MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009, 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, acted as Secretary of the meeting until item **5b**

Mr. Jonathan Shecter, Director of Legal Services and City Clerk, acted as Secretary of the meeting from item **5b** onward

QUESTION PERIOD

The question period started at 8:00 p.m. and finished at 8:30 p.m. Six (6) people asked to speak and they were heard.

1) Mark Bohbot

The resident advised Council that there has been an increase in traffic on Glencrest creating difficulties, especially for children crossing the street. He then requested, that in order to alleviate the problem, the City should open up Baily Road to which Mayor Housefather responded that the Traffic Committee could review the overall matter (of the Glencrest traffic situation) and return to Council with a recommendation.

2) Toby Shulman

The resident expressed concern regarding swastikas plastered on Côte Saint-Luc territory to which Mayor Housefather responded that the matter is currently under investigation by the Police and should any further incidents occur, Côte Saint-Luc's Public Security's staff and dedicated its V-Cop volunteers to report the matter to Police immediately.

3) Dr. Bernard Tonchin

The resident went on record as opining that the swastikas on Côte Saint-Luc territory were the object of a hate crime. He then stated that on Wavell Road (at the end Rand and McAlear) there needs to be police presence during school hours as, in his view, motorists were double and triple parking, going through stop signs, honking their horns and not respecting the overall rules of the road. Mayor Housefather then responded that insofar as whether or not the matter should be declared a hate crime, it is up to the police (and their legal department) to decide. He then stated that insofar as the traffic issue is concerned, police Commander Bissonnette, in the audience tonight, has taken note of the matter and shall look

into it. Councillor Nashen then added that there have been marked improvements in the situation but that the Police would continue to closely monitor the matter.

4) Gerry Weiss

The resident inquired as to why there were so many sirens in Côte Saint-Luc for which Mayor Housefather clarified firstly that ambulance and police sirens are beyond the purview and control of the City and secondly clarified that many times said sirens are indeed necessary.

5) Alex Davis

The resident went on record as congratulating the City for its wonderful flowers as well as its new signage.

6) Barack Zanata

The resident advised Council that Isadore Goldberg Park, unlike other Côte Saint-Luc parks, is currently not clean to which Mayor Housefather responded that all parks in the City are cleaned in the same manner but would nonetheless request that City Manager Lerner look into the matter.

FLETCHER PARK - RENOVATIONS

Mayor Housefather advised members of council that an item concerning renovations to Fletcher Park was requested to be added to the council agenda. All members of council unanimously agreed to add said item to the agenda.

090803

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 13, 2009

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council dated July 13, 2009 be and are hereby approved as submitted." CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

090804

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 3, 2009

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting dated August 3, 2009 be and are hereby approved as submitted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

090805

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR JULY 2009

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the monthly departmental reports for July, 2009 be and are hereby approved as submitted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

090806

HUMAN RESOURCES - PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - ABOLITION OF OFFICE AGENT - WHITE COLLAR PERMANENT POSITIONS

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN

AND RESOLVED

"THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council ("Council") abolishes two (2) positions of Office Agent – Parks and Recreation Department, White Collar, permanent positions, effective June 22, 2009;

THAT Council creates two (2) positions of Secretary, white collar, permanent positions, class six (6), in the Parks and Recreation department, effective June 23, 2009."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

090807

HUMAN RESOURCES - PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - WHITE COLLAR, PERMANENT POSITION

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN

AND RESOLVED

"THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council approves the appointment of Ewa Makarewicz as a Secretary, Administrative Services (White Collar, permanent position), effective June 22, 2009;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC09-0106 dated July 30, 2009 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

090808

HUMAN RESOURCES - APPOINTMENT OF A HEAD DISPATCHER - WHITE COLLAR, PERMANENT 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 appointment of David Stewart as a Head Dispatcher (White Collar, permanent position), effective July 20, 2009;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC09-0105 dated July 30, 2009 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

090809

HUMAN RESOURCES - CHANGE OF STATUS OF WHITE COLLAR EMPLOYEES

It was

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

AND RESOLVED

"THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council approves the change of status of Renée Boivin and Christine Goodyer from auxiliary to permanent, effective July 20, 2009."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

090810

HUMAN RESOURCES – HIRING OF PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICER

