

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2009
8:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on November 10, 2009 at the Town Hall located at 50 Westminster Avenue South.

Present: Mr. Beny Masella, Mayor
Ms. Julie Tasker-Brown, Councillor
Ms. Elizabeth Ulin, Councillor
Mr. Dino Mazzone, Councillor
Mr. Joseph McKenzie, Councillor

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

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

Twenty-four (24) residents and visitors were in attendance.

1. Opening of the Meeting

It was moved by Councillor Dino Mazzone, seconded by Councillor Julie Tasker-Brown and resolved:

That the Meeting be declared open.

Carried unanimously
#20091110-001

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

2. Acknowledgement of Visitors

Mayor Masella greeted and welcomed former Mayor Campbell Stuart in the audience.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Julie Tasker-Brown, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

To adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, November 10, 2009 with the following modification:

- replacing the title under item 11a) to read as follows: **Conciliator's report – SCFP (blue collars)**.

Carried unanimously
#20091110-002

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Council

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

To adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 1, 2009.

Carried unanimously
#20091110-003

5. Correspondence

There was nothing under this item.

6. Report of the Mayor

a) Mayor's report on the financial position of the Town

In accordance with section 474.1 of the Cities and Towns Act, Mayor Beny Masella made a report on the financial position of the Town of Montreal West, and tabled a list of all contracts involving expenditures exceeding \$25,000 entered into since January 1, 2009, and of all contracts involving expenditures exceeding \$2,000 entered into with a same contracting partner that involved a total expenditure exceeding \$25,000.

b) Publication of the Mayor's report

WHEREAS section 474.1 of the Cities and Towns Act requires that the report of the Mayor on the financial position of the Town be distributed free of charge to every civic address in the territory of the municipality, but allows the Council to order that it be published in a newspaper circulated in the territory of the municipality instead;

WHEREAS section 346.1 of the said Act also provides that most documents which must be published in a newspaper may instead be published in a municipal information bulletin;

THEREFORE:

It was moved by Councillor Joseph McKenzie, seconded by Councillor Dino Mazzone and resolved:

That the report of the Mayor on the financial position of the Town be published in the next edition of The Informer or of The Suburban instead of being distributed to every civic address in Montreal West.

Carried unanimously
#20091110-004

7. Contracts and Town Clerk's Office

a) Regular Council meetings in 2010 – calendar

It was moved by Councillor Dino Mazzone, seconded by Councillor Julie Tasker-Brown and resolved:

1) That the regular meetings of Council in 2010 be held in the Music Room of the Town Hall on the last Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. except in March, August and November (next-to-last Monday), and December (third Thursday) on the following dates:

- January 25;
- February 22;
- March 22;
- April 26;
- May 31;
- June 28;
- August 23;
- September 27;
- October 25;
- November 22;
- December 16.

2) That this calendar be posted in The Suburban and in The Informer.

Carried unanimously
#20091110-005

b) Agglomeration Council regular meetings

WHEREAS the Mayor is requesting Council to give him general guidelines as regards the items on the agenda of up-coming regular Agglomeration Council Meetings, including the approval of contracts identified as pertaining to Agglomeration business, and with a view that these guidelines shall be in effect until Council wishes to modify them or until the Mayor requests that they be modified;

THEREFORE:

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

1) That the Town's representative on the Agglomeration Council, Mayor Beny Masella, be instructed to represent the Town's best interests in whatever manner he deems necessary and in particular, without limitation, by inquiring as to whether the allocation of any costs to the Agglomeration is legitimate, especially the allocation of costs between the Agglomeration and the independent municipalities, and to vote for such allocations only if and to the extent that they may be so considered.

2) That this resolution apply to any future regular meeting of the Agglomeration Council.

Carried unanimously
#20091110-006

8. Administration and finances

a) Signing officers

WHEREAS Council adopted Resolution #20090428-012 on April 28, 2009 to determine who are the authorized officers for the purpose of signing cheques;

WHEREAS the first paragraph of this resolution must be replaced as a result of the general election of November 1, 2009;

THEREFORE:

It was moved by Councillor Julie Tasker-Brown, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

That Resolution #20090428-012 be amended by replacing its first paragraph with the following:

"1) That the Mayor, Beny Masella, and the Treasurer, Julie Mandeville, be authorized to sign jointly, for and in the name of the Town of Montreal West, all cheques and other documents in connection with Town monies on deposit with RBC Groupe Financier; and if unable to obtain the Mayor's signature, that the Pro-Mayor be authorized to sign in his stead and, if unable to obtain the Treasurer's signature, that Stéphan Dulude, Director General, be authorized to sign in her stead."

Carried unanimously
#20091110-007

b) Approval of disbursements – September 26 to November 6, 2009

It was moved by Councillor Julie Tasker-Brown, seconded by Councillor Dino Mazzone and resolved:

That the list of accounts payable from September 26 to November 6, 2009 totaling \$1,510,375.27 be approved and paid as listed.

