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Minutes of the City of Beaconsfield's regular Municipal Council meeting, held at City Hall, 303 Beaconsfield Boulevard, Beaconsfield, Québec, on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 8:00 p.m.

WERE PRESENT:

His Honour the Mayor Georges Bourelle and Councillors Dominique Godin, Karen Messier, Robert Mercuri, David Newell, Roger Moss

ALSO PRESENT:

Patrice Boileau, Director General, Nathalie Libersan-Laniel, City Clerk and Director of Public Affairs, Dominique Quirk, Assistant City Clerk

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 October 4, 2021

2021-10-399

It is moved by Councillor Robert Mercuri, seconded by Councillor Roger Moss and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to adopt the agenda of the City of Beaconsfield's regular Council meeting of October 4, 2021, with the following item added in New Business:

90.1 Tabling by the Treasurer of two comparative statements of revenues and expenses for the year 2021, the first dated August 31, 2021, and the second dated May 31, 2021, in compliance with Section 105.4 of the Cities and Towns Act

5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

His Honour the Mayor asks M. Patrice Boileau, Director General, to share the update on the offences committed in Beaconsfield which was sent by Commander Couture of the SPVM. His Honour shares information regarding the Covid-19 situation in Beaconsfield. Today, in the province, there is 402 cases, 310 people are hospitalized of which 88 are in intensive care. In the 12-year old and up category, 89% has received their first dose and 84% has received a second dose in Québec. He points out that the risk of being infected with Covid is high if not vaccinated; it is estimated to be 7.8 times higher if not vaccinated and the chances of being hospitalized are 27.8%.times higher. The lowest vaccination rate is in the 18-39 age group. In Beaconsfield 19 cases were confirmed in the past 14 days, the City has the second-lowest number of cases per capita on the Island of Montreal. As of September 30, Beaconsfield has 554 confirmed cases, this is 15 more cases than reported at the September 21, meeting. Being fully vaccinated still remains the best option to be protected against Covid-19. It is expected that a third dose will be available, priority being for the 65 + age group. Vaccine administration will start around October 25.

His Honour shares information concerning the Agglomeration Council meeting. He states that the projected Agglomeration deficit for 2021 is of \$86M. The 2020 deficit is reported as being \$196M which will impact the next year's quote-part portion of residents' taxes. It is estimated that the Agglomeration portion of taxes will increase of 11.5%. He adds that the 2021 deficit of \$86M or more will affect taxes in 2023 for an estimated 8 or 9% increase for the Agglomeration portion.

His Honour the Mayor indicates that this evening is the last meeting of the mandate of the current Council. This mandate will end when the next Council is sworn in after the election on November 7. He presents the highlights of the last four years. Finally, he thanks the members of Council and the Administration for their valuable contribution the past 4 years and congratulates the members of Council who were re-elected by acclamation: Councillors Godin, Mercuri and Newell. Mr. Mayor gives the opportunity to all members of Council to speak, which they gladly use to thank fellow Councillors, Administration and residents for their support.



The City Clerk announces the beginning of the public question period.

A resident asks if the Mayor agrees that it is Beaconsfield citizens' civic duty to vote at the November 7 Municipal Election and elect a refreshed Council dedicated to serve with integrity, openness and transparency. He mentions about a letter to MTQ Minister and asks for an update on Beaconsfield/MTQ interactions since then. He would like to see the WSP/MTQ report be made available in Electronic format to Beaconsfield citizens. He also mentions an audit of Beaconsfield's public tendering of municipal contracts. He would like to get an update of this compliance audit conducted by the Commission Municipale du Québec (CMQ).

His Honour the Mayor explains that he has always answered the resident the best way possible which is honestly and directly. He clarifies that he already had the opportunity to answer the question concerning the WSP/MTQ report and reiterates that the administration has been in communication with MTQ and that a public information meeting will be held in early 2022 to present the WSP/MTQ report and answer residents' questions. He adds that it's been reconfirmed by MTQ that the City cannot release the report. He indicates that since the last meeting, the City has received a new request to obtain additional documents from the CMQ. He confirms that the information will be shared when the audit report is out.

