



Minutes of the Council of Beaconsfield

Minutes of the City of Beaconsfield's regular Municipal Council meeting, held at City Hall, 303 Beaconsfield Boulevard, Beaconsfield, Québec, on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Due to the current situation regarding COVID-19, the Provincial Government adopted a directive on March 15, 2020, allowing Council meetings to be held without the presence of the public and allowing their members to take part, deliberate and vote at a meeting by any means of communication. This meeting can be viewed by live and differed webcast.

WERE PRESENT:

All members of Council are present as follows:

- His Honour the Mayor Georges Bourelle is present in person.
- Councillors Dominique Godin, Karen Messier, Robert Mercuri, David Newell, Roger Moss are present at distance using video transmission.

ALSO PRESENT:

Patrice Boileau, Director General, Nathalie Libersan-Laniel, City Clerk and Director of Public Affairs both present in person.

1. OPENING OF MEETING

His Honour the Mayor calls the meeting to order.

2. AGENDA

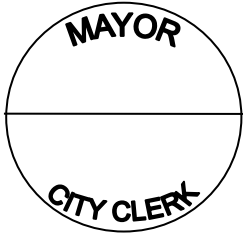
2.1 Adoption of the agenda of the City of Beaconsfield's regular Council meeting of Monday, February 22, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

2021-02-041 It is moved by Councillor Dominique Godin, seconded by Councillor Roger Moss and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to adopt the agenda of the City of Beaconsfield's regular Council meeting of Monday, February 22, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. with the following item added in New business:

Awarding of contract CL-21-01 for Provision of security guard services for the Recreation Centre to the lowest conforming bidder, Neptune Security Services Inc. (Services de Sécurité Neptune), at an hourly rate of \$25.29/hour, all taxes included.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

His Honour the Mayor shares information on the Covid-19 situation and mentions that in the last 14 days, 17 new cases were confirmed in Beaconsfield and a total of 352 confirmed cases since the beginning of the pandemic were recorded in Beaconsfield. He adds that Beaconsfield is the second City with the lowest number of cases per capita on the Island of Montreal, Baie-d'Urfé being the first. He adds that 17 deaths were recorded in Beaconsfield since the beginning of the pandemic. He mentions that the number of cases is decreasing appreciably since the beginning of the curfew, but reminds the residents to keep complying to the sanitary measures in place such as wearing a mask, hand washing and social distancing, especially with the new variants of the virus circulating globally. He also shares information on the vaccinations in the Private Seniors' residences (PSR) mentions that the vaccinations in certain Beaconsfield PSR will soon take place. Vaccination of the population will take place in three confirmed sites: the Bob Birnie Arena in Pointe-Claire, the Centre sportif Dollard-St-Laurent in LaSalle and the Gerry-Robertson Community Centre in Pierrefonds. He mentions that Beaconsfield has offered the Recreational Centre as a vaccination site and is waiting for a confirmation. The three sites will be opening on March 1, 2021. He indicates that 94 000 vaccines are scheduled to be delivered during the week of February 22, 2021, which will go to the PSR and the Non-Profit Organization (NPO) for people still not vaccinated. He adds that supply is the key factor in staying on schedule. So far, there have been 353,894 vaccines that have been administered in Quebec, which represents 88% of what has been received, so Quebec is doing well in vaccinating people, however, it is only 3.6% of the Quebec



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population. In the Montreal area, 91,888 people have been vaccinated. He indicates that when the general population vaccination opens up on March 1, 2021, there will be group prioritization. Individuals 80 years of age or older will be vaccinated first, then individuals of 70 to 79 years old, then individuals of 60 to 69 years old, then adults under age 60 who have a chronic illness or health problem that increases the risk of complications of Covid-19, then adults under 60 years of age who do not have a chronic illness or health problem that increases the risk of complications, but who provide essential services and have contact with users, and then finally the remainder of the adult population. He mentions that vaccination will be given by appointment. Appointments can be made online through Clic Santé and a phone number will be published in a few days for residents who wish to take appointments by phone. He also notifies that the pool and the arena at the Recreational Center in Beaconsfield will be reopened on February 26, 2021, for the residents of Beaconsfield only. Residents will have to register online.

The City Clerk announces the beginning of the public question period. Questions from the public for the meeting needed to be sent by email to greffe-registry@beaconsfield.ca, before noon, on Monday, February 22, 2021.

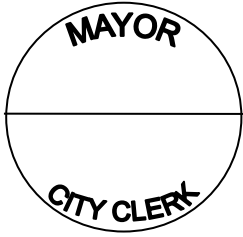
A resident asks about the cost of the evaluation grid mentioned in item 20.3 of the agenda and about the audit associated with this grid. He also asks what the total cost for the dehumidification system for the arena is, including the amount mentioned in item 20.4 of the agenda. He also asks if the only change made by By-law 720-118 to the current By-law is that any felled tree must be replaced without any exceptions.

His Honour the Mayor mentions that it is an audit on the optimisation of the City's resources and that it is a new governmental obligation for municipalities that needs to be done every 2 years. It will be the first year for this audit for the City of Beaconsfield. The cost will be known after the call for tenders.

