

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006, 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 Michael Cohen
Councillor Steven Erdelyi, B.Sc., B.Ed.
Councillor Sam Goldbloom
Councillor Ruth Kovac
Councillor Allan J. Levine, B.Sc., M.A.

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. David Johnstone, City Manager
Mr. Jonathan Shecter, Co-ordinator of Legal Services and City
Clerk, acted as Secretary of the meeting

QUESTION PERIOD

The question period started at 8:02 p.m. and finished at 9:47 p.m. Ten (10) people asked to speak and they were heard.

Prior to taking questions from the public, Mayor Housefather wished to give them an explanation regarding the most recent tax bills sent out.

Mayor Housefather requested that the public understand the true reasons for the tax increases as the increase in local taxes was a small percentage of the overall tax increase.

He then cited the following factors as explaining why local tax increases were truly necessary but paled in comparison to the unjust Agglomeration tax rates:

- a) Over the past four years, there was not a high amount spent on infrastructure in Côte Saint-Luc and this year, certain expenses are necessary to incur such as the flood pump for the Cavendish tunnel, roofs on municipal buildings and various sidewalks and streets;
- b) This City Council proceeded to perform a line by line review of the expenses imputed to the local Côte Saint-Luc budget and cut, insofar as tenable, any expenses that were not absolutely necessary;
- c) That the remaining expenses within the budget are necessary to meet the goal of bringing the quality of services back to 2001 levels;
- d) The Agglomeration Council downloaded City of Montreal expenses into their expense budget. Since, for example, Côte Saint-Luc has its own internal, independent departments such a Legal department and a Human Resources Department, it is wrong to impute such a high proportion of expenses from the City of Montreal's Legal Department, for example, into the Agglomeration budget rather such expenses should be incremental;
- e) That overall tax increases in the past five years have been smaller than most other Cities or Boroughs;
- f) The Agglomeration budget originally included expenses moved to local budgets via the decree. However the residential agglomeration rate stayed the same and should have gone down by at least 5 cents on these items.

- g) The Agglomeration Budget contains other expenses that should be uniquely imputed to the City of Montreal such as lampposts for streets. The City of Montreal has contrived a tortuous logic (i.e. saying these lampposts are necessary for "social housing") in order to consider them an Agglomeration expense;
- h) That the Administration of the City of Montreal only released the Agglomeration budget to the Mayors 30 minutes prior to its presentation to the media which gave Mayor Housefather and his colleagues in the demerging municipalities insufficient time to review it;
- i) The City of Montreal has been given the legislative authority to tax its commercial establishments at a higher pro rata vs. residential taxes than the demerged municipalities. This resulted in the said municipalities being precluded from having a lower residential tax rate as they legally cannot tax its commercial establishments as high (in proportion to the residential ones) as the City of Montreal. He then explained that a legislative amendment to allow demerged municipalities to exercise the same prerogative would be only fair.

Mayor Housefather then explained to the public that he, along with his Mayoral counterparts in the other reconstituted municipalities, all voted against the Agglomeration budget but that since the City of Montreal has an overwhelming percentage of the votes, they were outvoted. He then apprised the public that the next step is for the demerging municipalities to file an appeal with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and of the Regions, He added however that residents must not direct their anger over tax increases towards this Council but rather towards the Provincial MNA's who voted to put in place a system which is conducive to abuse and bad faith by the Administration of the City of Montreal. To assist the residents, he had a list of all of the MNA's coordinates produced for the public tonight and asked the public to expend vigorous efforts to solicit the Provincial representatives to support the appeals and reform the Agglomeration Council.

Mayor Housefather then announced that the City of Côte Saint-Luc will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, February 20, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. at which point a resolution to appeal to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and of the Regions would be put forward.

Councillor Allan J. Levine then opined that Côte Saint-Luc residents have elected a very responsible Mayor and Council and was hopeful that any future tax increases would not surpass *cost of living* increases.

1) Erwen Luden

The resident inquired as to whether this council has thought about increasing the number of instalments for residents to pay their tax bills to which Mayor Housefather responded that it would be considered but for this year, it would not be practical.

The resident then inquired as to whether the City would consider enacting by-laws prohibiting vehicle drivers from idling their cars to which Mayor Housefather responded that both Councillors Berku and Erdelyi could study the matter further.

The resident then expressed concern over a watermain problem on Cavendish Boulevard to which Mayor Housefather responded that the repairs for this particular break are not within the purview of this City but that the Director of Public Works was pushing his counterparts in the City of Montreal on the matter.

2) Gad Medalsy

The resident complained that despite Côte Saint-Luc having parking tolerances on High Holidays, he was nonetheless convicted of a parking infraction which occurred on Rosh Hashanah. Mayor Housefather explained to the resident that from what he understood this resident's infraction was for parking where signs prohibit to do so whereas the parking tolerance was for overnight parking. The resident then inquired as to whether he is obligated to pay the fine and costs emanating from this infraction to which Mayor Housefather responded that he had no authority to overrule a judge's decision.

3) Irving Itman

The resident wished to compliment the Mayor and Council for issuing an explanatory pamphlet with their tax bills. He then opined that the Agglomeration Council, "dramatically and unfairly downloaded" a tax burden on residents of demerged municipalities.

The resident then requested that the City put a concise report in the Suburban in relation to the explanation given tonight regarding the tax increases.

The resident then insisted upon having a protest rally against the Agglomeration tax rate.

The resident then praised Councillor Cohen for the success of his advisory meeting with his constituents and encouraged all members of Council to follow suit.

The resident then requested an update regarding the Cavendish extension project to which Councillor Berku responded that she recently met with representatives of the project bureau who are looking into the logistics of the extension to which the resident replicated that the plan has been studied enough and then expressed scepticism that the extension would ever be realized. Councillor Berku then explained to the resident that she relayed this sentiment echoed by others to the communications division of the project and requested that they allay and assuage this particular concern. Councillor Berku then added that Public Consultation Meetings will also be held on the matter.

4) Gordon Byer

The resident explained that he has been living in Côte Saint-Luc for 46 years and that these specific tax increases were particularly high. Mayor Housefather then reiterated to the resident that there were a multiplicity of reasons for this year's increases and encouraged the resident to call his local MNA, Mr. Lawrence Bergman to support the appeal on Agglomeration taxes.

The resident then explained that there was a lamp burned out on Wolsely to which Mayor Housefather responded that the Director of Public Works could have it repaired as soon as practicable.

5) Phillis Weiss and Lynn Zaltman¹

Mrs. Phillis Weiss was particularly mindful of the effect that the tax increases would have on residents with fixed income and called upon this Council to decrease taxes accordingly.

¹ Both these residents approached the microphone and spoke together.

Mrs. Lyne Zaltman then explained that since next year, there would be a new triennial roll, taxes would further increase to which Mayor Housefather responded that the roll does not determine increases but rather it is the amount of taxable revenue to be raised from year to year. The increase in the roll will only determine one resident's increase vs. the average.

Both residents then called upon this Council to give them direction regarding how to fight the tax increases. Mayor Housefather then clarified that both this council and the residents have a role to play. This Council will adopt a resolution to appeal the Agglomeration budget and the residents must each address their provincial MNA regarding the matter.

Councillor Kovac then opined that each of the fifteen demerged municipalities should pay to put a form letter in the newspapers.

Mrs. Phillis Weiss then complained of a lack of information in the media to which Mayor Housefather begged to differ and countered that the Suburban in particular has been comprehensively reporting on the matter.

Mrs. Phillis Weiss then requested that this council cut more expenses to which Mayor Housefather and Councillor Brownstein both explained that cutting local expenses has a direct and severe impact on local services whereas cutting agglomeration expenses does not.

Councillor Berku then encouraged citizens to attend Agglomeration Council Meetings.

6) Mira Attias

The resident advised Council that she is employed with Le Chagall and sought to know what their tax rate would be to which Councillor Berku responded that at this very moment, it is impossible to know future rates.

Councillor Berku then explained to the public that for the past few years municipalities have been going through a *roller coaster*, that for this year, the overall tax increases is substantial but that taking the past several years into account, the overall increase was not as significant. She further added that she was hopeful that in future years, significant tax increases would not occur. She further added that while increases for single family dwellings have been quite high, this has not necessarily been the case for other categories of immovables.

The resident then inquired as to school tax rates to which Mayor Housefather responded that this was not within the purview of this council.

The resident requested whether this council can grant tax exemptions for seniors to which Mayor Housefather responded that this was not commonplace within the municipal world and depended on the Provincial or Federal Government providing funding for such an initiative. He later added that Côte Saint-Luc has paid rent for many of its seniors groups.

7) Michael Liftshitz

The resident announced that he will be starting an online petition regarding the contestation of the prohibitive agglomeration tax rate to which Mayor Housefather expressed his support for the initiative and then requested that the City manager put a *hyperlink* on the City's website.

8) Natania Etienne

The resident called upon the City Council to make more budget cuts as the threshold of the tax increases for seniors was too severe to which both Mayor Housefather and Councillor Brownstein responded that this would not be practical as services would be affected. Mayor Housefather then added that, "your City is prisoner of a system" and that the real focus of this resident's anger should be on the province for allowing such a system to exist. The resident called upon the Mayor to proactively remedy the flaw within the system to which Mayor Housefather responded that, "I will fight with determination, passion and every ounce of my vigour to remedy this."