A resident asks Councillor Mercuri if the sand will be renewed at Centennial Park's beach, and is this subject covered in the new plans.

Councillor Mercuri explains that the City does not encourage bathers and that it is referred to as a "sandy area". Councillor Messier adds that the area is not monitored by lifeguards, that the water is not crystal clear and that the sandy area is not maintained. It not safe to swim as the signs indicate. His Honour the Mayor asks M. Boileau to add his comments. Mr. Boileau states that Beaconsfield does not have a beach, it is very costly to maintain and monitor, he adds that authorization from the Government would also be needed. He indicates that the Parks Master Plan of 2017 does not include a beach.

A resident mentions that while the pool was closed for annual renovation, she swam at the Pointe-Claire pool. She adds that the water in Pointe-Claire does not smell chlorine as much as the one in Beaconsfield and would like to know if the City can improve the quality water by using a different chemical formula. She also indicates that there was racing on the 20 last night again. She also indicates that the Sureté du Québec (SQ) will request assistance using a mobile speed trap and suggested that surrounding cities adopt a resolution asking the MTQ to put speed traps or reduce the speed. The resident adds that she has communicated with companies doing special lighting events and that they would be happy to hear from the City. She hands over a document concerning Pointe-Claire's pool to the Assistant City Clerk.

Mr. Boileau explains that the filtration system is very old and that the City is looking at how to fix or replace the system as the pipes are getting rusting. Once the situation is corrected, it will have an impact on the quality of water. He thanks the resident for her suggestions. His Honour the Mayor reads a letter sent by the City Clerk to the SQ, and then reads the answer from the SQ confirming that the Vaudreuil unit will added monitoring operations. M. Mayor promises that if he is re-elected he will communicate with surrounding municipalities to discuss this problem.

A resident comments on the welcome tax has that has increased greatly in the past years and he presents this as the reason why the property taxes have not increased. He asks as well, if there is a reason the Mayor did not answer certain resident's questions. He would also like to know more about the private financing for the Imagine project. The resident explains that according to him, City resources have been used to promote this project he asks to explain the refusal to do the same for the promotion of the Sound wall project which is a Community project aiming to protect the health of a third of the population. He adds a comment concerning the salary increase awarded to the Mayor.



His Honour the Mayor explains that the welcome tax is not the same as the property taxes and must be seen as a tax related to a purchase. He adds that a rigorous control of the expenses is behind the increase of only 1.1 % of property taxes. He indicates that the resident needs to give additional details concerning the residents that, he claims, did not get an answer to their questions. Mr. Mayor explains that before any private financing is confirmed, the City needs to get an answer to the grant application submitted to Federal and Provincial Governments.

A resident congratulates the Mayor for ensuring a good management of the property taxes. He adds that he has lived in Beaconsfield for 38 years and it is a great place. He comments that a small City enables to be closer to citizens.

His Honour the Mayor thanks the resident and also the administration for such rigorous control of expenses. He explains that residential cities like ours do not have many businesses therefore the needs to manage the expenses carefully, not to increase property taxes. He adds that every expense or every project undertaken needs to be carefully analyzed as it is the taxpayers' money being spent. He indicates that he gave himself a mission to defend the interest of the residents concerning the Agglomeration, he wishes the citizens raised more concern.

The question period ends at 8:53 p.m.

10. <u>MINUTES</u>

10.1 Adoption of the minutes of the City of Beaconsfield's regular Council meeting of September 21, 2021

2021-10-400 It is moved by Councillor Roger Moss, seconded by Councillor Karen Messier and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the City of Beaconsfield's regular Council meeting of September 21, 2021, at 8:00 p.m.

30. FINANCE AND TREASURY

30.1 Approval of the list of accounts payable as of October 4, 2021, and of the list of pre-authorized payments for the period of September 9, 2021, to September 20, 2021, and for the period of September 22, 2021, to September 22, 2021, for a total disbursement of \$961,185.65

2021-10-401 CONSIDERING the lists submitted by the Treasurer regarding the payment of expenses for financial and investment activities;

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

To approve the list of accounts payable as of October 4, 2021, regarding expenses for financial and investment activities totalling \$442,134.35; and

To approve the list of pre-authorized payments from September 9, 2021, to September 20, 2021, and for the period of September 22, 2021, to September 22, 2021, totalling \$305,032.86 and electronic payments, for the same period, of salaries paid to municipal employees, bank fees and the debt service, totalling \$214,018.44; and

That all these disbursements totalling \$961,185.65 be drawn from the City's bank account at Royal Bank of Canada, Beaconsfield branch.

