

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 January 24, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

Due to COVID-19, the Provincial Government requires that Council meetings be held without the presence of the public. Council 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

ALSO PRESENT:

Patrice Boileau, Director General, Nathalie Libersan-Laniel, City Clerk and Director of Public Affairs, Dominique Quirk, Assistant City Clerk, Robert Lacroix, Director and Treasurer, Finance and Treasury

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 special Council meeting of January 24, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

2022-01-001 It is moved by Councillor Dominique Godin, seconded by Councillor Martin St-Jean and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to adopt the agenda of the City of Beaconsfield's special Council meeting of January 24, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., as presented.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Patrice Boileau, Director General, provides a brief summary of the 2022 Budget and indicates that a virtual presentation of the budget and a document on the Budget can be found on the City's website since last Friday and invites residents to view the presentation and consult the document on the budget.

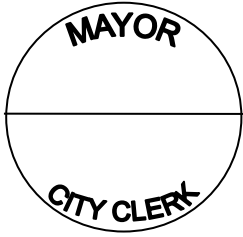
The City Clerk announces the beginning of the public question period.

A resident would like to know who are the architects being asked to design the barn in reference to the \$6,830,000 allocated for the demolition of the barn and architect's mandate presented at the December 2021 Council budget meeting. He asks if the taxpayers will be asked to approve the architect's design and if so when.

His Honour the Mayor answers that at the present time the mandate has not been given to an architect and that the \$6,830,000 \$ is for a total of seven projects. He explains that the City will apply the rules in effect to obtain grants and will comply with the Ministry of Culture and Communications.

A resident establishes the increase in welcome tax and significant operating surplus. He perceives this situation as being an accelerated enrichment and asks how the City can possibly raise local taxes which he adds is "by an amount less than inflation". He would like the City to explain the reason for the increase.

His Honour the Mayor explains that the increase for property tax is 1,5%, which is less than inflation, he adds that the City was able to maintain expenses to an increase of 2.57% despite inflation. He explains that the taxpayer portion is meant to be used for local projects and not to pay Agglomeration taxes. He suggests that the resident makes his views known to the Agglomeration concerning taxes as the Agglomeration tax



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increase is of 9.82% which is very high especially in contrast with the services rendered.

The question period ends at 7:47 p.m.

30. FINANCE AND TREASURY

30.1 Adoption of the 2022 budget of the City of Beaconsfield

2022-01-002 It is moved by Councillor Robert Mercuri, seconded by Councillor David Newell and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the 2022 budget in the amount of \$53,289,364 for revenues and expenses.

95. CLOSING OF MEETING

It is moved by Councillor Peggy Alexopoulos, seconded by Councillor Roger Moss and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to close the special meeting at 7:48 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK