

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008, AT 5801 CAVENDISH BOULEVARD,
CÔTE SAINT-LUC, AT 8:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Mayor Anthony Housefather, B.C.L., L.L.B, M.B.A. presiding
Councillor Dida Berku, B.C.L.
Councillor Mitchell Brownstein, B. Comm., B.C.L., L.L.B.
Councillor Mike Cohen, B.A.
Councillor Steven Erdelyi, B.Sc., B.Ed.
Councillor Sam Goldbloom, B.A.
Councillor Ruth Kovac, B.A.
Councillor Allan J. Levine, B.Sc., M.A., DPLI
Councillor Glenn J. Nashen

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Ken Lerner, City Manager
Mr. Jonathan Shecter, Director of Legal Services and City Clerk,
acted as Secretary of the meeting

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO THE WINNERS OF THE WINE TASTING
CONTEST**

The Mayor and Council presented awards to the winners of the Wine Tasting Contest. A commemorative photo was then taken.

**PRESENTATION OF YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS AND GOVERNOR
GENERAL'S AWARD TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEMBERS**

The Mayor and Council presented awards to the Emergency Medical Services personnel for their dedicated and long-standing years of service. A commemorative photo was then taken.

QUESTION PERIOD

The question period started at 8:43 p.m. and finished at 9:33 p.m. Ten (10) people asked to speak and they were heard.

1) Avrum Shtern

The resident inquired as to whether the City would adjust its budget considering the most recent global economic issues to which Mayor Housefather responded that the City monitors its finances quite closely and despite the challenges of minimizing tax increases due to suppliers increasing their prices with the City, the City's goal is not to increase taxes any more than the price of inflation.

The resident then requested the City be more proactive in disseminating information regarding the use of its brown bins for which Mayor Housefather clarified that the City is indeed proactive by having its volunteers put *oops* certificates in residents' brown bins when they commit an error. He then added that since it's the City's goal to educate its residents, the City sends its volunteers

door-to-door to explain to residents what goes in its brown bins and all this, over and above the explanatory material already sent by the City along with a CD for those who are more visual. He then added that there is a video constantly streamlining in the Eleanor London Côte Saint-Luc Public Library explaining the matter.

The resident then tabled an article posted on the B.B.C. website regarding greenspaces.

The resident then went on record as commending the City for proposing tonight to accept the offer to purchase the land from the Estate of the late Louis Brown.

The resident then requested that the City take a position (as other municipalities did) opposing night flight paths to which Mayor Housefather responded that although the City has no immediate plans to take a position it may consider the issue in the future.

COUNCILLOR LEVINE ENTERED THE MEETING

2) Irving Itman

The resident went on record as congratulating council for regaining control, in future, of tax monies which are currently invoiced by the agglomeration.

The resident then explained that not every resident is aware there is a package explaining the use of the City's brown bins to which Mayor Housefather responded that the City not only sent reading material but an explanatory DVD and moreover, it has been sending volunteers door-to-door to further explain the material.

The resident then requested that the City's Public Works Department ensure that when it proceeds with its brown bin collection, it places the brown bins back on the driveways and not on the sidewalks to which Mayor Housefather responded that the Public Works Director will be advised of same.

The resident then inquired if there was any contact with Cote-Des-Neiges/Notre Dame-de-Grâce Borough Mayor Applebaum concerning his Borough's snow removal operations for which Mayor Housefather reassured the resident that he did indeed speak with Borough Mayor Applebaum last week who stated to him that the Borough of Côte-Des-Neiges/Notre-Dame-de-Grâce does indeed have a programme in place to ensure that when a large amount of snow falls, it will give priority to clearing the snow away from hospitals.

The resident then recounted that this week, he saw a list of homes up for auction and sought reassurance that the City does all it can prior to selling homes for non-payment of taxes for which Mayor Housefather reassured the resident that it did.

3) Elisa Grath and Josh Bercovitch (J.P.P.S. - Bialik students)

The students both requested that the City put in place a comprehensive bike path and stated the following reasons in support of their request:

- a) A bike path would decrease pollution;
- b) A bike path would increase the amount of cyclists and thus decrease the amount of motorists;
- c) A bike path would encourage cycling and thus encourage physical fitness; and
- d) A bike path would render it safer for cyclists on the road as it would be more protective for them.

Mayor Housefather then thanked the residents for coming tonight and explained to them that Councillor Nashen is working on a proposal for a bike path in Côte Saint-Luc which takes into account the actual configuration of the City's roads.

5) Ted Baker and Peter Sternberg

The residents went on record as thanking the Mayor, his councillors and City employees for their continuing support of the Senior Social Men's Club. He then remitted to the Mayor a commemorative photo.

7) Aubey Laufer

The resident sought reassurance that in light of the recent world economic crises, the City is particularly mindful of its budget for which Mayor Housefather reassured the resident that the City has no intention to run a deficit.

8) Harry Oberman

The resident requested that the City clean the street on which he resides twice per week and was fearful that it is only being cleaned once per week to which Mayor Housefather responded that the Public Works Department could look into his request.

The resident then sought particulars regarding whether there were City rules for short-term leasing of dwelling units to which Mayor Housefather responded that the City Clerk could look into it and get back to him.

The resident then inquired as to whether the residents of the Luxor have special dispensation for overnight parking to which Mayor Housefather responded that they do not. The resident then opined that these residents should thus receive Notices of Infraction. Mayor Housefather then explained to the resident that if his fellow residents are contravening the City's overnight parking rules and he wishes to complain about this, he may call the City's Public Security department to advise them.

9) Ruth Benor

The resident complained that the vehicles circulating between Mackle and Kildare were too heavy and thus engender a nuisance to which Mayor Housefather responded that when these vehicles make deliveries, they are allowed to circulate on City streets.

The resident then complained that children who attend the Beth Rambam synagogue are throwing garbage on the street to which Mayor Housefather responded that the City's Public Security Department can look into it.

The resident then inquired as to what would occur with the traffic lights once Fleet Road was reconfigured to which Mayor Housefather responded that they would remain in their current location.

The resident requested that gardeners be excluded from participating in the City's Maison Fleuries contest for which all members of council took note.

The resident then stated that gardeners are making a mess by throwing leaves on the street to which Mayor Housefather responded that the City could look into her complaint.

10) Dr. Bernard Tonchin

The resident went on record as supporting the Senior Social Men's Club.

The resident then requested that the City ensure that during its compost collection, the composting bins be replaced on the property of the owner to which Mayor Housefather stated that the Public Works Department can look into this.

The resident then requested that the City produce a sticker with essential phone numbers (i.e. 911) to which Mayor Housefather stated that the City could look into this.

The resident requested that the City oppose current flight paths to Pierre Elliott Trudeau Airport to which Mayor Housefather responded that in general, it is expedient to have said airport functional as it is an important commercial hub but as he already stated, the City may decide to look into this in future.

081101

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
COUNCIL DATED OCTOBER 6, 2008**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN NASHEN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council dated October 6, 2008 be and are hereby approved as submitted."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081102

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
DATED OCTOBER 16, 2008**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN NASHEN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council dated October 16, 2008 be and are hereby approved as submitted."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081103

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
DATED OCTOBER 30, 2008**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN NASHEN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council dated October 30, 2008 be and are hereby approved as submitted.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081104

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR OCTOBER 2008

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN NASHEN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the monthly departmental reports for October, 2008 be and are hereby approved as submitted.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081105

HUMAN RESOURCES – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT – HIRING OF WHITE COLLAR AUXILIARY EMPLOYEES

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN J. LEVINE

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council approves the hiring of the White Collar auxiliary employees whose names are listed in the document entitled: “White Collar – Part-Time Employees” dated November 4, 2008, and that said employees’ term of employment will be as per the respective dates indicated on the aforementioned list;

THAT in addition to said list Council hereby approves the hiring of Matthew Richman, Auxiliary Employee, as a Chalet Attendant, effective November 7, 2008 and terminating December 31, 2008;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number TC08-0162 dated October 30, 2008 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081106

HUMAN RESOURCES – PUBLIC WORKS – HIRING OF BLUE COLLAR AUXILIARY EMPLOYEES

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council approves the hiring, transferring, resignation and termination of the employees whose names are listed on the document entitled: “Part time employees - blue collars, public works department, City of Côte Saint-Luc” dated October 31, 2008 and signed by David Tordjman, Director of Public Works and that said employees terms of employment, dates of transfer and termination shall be as indicated on the aforementioned list;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number TC08-0163 dated October 30, 2008 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081107

HUMAN RESOURCES – PUBLIC SECURITY – HIRING OF PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICER – WHITE COLLAR, AUXILIARY POSITION

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN J. NASHEN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council approves the hiring of Hugo Perez as a Public Security Officer (White Collar, auxiliary position) effective October 21, 2008;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number TC08-0164 dated October 30, 2008 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081108

