

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 30, 2009
8:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on June 30, 2009 at the Town Hall located at 50 Westminster Avenue South.

Present: Mr. Campbell Stuart, Mayor
Ms. Colleen Feeney, Councillor
Mr. Beny Masella, Councillor
Mr. Joseph McKenzie, Councillor
Ms. Elizabeth Ulin, Councillor

Also present: Mr. Stéphane Dulude, Director General
Mr. Claude Gilbert, Town Clerk

Mayor Campbell Stuart acted as chairperson of the meeting.
Mr. Claude Gilbert, Town Clerk, acted as secretary of the meeting.

Twenty-five (25) residents and visitors were in attendance.

1. Opening of the Meeting

It was moved by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin, seconded by Councillor Beny Masella and resolved:

That the Meeting be declared open.

Carried unanimously
#20090630-001

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

2. Acknowledgement of Visitors

Mayor Stuart greeted and welcomed Julie Tasker-Brown and Ron Hasid, members of the Town Planning Committee, and Jan Davis, who worked as a consultant on the modifications to the Planning Programme.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Beny Masella, seconded by Councillor Colleen Feeney and resolved:

To adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, June 30, 2009 as presented.

Carried unanimously
#20090630-002

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Council

It was moved by Councillor Joseph McKenzie, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

To adopt the Minutes of the following Council Meetings:

- a) Regular Council Meeting held on May 26, 2009;
- b) Special Council Meeting held on May 29, 2009;
- c) Special Council Meeting held on June 23, 2009.

Carried unanimously
#20090630-003

5. Correspondence

- a) **Commission municipale du Québec (objection to Agglomeration By-Law RCG 08-048)**

On June 11, 2009, the Secretary of the Municipal Commission notified the Towns of Montreal West and of Kirkland that it closed the file opened regarding their objection to the by-law mentioned above, as it has been repealed by the Agglomeration Council. This letter was noted and filed.

b) Town of Hampstead (support for local CTV television station)

On June 8, 2009, the Assistant Town Clerk of Hampstead sent a certified copy of Resolution No. 2009-117, by which Hampstead expressed its support of local television broadcasting and in particular of CTV local station. This letter was noted and filed.

6. Report of the Mayor

Mayor Stuart noted that, following a cabinet shuffle, the new Minister of Municipal Affairs is now Mr. Laurent Lessard, who replaced Ms. Nathalie Normandeau. This change of guard occurred in the middle of negotiations between the demerged towns, the City of Montreal and the Provincial Government regarding several matters of great importance, such as the Agglomeration's governance and the allocation of costs incurred for the mega-city's downtown to the suburban municipalities. The Mayor expressed hope that there will be other meetings fairly soon, at least on time to prepare for the 2010 budget. On another point, he noted with satisfaction that the Agglomeration's commission on green spaces has recommended that the Meadowbrook golf course be recognized as an eco-territory, effectively protecting the site from urban development if this recommendation is implemented. Also, he noted that a presentation was made earlier this month to the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement, within the context of environmental impact review hearings on the Turcot exchange rebuilding process, in order to suggest that Meadowbrook be connected to the Falaise St. Jacques as part of a green corridor, and that provincially-owned land in the Turcot Yards be offered for development to the owners of Meadowbrook in exchange for Meadowbrook. The Mayor said he hoped that the Ministry of Environment will agree to protect both sites.

7. Contracts and Town Clerk's Office

a) Modification to the schedule of regular Council meetings

WHEREAS Council approved the schedule of regular Council meetings in 2009 by adopting resolution # 20081216-005 (3);

WHEREAS the regular Council meeting of October was scheduled on the 6th;

WHEREAS this date must be changed to comply with section 31 of Chapter 11 of the Statutes of Quebec of 2009;

THEREFORE:

It was moved by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin, seconded by Councillor Joseph McKenzie and resolved:

1) That the regular Council meeting that was scheduled to be held Tuesday, October 6 at 8:00 p.m. be moved to Thursday, October 1 at 8:00 p.m..

2) That a notice to inform the residents be posted in The Suburban and in The Informer.