9) Antonio Pistilli

The resident complained that there was a problem with snow removal by the City on his property to which Mayor Housefather responded that the Director of Public Works who is in the audience tonight could meet with this resident right now and then look into the matter tomorrow.

10) Michael Rosenheck

The resident complained that it should not be against a by-law to park on City streets for more than four consecutive hours to which Councillor Berku responded that the by-law will soon be amended to modify the prohibition from four consecutive hours to twelve consecutive hours.

The resident then requested that the City cut their taxes further to which Councillor Berku responded that this is not practical. The resident then stated that, "people will remember you by your good deeds" and called upon members of Council to take a leadership role in the contestation of the agglomeration tax rate to which Mayor Housefather responded that this Council is indeed taking on a leadership role.

060201

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
COUNCIL DATED JANUARY 16, 2006**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council dated January 16, 2006 be and are hereby approved as submitted."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060202

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
DATED JANUARY 25, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council dated January 25, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. be and are hereby approved as submitted.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Prior to the adoption of the monthly reports, Councillor Erdelyi gave a presentation regarding the update to the library renovations. He explained that there would be some new additions such as wireless internet and possibly a library café. He further explained that the renovations necessitated that the library open at a slightly later hour until they are completed.

He invited the residents to speak with him after the meeting should they have any questions.

Councillor Cohen then explained to the residents that the Côte Saint-Luc Website is presently under construction and was hopeful that it will be functioning soon.

060203

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2006

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the monthly departmental reports for January 2006, be and are hereby approved as submitted.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060204

HUMAN RESOURCES – HIRING – AUXILIARY DISPATCH OFFICERS

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the list of auxiliary white collar employees for Emergency Services Dispatch, dated February 6, 2006 be and is hereby accepted;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CTA06-0025 dated February 3, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060205

HUMAN RESOURCES – APPOINTMENT – LIEUTENANT – PUBLIC SECURITY

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Antonio Tsakon be and is hereby appointed as Lieutenant, Public Security, effective February 2, 2006;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CTA06-0027 dated February 3, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060206

HUMAN RESOURCES – APPOINTMENT – DIVISION CHIEF – OPERATIONS – PUBLIC WORKS

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Hadi Hakim be and is hereby appointed as Division Chief – Operations, Public Works, effective February 14, 2006, said appointment is subject to the signature of a contract of employment to include a probationary period;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CTA06-0028 dated February 3, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060207

HUMAN RESOURCES – HIRING – TEMPORARY COMMUNICATIONS / MARKETING AGENT

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Yibing Shen be and is hereby hired as an auxiliary Marketing Agent, Communications Department , for a period of 3 months effective January 24, 2006 up to and until April 24, 2006;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CTA06-0024 dated February 3, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060208

HUMAN RESOURCES – HIRING – AUXILIARIES – PARKS AND RECREATION

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the list of auxiliary employees for February 2006 entitled “*Part-Time employees – for approval (February 2006)*”, dated February 2006 and comprising of (1) page be approved as submitted;

THAT the employees contained on the aforementioned list be and are hereby hired and shall commence as per their respective dates indicated on the aforementioned list;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CTA06-0023 dated February 3, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060209

HUMAN RESOURCES – HIRING – AUXILIARIES – PUBLIC WORKS

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the list of employees dated January 31, 2006 and comprising of one (1) page, as submitted be approved;

THAT the employees contained on the aforementioned list be and are hereby hired and shall commence as per the date indicated on the aforementioned list;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CTA06-0022 dated February 3, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060210

HUMAN RESOURCES – CHANGE TO PERMANENT STATUS – REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the status of Jennifer Eisman, Librarian, be modified from occasional to permanent effective February 14, 2006.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060211

**HUMAN RESOURCES – END OF TEMPORARY SUPERIOR FUNCTION –
TECHNICAL SERVICES, LIBRARY**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the “*Fonction supérieure temporaire*” status of Josephine Lewi as Technical Services Section Manager for the Library be ended as of January 1, 2006.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060212

HUMAN RESOURCES – END OF EMPLOYMENT

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the employment of employee number 1964, Payroll Supervisor, Administrative Services, be terminated as of February 6, 2006.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060213

**HUMAN RESOURCES – MUNICIPAL COVERAGE OF DEDUCTIBLE FOR
CÔTE SAINT-LUC PENSION COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS the members of the Côte Saint-Luc Pension Committee sit as volunteers overseeing the welfare of the Côte Saint-Luc pension plan;