HUMAN RESOURCES – ELEANOR LONDON CÔTE SAINT-LUC PUBLIC LIBRARY – HIRING OF A STAGIAIRE ASSISTANT REFERENCE LIBRARIAN – PROFESSIONAL PART-TIME POSITION

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN J. LEVINE

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council approves the hiring of Diane Michaud as a stagiaire Assistant Reference Librarian (professional part-time position) effective October 31, 2008;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number TC08-0166 dated October 30, 2008 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081109

HUMAN RESOURCES – LEGAL SERVICES AND CITY CLERK – HIRING OF AUXILIARY OFFICE CLERK

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN J. LEVINE
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council approves the hiring of Joseph Berljawsky as an Office Clerk (student White Collar, auxiliary position) for the period between November 10, 2008 to December 19, 2008 and that he not be guaranteed any set hours but will be asked to work when and if needed during the aforescribed period for a maximum of 21 hours per week;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC08-0167 dated November 4, 2008 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081110

**HUMAN RESOURCES – ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT – END OF
EMPLOYMENT OF WHITE COLLAR PERMANENT EMPLOYEE**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council approves the termination of employment of White Collar permanent employee number 1376, effective September 24, 2008;

THAT the City Manager is hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of the City of Côte Saint-Luc, any document giving effect to the foregoing."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081111

**HUMAN RESOURCES – PUBLIC WORKS – CHANGE OF STATUS OF WHITE
COLLAR AUXILIARY EMPLOYEE**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council approves the change of status of Catherine Paradis from auxiliary to permanent, retroactive to October 27, 2008."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081112

HUMAN RESOURCES – ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT – APPOINTMENT OF

TRAFFIC ENGINEER – MANAGEMENT POSITION

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council approves the appointment of Charles Senekal as the Traffic Engineer (management permanent position) retroactive to October 11, 2008;
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081113

**HUMAN RESOURCES – PUBLIC WORKS – ABOLITION OF SENIOR
STOREKEEPER – WHITE COLLAR, PERMANENT POSITION**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council abolishes the position of Senior Storekeeper – Public Works, a White Collar, permanent position, effective November 10, 2008."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081114

**HUMAN RESOURCES – EXTENSION OF GROUPE FINANCIER AGA INC.'S
MANDATE AS AN EXTERNAL CONSULTANT WITH REGARD TO THE GROUP
PURCHASE OF THE GROUP INSURANCE PLAN**

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc, together with the members of "Regroupement des municipalités de l'Île de Montréal", concluded an agreement in 2005 regarding the acquisition of a common group insurance said agreement ending on December 31, 2008;

WHEREAS the Transition Committee gave Groupe Financier AGA Inc. the mandate to act as consultants to acquire a new three (3) year group insurance plan and that the term of said mandate ends on December 31, 2008;

WHEREAS there are benefits for the City of Côte Saint-Luc to participate with other municipalities to form such a group for the purchase a new group insurance plan;

WHEREAS there are delays required to proceed with a call for tender with regard to group insurance;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

“TO GRANT an extension to Group financier AGA Inc.'s mandate, for a period of one (1) year, to carry out the work involved in the preparation of a call for tender to acquire a new group insurance plan with the "Regroupement des municipalités de l'Île de Montréal" who are participating in the process.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081115

HUMAN RESOURCES – CONFIRMATION OF THE MANDATE TO THE CITY OF BEACONSFIELD AS THE SPOKEPERSON FOR THE PURCHASE OF COLLECTIVE INSURANCE

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc, together with the members of the Island of Montreal group of municipalities, entered into an agreement in 2005 concerning the common purchasing of collective insurance and that this agreement ends on December 31, 2008;

WHEREAS there are advantages for the City of Côte Saint-Luc to partake with other municipalities in such a group for the purchase of a new collective insurance portfolio;

WHEREAS the consultant for the group of municipalities participating in the collective insurance, Groupe financier AGA, recommends, after having reviewed the matter, the maintenance of the said group for the purpose of purchasing collective insurance;

WHEREAS it is appropriate to enter into a new agreement with the members of this group of municipalities for a five (5) year period, from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2013;

WHEREAS, as per Groupe financier AGA's recommendation, it is appropriate to appoint the City of Beaconsfield to act as its authorized agent;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

“TO AUTHORIZE the Mayor or the City Manager to sign, on behalf of the City of Côte Saint-Luc, the intermunicipal agreement relating to the group for collective insurance purposes;