As for the cost of the dehumidification system, Mr. Patrice Boileau, Director General, mentions that contract 558-20-ME for the replacement of the arena dehumidifying units was a three-step contract: the first step was for the consultant for \$42,550 to prepare the plans and specs, the second step was for the purchase of the equipment, for \$244,000, which allowed the City to save money, and the third step was the awarding of the contract to the lowest conforming bidder, Réfrigération Yvan Allison Inc., in the amount of \$331,006.93, all taxes included. Considering that unforeseen additional work is necessary to complete this contract, there is an additional amount of \$60,724.70, all taxes included. The total cost of the replacement of this equipment is therefore \$650,601.

Has for the draft By-law 720-118, his Honour the Mayor mentions that the object of this modification is to remove the provisions relating to the obligation of quarantine of any ash tree located within a radius of 100 metres of an ash tree declared infested by the emerald ash borer. It will also compel an owner to replace any felled tree. In other words, if you fell a tree, you must replace it.

A resident mentions that at the September 3, 2015, sound wall meeting, MTQ Minister Poëti offered 25% / 75% financing, with \$5 million maximum for Beaconsfield. A letter dated November 25, 2015, from MTQ Director Fadi Moubayed, ing, confirmed to Mayor Bourelle the MTQ's commitment to building a sound wall along the south side of the A-20 Highway between Pointe Claire and Baie-d'Urfé, including target dates for actions starting March 2019 with completion by the end of 2019. He mentions that the MTQ advised the City that A-20 sound mitigation measures are required for citizens' health reasons, and that Council reacted with a flawed Leger survey in fall 2015 asking citizens if we needed a sound wall. He adds that in December 2015, Council approved \$50,000, increased by \$2,000 in February 2018, for a sound wall study by WSP Consultants, the results of which have not yet been shared with the public. He asks what type of noise mitigation measures have been proposed by WSP Consultants in their study. He also asks Council to share with the citizens the reason for Council's disregard for the health of thousands of Beaconsfield citizens affected by traffic noise from the A-20 road/rail corridor.



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His Honour the Mayor mentions that he does not believe Mr. Poëti guaranteed a maximum amount of 5 million dollars for Beaconsfield, Mr. Poëti rather said that he was confident that it could be done for the same price as it was estimated in 2010. He also mentions that no commitments were received about the completion of works, there were some targets set, but there were delays because of the MTQ's delay of responding with the technical study they did. He mentions that the survey the City conducted was prepared by a very reputable firm called Léger, and the survey was done in accordance with all the rules related to such survey.

With regard to the noise mitigation measures proposed by WSP Consultants, Mr. Patrice Boileau, mentions that the measures are unknown at the moment because the study report was only received in the week preceding the February 22, 2021, Council meeting and since Mr. Boileau was out of the office, he did not have the time to study the report. He adds that Council will study the report and will hopefully have the MTQ make a public consultation or an information session with the residents. Council will also ask the MTQ for the authorization to render the report public and will do so if authorized. He reminds the residents that he has a meeting scheduled on March 24, 2021, and the sound wall will be one of the subjects of discussion.

His Honour the Mayor also mentions that the resident's question seems to assume that Council and the Mayor are against the sound wall, which is far from the facts. He mentioned that since he became Mayor in 2013, more has been done to find a resolution than what has been done in the past 25 years. He formed a committee to come up with solutions. The committee met with Mr. Poëti and he came up with an exceptional offer: 75% MTQ, 25% Beaconsfield. Subsequently, Council also agreed to pay for 25% of a technical pre-project report. The report has now been received. Council will now follow the process and will ask the MTQ to hold an information meeting so that all residents will have the opportunity to ask their questions. The City will then hold consultations with the residents that are affected by the wall. The City will also hold consultations on the financial model to finance the wall and will propose a financing by-law, which will be subject to a register. If there are enough signatures in the register, the next step will be the referendum. Only then, Council will have a final resolution to the wall.

A resident mentions that he recently found out that the total remuneration paid to elected officials are only published in the audited financial report on page S-45. For the year 2019, the following were paid: \$111,679 for mayor and \$ 20,637 for Councillors, in addition a travelling allowance of \$16,007 was paid to the mayor and \$9,135 to Councillors. Up to a few years ago this information was published in the Contact magazine but ceased due to some changes in municipal law. Unfortunately citizens are at a loss to find the information if not alerted as to where to look. He asks, for the sake of transparency and respect for taxpayers, if Council would commit to publish this information in Contact magazine as in previous years, with breakdown as to source of income (City/Agglo/STM) for the year 2020 and future years even if the municipal law doesn't oblige it.

His Honour the Mayor mentions that following a modification by the Provincial Government, in recent years, the "Mayor's Report" has been replaced by the "Highlights from the financial report and report of the external auditor". As required by law, the 2019 Financial Report was tabled at the May 25, 2020, Council meeting and the highlights were tabled at the June 22, 2020, Council meeting. They were also posted on the City's website and an announcement was made via the City's newsletter. According to an *Act respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers*, the salaries of elected officials are presented in the Financial Report.

A resident mentions that the City has already incurred multiple costs (mostly consultants) regarding the Reimagining Space project 2019, for example: Those who animated the so-called public consultation and creative workshops in 2019, those who prepared the Report about these workshops in 2020, those who prepared plans which will be used in the formal request for proposal in 2020 and 2021 and other preparation costs. He asks how much has been spent and how much has been



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engaged in this Reimagining Space project up to now. He also mentions that when some citizens asked about alternatives to moving the library in the middle of the Centennial Park, Council answered that no alternative was formally studied nor costed. He asks if Council maintains this answer, and if not, what other options were evaluated and what was the expected cost of these options. He also asks if Council promises to have a referendum about this library decision before moving the library.

