MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014, AT 5801 CAVENDISH BOULEVARD, CÔTE SAINT-LUC, AT 9:00 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 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:

Me Jonathan Shecter, City Clerk, acted as Secretary of the meeting

## **QUESTION PERIOD**

The question period started at 9:07 p.m. and finished at 9:20 p.m. Four (4) people asked to speak and they were heard.

## 1) William Harrari

The Resident inquired regarding the Agenda item concerning the acceptance of an offer by Résidence B'nai Brith Inc. to purchase a triangular piece of land on Côte Saint-Luc Road belonging to the City of Côte Saint-Luc and in particular, the logistics of consultation (with the public) regarding this matter as well as the process to allow the matter to now be on tonight's Agenda to which Mayor Housefather responded that the City approached several residences within the City that may be interested in this piece of land and Résidence B'nai Brith Inc. was the only residence that tendered an offer. Mayor Housefather further explained that this project is subject to a zoning change which requires the legal consultation of the Qualified Voters.

The resident then inquired regarding the FCM guidelines (in reference to the proposed project's compliance) to which Mayor Housefather responded that Résidence B'nai Brith Inc. has been requested to respect the guidelines; namely, to have sufficient distance from the railyards and appropriate *mitigation measures* regarding their building given its proximity to railyards.

The resident then required (in general) as to what materials are transported by CP Rail to which Mayor Housefather responded that the City should now receive reports on a consistent basis regarding the materials being transported.

# 2) Jo-Ann Goldwater

The resident stated that according to the FCM guidelines, there should not be residential development too close to railyards and inquired regarding whether this project would respect the FCM guidelines to which Mayor Housefather responded that Résidence B'nai Brith Inc.'s offer to purchase stated that it would respect the FCM guidelines.

#### 3) Luba Lallouz

The questioner inquired as to why the sale of the City land on tonight's Agenda is not being publicised to which Mayor Housefather responded that the City is doing all that is required by law; namely, if/when the offer by Résidence B'nai Brith Inc. is accepted<sup>1</sup>, the City would then have to go through the process of a zoning change at which point every opportunity will be given to make voices heard. In particular, the Qualified Voters can participate in a Register/Referendum process if they do not wish that the zoning change pursuant to this project be approved. The resident then went on record as expressing her personal fear that someone with Alzheimer's disease (living at the autonomous senior's residence) may veer off and find themselves in the back of a railyard citing an example for which she had personal knowledge. Mayor Housefather then explained that many seniors find themselves with a lack of affordable housing and that the City has a piece of land available to fulfill a valid need.

## 4) Al Hayek

The resident called upon Council to look at the FCM guidelines (approved by the Montreal Agglomeration) as well as to look at the safety issues involved with the Résidence B'nai Brith Inc. project to which Mayor Housefather responded that Résidence B'nai Brith Inc. has undertaken to respect the FCM guidelines. The resident then inquired as to how many storeys the project would be to which Mayor Housefather responded that once a final proposal was tabled the City would know definitively.

#### 141031

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER BY RÉSIDENCE B'NAI BRITH INC. TO PURCHASE A TRIANGULAR PIECE OF LAND ON CÔTE SAINT-LUC ROAD BELONGING TO THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC BEARING LOT NUMBER 1 054 267

This item was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

# 141032

# RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE NOVEMBER 2014 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

WHEREAS article 319 of the *Cities and Towns Act* states that Council may decide that a Regular Sitting is to begin on a date and time other than those specified in its schedule;

It was

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

## AND RESOLVED:

"The Council hereby modifies its Regular Council sitting date in November 2014 from November 10, 2014 at 8:00 pm to November 17, 2014 at 8:00 pm."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The matter was deferred tonight.

141033

## APPROVAL OF THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

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

AT 9:24 P.M. MAYOR HOUSEFATHER DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

ANTHONY HOUSEFATHER MAYOR

JONATHAN SHECTER CITY CLERK