Carried unanimously
#20090630-004

8. Administration and finances

a) Approval of disbursements – May 22 to June 25, 2009

It was moved by Councillor Colleen Feeney, seconded by Councillor Beny Masella and resolved:

That the list of accounts payable from May 22 to June 25, 2009 totaling \$669,715.96 be approved and paid as listed.

Carried unanimously
#20090630-005

b) Delegation of powers for the month of June 2009

It was moved by Councillor Beny Masella, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

To approve the report by the Director General concerning the exercise of powers delegated under By-Law No. 2005-002 for the month of June 2009.

Carried unanimously
#20090630-006

c) Request for financial assistance to the Quebec Government – 2009 municipal infrastructure project – file transfer from Fonds Chantier Canada-Québec (FCCQ) to Infrastructure Program Quebec-Municipalities (PIQM)

WHEREAS the Town of Montreal West applied to the Fonds Chantier Canada-Québec (FCCQ) by adopting Resolution # 20090428-011 within the scope of its municipal infrastructure projects for the year 2009;

WHEREAS the Director General of the Town was advised by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Territorial Occupancy to apply through another program, that is, the Infrastructure Program Quebec-Municipalities (PIQM);

THEREFORE:

It was moved by Councillor Joseph McKenzie, seconded by Councillor Colleen Feeney and resolved:

- 1) That the Town agree that the request it made under the FCCQ on May 9, 2009 as a result of Resolution # 20090428-011 be transferred to the PIQM with file number 550078.
- 2) That the Town of Montreal West undertake to pay its share of the eligible costs for the carrying out of this project, as well as its operating costs once completed.

Carried unanimously
#20090630-007

9. Urban Department

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

It was moved by Councillor Colleen Feeney, seconded by Councillor Beny Masella and resolved:

- 1) To acknowledge receipt of the minutes of a meeting held by the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) on June 17, 2009, and to accept its recommendations.
- 2) To approve under the SPAIP the following plans submitted to this meeting, subject to the conditions set forth by the PAC as outlined in the minutes, as the case may be:
 - 1) 23 Brock South;
 - 2) 64 Strathearn North;
 - 3) 114 Brock South;
 - 4) 125 Radcliffe;
 - 5) 16 Crestwood;
 - 6) 102 Sheraton;
 - 7) 60 Ballantyne North.
- 3) To defer the decision on the following projects to another meeting, as recommended by the PAC:
 - 1) 34 Curzon;
 - 2) 63 Nelson.

Carried unanimously
20090630-008

10. Public Works

a) Payment of invoice – Entreprises Canbec Construction

It was moved by Councillor Beny Masella, seconded by Councillor Colleen Feeney and resolved:

- 1) To approve the payment of \$11,150.15 (taxes included) to Entreprises Canbec Construction Inc. as per its Invoice No. 31160 (dated May 30, 2009) for the repairs of a water break on Westland.
- 2) To charge this expenditure to budget code 02-413-00-419.

Carried unanimously

20090630-009

11. Human Resources

There was nothing under this item.

12. Appointments

a) Designation of the Pro-Mayor for the months of August, September, October and November 2009

The persons who held the office of Pro-Mayor within the last twelve months were, starting with the most recent incumbent, Councillors Joseph McKenzie, Elizabeth Ulin and Colleen Feeney.

It was moved by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin, seconded by Councillor Joseph McKenzie and resolved:

- 1) That Councillor Beny Masella be designated as Pro-Mayor for the months of August, September, October and November 2009.
- 2) That Councillor Beny Masella be designated to replace Mayor Campbell Stuart at 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 the first (1st) day of August, 2009.

Carried unanimously
20090630-010

13. Commissioners' Reports

a) Public Security

Councillor Beny Masella reported on activities pertaining to the Public Security Commission for the month of June 2009.

b) Recreation and Cultural Services

Councillor Elizabeth Ulin reported on activities pertaining to the Recreation and Cultural Services Commission for the month of June 2009.

c) Administration and Buildings

Councillor Colleen Feeney reported on activities pertaining to the Administration and Buildings Commission for the month of June 2009.

d) Public Works

Councillor Joseph McKenzie reported on activities pertaining to the Public Works Commission for the month of June 2009.