His Honour the Mayor reads an article which will be published in the March issue of the Contact magazine, in which article he provides updates on the Reimagining Space project.

With regard to the cost of the project up to this date, Mr. Patrice Boileau mentions that about \$125,000 were spent so far. He adds that the cost will be \$115,000 if we remove the tax return the City will receive. Very little engagement is left, we are at the administrative and production process at this time. As for the alternative options to moving the library, he mentions that the Reimagining Space project is not a library project. This project aims to address several needs and gaps, including:

- the condition of the park and the objective of preserving
- respecting and improving its natural character
- the objective of integrating the Lord Reading property into Centennial Park - redefined and intended for public use
- the imbalance between the offer of cultural and leisure services
- the condition, accessibility, space, and functional issues of the Centennial Building
- the space, configuration, and functional problems of the library as well.

He adds that the idea is to have a hub for the City's cultural services and certain leisure activities, which is of great importance. As for the referendum before moving the library, His Honour the Mayor mentions that like any other project, since this project will require a loan by-law, the process is always the same, the residents will sign a register and if the register has the number of signatures required, Council will either terminate the project or proceed with a referendum.

A resident asks Council to justify and explain the extremely high operational cost and purchase of the ice melting machine. The daily cost of fuel alone, noise level and pollution to run the machine are just not justifiable.

His Honour the Mayor mentions that the City no longer has a place to dispose of used snow in other municipalities. Having its own location meant to purchase a land in Beaconsfield, which was not an economical solution because it would have cost several million dollars and no real option was available to the City. This is without considering the cost of having a location respecting also the environmental standards, which would have cost more than a million. He adds that having this new equipment has allow the City to dispose of the snow in only 3 days instead of 7 days. As for the cost of fuel, Council estimates that the City is saving on transport outside of the City and the wear and tear of its vehicles.

The question period ends at 6:06 p.m.

10. MINUTES

10.1 Adoption of the minutes of the City of Beaconsfield's regular Council meeting of January 25, 2021

2021-02-042 It is moved by Councillor Karen Messier, seconded by Councillor David Newell and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the City of Beaconsfield's regular Council meeting of January 25, 2021, at 8:00 p.m.

20. CONTRACTS



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- 20.1 Renewal of contract TP 2018-04 for cleaning and mowing of green spaces for the year 2021 with Lee Ling Paysagement (9213-0871 Québec Inc.), at an approximate cost of \$117,000, all taxes included
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- 2021-02-043 It is moved by Councillor Robert Mercuri, seconded by Councillor Dominique Godin and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the renewal of contract TP 2018-04 for cleaning and mowing of green spaces for the year 2021 with Lee Ling Paysagement (9213-0871 Québec Inc.), at an approximate cost of \$117,000, all taxes included;
- To allot an adjustment according to the 2021 Consumer Price Index for the Montreal region, plus taxes, as per tender TP 2018-04; and
- To authorize the Finance and Treasury Department to charge the expense to budget code 02-725-55-574. The treasurer must foresee sufficient funds in the forthcoming 2021 budget to provide for this expense.
- 20.2 Awarding of contract 576-21-GC for the replacement of the arena low-reflecting ceiling to the single and conforming bidder, 140012 Canada Inc., Revêtement d'aluminium Trans-Canada, in the amount of \$68,256.23, all taxes included
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- 2021-02-044 It is moved by Councillor Roger Moss, seconded by Councillor Karen Messier and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to award contract 576-21-GC for the replacement of the arena low-reflecting ceiling to the single and conforming bidder, 140012 Canada Inc., Revêtement d'aluminium Trans-Canada, in the amount of \$68,256.23, all taxes included; and
- To authorize the Finance and Treasury Department to charge the expense to budget code 22-729-00-711. As per the current fiscal exercise, this expense will be financed by the working fund and will be reimbursed in five (5) yearly instalments starting the year following the disbursement.
- 20.3 Approval of the evaluation grid for mandate FT 2021-01 for professional services for the value-for-money audit for the years 2021 to 2023 with a renewal option for 2025
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- 2021-02-045 It is moved by Councillor Dominique Godin, seconded by Councillor Robert Mercuri and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the evaluation grid for mandate FT 2021-01 for professional services for the value-for-money audit for the years 2021 to 2023 with a renewal option for 2025.
- 20.4 Authorization of an additional expense of \$60,724.70, all taxes included, for contract 558-20-ME for the replacement of the arena dehumidifying units
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- 2021-02-046 CONSIDERING resolution 2020-03-072 adopted at Council meeting held on March 23, 2020, relating to the awarding contract 558-20-ME for the replacement of the arena dehumidifying units to the lowest conforming bidder, Réfrigération Yvan Allison Inc., in the amount of \$331,006.93, all taxes included;
- CONSIDERING that additional work, necessary to complete contract 558-20-ME, generated unforeseen costs in the amount of \$60,724.70, all taxes included;
- It is moved by Councillor Karen Messier, seconded by Councillor David Newell and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to authorize an additional expense of \$60,724.70, all taxes included, for contract 558-20-ME for the replacement of the arena dehumidifying units. To provide for the payment of this expenditure, Council transfers the necessary funds from its reserved surplus for infrastructures.



