

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**MAY 13, 2022**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on May 13, 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
		Ms. Maria Torres	Seat 4

Also present: Me Claude Gilbert, Town Clerk

Mayor Beny Masella acted as chairperson of the meeting.  
Me Claude Gilbert, Town Clerk, acted as secretary of the meeting.

There were no residents or visitors in attendance.

**1. Opening of the Meeting**

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

That the Meeting be declared open.

Carried unanimously  
# 20220513-001

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 5:54 p.m.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

It was moved by Councillor Maria Torres, seconded by Councillor Lauren Small-Pennefather and resolved:

To adopt the Agenda of the Special Meeting of Friday, May 13, 2022 modified as follows:

- by adding item 6.1: **Mandate to the City of Montreal to carry out a group call for tenders for the supply of road salt in bulk.**

Carried unanimously  
# 20220513-002

**3. Amendments to the Charter of French Language (Bill 96)**

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West ("Town") represents a community where residents share core values of mutual respect and in the use of the French language and the English language;

WHEREAS the Government of Quebec introduced a bill in the National Assembly of Quebec entitled "Act respecting French, the official and common language of Quebec", known as Bill 96;

WHEREAS Bill 96 introduces sweeping changes that will significantly impact businesses, health services, education and legal rights;

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West Council and many of its residents are disconcerted regarding provisions of Bill 96, and the lack of consultation with experts;

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West boasts three English Montreal schools in its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS the recently proposed amendment at Committee in article 88.0.2 includes a clause that all students attending English-language CEGEPS would be required to take three courses in French in order to graduate;

WHEREAS this requirement will adversely affect the success rate of those students, and their competitiveness in applying to university creating an undue burden;

WHEREAS furthermore, these amendments were made without consulting with English-speaking students or CEGEPS;

WHEREAS the provisions that underpin Bill 96 will further create systemic and systematic barriers that disproportionately disadvantage English-speaking residents;

WHEREAS the Association of Suburban Municipalities of which the Town of Montreal West is a member, has renounced the provision of Bill 96 dealing with municipalities such as the Town of Montreal West;

THEREFORE:

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

1) That The Town of Montreal West call on the Government of Quebec to remove Bill 96 from the order paper and meaningfully consult with the English-speaking community of Quebec before putting forward any legislation that would serve to amend the Charter of the French Language.

2) That the Town of Montreal West express its view that many of the amendments contained in Bill 96 are in clear contravention of the principles of equity and accessibility and infringe on English rights.

3) That the members of the Town Council of Montreal West are unanimous in their commitment to vehemently oppose modifications of the Charter of the French language that will have significant cost and operational consequences for businesses and health services, and reduce access to English language CEGEPs that could affect choice of profession and enterprise.

4) That the Town of Montreal West direct its Town Clerk to send copies of this resolution to:

- all members of the National Assembly of Quebec including the member of the National Assembly for Notre-Dame-De-Grace;
- all other municipalities in the Montreal Metropolitan Community;
- the Member of Parliament for Westmount-Notre-Dame-de-Grace;
- the Federal Minister of official Languages;
- the Commissioner of Official Languages of Canada;
- the Union du municipalités du Québec (UMQ);
- the Fédération Québécoise des municipalités (FQM);
- and to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

Carried unanimously  
# 20220513-003

#### **4. Awarding of contracts – trimming and felling of trees**

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West issued a call for tenders by invitation for the purpose of awarding a contract for the trimming and felling of public trees;

WHEREAS three (3) contractors were invited;

WHEREAS one (1) bid was received and evaluated;

THEREFORE:

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

1) That the one-year contract for the trimming and felling of public trees be awarded to the lowest conforming bidder, Arbo-Design Inc., for a price of \$96,038.62 (including taxes) based on hourly rates and work estimates, plus two yearly renewal options.

2) That this expense be charged to budget code 02-750-03-419.

3) That the Mayor and the Town Clerk be authorized to sign any contract and other documents required to implement this resolution, as the case may be.

Carried unanimously.  
# 20220513-004

**5. Payment of an invoice – legal fees**

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

That the payment of Invoice No. 2021-000131 in the amount of \$3,606.12 from the City of Dorval for the reimbursement of legal fees committed in accordance with Resolution # 20210218-003 be approved, despite the fact that the cumulative amount exceeds the limit of \$5,000 that was agreed in the said resolution.

Carried unanimously  
# 20220513-005

**6. Notice of motion and deposit of a draft by-law – By-Law amending By-Law No. 2018-002 concerning the applicable rate for duties on transfers where the basis of imposition is in excess of \$500,000**

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. 2018-002 concerning the applicable rate for duties on transfers where the basis of imposition is in excess of \$500,000”.

The said By-Law, in draft version, was tabled with Council and made available to the public.

**6.1 Mandate to the City of Montreal to carry out a group call for tenders for the supply of road salt in bulk**

WHEREAS the City of Montreal has offered to coordinate a group call for tenders, on behalf of participating municipalities, for the supply of road salt in bulk from September 15, 2022 to April 30, 2023;

WHEREAS the Director of Public Works will act as representative of the Town of Montreal West in this regard;

THEREFORE:

It was moved by Councillor Maria Torres, seconded by Councillor Lauren Small-Pennefather and resolved:

1) That the Council authorize the participation of the Town of Montreal West in a group call for tenders for the purpose of awarding contracts for the supply of road salt in bulk.

2) That the Town of Montreal West delegate to the City of Montreal the power to prepare the specifications and other tender documents, to proceed with the calls for tenders, to receive and to analyze the offers, and to report the results to the participating municipalities.

3) That the Director of Public Works and the Assistant Director of Public Works be each authorized to sign any necessary documents to implement this resolution.

Carried unanimously  
# 20220513-006

**7. Public Question Period**

The Mayor noted the beginning of the Public Question Period at 6:01 p.m.

**8. Termination of the Meeting**

At 6:02 p.m., no questions being asked,

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

That the Meeting be terminated.

Carried unanimously  
# 20220513-007

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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-20220513*