TO MANDATE the City of Beaconsfield to act as the authorized agent regarding the purchase of a new collective insurance portfolio for the group of participating municipalities in conformity with the five (5) year agreement said agreement to commence on January 1, 2009 and terminate on December 31, 2013.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081116

FINANCE – APPROVAL OF THE DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2008 TO OCTOBER 31, 2008

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN J. LEVINE

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the disbursements for the period of October 1, 2008 to October 31, 2008 for a total of \$2,581,274.48 in Canadian Funds are hereby approved;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number TC08-0165 dated November 4, 2008 has been issued by the Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses;

THAT said resolution shall be for immediate action.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081117

MAYOR’S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC

Mayor Housefather read the Mayor’s report out loud as follows:

Presentation

In conformity with article 474.1 of the *Cities and Towns Act*, I am pleased to report on the current financial situation of the City of Côte Saint-Luc (“City”) and on the orientations for the upcoming 2009 budget.

Financial report for the year ended December 31, 2007

The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007 were audited by the external auditing firm of Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Regions (“MAMR”) imposed several financial statement reporting requirements effective January 1, 2007. As a result, the City restated certain values on the balance sheet, including those reflecting employee pension plan surplus/(deficit) in the cumulative surplus account.

The City registered a net cumulative operating surplus of \$2,251,694 and a cumulative pension plan surplus of \$3,876,000, totalling \$6,127,694 as at December 31, 2007. Although the pension plan surplus is shown on our balance sheet, it cannot be used by the City for operating or capital purposes.

On the other hand, the cumulative operating surplus of \$2,251,694 can be used for various purposes. The Council has decided to use a portion of the surplus to:

- help cover some of the over-expenditures in the snow removal budget in 2008 (\$500,000);
- increase the working fund to \$1,000,000 (from an original amount of \$350,000) to be used to finance capital projects directly by the City to avoid financing (interest) costs;
- reserve funds to cover the estimated cost of holding the 2009 municipal election.

The City, along with the Town of Hampstead and the Town of Montreal West, are contesting the Borough’s results for the year ending December 31, 2005, in which the City of Montreal is claiming \$1,822,000 from the City of Côte Saint-Luc. We are expecting to resolve this matter shortly.

In 1984, a group of 26 municipalities on the island of Montreal formed the Régie intermunicipale des déchets sur l’île de Montréal (“Régie”). The goal of the Régie was to have the municipalities pool their efforts in the area of waste management,

particularly as relates to the treatment of municipal waste. In 1992, the Régie entered into two (2) agreements with the Société d'énergie Foster Wheeler Ltee. ("Foster Wheeler") under which the Régie contracted with Foster Wheeler to plan and construct an incinerator and then to manage it thereafter. These agreements were terminated by the Régie on March 20, 1996 and Foster Wheeler proceeded to file a law suit against the Régie. This case has taken many years to come to court and in 2001 with the forced municipal mergers; the City of Montreal became the legal successor to the Régie. As such the City of Montreal's executive committee has been charged with formulating strategy for the case and through a decree, each municipality that was originally part of the Régie would reimburse the City of Montreal for legal expenses or any judgment in a percentage set out in the decree. Foster Wheeler was suing the Régie for approximately \$62 million plus interest. The Quebec Superior Court ruled on October 7, 2008 that a contractual penalty clause applied and that the Régie was liable for the amount of \$10 million plus interest, leading to a total condemnation of approximately \$21.3 million (capital and interest to date). Côte Saint-Luc's share of that amount would be approximately \$950,000 of which \$200,000 has been accrued already. The City of Montreal has decided to appeal the judgment and estimates that the matter will come before the Quebec Court of Appeals in approximately two (2) years.

Three-year capital expenditures program for 2008-2009-2010

The projects included in the 2008-2009-2010 three (3) year capital budget were adopted in December 2007:

Projects	2008	2009	2010
Roads and Traffic	\$1,411,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000
Water and Sewer Infrastructure	\$2,355,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,350,000
Buildings and Civil Properties	\$400,000	\$330,000	\$200,000
Parks Improvements	\$645,000	\$8,620,000	\$775,000
Vehicles and I.T. Equipment	\$795,000	\$830,000	\$650,000
Total	\$5,606,000	\$12,980,000	\$5,675,000

The projects included in the three-year capital expenditures program for the 2008 fiscal year have either been completed or are in the process of being completed, except for the water and sewer infrastructure projects which will be completed in 2009. With regard to the amount budgeted for parks improvement in 2009, it should be noted that this includes \$7.5 million for a possible interregional/aquatic community center which will be reviewed if we receive government funding. The City has made an application for such funding.