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30. FINANCE AND TREASURY

30.1 Approval of the list of accounts payable as of February 22, 2021, and of the list of pre-authorized payments for the period of January 14, 2021, to January 24, 2021, and for the period of January 26, 2021, to February 10, 2021, for a total disbursement of \$1,958,942.11

2021-02-047 CONSIDERING the lists submitted by the Treasurer regarding the payment of expenses for financial and investment activities;

It is moved by Councillor Roger Moss, seconded by Councillor Robert Mercuri and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

To approve the list of accounts payable as of February 22, 2021, regarding expenses for financial and investment activities totalling \$320,655.23; and

To approve the list of pre-authorized payments from January 14, 2021, to January 24, 2021, and for the period of January 26, 2021, to February 10, 2021, totalling \$981,735.65 and electronic payments, for the same period, of salaries paid to municipal employees, bank fees and the debt service, totalling \$656,551.23; and

That all these disbursements totalling \$1,958,942.11 be drawn from the City's bank account at Royal Bank of Canada, Beaconsfield branch.

40. BY-LAWS

40.1 Filing and notice of motion of Draft By-law BEAC-139 entitled "By-law authorizing a loan of \$1,377,000 for the rehabilitation work of Briarwood and Meadows Parks"

2021-02-048 Councillor Dominique Godin files Draft By-law BEAC-139 entitled "By-law authorizing a loan of \$1,377,000 for the rehabilitation work of Briarwood and Meadows Parks" and gives notice of motion of intent to submit for adoption at a subsequent meeting of Council, the said draft, in compliance with the *Cities and Towns Act*.

40.2 Filing, notice of motion and adoption of Draft By-law 720-118 entitled "By-law modifying Zoning By-law 720 in order to amend the provisions relating to exceptional measures concerning ash trees and the rule pertaining the replacement of a felled tree " and submission of the Draft by-law to a written consultation of 15 days

2021-02-049 WHEREAS the draft by-law is filed and a notice of motion is given by Councillor Karen Messier for Draft By-law 720-118 entitled "By-law modifying Zoning By-law 720 in order to amend the provisions relating to exceptional measures concerning ash trees and the rule pertaining the replacement of a felled tree" in compliance with the *Cities and Towns Act* and the *Act respecting land use planning and development*;

WHEREAS in accordance with the Ministerial Order concerning the ordering of measures to protect the health of the population amid the COVID-19 pandemic situation, this draft by-law will be subject to a written consultation of 15 days;

It is moved by Councillor Karen Messier, seconded by Councillor Roger Moss and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to begin the process of adopting Draft By-law 720-118 as permitted by Ministerial Order;

To adopt, as submitted, the Draft By-law 720-118 entitled "By-law modifying Zoning By-law 720 in order to amend the provisions relating to exceptional measures concerning ash trees and the rule pertaining the replacement of a felled tree" and to submit the Draft By-law to a written consultation of 15 days, in compliance with the *Act respecting land use planning and development* and Ministerial Order.



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40.3 Adoption of By-law BEAC-113-1 entitled "By-law modifying the provisions of By-law BEAC-113, concerning the supplemental pension plan for the employees of the City of Beaconsfield"

2021-02-050 The City Clerk mentions the by-law's object, and where applicable, the differences between the draft by-law that was filed and the by-law being submitted for passing, the expenditure, the mode of financing, payment and repayment of the expenditure;

It is moved by Councillor Robert Mercuri, seconded by Councillor Dominique Godin and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to adopt By-law BEAC-113-1 entitled "By-law modifying the provisions of By-law BEAC-113, concerning the supplemental pension plan for the employees of the City of Beaconsfield".

40.4 Adoption of By-law BEAC-137-1 entitled "By-law modifying By-law BEAC-137 concerning the taxes of the City of Beaconsfield for the fiscal year 2021 in order to modify the date of the first and the second instalment of property taxes"

2021-02-051 The City Clerk mentions the by-law's object, and where applicable, the differences between the draft by-law that was filed and the by-law being submitted for passing, the expenditure, the mode of financing, payment and repayment of the expenditure;

It is moved by Councillor Roger Moss, seconded by Councillor Robert Mercuri and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to adopt By-law BEAC-137-1 entitled "By-law modifying By-law BEAC-137 concerning the taxes of the City of Beaconsfield for the fiscal year 2021 in order to modify the date of the first and the second instalment of property taxes".