14. Deposit of Documents

There was nothing under this item.

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

a) Adoption of By-Law No. 2009-007 – By-Law To Modify the Planning Programme of the Town of Montreal West

Mayor Stuart invited the Building Inspector, Mr. Raymond Beshro, to sum up the intent, objectives and content of the modified Planning Programme. Mr. Beshro also took this opportunity to answer some specific questions on the issues involved.

WHEREAS Council has previously requested that the reading of this By-Law be dispensed with;

THEREFORE:

It was moved by Councillor Colleen Feeney, seconded by Councillor Joseph McKenzie and resolved:

That By-Law No. 2009-007 entitled "By-Law To Modify the Planning Programme of the Town of Montreal West" be adopted.

Carried unanimously
#20090630-011

b) Notice of Motion and dispensation from reading for a By-Law Concerning an Amendment to Traffic By-Law No. 405

Mayor Stuart gave notice of motion that it is intended at a subsequent Meeting of Council to submit for adoption a "By-Law Concerning an Amendment to Traffic By-Law No. 405".

The said By-Law will be made available to the public, in draft version, at least two juridical days before the meeting to be scheduled is held to adopt the By-Law.

Mayor Stuart requested that the reading of "By-Law Concerning an Amendment to Traffic By-Law No. 405" be dispensed with.

16. Public Question Period

The Mayor announced the beginning of the Public Question Period at 8:50 p.m.

Residents were invited to ask their questions to the Mayor and Councillors.

Angus McPhail of 222 Percival noted that there are many complaints about traffic speed on Percival, and asked whether it could be an option to do like Hampstead where it seems there are speed bumps at every intersection, even small ones. Councillor Masella said that it may be necessary to look for more permanent solutions. The traffic studies the Town had commissioned are now completed and it will be possible to go forward with the results in hand. A comprehensive set of solutions is to come, including speed bumps, among other means.

Dodd Gray of 64 Courtney said that his street is a mess. In April it was said that pothole repair work would be done, but nothing has happened since. Councillor Masella said that the complete rebuilding of that section of Courtney is scheduled for September, but that the potholes would be filled in the meantime. The resident said that this street should either be repaired or closed. Also, he complained that dogs are let loose at the end of Courtney, because it is a dead end, and the owners do not clean up after them. Councillor Masella answered that he will ask the Director of Public Security to follow up.

Doug Rice of 36 Ballantyne South said that he appreciated seeing that the comments made at the public meetings on the Urban Planning Programme were taken into account in the final version, as explained during the meeting. He added that he would like to see a comment removed from the website, where his group of citizens was criticized for having claimed that the Town planned expropriations and demolitions. He wanted to make it clear they never said that in the flyer that was distributed. Mayor Stuart stated that the flier did indeed say these things, and that this was unacceptable. He added that the whole item on Urban Planning consultations would be taken off the website, as the process was now concluded. The resident also said that he appreciated the fact that the comments received by email were displayed on the website. On the other hand, he deplored that the proceedings of the second public consultation meeting were not publicized. The Mayor explained that a summary of the first meeting was widely disseminated in order to help residents prepare for the second one, in conformity with the law, rather than feeding an on-going conversation.

C. Nichols of 25 Westminster South questioned the presence of a billboard at the corner of Westminster South and Avon, and wondered if it was connected to the rezoning proposal for Westminster South. Councillor Masella explained that this is a notification for the 2009 infrastructure projects being carried out by the contractor Canbec and the engineering firm Genivar, which obtained Town contracts and installed this sign, and that it is the same billboard they put up for last year's projects.

17. Termination of the Meeting

At 9:05 p.m., no other questions being asked,

It was moved by Councillor Joseph McKenzie seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

That the Meeting be terminated.

Carried unanimously
#20090630-012

Campbell Stuart
Mayor

Claude Gilbert
Town Clerk

*The annexes mentioned above are deposited
in the municipal archives in File Archives-20090630*