The City's capital investment budget priorities for the current fiscal year continue to be major improvements in water and roads infrastructure and parks facility upgrades. The federal and provincial gasoline tax grant, split over four (4) years, totalling \$4,918,000 along with the City's contribution in the amount of \$4,991,000 will allow the City to proceed with major work on rehabilitation of the water distribution network, as well as with sidewalk reconstruction and the repaving of roads. In addition to the above mentioned major projects, the City has invested in upgrades and repairs at Rembrandt and Yitzhak Rabin Parks, the Tennis Club swimming pool, various City buildings, vehicles for the E.M.S. and Public Works departments, and software to be implemented in 2009 that will allow residents to register and pay for Recreation programs on-line.

The three (3) year capital investment budget is designed to be a planning document required by law with no obligation to carry out any of the projects. Council must approve each project in this planning document on an individual basis before any funds are committed.

Preliminary forecast on the financial situation for the year 2008

The third quarter results indicate that despite the over-expenditure in the snow removal budget since January 1, 2008, in the amount of \$1,128,000, the City has been able to respect the commitments made in the 2008 original budget adopted by Council in December 2007.

To date, the actual 2008 operating revenues are well within budget to December 31, 2008. As well, the City received its share of a special fund created by the Quebec Government to promote projects to reduce household waste (redevances pour l'élimination de matières résiduelles). Part of this redistribution was used to introduce organic waste collection city-wide in September 2008, and the balance will be used to help finance other innovative projects in the future.

To date, with the exception of snow removal costs covering the first four months of 2008, the operating expenses are also well within budget to December 31, 2008. The additional costs for snow removal have been covered partly from surplus and partly from budget compressions. The City has also experienced some cost increases in various other areas mostly due to the increased energy costs and fuel prices in 2008. On the other hand, due to better overall efficiency and cash-flow management, the City has also experienced some savings.

The City is currently estimating a small surplus for the 2008 fiscal year; however, we will continue to keep close control over our expenses until the end of the year while maintaining a high quality of service to Côte Saint-Luc residents.

Members of the Municipal Council closely monitor the actual revenues and expenses of the City. On a monthly basis, the Audit Committee, chaired by Councillor Dida Berku, examines internal financial reports produced by the Finance Department and identifies corrective measures when required.

General orientation for the 2009 budget

As in previous years, the established budget priorities for the 2009 budget will continue to focus on maintaining quality services for the residents of the City of Côte Saint-Luc while maintaining the increase in municipal taxes to an amount below the cost of inflation. We will continue to run the City like a business focusing on waste management programs, improvements in our water infrastructure system, and providing innovative recreational and cultural programs that suit the needs of Côte Saint-Luc residents.

The 2009 operating budget building guiding principles are the following;

- The budget must ensure that there is a balance between revenues and expenditures;
- The goal is to ensure that the property tax increase will not exceed the rate of inflation. This means no more than 2% for an average home;
- The budget must ensure long-term financial viability of the City;
- The budget must ensure that cost of debt service never exceeds 15% of the overall operating budget;
- To meet the growing needs of residents, the budget building process must ensure efficiency, and the budget monitoring process must ensure a City-wide commitment for controlling costs.;
- The City will not issue long-term debt unless justified through a business analysis on a case-by-case basis.

The capital budget priorities for 2009 will continue to be investments in our parks, aqueduct infrastructure and maintenance of roads/sidewalks. We will continue to take advantage of revenues from the gasoline tax grant and other grants available to municipalities.

In the upcoming weeks, the City Administration and members of Council will be finalizing the 2009 operating and capital budgets. The City will adopt the 2009

operating budget and the 2009-2010-2011 capital expenditure program three (3) year plan at a special public Council meeting on December 15, 2008.

List of contracts exceeding \$25,000.00

In accordance with the law, I have deposited with the City Clerk the list of all contracts issued in 2007 which include an expenditure exceeding \$25,000 entered into since the last meeting of Council at which I presented this report. I have also deposited the list of all contracts involving an expenditure exceeding \$2,000 entered into within that period with the same contracting party, if those contracts involved a total expenditure exceeding \$25,000.

Remuneration of members of council

As members of the Council, we receive an annual remuneration and an annual allowance for expenses related to our function.

The following table indicates the remuneration and allowances received by members of council.