This item was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

090811

HUMAN RESOURCES - PUBLIC SECURITY DEPARTMENT - 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 Charles DeCarufel as a Public Security Officer (White Collar, auxiliary position), effective August 5, 2009;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC09-0108 dated July 30, 2009 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

090812

HUMAN RESOURCES – ELEANOR LONDON CÔTE SAINT-LUC PUBLIC LIBRARY – HIRING OF LIBRARY CLERK – WHITE COLLAR, AUXILIARY POSITION

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

AND RESOLVED

"THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council approves the hiring of Kayleigh Girard as a Library Clerk (White Collar, auxiliary position), effective July 13, 2009;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC09-0109 dated July 30, 2009 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

090813

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

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED

"THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council ("Council") approves the hiring of the Blue Collar employees whose names are listed in the document entitled: "Part-Time Employees – Blue Collars" ("engagement") dated August 3, 2009 and that said employees' term of employment will be as per the respective dates indicated on the aforementioned list;

THAT Council approves the termination of the blue collar employees whose names are listed in the document entitled: "Part-Time Employees – Blue Collars" ("resignation/termination") and that said employees' date of termination will be as per the respective dates indicated on the aforementioned list;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC09-0110 dated July 30, 2009 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

090814

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

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN SECONDED COUNCILLOR BY RUTH KOVAC

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: "Part-Time Employees - White Collars" dated July 28, 2009, and that said employees' term of employment will be as per the respective dates indicated on the aforementioned list;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC09-0111 dated July 30, 2009 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

090815

HUMAN RESOURCES - PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - TRANSFER OF WHITE COLLAR AUXILIARY EMPLOYEES

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN

AND RESOLVED

"THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council approves the transfer of the White Collar auxiliary employees whose names are listed in the document entitled: "Part-Time Employees - White Collars" dated July 28, 2009, and that said employees' term of employment will be as per the respective dates indicated on the aforementioned list."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

090816

FINANCE – APPROVAL OF THE DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2009 TO JULY 31, 2009

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the disbursements for the period of July 1, 2009 to July 31, 2009 for a total of \$3,187,131.72 in Canadian Funds are hereby approved;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC09-0112 dated August 3, 2009 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

090817

PARKS AND RECREATION - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR SINGERMAN PARK

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc ("City") made an invited call for tenders according to law and received two (2) bids (C-10-09) for the above-mentioned services;

WHEREAS the lowest conforming bid submitted was from CIMA + s.e.n.c.;

WHEREAS pursuant to resolution number 090517, the City authorized the expenditure of \$13,100.00, plus applicable taxes, representing an amount not exceeding five percent (5%) of the loan by-law 2307 prior to its approval by the MAMROT in accordance with section 544.1 of the Cities and Towns Act;

WHEREAS Council also approved the balance in principle once loan By-law 2307 was approved by the MAMROT;

WHEREAS on June 19, 2009 the said By-law was indeed approved by the MAMROT and the City wishes to ratify the approval of the balance of the expense;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED

"THAT Côte Saint-Luc City Council authorizes the expense of \$29,970.00, plus applicable taxes, payable to CIMA + s.e.n.c. representing the balance of payment for professional services to prepare preliminary plans for the renovation of Singerman Park;

THAT Treasurer's certificate TC09-0115 dated August 5, 2009 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

090818

PARKS AND RECREATION – RENOVATION WORK FOR DONALD FLETCHER PARK

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc ("City") made a public call for Tender (C-18-09) and received five (5) bids, for the above-mentioned services;

WHEREAS the lowest conforming bid submitted was from Les Entreprises Canbec Construction Inc.;

WHEREAS the City has authorized the commencement of renovations on this park with the Professional Services obtained by Planex Consulting;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED

"THAT Côte Saint-Luc City Council authorizes the expense of \$548,994.00, plus applicable taxes, payable to Les Entreprises Canbec Construction Inc. for renovations of Donald Fletcher Park;

THAT Treasurer's certificate TC09-0113 dated August 10, 2009 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

090819

MATERIAL RESOURCES – PUBLIC WORKS – ENGAGING THE SERVICES OF A CONTRACTOR FOR ROAD RESURFACING

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc ("City") has made a public call for tender (C-17-09) according to the law to engage the services of a contractor for road resurfacing and received four (4) bids;