30.2 Approval of a \$2,000 contribution to Friends of Mental Health for the year 2021

2021-10-402 It is moved by Councillor Dominique Godin, seconded by Councillor David Newell and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve a \$2,000 contribution to Friends of Mental Health for the year 2021; and



To authorize the Finance and Treasury Department to charge the expense to budget code 02-519-10-992.

30.3 Authorization to distribute bicycles of little or no value and being part of unclaimed lost and found objects, to a non-profit organization

2021-10-403 It is moved by Councillor Karen Messier, seconded by Councillor Robert

Mercuri and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to authorize the distribution, by the City Clerk, of 26 bicycles of little or no value and being part of unclaimed lost and found objects, to a non-profit organization with a mission to recycle bicycles in various community projects.

30.4 Approval of a financial contribution of \$3,000 (12 members at \$250 each) to the Beaurepaire Village Merchants Association for 2021

2021-10-404 It is moved by Councillor Roger Moss, seconded by Councillor Robert Mercuri and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to award a financial contribution of \$3,000 (12 members at \$250 each) to the Beaurepaire

Village Merchants Association for 2021, representing the amount of the annual membership fees of all the members of the Association; and

To authorize the Finance and Treasury Department to charge the expense to budget code 02-651-00-499.

45. URBAN PLANNING

45.1 Request for a permit for the extension of the main building located at 472 Pine

2021-10-405 CONSIDERING THAT a permit application was filed for the extension of a main building located at 472 Pine;

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 September 29, 2021, meeting and is of the opinion that the objective to propose a sustainable, quality architecture is not respected because the criteria on (1) the enhancement of the building's main entrance by a distinctive architectural composition and (2) the harmony of materials and architectural components in form, texture and colour are 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 criterion on the harmony of exterior cladding materials and openings of the extension with those of the main building is 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 472 Pine;

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 472 Pine.

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 Dominique Godin and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to APPROVE the issuance of a building permit for the extension of the main building located at 472 Pine, according to the news plans dated October 4, 2021.

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 BUILDING PERMIT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE MAIN BUILDING LOCATED AT 472 PINE IS APPROVED, ACCORDING TO THE NEWS PLANS DATED OCTOBER 4, 2021.

45.2 Request for a permit for the extension of the main building located at 590 Clarendon

2021-10-406 CONSIDERING THAT a permit application was filed for the extension of a main building located at 590 Clarendon;

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 September 29, 2021, meeting and is of the opinion that the objective to respect the architectural features of the main building in the case of an extension is not respected because the criterion on the harmony of exterior cladding materials and openings of the extension with those of the main building is 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 590 Clarendon;

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 590 Clarendon.

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 Dominique Godin and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to APPROVE the request for a permit for the extension of the main building located at 590 Clarendon, according to the new plans dated October 1, 2021.

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 PERMIT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE MAIN BUILDING LOCATED AT 590 CLARENDON IS APPROVED, ACCORDING TO THE NEW PLANS DATED OCTOBER 1, 2021.

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45.3

Request for a renovation permit for the modification of the facade of the main building located at 440 Montrose

2021-10-407

CONSIDERING THAT a renovation permit was filed for the modification of the facade of the main building located at 440 Montrose;

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 September 29, 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 issuance of a renovation permit for the modification of the facade of the main building located at 440 Montrose;

It is moved by Councillor David Newell, seconded by Councillor Robert Mercuri and RESOLVED to REFUSE the issuance of a renovation permit for the modification of the facade of the main building located at 440 Montrose;

VOTES IN FAVOUR:

Councillors Robert Mercuri and David Newell

VOTES OPPOSED:

Councillors Dominique Godin, Karen Messier, Roger Moss

THE MOTION IS DEFEATED.

