

## Minutes of the Council of Beaconsfield

Minutes of the City of Beaconsfield's special Municipal Council meeting, held at City Hall, 303 Beaconsfield Boulevard, Beaconsfield, Québec, on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

*Due to the increasing cases of COVID-19, the Provincial Government has implemented new measures in effect as of December 20, 2021, at 5 P.M. Council meetings are to be held without the presence of the public and members are to take part, deliberate and vote while the meeting is conducted remotely. This meeting can be viewed by live and differed webcast.*

### WERE PRESENT:

His Honour the Mayor Georges Bourelle and Councillors Dominique Godin, Martin St-Jean, Robert Mercuri, David Newell, Roger Moss, Peggy Alexopoulos are present at distance using video transmission.

### ALSO PRESENT:

Patrice Boileau, Director General, Nathalie Libersan-Laniel, City Clerk and Director of Public Affairs, Dominique Quirk, Assistant City Clerk are present at distance using video transmission.

#### 1. OPENING OF MEETING

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His Honour the Mayor calls the meeting to order.

#### 2. AGENDA

##### 2.1 Adoption of the agenda of the City of Beaconsfield's special Council meeting of Monday, December 20, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

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2021-12-450 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 special Council meeting of Monday, December 20, 2021, at 7:30 p.m., as presented.

#### 5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

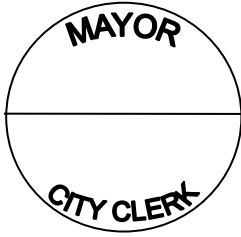
A resident would like to know what the detailed elements of the scope of work and cost estimates that contributed to amounts for the items 4-H and 4-I in 2022, 2023, and 2024. He is looking to know the estimated costs for each element of the Imagine project.

His Honour the Mayor answers that this year the City decided to indicate all the projects listed in the PTI. However, the amounts for each project are not indicated in order to keep the call for tenders' process as neutral as possible and thus to obtain more advantageous prices from the bidders.

A resident expresses her disappointment that the text of the "Three-year Capital Expenditure Program for 2022 - 2023 - 2024" is not written in French. She would like an explanation as it is required by the language law in Quebec.

His Honour the Mayor explains that the PTI document produced on Friday was a working document. We produced the bilingual document that was released earlier today.

A resident asks why the City is still one of the very few cities that does not satisfy the Loi sur les cités et villes du Québec. He reads part of section 473 and gives examples of other cities concerning the number of pages presented in their PTI. He wants to know if the Mayor agrees that the City's procedure is to publish the detailed budget of each project at the filing and notice of motion of draft by-law authorizing a loan of all capital projects before asking for proposals. He asks if the way the City proceeds does not give a very precise budget to the tenderers.



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He explains that making the budget public, and then, one or two months later, publishing a call for tender for that same project, is the problem and not the details on the PTI.

Mr. Patrice Boileau, Director General, explains that the City complies with the law. He adds that in fact the City is part of 50% of the municipalities under 100,000 residents that follow the rules as per recently announced by the Commission municipale du Québec. He reminds the resident that it is not the fact that the Mayor agrees or not that is important, it is rather about following the rules, which the City does. He answers that the City's way to proceed does not give a precise budget to the tenderers as the amount is not public. Mr. Boileau clarifies that the only occasion that an amount becomes public is when we prepare a borrowing by-law which counts for 14% of the whole capital program in 2022. He reiterates that the City is doing what is in the best interest of the City.

The question period ends at 7:50 p.m.

30. FINANCE AND TREASURY

30.1 Adoption of the three-year Capital Expenditure Program for 2022-2023-2024

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2021-12-451 It is moved by Councillor Robert Mercuri, seconded by Councillor Peggy Alexopoulos and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the three-year Capital Expenditure Programme for 2022-2023-2024.

95. CLOSING OF MEETING

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It is moved by Councillor Martin St-Jean, seconded by Councillor David Newell and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to close the special meeting at 7:52 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**