Carried unanimously
#20091110-008

c) Delegation of powers for the month of October 2009

It was moved by Councillor Joseph McKenzie, 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 October 2009.

Carried unanimously
#20091110-009

9. Urban Department

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

It was moved by Councillor Julie Tasker-Brown, seconded by Councillor Joseph McKenzie and resolved:

1) To acknowledge receipt of the minutes of a meeting held by the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) on October 29, 2009 and to accept its recommendations, subject to the following provisions.

2) To approve under the SPAIP the following plans submitted to this meeting, under the conditions stated by the PAC as outlined in the minutes, as the case may be:

- 1) 140 Easton;
- 2) 26 Brock South.

3) To refuse under the SPAIP the following plans submitted to this meeting, as recommended and for the reasons given by the PAC as outlined in the minutes:

- 1) 156 Westminster North.

4) To refer back to the PAC the following plans submitted to this meeting:

- 1) 19 Fenwick;
- 2) 33 Crestwood;
- 3) 34 Curzon.

Carried unanimously
20091110-010

10. Public Works

There was nothing under this item.

11. Human Resources

a) Conciliator's report – SCFP (blue collars)

It was moved by Councillor Joseph McKenzie, seconded by Councillor Dino Mazzone and resolved:

That the Town of Montreal West accept the Conciliator's report with respect to the proposed collective agreement negotiated with the Syndicat des Cols Bleus Regroupés de Montréal (Section 301 of the Syndicat Canadien de la Fonction Publique).

Carried unanimously
20091110-011

12. Appointments

a) Designation of the Pro-Mayor for the months of December 2009 and January, February and March 2010

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

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

- 1) That Councillor Julie Tasker-Brown be appointed Pro-Mayor for the months of December 2009 and January, February and March 2010.
- 2) That Councillor Julie Tasker-Brown 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, 2009.

Carried unanimously
20091110-012

b) Councillor portfolios

It was moved by Councillor Joseph McKenzie, seconded by Councillor Dino Mazzone and resolved:

- 1) That Councillor Dino Mazzone be entrusted with the responsibility of matters pertaining to Public Security.
- 2) That Councillor Elizabeth Ulin be entrusted with the responsibility of matters pertaining to Recreation and Culture.

3) That Councillor Julie Tasker-Brown be entrusted with the responsibility of matters pertaining to Administration and Buildings.

4) That Councillor Joseph McKenzie be entrusted with the responsibility of matters pertaining to Public Works.

Carried unanimously
20091110-013

c) Pension Plan Committee

It was moved by Councillor Dino Mazzone, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin and resolved:

1) To appoint the following persons as representatives of the employer on the Pension Plan Committee of the Employees' Pension Plan for the Town of Montreal West:

- Mr. Dino Mazzone, Councillor;
- Mr. Joseph McKenzie, Councillor;
- Mr. Stéphan Dulude, Director General;
- Ms. Julie Mandeville, Treasurer;
- Mr. Claude Gilbert, Town Clerk.

2) To appoint Ms. Helen Beck as independent member on the Pension Plan Committee.

3) To repeal Resolutions # 20090331-015 and # 20090428-013.

Carried unanimously
20091110-014

d) Planning Advisory Committee – alternate member

WHEREAS former Councillor Colleen Feeney, who was a member of right of the Planning Advisory Committee, is still interested in working with this committee as a replacement when needed, should a regular member be unable to attend a meeting;

WHEREAS Council may appoint alternate members, in addition to regular members;

It was moved by Councillor Julie Tasker-Brown, seconded by Councillor Dino Mazzone and resolved:

That Ms. Colleen Feeney be appointed as an alternate member of the Planning Advisory Committee.

Carried unanimously
20091110-015

13. Councillors' Reports

a) Public Security

Councillor Dino Mazzone presented his intentions and priorities pertaining to the Public Security Commission.

b) Recreation and Cultural Services

Councillor Elizabeth Ulin presented her intentions and priorities pertaining to the Recreation and Cultural Services Commission.

c) Administration and Buildings

Councillor Julie Tasker-Brown presented her intentions and priorities pertaining to the Administration and Buildings Commission.

d) Public Works

Councillor Joseph McKenzie presented his intentions and priorities pertaining to the Public Works Commission.

14. Deposit of Documents

a) Returning Officer's report – general election of 2009

The report of the Returning Officer of the Town of Montreal West, Claude Gilbert, concerning the general election of November 1, 2009, was tabled with Council.

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

a) Notice of Motion and dispensation from reading for a By-Law Concerning Taxes of the Town of Montreal West for the fiscal year 2010

Mayor Masella gave notice of motion that it is intended at a subsequent Meeting of Council to submit for adoption a "By-Law Concerning Taxes of the Town of Montreal West for the fiscal year 2010".