45. URBAN PLANNING

45.1 Request for a minor exemption for the property located at 302 Pinetree

2021-02-052 CONSIDERING THAT a request for minor exemption was presented to the Planning Advisory Committee meeting held on February 3, 2021, for the property located at 302 Pinetree;

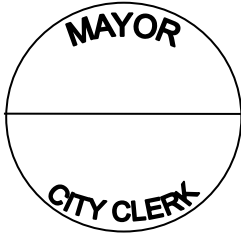
CONSIDERING THAT the request for a minor exemption is: to authorize that the projected outdoor parking, including the access aisle, occupies 60% of the front yard, while the zoning by-law requires that the maximum area used for the outdoor parking, including the access aisle, be 40% of the front yard, resulting in an excess of 20% for the maximum area allowed;

CONSIDERING THAT a minor exemption application must respect the conditions enumerated in section 2.9 in By-law BEAC-044 concerning minor exemptions;

CONSIDERING THAT the Planning Advisory Committee considers that the conditions listed in By-law BEAC-044 are not respected, and this because the application of the provisions of the by-law in cause does not create a serious prejudice to the applicant;

CONSIDERING the Planning Advisory Committee's recommendation to REFUSE the minor exemption request: to authorize that the projected outdoor parking, including the access aisle, occupies 60% of the front yard, while the zoning by-law requires that the maximum area used for the outdoor parking, including the access aisle, be 40% of the front yard, resulting in an excess of 20% for the maximum area allowed for the property located at 302 Pinetree;

It is moved by Councillor David Newell, seconded by Councillor Karen Messier and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to REFUSE the request for a minor exemption: to authorize that the projected outdoor parking, including the access aisle, occupies 60% of the front yard, while the zoning by-law requires that the maximum area used for the outdoor



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parking, including the access aisle, be 40% of the front yard, resulting in an excess of 20% for the maximum area allowed and this for the property located at 302 Pinetree.

VOTES IN FAVOUR:

None

VOTES OPPOSED:

Councillors Dominique Godin, Karen Messier, Robert Mercuri, David Newell, Roger Moss

THE MOTION IS DEFEATED.

It is then moved by Councillor David Newell, seconded by Councillor Karen Messier and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to APPROVE the request for a minor exemption for the property located at 302 Pinetree according to the plan L2 dated September 2020 and on the condition to use permeable paving for 475 sq. ft. which represents 15.1% of the driveway.

VOTES IN FAVOUR:

Councillors Dominique Godin, Karen Messier, Robert Mercuri, David Newell, Roger Moss

VOTES OPPOSED:

None

THE MOTION IS CARRIED. THE REQUEST FOR A MINOR EXEMPTION FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 302 PINETREE IS APPROVED ACCORDING TO THE PLAN L2 DATED SEPTEMBER 2020 AND ON THE CONDITION TO USE PERMEABLE PAVING FOR 475 SQ. FT. WHICH REPRESENTS 15.1% OF THE DRIVEWAY.

45.2 Request for a permit for the construction of a main building located at 185 Lakeview

2021-02-053 CONSIDERING THAT a permit application was filed for the construction of a main building located at 185 Lakeview;

CONSIDERING THAT By-law BEAC-098 regarding Site Planning and Architectural Integration Programmes indicates objectives and criteria to fulfill for this type of permit application;

CONSIDERING THAT the Planning Advisory Committee has considered the plans and documents submitted with the permit application at the February 3, 2021, meeting and is of the opinion that the objective to propose a layout of the main building that respects the host environment is not respected because the criterion on the location of the building so as to preserve mature and healthy trees, especially in the front yard, is not fulfilled. The objective to propose a building with harmonious shapes and volume is not respected because the criterion aiming to diminish the difference of height and volume with neighbouring buildings through the architectural treatment is not fulfilled. The objective to propose a sustainable, quality architecture is not respected because the criteria on (1) the proposed style that must be inspired from the existing architectural styles on the stretch of street and (2) the durability, the colour's sobriety and the compatibility of the exterior cladding materials with the surrounding buildings are not fulfilled. The objective to mitigate the impact of garages on the facade of the main building is not respected because the criterion providing a setback, in the form of a notch, between an integrated or attached garage and the entire building facade is not fulfilled. The objective to respect the privacy of the immediate neighbourhood when balconies and roof terraces are integrated into the building is not respected because the criterion on the location of balconies and roof terraces in respect of views of the private spaces of the neighbours is not fulfilled and the objective to maximize the presence of trees on the property and the quality of landscaping is not respected because the criterion who promotes the maintenance of as many mature and healthy trees on the property for a construction or an extension project is not fulfilled;



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CONSIDERING the Planning Advisory Committee's recommendation to REFUSE the issuance of a permit for the construction of a main building located at 185 Lakeview;

It is moved by Councillor David Newell, seconded by Councillor Robert Mercuri and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to REFUSE the issuance of a permit for the construction of a main building located at 185 Lakeview.

45.3 Request for a permit for the extension of the main building located at 474 Basswood

2021-02-054 CONSIDERING THAT a permit application was filed for the extension of a main building located at 474 Basswood;

CONSIDERING THAT By-law BEAC-098 regarding Site Planning and Architectural Integration Programmes indicates objectives and criteria to fulfill for this type of permit application;

CONSIDERING THAT the Planning Advisory Committee has considered the plans and documents accompanying the permit application at the February 3, 2021, meeting and is of the opinion that the objective to propose a building with harmonious shapes and volume is not respected because the criterion on the width of a building which must harmonize with neighbouring buildings is not fulfilled. The objective to mitigate the impact of garages on the facade of the main building is not respected because the criterion providing a setback, in the form of a notch, between an integrated or attached garage and the entire building facade is not fulfilled and the objective to respect the architectural features of the main building in the case of an extension is not respected because the criteria on (1) the harmony of exterior cladding materials and openings of the extension with those of the main building and (2) adding volume to the rear in the case of the extension of a split-level house are not fulfilled;

CONSIDERING the Planning Advisory Committee's recommendation to REFUSE the issuance of a building permit for the extension of the main building located at 474 Basswood;

It is moved by Councillor David Newell, seconded by Councillor Dominique Godin and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to REFUSE the issuance of a building permit for the extension of the main building located at 474 Basswood.