It is then moved by Councillor David Newell seconded by Councillor Karen Messier and RESOLVED to APPROVE the issuance of a renovation permit for the modification of the facade of the main building located at 440 Montrose;

VOTES IN FAVOUR:

Councillors Dominique Godin, Karen Messier, Roger Moss

VOTES OPPOSED:

Councillors Robert Mercuri, David Newell

THE MOTION IS CARRIED. THE REQUEST FOR A RENOVATION PERMIT FOR THE MODIFICATION OF THE FACADE OF THE MAIN BUILDING LOCATED AT 440 MONTROSE IS APPROVED.

45.4 Request to modify the already approved plans at 256 Castle

2021-10-408

CONSIDERING THAT on September 21, 2020, Council adopted resolution 2020-09-300 approving the plans and authorizing the issuance of a permit at 256 Castle;

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 September 29, 2021, meeting and is of the opinion that the applicable objectives and criteria are respected;

CONSIDERING the Planning Advisory Committee's recommendation to APPROVE the application to modify the already approved plans at 256 Castle;



It is moved by Councillor David Newell, seconded by Councillor Robert Mercuri and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to APPROVE the application to modify the already approved plans at 256 Castle, <u>according to the proposed option B for the right side wall.</u>

53. <u>COMMITTEES</u>

- 53.1 Minutes of the Culture and Leisure Committee meeting of September 13, 2021
- 2021-10-409 It is moved by Councillor Dominique Godin, seconded by Councillor Roger Moss and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Culture and Leisure Committee meeting of September 13, 2021.
- 53.2 Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of September 17, 2021
- 2021-10-410 It is moved by Councillor David Newell, seconded by Councillor Dominique Godin and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of September 17, 2021, with a modification by Council at item 21-12 for the "permanent" installation of a speed radar sign on Preston Street.
- 53.3 Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of September 14, 2021
- 2021-10-411 It is moved by Councillor Karen Messier, seconded by Councillor Roger Moss and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of September 14, 2021.
- 53.4 Minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting of September 29, 2021
- 2021-10-412 It is moved by Councillor David Newell, seconded by Councillor Karen Messier and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that Council take act of the minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting of September 29, 2021.
- 53.5 Renewal of two members of the Planning Advisory Committee
- 2021-10-413 It is moved by Councillor Dominique Godin, seconded by Councillor Robert Mercuri and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the renewal of Ms. Anna Polspoel and Mr. Graeme Maag, as members of the Planning Advisory Committee, effective as of October 23, 2021, for a one (1) year period.

60. GENERAL

- Mandate for the administration to prepare a report to be presented to the new Council following the filing of the next 2021 Ministerial Order on the quotes-parts of the Montreal Agglomeration
- 2021-10-414 WHEREAS the current City Council will be dissolved on October 8, 2021;

WHEREAS a Ministerial Order regulating the calculation of quotes-parts for the Montreal Agglomeration is expected during the month of October 2021;

WHEREAS a new Council will be formed following the municipal election on November 7, 2021;

WHEREAS the City could make comments within 45 days of filing the Ministerial Order;



WHEREAS the City has taken political, administrative and legal steps to ask to correct a tax injustice following the adoption of the Ministerial Order of 2019 and 2020;

It is moved by Councillor Karen Messier, seconded by Councillor David Newell and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to mandate the administration to prepare a report on the fiscal impact of quotes-parts to be presented to the new Council following the filing of the next Ministerial Order on the subject of quotes-parts from the Montreal Agglomeration for the fiscal year 2022.

Resolution concerning the Speed Reduction Action and Concept Plan dated September 23, 2021

2021-10-415 CONSIDERING the City's objective to improve safety around schools and parks;

CONSIDERING the presentation of the Traffic Advisory Committee's Speed Reduction Action and Concept Plan at the meeting held September 17, 2021;

It is moved by Councillor Robert Mercuri, seconded by Councillor Dominique Godin and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the Speed Reduction Action and Concept Plan dated September 23, 2021.