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 Masella requested that the reading of the "By-Law Concerning Taxes of the Town of Montreal West for the fiscal year 2010" be dispensed with.

16. Public Question Period

The Mayor announced the beginning of the Public Question Period at 8:40 p.m.

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

Geoff McDade of 62 Strathearn North noted that he and neighbors complain about the fact that the operator of Trattoria Spano's use its private lane to deposit garbage on their residential street, and apparently this as per an understanding between the garbage collection contractor and the Town. Mayor Masella said that Council have not authorized the contractor to make special pick-ups on Strathearn. He acknowledged that the issue raised by Mr. McDade is not resolved yet, but assured him the Town is looking for a solution that will be fair to all parties and remedy the residents' grievances. Mr. McDade said a solution should be easy for the Town to impose since it pays the contractor. He also mentioned he discussed this problem with Councillor Mazzone during the election campaign. Councillor Mazzone asked the resident to give him some time to look at the full issue, since he just got elected, as he already said this week when Mr. McDade was emailing the Town about the situation, but he assured the resident that he understood the latter's frustration.

JoAnn Goldwater of 279 Sheraton offered newly elected Council members her congratulations, and raised two issues. First, she said the speed bumps on her street are too rough on cars. Second, she complained about some residents who made a double private driveway. In one instance, this will cause more snow to be blown on the adjacent lawn this winter. In the other one, the driveway is so close to the other property that it threatens the middle tree. On the first point, Mayor Masella said the interest of speed bumps, as opposed to speed humps, is that they are easy to install and remove. Speed humps present a more gradual surface to cars, but they need more maintenance because they are entrenched. The Mayor kindly noted the solution might be to drive slower. On the second point, he remarked that making a double driveway requires a permit from the Building Inspector without having to get the Planning Advisory Committee's approval. Ms. Goldwater could inquire with Mr. Raymond Beshro about this and whether the concerned residents have obtained such a permit. However, the Mayor also noted that increasing private driveway space is a way to avoid parking on the streets.

Judith Minorgan of 8020 Avon complained about high traffic of heavy vehicles. Mayor Masella noted that, to the extent this involves a moving violation, even of Town by-laws, the Public Security Officers cannot issue tickets and people need to call the Police Department of Montreal. Councillor Mazzone added that anyone noticing an infraction can take a picture and note the vehicle's plate number, and have the police issue a ticket even if no officer was present, but that person will have to stand in court as witness.

J. Kalff of 83 Brock North asked why the Town does not apply to the Federal Government for the purpose of getting additional funding for its infrastructure program. Mayor Masella noted that the gas tax subsidy which the Town has been able to obtain is actually coming from the Federal Government, although it is managed by the Provincial Government. The PRECO is another example of a program jointly funded by Ottawa and Quebec in which the grants are funneled through the latter.

Guido Mariani of 41 Crestwood said he read a newspaper article mentioning that the Federal Government might contribute to municipal infrastructure work and would require recognition by way of signs installed at the borders of towns. Mr. Kalff confirmed this.

Mayor Masella answered that Montreal West already has that kind of signs, but mentioning the Quebec Government. Campbell Stuart of 254 Westminster North said the Quebec Government is in general managing such federal program funds in this province.

Dodd Gray of 64 Courtney asked for the dates when leaf blowers are allowed in Montreal West, since the new by-law was adopted. Mayor Masella answered it is between October 15 and November 15 in the fall. The resident also forewarned about the snow piling up in front of his residence during removal operations this coming winter.

Francesco Alessi of 126 Easton asked if the Town has had communications with Transports Quebec concerning the replacement project for Turcot Interchange. Mayor Masella said no, but the Town intervened in the first stages of the planning process by sending a letter to state its concerns. From what he knows of the report of the Bureau d'audiences publiques en environnement concerning this project, which was released today, there is nothing negative for the Town in the recommendations of the Bureau.

Kathy Minorgan of 8018 Avon added her comments about the traffic of heavy vehicle in her neighborhood, noting that it has increased to the point of damaging streets.

June Grey of 64 Courtney asked if people can put up kitchen discards in disposable bags for garbage collection. Councillor Ulin said yes, but only on scheduled days starting at 6:00 a.m. According to the Town by-law, garbage in general can be put up for collection on the eve of scheduled days (after 9:00 p.m.) only if they are placed in rigid and waterproof containers.

17. Termination of the Meeting

At 9:00 p.m., no other questions being asked,

It was moved by Councillor Elizabeth Ulin, seconded by Councillor Julie Tasker-Brown and resolved:

That the Meeting be terminated.

Carried unanimously
#20091110-016

Beny Masella
Mayor

Claude Gilbert
Town Clerk

*The annexes mentioned above are deposited
in the municipal archives in File Archives-20091110*