45.4 Request to modify the already approved plans at 180 Acres

2021-02-055 CONSIDERING THAT on June 22, 2020, Council adopted resolution 2020-06-193 approving the plans and authorizing the issuance of a permit at 180 Acres;

CONSIDERING THAT a request has been filed in order to approve new plans;

CONSIDERING THAT this modification application must respect the applicable objectives and criteria included in By-law BEAC-098 on Site Planning and Architectural Integration Programmes;

CONSIDERING THAT the Planning Advisory Committee has considered the plans and documents accompanying the permit application at the February 3, 2021, meeting and is of the opinion that the objective to propose a sustainable, quality architecture is not respected because the criterion on the harmony of materials and architectural components in form, texture and colour is not fulfilled;

CONSIDERING the Planning Advisory Committee's recommendation to REFUSE the application to modify the already approved plans at 180 Acres;

It is moved by Councillor David Newell, seconded by Councillor Roger Moss and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to REFUSE the application to modify the already approved plans at 180 Acres.



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45.5 Request to modify the already approved plans at 184 Acres

2021-02-056 CONSIDERING THAT on March 23, 2020, Council adopted resolution 2020-03-092 approving the plans and authorizing the issuance of a permit at 184 Acres;

CONSIDERING THAT a request has been filed in order to approve new plans;

CONSIDERING THAT this modification application must respect the applicable objectives and criteria included in By-law BEAC-098 on Site Planning and Architectural Integration Programmes;

CONSIDERING THAT the Planning Advisory Committee has considered the plans and documents accompanying the permit application at the February 3, 2021, meeting and is of the opinion that the objective to propose a sustainable, quality architecture is not respected because the criterion on the harmony of materials and architectural components in form, texture and colour is not fulfilled;

CONSIDERING the Planning Advisory Committee's recommendation to REFUSE the application to modify the already approved plans at 184 Acres;

It is moved by Councillor David Newell, seconded by Councillor Karen Messier and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to REFUSE the application to modify the already approved plans at 184 Acres.

45.6 Acceptance of an amount of \$28,290 for park fees to be paid by the owner of lot 1 417 737 (69 St-Andrew) to the City, according to By-law BEAC-128 concerning contributions for the establishment, maintenance and improvement of parks, playgrounds and natural areas on the City of Beaconsfield's territory

2021-02-057 It is moved by Councillor David Newell, seconded by Councillor Dominique Godin and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to ACCEPT the amount of \$28,290 for park fees to be paid by the owner of lot 1 417 737 (69 St-Andrew) to the City, according to By-law BEAC-128 concerning contributions for the establishment of parks, playgrounds and natural areas on the City of Beaconsfield's territory, equivalent to 10% of the \$282,900 municipal value of lot 1 417 737, and to transfer this sum to a fund specially reserved for park fees.

53. COMMITTEES

53.1 Minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting of February 3, 2021

2021-02-058 It is moved by Councillor David Newell, seconded by Councillor Roger Moss and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that Council take act of the minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting of February 3, 2021.

60. GENERAL

60.1 Prohibition of sport hunting on the territory of the Montréal Agglomeration

2021-02-059 WHEREAS nature parks, such as Anse-à-l'Orme, are green spaces valued by Montréal citizens;

WHEREAS nature parks are places for relaxation and appreciation of nature for all citizens of the island;

WHEREAS for several years now, hunting activities in nature parks, such as Anse-à-l'Orme, have raised great concerns for the safety of visitors;

WHEREAS the hunting activities in nature parks are also a source of concern for the citizens who live near them;



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WHEREAS this situation is similar throughout the Montréal territory;

WHEREAS hunting activities are incompatible with the reality of an urban and semi-urban territory such as that of the Montréal Agglomeration;

WHEREAS the nature parks must be reserved exclusively for relaxation and recreation activities;

WHEREAS the Zone 8 North map - Territorial divisions, available on the website of the Ministry of Forests, Wildlife, and Parks allows hunting;

WHEREAS the Zone 8 North map prescribes hunting conditions on this territory;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Forests, Wildlife and Parks cannot intervene on the territory of the island of Montréal since hunting is done according to the rules provided by the Government of Québec;

WHEREAS the City of Saint-Anne-de-Bellevue and Kirkland have requested support and intervention from the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM), but the latter is not authorized to intervene;

WHEREAS the SPVM indicates that it does not have the resources and the manpower to identify the hunters and investigate them;

WHEREAS municipalities do not have the power to regulate hunting on their territory, because it is up to the Government of Québec to legislate;

It is moved by Councillor Dominique Godin, seconded by Councillor David Newell and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Montréal Agglomeration formally condemns sport hunting throughout its territory;

THAT the Montréal Agglomeration claims that all the Agglomeration citizens have the right to access and enjoy nature parks in complete safety;

THAT the Agglomeration considers it urgent to act before the resumption of spring hunting activities;

THAT the Montréal Agglomeration request that the Government of Québec exclude hunting on the entire island of Montréal;