Office	Remuneration	Expense allocation
Mayor	\$ 45,687	\$ 14,242
Councillors	\$ 15,229	\$ 7,614

In conclusion, I would like to assure you that Council and staff will work very hard on the 2009 budget building process. We will do everything possible to continue to increase the excellent level of services given to residents at the most reasonable cost possible.

Anthony Housefather
Mayor

081118

**MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE CITY OF
CÔTE SAINT-LUC – AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH IN A NEWSPAPER
CIRCULATED IN THE TERRITORY OF THE MUNICIPALITY**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN J. NASHEN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT in accordance with the law, the Côte Saint-Luc City Council hereby authorizes the publication of the text of the Mayor's Report on the financial position of the City of Côte Saint-Luc in a newspaper circulated in the territory of the municipality in lieu of distribution to each civic address in the municipality but nonetheless reserves its rights to distribute to every civic address on its territory.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081119

SEPTEMBER COMPARATIVE REPORT AND REVISED BUDGET REPORT

The City Treasurer tabled his September comparative report and revised budget report at tonight's council meeting.

081120

EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR BANKING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC

WHEREAS the current contract for banking services between the City of Côte Saint-Luc ("City") and RBC Royal Bank expires on December 31, 2008;

WHEREAS according to clause 12 of the said contract, the City can renew this contract for a period of twelve (12) months or twenty-four (24) months;

WHEREAS the City wishes to exercise its option to renew said contract for a period of twelve (12) months;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council hereby approves the renewal of the current banking services contract with RBC Royal Bank for a period of twelve (12) months starting January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081121

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – PURCHASE OF WIRELESS EQUIPEMENT

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint Luc wishes to purchase wireless equipment for its City Hall;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN J. LEVINE

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council hereby awards a contract, pursuant to tender Q-14-08; and authorizes the expenditure of \$25,549.58, plus applicable taxes to Insight Inc.;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC08-0168 dated November 4, 2008 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081122

PUBLIC WORKS – PURCHASE OF A VIBRATING ASHPHALT ROLLER RD -16-90

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint Luc wishes to purchase a vibrating asphalt roller RD-16-90;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council hereby awards a contract to Equipment Moore, pursuant to tender C-55-08; and authorizes an expenditure of \$23,720.00, plus applicable taxes;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC08-0169 dated November 4, 2008 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081123

PUBLIC WORKS – PURCHASE OF A TOPDRESSING MACHINE

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint Luc wishes to purchase a topdressing machine;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council hereby awards a contract to purchase a topdressing machine to O.J. Compagnie Lteé; and authorizes the expenditure of \$14,192.00, plus applicable taxes;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC08-0170 dated November 4, 2008 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081124

PURCHASING – REJECTION OF BIDS FOR TENDER #C-53-08 FOR THE RENTAL OF TRUCKS SUBSEQUENT TO ITS SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS – AND AUTHORIZATION TO CALL FOR NEW TENDERS

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc made an invited call for tender (#C-53-08) for the rental of trucks for the transport of snow for the 2008/2009 winter season and received three bids for three categories of trucks;

WHEREAS pursuant to section 10 of the call for tender:

"La Ville de Côte Saint-Luc se réserve le droit d'accepter la (les) soumission(s) la(les) plus avantageuse(s), de répartir celle(s)-ci parmi plusieurs Soumissionnaires, de rejeter toutes les soumissions reçues ou même de lancer un nouvel Appel d'offres."

WHEREAS the City wishes to issue a new call for tenders and in so doing, make a material change to the existing tender;

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc shall thus reject the submitted bids and call for new tenders;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the City of Côte Saint-Luc City Council hereby rejects the bids received for tender C-53-08 for the rental of trucks for the transport of the snow removal and hereby immediately authorizes the City's purchasing department to call for new tenders."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081125

URBAN PLANNING – SITE PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMS (SPAIP) – 5454 WESTMINSTER – CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC

This item was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

081126

URBAN PLANNING – 6867 HOLLAND – REPLACEMENT TREES

WHEREAS the owner of 6867 Holland ("the Property) requested to fell ("Fell) one (1) tree located in the front yard of the property;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN J. LEVINE
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Council hereby requires that the one (1) tree to be Felled be replaced by two (2) trees with a diameter of 2 inches the whole pursuant to the terms and conditions of article 11-7-1 *et al.* of Zoning By-law No. 2217;

THAT at least one (1) of the two (2) trees to be planted must be planted on the Property."