Authorization for street closure for the event Marché Beau Holiday Market on November 27, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

2021-10-416 It is moved by Councillor Roger Moss, seconded by Councillor Karen Messier and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to authorize street closure:

 On Fieldfare Avenue between 25 Fieldfare on the South side of Beaconsfield Blvd. and Lord Avenue on the North side of Beaconsfield Boulevard;

for the event Marché Beau Holiday Market on November 27, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

60.4 Modification to resolution 2021-06-255 - Adoption of tariffs of remuneration for election officers in view of the municipal election of November 7, 2021

2021-10-417 WHEREAS resolution 2021-06-255 adopted at the meeting of June 14, 2021, concerning the adoption of tariffs of remuneration for election officers in view of the municipal election of November 7, 2021;

WHEREAS to ensure successful holding of the vote, the following positions are added or modified:

- 1. The position of "Room Supervisor" be added to the positions related to "Voting by mail" at a fixed tariff of \$474.92;
- The tariff of the "Computer Clerk (reception)" on "Election Day" be established at a fixed tariff of \$226.15 to harmonize it with the same position on the other voting days;
- 3. The tariff of the "Material Support Clerk" on "Election Day" be adjusted at a fixed tariff of 157.50\$ for "Election Day";
- 4. The position of "PRIMO Assistant" be added to the positions related to the "Vote at Returning Officer office" at a fixed tariff of \$226,15;
- The tariff of the "PRIMO Assistant" on "Election Day" be established at a fixed tariff of \$226.15 to harmonize it with the same position on the other voting days;

It is moved by Councillor Dominique Godin, seconded by Councillor Roger Moss and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED :

TO add the position of "Room Supervisor" for "Voting by mail" at a fixed tariff of \$474.92;





THAT the tariff of the "Computer Clerk (reception)" be established at a fixed tariff of \$226.15 on "Election Day";

THAT the tariff of "Material Support Clerk" be adjusted to a fixed tariff of 157.50\$ for "Election Day";

TO add the position of "PRIMO Assistant" for the "Vote at Returning Officer office" at a fixed tariff of \$226.15; and

THAT the tariff of the "PRIMO Assistant" be established at a fixed tariff of \$226.15 on "Election Day".

Request for official recognition of the charitable organization Accompagnement bénévole de l'Ouest (ABOVAS) by the City of Beaconsfield

2021-10-418 It is moved by Councillor Robert Mercuri, seconded by Councillor Dominique Godin and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the request for official recognition of the charitable organization Accompagnement bénévole de l'Ouest (ABOVAS) by the City of Beaconsfield.

70. AGGLOMERATION COUNCIL

70.1 Mayor's report on the decisions made by the Agglomeration Council at its meeting of September 30, 20021

His Honour the Mayor indicates that there is nothing to add since he has already addressed this subject with his opening remarks.

80. <u>DIRECTORS REPORTS</u>

80.1 Deposit of the Directors reports

Is received and accepted for information purposes:

Report on live and deferred viewing of Council meetings via webcast.

90. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

90.1 Tabling by the Treasurer of two comparative statements of revenues and expenses for the year 2021, the first dated August 31, 2021, and the second dated May 31, 2021, in compliance with Section 105.4 of the Cities and Towns Act

2021-10-419 WHEREAS in compliance with Section 105.4 of the *Cities and Towns Act*, the treasurer shall table two comparative statements as of August 31, 2021, of revenues and expenses for the year 2021 at the last regular sitting of the Council held at least four weeks before the sitting at which the budget for the following fiscal year is to be adopted;

WHEREAS the first statement compares the revenues and expenditures of the current fiscal year, received or incurred on or before the last day of the month ending at least 15 days before the month in which the statement is filed, and those of the preceding fiscal year received or incurred during the corresponding period of that fiscal year;

WHEREAS the second statement compares the projected revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year, as at the time, the statement is prepared and based on the information at the treasurer's disposal, and those provided for in the budget for that fiscal year.

95. CLOSING OF MEETING



Before closing the meeting, Council pays tribute to Councillor Al Gardner, for district 6, who passed away on August 26, 2020. Council members remember his great involvement with residents and associations, both as a Councillor and before, when he chaired the Beaconsfield Citizens Association. He is greatly missed.

It is moved by Councillor Karen Messier, seconded by Councillor Robert Mercuri and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to close the regular meeting at 9:14 p.m.

MAYOR	CITY CLERK