THAT the Ministry of Forests, Wildlife and Parks update Zone 8 North map by completely prohibiting hunting on the island of Montréal within the territory of the Agglomeration;

THAT the Ministry of Forests, Wildlife and Parks be designated by the Government of Québec as being responsible for supervising hunting operations on the territory of the Montréal Agglomeration;

THAT the Agglomeration invite the person, on the Executive Committee, responsible for the file, Robert Beaudry, accompanied by representatives of the related cities, to meet with the Minister of Forest, Wildlife and Parks, Pierre Dufour, so that the latter intervenes according to the objectives of this resolution;

It is requested to forward this resolution to the following people:

- To all Members of the National Assembly who represent an electoral district on the island of Montréal
- Mr. Pierre Dufour, Minister of Forests, Wildlife and Parks,
- Ms. Chantal Rouleau, Minister Responsible for Transport and Minister Responsible for the Metropolis and the Montréal Region
- Mr. François Legault, Premier of Québec
- Ms. Dominique Anglade, Leader of the Official Opposition (Québec Liberal Party) at the National Assembly
- Ms. Manon Massé, Leader of the Second Opposition Group (Québec solidaire) at the National Assembly
- Mr. Paul Saint-Pierre-Plamondon, Leader of the Parti Québécois.



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60.2 Authorization to apply for a grant under the program Aide au développement des infrastructures culturelles of the Ministry of Culture and Communications for the construction of a new multipurpose centre - amendment

2021-02-060 CONSIDERING that at Council meeting on January 25, 2021, the City adopted resolution 2021-01-038 to apply for a grant to the program Aide au développement des infrastructures culturelles of the Ministry of Culture and Communications for the construction of a new multipurpose centre;

CONSIDERING that the City wishes to carry out the project for the construction of a new multifunctional centre estimated at \$21,740,000;

CONSIDERING that the program Aide au développement des infrastructures culturelles requires additional information in the resolution accompanying the grant application;

It is moved by Councillor Robert Mercuri, seconded by Councillor Karen Messier and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to authorize a grant application requesting financial assistance of \$8,522,220 within the framework of the Aide au développement des infrastructures culturelles program for the implementation of the new multifunctional centre construction project;

To increase the weekly opening hours of the library to 69 hours per week upon completion of the project;

To assume a share estimated at a minimum of \$13,217,780 in the realization of the project;

To assume the funding or to find a source that does not come directly or indirectly from the Government of Québec or the Government of Canada, as the case may be, for all ineligible costs, including any possible cost overruns;

To assume any increase in the operating budget of the cultural infrastructure generated by the project;

To mandate Mr. Andrew Duffield, Director of Sustainable Development, or in his absence Patrice Boileau, Director General, to sign all official documentation, including the financial assistance agreement to be made.

60.3 Mandate to the City of Beaconsfield's administration to collaborate and facilitate the use of the Recreation Centre as a place of vaccination selected by the Montreal West Island Integrated University Health and Social Services Centres (IUHSSC) and follow their public health criteria

2021-02-061 WHEREAS the pandemic has lasted since March 2020;

WHEREAS Public Health has announced a massive vaccination campaign which will be deployed from March 2021;

WHEREAS the Montreal West Island Integrated University Health and Social Services Centres (IUHSSC) is looking for vaccination sites;

WHEREAS the Recreation Centre is a place that appears adequate to support the vaccination campaign;

WHEREAS the Recreation Centre is closed to all recreational activities since the decree of January 8, 2021, enacting health restrictions inside the Recreation Centre;

WHEREAS the use of the Recreation Centre as a vaccination site will prevent access to many recreational activities once the restrictions are lifted;



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WHEREAS the absence of recreational activities will result in loss of income depending on the length of time these activities are interrupted;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAMH) has granted \$2 M to the City to help cover lost revenues and additional costs related to the pandemic;

WHEREAS the City still wants and must collaborate to stop the pandemic;

WHEREAS the fight against the pandemic must be THE individual and collective priority;

It is moved by Councillor David Newell, seconded by Councillor Dominique Godin and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to mandate the City of Beaconsfield's administration to collaborate and facilitate the use of the Recreation Centre as a place of vaccination selected by the Montreal West Island (IUHSSC) and follow their public health criteria.

60.4 Adherence of the City of Beaconsfield to the declaration of commitment on democracy and respect, initiated by the Union des municipalités du Québec (UMQ)

2021-02-062 WHEREAS the polarization of public opinion in traditional media, and especially in social media, has led to increasing numbers of aggressive statements and acts of intimidation against elected municipal officials;

WHEREAS this phenomenon has increased since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis in 2020;

WHEREAS intimidation, threats, and verbal abuse have no place in a democracy and in no way encourages the population's trust and appreciation of our democratic institutions;

WHEREAS respect is a fundamental principle of democratic society, which in turn requires fundamental recognition of major freedoms, including freedom of expression;

WHEREAS a respectful democracy honours its elected officials and ensures the quality and authority of its institutions;

WHEREAS the Union des municipalités du Québec (UMQ) has launched a province-wide campaign to promote democracy and respect;

WHEREAS on December 4, 2020, the members of the UMQ board of directors adopted the following declaration of commitment:

"Our democracy is rooted in our history. We ourselves choose the men and women who will govern us. In a democracy we can all be candidates for public office. When elections take place, citizens delegate the administration of their common welfare to people who offer their services, as we do. This way of managing our communities and regions has helped us attain one of the highest standards of living in the world - living in safety, living our lives as we wish, and freely expressing ourselves.