CARRIED BY THE MAJORITY OF VOTES WITH COUNCILLORS KOVAC, GOLDBLOOM AND COHEN ALL DISSENTING

081127

URBAN PLANNING – 5511 RANDALL – REPLACEMENT TREES

WHEREAS the owner of 5511 Randall ("the Property) requested to fell ("Fell) two (2) trees, one located in the front yard and one located in the rear yard of the property;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN J. LEVINE
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Council hereby requires that the two (2) trees to be Felled be replaced by two (2) trees with a diameter of 2 inches the whole pursuant to the terms and conditions of article 11-7-1 *et al.* of Zoning By-law No. 2217;

THAT at least one (1) of the two (2) trees to be planted must be planted on the Property.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081128

URBAN PLANNING – 6500 KILDARE – REPLACEMENT TREES

WHEREAS the owner of 6500 Kildare (“the Property) requested to fell (“Fell) eleven (11) trees located in the side yard and the rear yard of the property;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN J. LEVINE
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council hereby requires that the eleven (11) trees to be Felled be replaced by eleven (11) trees with a diameter of 2 inches the whole pursuant to the terms and conditions of article 11-7-1 *et al.* of Zoning By-law No. 2217;

THAT the eleven (11) trees to be planted must be planted on the Property.”

CARRIED BY THE MAJORITY OF VOTES WITH COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU
DISSENTING

Subsequent to the adoption of the resolution, Councillor Kovac went on record as requesting that the City’s legislation governing tree protection be revisited.

081129

URBAN PLANNING – 5517 SILVERSON – REPLACEMENT TREES

WHEREAS the owner of 5517 Silverson (“the Property) requested to fell (“Fell) two (2) trees located in the front yard of the property;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN J. LEVINE
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council hereby requires that the two (2) trees to be Felled be replaced by two (2) trees with a diameter of 2 inches the whole pursuant to the terms and conditions of article 11-7-1 *et al.* of Zoning By-law No. 2217;

THAT the trees to be planted must be planted on the Property.”

CARRIED BY THE MAJORITY OF VOTES WITH COUNCILLORS BERKU,
NASHEN AND ERDELYI ALL DISSENTING

Councillors Berku and Erdelyi went on record as disagreeing with the decision to fell the tree as in their view it was fully healthy and living.

Councillor Brownstein went on record as supporting the decision to fell the tree as it was too close to the house and overshadowing the house itself.

081130

APPROVAL OF THE 2008-2011 EELAP FOR THE CLD WEST CENTRE

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council hereby approves the 2008-2011 Employment and Economic Local Action Plan (EELAP) for the CLD West Centre prepared by Zins Beausnesne and Associates and comprised of thirty-four pages subject to the modification of the socio-economic statistics contained within the annexes of said plan on pages 22-28 so that they truly reflect the current reality.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081131

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SECOND DRAFT ZONING BY-LAW 2217-KK-P2 TO BE ENTITLED: “BY-LAW TO AMEND THE ZONING BY-LAW NO. 2217, OF THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC IN ORDER TO MODIFY THE LIMITS OF CD-6”

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN J. LEVINE
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED

“THAT the second draft zoning by-law 2217-KK-P2 to be entitled: “By-law to amend the Zoning By-law No. 2217 of the City of Côte Saint-Luc in order to modify the limits of Zone CD-6” be and is hereby adopted;

THAT the City clerk be and is hereby instructed to complete the procedure to finalize the draft by-law in accordance with the law;

THAT said resolution shall be for immediate action.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081132

BY-LAW ENTITLED: “BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE MATERIALS” – ADOPTION

This item was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

081133

2009 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SITTING SCHEDULE

WHEREAS the Côte Saint-Luc City Council (“Council”) must set a Sitting Schedule for its regular monthly sittings;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN J. NASHEN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council hereby authorizes to hold its Regular Monthly Meetings for the 2009 calendar year as set out in the Meeting Schedule annexed herewith as Annex A to form an integral part of the Minutes.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081134

**PURCHASE OF A LOT FOR ESTATE OF LOUIS BROWN AND MANDATE TO
NOTARY FRANÇOIS DUPUIS**

WHEREAS the Côte Saint-Luc City Council received an offer to sell drafted by M^e Reevin Pearl, Attorney, said offer dated August 26, 2008 which the City of Côte Saint-Luc (“the City”) wishes to accept;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council hereby accepts the offer to sell dated August 26, 2008 and thus authorizes the City to acquire a lot 1052933 in conformity with said offer to sell dated August 26, 2008 and prepared by M^e Reevin Pearl, Attorney;

