

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of Montreal West held on January 13, 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. Stéphan Dulude, Director General
Claude Gilbert, Town Clerk

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

There were no residents or other visitors in attendance.

1. Opening of the Meeting

It was moved by Councillor Beny Masella, seconded by Councillor Joseph McKenzie and resolved:

That the Meeting be declared open.

Carried unanimously
20090113-01

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

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

To adopt the Agenda of the Special Meeting of Tuesday, January 13, 2009 as presented.

Carried unanimously
20090113-02

3. Appeal of 2009 Agglomeration Budget

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2008, the Mayors of the suburban cities willingly signed their names, along with the Mayor of Montreal and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Regions, to an entente that resulted in the adoption of Bill 22 (S.Q. 2008, Chapter 19);

WHEREAS with the signing of the entente and subsequent adoption of Bill 22 there was the acceptance of all parties involved that these arrangements were concluded on the basis of fiscal neutrality, as explained by the Minister in her press conference on June 20, 2008, such that:

- approximately \$110 million in costs would be removed from the Agglomeration budget;
- such reduction in the Agglomeration budget would result in approximately \$30 million in tax relief in the 2009 budget in the combined aliquot shares that would be borne by the residents of the suburban cities;
- the City of Montreal would receive financial compensation of \$25 million in 2009 and subsequent years to ensure fiscal neutrality in these arrangements for the central city;
- the suburban cities would have additional costs transferred to them as well, such as for arterial roads, which offset the said reduction in their aliquot shares and thus effect fiscal neutrality for them as well;

WHEREAS the City of Montreal unilaterally prepared the 2009 Agglomeration budget that includes some \$100 million in additional and unsubstantiated costs that totally negated any anticipated tax reductions for the demerged cities in 2009;

WHEREAS such disregard of the provisions of the Act and the entente also constitutes a contravention of section 26 of said Bill 22, which provides that "In exercising the functions of office, a member of the urban agglomeration council must take into account the interest of the citizens of the agglomeration as a whole.";

THEREFORE:

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

- 1) That the Town of Montreal West appeal to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Regions the 2009 Montreal Agglomeration budget and request the Minister to order the City of Montreal to modify this budget so as to respect the agreement of June 12, 2008.
- 2) That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Regions and to each related municipality of the Montreal agglomeration.

Carried unanimously
20090113-03

4. Public Question Period

The Mayor announced the beginning of the Public Question Period at 8:04 p.m.

5. Termination of the Meeting

At 8:05 p.m., no questions being asked,

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

That the Meeting be terminated.

Carried unanimously
20090113-04

Campbell Stuart
Mayor

Claude Gilbert
Town Clerk

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in the municipal archives in File *Archives- 20090113 (January 13, 2009)*