Debate and a spirited exchange of ideas are the lifeblood of democracy. This is possible as long as people respect one another. But these days, our democracy is too often abused in unfortunate ways: offensive behaviour, disrespect, threats, intimidation, and identity theft. In recent years, especially since the rise in popularity of social media, vigorous but respectful debate has too often been replaced with insults, threats, and intimidation.

This was already true before the pandemic. But the pandemic has only made things worse. That this crisis should be a cause for concern and anxiety is perfectly normal. That we may sometimes disagree with decisions made by the authorities is also normal. What is not normal or acceptable is that the women and men who exercise public responsibility by serving their fellow citizens should be intimidated, driven to resign, sometimes even facing death threats, or forced to move about with police protection.



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In less than a year, local elections will be held in all Quebec municipalities. Between now and then, we must take better care of our democracy. We must return to debate that respects people and institutions so we can make the best possible decisions together. Let us remember that elected officials and public officers are committed to the well-being of the people they represent. Let us encourage political commitment, not discourage it.

As elected municipal officials, we are proud to serve our fellow citizens. That is why we are calling for a respectful democratic debate. Because "Democracy with Respect, out of Respect for Democracy." And we invite elected officials in all Quebec municipalities to join us in this movement;"

It is moved by Councillor Roger Moss, seconded by Councillor Robert Mercuri and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the City of Beaconsfield's Council endorses the Declaration of Commitment, "Democracy with Respect, out of Respect for Democracy";

THAT Council pledges to support elected officials and all spheres of municipal governance in working to enhance municipal democracy and building trust in democratic institutions;

THAT a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the UMQ.

60.5 Opinion of the City of Beaconsfield on the Commission scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeoys' draft for consultation on the three-year Plan (2022-2025) for the allocation and destination of its immovables

2021-02-063 It is moved by Councillor Dominique Godin, seconded by Councillor David Newell and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Commission scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeoys' draft for consultation on the three-year plan (2022-2025) for the allocation and destination of its immovable be noted and filed.

60.6 Modification of the time of the regular Council meeting of Monday, March 22, 2021, in order for the meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. (instead of 8 p.m.)

2021-02-064 CONSIDERING resolution 2020-10-365 adopting the dates and time for the regular meetings of the Council of the City of Beaconsfield to be held in 2021;

CONSIDERING the curfew declared by the Québec Government prohibiting anyone to leave their home between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. due to the evolution of the pandemic;

It is moved by Councillor Karen Messier, seconded by Councillor Roger Moss and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the time of the regular Council meeting of the City of Beaconsfield of Monday, March 22, 2021, be modified in order for the meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. (instead of 8 p.m.).

60.7 Creation of a Communication Committee for the Reimagining Space project and nomination of its members

2021-02-065 WHEREAS resolution 2019-01-033 adopted at Council meeting held on January 28, 2019, approving the creation of the Steering Committee for the Reimagining Space project for the revitalization of Centennial Park and the Lord Reading property;

WHEREAS at Council meeting held on June 17, 2019, the Steering Committee filed a report on the public consultations and creative workshops for the revitalization of Centennial Park and the Lord Reading property;



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WHEREAS in the report on the public consultations and creative workshops the Steering Committee recommends that Council continue the dialogue with the members of the community throughout the development of the project;

It is moved by Councillor Robert Mercuri, seconded by Councillor Karen Messier and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the creation of a Communication Committee for the Reimagining Space project; and

To approve the nomination of the following persons as resident members of the Communication Committee, effective February 23, 2021, for a period of one (1) year:

- Mr. Jacques Duval
- Mr. Geoffrey Kelley
- Ms. Gabriella Musacchio
- Mr. James Orr
- Ms. Caroline Tison.

70. AGGLOMERATION COUNCIL

70.1 Mayor's report on the decisions made by the Agglomeration Council at its meeting of January 28, 2021

His Honour indicates that at the last meeting of the Agglomeration Council, it was decided to extend the emergency measures for Montréal and all suburban municipalities until the end of March.

80. DIRECTORS REPORTS

80.1 Deposit of the Directors reports

Are received and accepted for information purposes:

- Urban Planning Department's building report for January 2021;
- Municipal Patrol's monthly report for December 2020;
- Report on live and deferred viewing of Council meetings via webcast.

90. NEW BUSINESS

90.1 Awarding of contract CL-21-01 for Provision of security guard services for the Recreation Centre to the lowest conforming bidder, Neptune Security Services Inc. (Services de Sécurité Neptune), at an hourly rate of \$25.29/hour, all taxes included

2021-02-066 It is moved by Councillor Robert Mercuri, seconded by Councillor Dominique Godin and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to award contract CL-21-01 for Provision of security guard services for the Recreation Centre to the lowest conforming bidder, Neptune Security Services Inc. (Services de Sécurité Neptune), at an hourly rate of \$25.29/hour, all taxes included; and

To authorize the Finance and Treasury Department to charge the expense to budget code 02-725-50-419.

95. CLOSING OF MEETING

It is moved by Councillor Roger Moss, seconded by Councillor Dominique Godin and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to close the regular meeting at 6:23 p.m.