Law No. 2020-007 Consolidating the By-Law Concerning Employees’ Pension Plan for the Town of Montreal West”.

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 8:50 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 8:51 p.m., no questions being asked,

It was moved by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin, seconded by Councillor Lauren Small-Pennefather and resolved:

That the Meeting be terminated.

Carried unanimously
#20220131-009

Beny Masella
Mayor

Claude Gilbert
Town Clerk

*The annexes mentioned above are deposited
in the municipal archives in File Archives-20220131*