WHEREAS the lowest conforming bidder was Construction D.J.L. Inc.;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED

"THAT Côte Saint-Luc City Council authorizes the expense not to exceed \$1,236,667.51, plus applicable taxes, payable to Construction D.J.L. Inc. for road resurfacing work, the whole pursuant to tender number C-17-09;

THAT Treasurer's certificate TC09-0114 dated August 5, 2009 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

090820

MATERIAL RESOURCES – PUBLIC WORKS – CONTRACT FOR COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF BULK WASTE

WHEREAS the City obtained quotes for the above-mentioned services;

WHEREAS the lowest price submitted was from Vidolo Excavation Limitée;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU

AND RESOLVED

"THAT Côte Saint-Luc City Council authorizes the expense of \$195.00 per occasion for the collection and transport of bulk waste for a maximum sum not to exceed \$20,000.00, including applicable taxes, payable to Vidolo Excavation Limitée;

THAT Treasurer's certificate TC09-0116 dated August 5, 2009 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

090821

MATERIAL RESOURCES - PUBLIC WORKS - PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE

This item was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

090822

URBAN PLANNING - 5791 WESTMINSTER - REPLACEMENT TREES

WHEREAS, the owner of 5791 Westminster ("the Property") requested to fell ("Fell") one (1) tree located in the side yard of the Property;

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Council hereby requires that the one (1) tree to be Felled be replaced by one (1) tree 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 one (1) tree to be planted must be planted on the Property." CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

090823

URBAN PLANNING - 6858 KORCZAK, LOT 1561413 - REPLACEMENT TREES

WHEREAS, the owner of vacant lot 1561413 bearing civic address 6858 Korczak ("the Property") requested to fell ("Fell") six (6) trees located in the front and rear yard.

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT, Council hereby requires that the six (6) trees to be Felled be replaced by six (6) 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 six (6) trees to be planted must be planted on the Property."

CARRIED BY THE MAJORITY OF VOTES WITH COUNCILLORS RUTH KOVAC AND MIKE COHEN BOTH DISSENTING

Councillor Kovac then went on record as opining that residents should not be obliged to re-plant trees (within the construction footprint) when felling them in order to perform said construction.

090823A

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE REMUNERATION OF CERTAIN ELECTION OFFICERS

WHEREAS Section 580 of an *Act Respecting Elections and Referendums in Municipalities* ("The Act") establishes a tariff of remuneration for the Officers covered by the Act;

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc is empowered under Section 88 of the Act to establish fees of Election Officers higher than those decreed by the Provincial Government;

WHEREAS in conformity with amended legislation within the Act, section 580.1 provides for indexation;

WHEREAS the salaries established have not been modified by the City of Côte Saint-Luc since 1994 (resolution 941023);

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

AND RESOLVED

"THAT for the 2009 Municipal Election, and until modified, the rate payable to the following Election Officers be established according to the table annexed herewith as Annex A to form an integral part of the minutes." CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SECOND QUESTION PERIOD

The Second question period started at 9:40 p.m. and finished at 9:45 p.m. Three (3) people asked to speak and they were heard.

1) Alex Davis

The resident inquired as to whether the City would be using artificial turf in its soccer fields to which Mayor Housefather responded in the negative.

2) Dr. Bernard Tonchin

The resident inquired as to whether the area the Cavendish Mall may be given permission to build is where the sidewalks will be redone to which Mayor Housefather responded in the negative.

The resident inquired as to whether there was a by-law to fence off pools to which Mayor Housefather responded in the affirmative. The resident then inquired as to how our by-law governs pool covers to which Mayor Housefather responded that if a particular resident wishes to know, they may seek the assistance of the City (Urban Planning).

3) Mark Bohbot

The resident inquired as to when the time frame for the renovations to Singerman Park was to which Mayor Housefather responded that an exact time frame is not available at this time as the City still has certain evaluations to undertake.

090824

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN J. LEVINE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN J. NASHEN

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to declare the Meeting adjourned." CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AT 9:45 P.M. MAYOR HOUSEFATHER DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

ANTHONY HOUSEFATHER MAYOR

JONATHAN SHECTER
DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES
AND CITY CLERK