THAT Notary Francois Dupuis be and is hereby mandated to prepare the Deed of sale (“the Deed”) on behalf of the City;

THAT the said legal expenses contemplated in the offer to sell shall not exceed \$6,000.00;

THAT said acceptance is contingent upon the parties agreeing upon the terms and conditions of the Deed;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number TC08-0171 dated November 6, 2008 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses;

THAT any of the following persons may sign the Deed on behalf of the City:

- The Mayor;
- The City Clerk; or
- The Human Resources Legal Counsel.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081135

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC’S PARTICIPATION IN THE
“ENERGY WISE HOME DIAGNOSTIC” PROGRAM FROM HYDRO-QUÉBEC**

WHEREAS the application of the “Energy wise home diagnostic” program (EWH) from Hydro-Québec in the City of Côte Saint-Luc (“the City”) will enable its residents to obtain, by completing a questionnaire, a personalized

recommendation report on the assessment of their energy use as well as personalized advice to optimize their consumption;

WHEREAS the City, by participating in the collective plan "Supporting Local initiatives" of the EWHD program from Hydro-Québec, will receive a sum of \$30 for each printed (hard copy) recommendation report and \$35 for each recommendation report filled out electronically; and

WHEREAS any financial contribution to the "Supporting Local initiatives" must be attributed to a project in areas related to: culture, sports and leisure, the environment and community-related activities said project benefitting the City's residents:

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the preamble and the definitions contained therein shall form an integral part of this resolution as if cited hereinafter at length;

THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City council authorizes the City to participate in the collective plan "Supporting Local initiatives" of the (EWHD) program from Hydro-Québec, which will allow the City to receive, through this program, a sum of \$30 for each printed (hard copy) recommendation report and \$35 for each recommendation report filled out electronically;

THAT the City commit to promoting the EWHD program to its residents;

THAT the City commit to installing green gym equipment on the City territory with the Hydro-Québec financial contribution; and

THAT Régine Banon, Coordinator of Public Relations, be appointed to act as the person in charge of the EWHD project and that the City Manager, the City Clerk and the Legal Counsel for the Human Resources Department are authorized to sign on behalf of the City, any document relating to the "Supporting Local initiatives."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081136

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE STANCE OF THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC COUNCIL ON ISSUES TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MONTREAL URBAN AGGLOMERATION COUNCIL MEETING

WHEREAS according to section 4 of *An Act respecting the exercise of certain municipal powers in certain urban agglomerations* (R.S.Q., c. E-20.001) (hereinafter "the Act"), the urban agglomeration of Montreal is made up *inter alia*, of the City of Côte Saint-Luc since January 1, 2006;

WHEREAS according to section 58 of the Act, every central municipality has an urban agglomeration council, the nature, composition and operating rules of which are set out in an order in council and that this agglomeration council constitutes a deliberative body of the municipality;

WHEREAS under section 59 of the Act, every municipality must be represented on the urban agglomeration council;

WHEREAS according to section 61 of the Act, at a meeting of the council of a related municipality, the mayor informs the council of the matters that are to be considered at a future meeting of the urban agglomeration council, sets out the position the mayor intends to take on any matter referred to at the urban agglomeration council meeting, discusses that position with the other members present and proposes the adoption of a resolution establishing the council's stance;

WHEREAS an agglomeration council meeting shall be held in November 2008 for which members of the municipal council shall establish the stance that it wishes to take;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN J. NASHEN

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Council take the following stance in view of the Agglomeration Council meeting to be held in November 2008 as follows:

- to authorize the Mayor or his duly authorized replacement to make any decisions he deems necessary and in the best interest of the City of Côte Saint-Luc and its residents regarding the items on the agenda of the Agglomeration Council meeting to be held in November 2008 based on the information to be presented during those meetings."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SECOND QUESTION PERIOD

The Second question period started at 10:40 p.m. and finished at 10:44 p.m. Two (2) people asked to speak and they were heard.

- 1) Dr. Bernard Tonchin

The resident went on record as requesting a moment of silence for Remembrance Day at which point a moment of silence was observed.

- 2) Aubey Laufer

The resident inquired as to whether there was urgency to launch a new call for tenders regarding the truck rental for snow transportation to which Mayor Housefather responded that there was not.

AT 10:44 P.M. MAYOR HOUSEFATHER DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED.

ANTHONY HOUSEFATHER
MAYOR

JONATHAN SHECTER
DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES
AND CITY CLERK