WHEREAS the Director and officers’ insurance policy has a deductible of \$1,000.00;

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT in the event that insurers for the Côte Saint-Luc Pension Committee pay out a claim, the City of Côte Saint-Luc shall undertake to pay out the deductible for a Côte Saint-Luc Pension Committee Member.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060214

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – FINANCE – APPROVAL OF THE
DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2006 TO
FEBRUARY 9, 2006**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the disbursements for the period of January 1, 2006 to February 9, 2006 for a total of \$58,059.31 in Canadian Funds are hereby approved²;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CTA06-0026 dated February 9, 2006 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

060215

LOAN BY-LAW ENTITLED “BY-LAW NUMBER 2240 TO AUTHORIZE A LOAN OF \$636,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC” – NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING

NOTICE OF MOTION is hereby given by Councillor Mitchell Brownstein that, at a subsequent meeting of Council, By-law numbered 2240 and entitled: “By-law number 2240 to authorize a loan of \$636,000.00 for the purchase of vehicles for the public works department of the City of Côte Saint-Luc” will be submitted to Council for Adoption.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the members of Council read and received the aforementioned by-law prior to the Council Meeting and therefore, a motion to dispense with the reading of said by-law was made by the aforementioned Councillor Mitchell Brownstein pursuant to article 356, second paragraph, of the *Cities and Towns Act*.

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council unanimously approves the dispensing of said reading.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060216

LOAN BY-LAW ENTITLED: “BY-LAW NUMBER 2241 AUTHORIZING A LOAN OF \$320,000.00 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF VARIOUS SIDEWALK AND ROAD SECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY” NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING

NOTICE OF MOTION is hereby given by Councillor Mitchell Brownstein that, at a subsequent meeting of Council, By-law numbered 2241 and entitled: “By-law number 2241 authorizing a loan of \$320,000.00 for the replacement of various sidewalk and road sections throughout the city” will be submitted to Council for Adoption.

² Certain disbursements were eliminated from the initial list.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the members of Council read and received the aforementioned by-law prior to the Council Meeting and therefore, a motion to dispense with the reading of said by-law was made by the aforementioned Councillor Mitchell Brownstein pursuant to article 356, second paragraph, of the *Cities and Towns Act*.

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council unanimously approves the dispensing of said reading.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060217

LOAN BY-LAW ENTITLED: BY-LAW NUMBER 2242 AUTHORIZING A LOAN OF \$850,000.00 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CAVENDISH UNDERPASS PUMP STATION - NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING

NOTICE OF MOTION is hereby given by Councillor Mitchell Brownstein that, at a subsequent meeting of Council, By-law numbered 2242 and entitled: “By-law number 2242 to authorize a loan of \$850,000.00 for the reconstruction of the Cavendish underpass pump station” will be submitted to Council for Adoption.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the members of Council read and received the aforementioned by-law prior to the Council Meeting and therefore, a motion to dispense with the reading of said by-law was made by the aforementioned Councillor Mitchell Brownstein pursuant to article 356, second paragraph, of the *Cities and Towns Act*.

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council unanimously approves the dispensing of said reading.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060218

LOAN BY-LAW ENTITLED: BY-LAW NUMBER 2243 AUTHORIZING A LOAN OF \$224,000.00 FOR THE COST REPLACEMENT OF SEVERAL ROOFS ON VARIOUS MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS – NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING

NOTICE OF MOTION is hereby given by Councillor Mitchell Brownstein that, at a subsequent meeting of Council, By-law numbered 2243 and entitled: “By-law number 2243 authorizing a loan of \$224,000.00 for the cost replacement of several roofs on various municipal buildings” will be submitted to Council for Adoption.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the members of Council read and received the aforementioned by-law prior to the Council Meeting and therefore, a motion to

dispense with the reading of said by-law was made by the aforementioned Councillor Mitchell Brownstein pursuant to article 356, second paragraph, of the *Cities and Towns Act*.

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council unanimously approves the dispensing of said reading.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060219

LOAN BY-LAW ENTITLED: “BY-LAW NUMBER 2244 AUTHORIZING A LOAN OF \$1,000,000.00 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF AT THE ELEANOR LONDON LIBRARY / BERNARD LANG CITY HALL COMPLEX” – NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING

NOTICE OF MOTION is hereby given by Councillor Mitchell Brownstein that, at a subsequent meeting of Council, By-law numbered 2244 and entitled: “By-law number 2244 authorizing a loan of \$1,000,000.00 for the replacement of the roof at the Eleanor London Library / Bernard Lang City Hall Complex” will be submitted to Council for Adoption.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the members of Council read and received the aforementioned by-law prior to the Council Meeting and therefore, a motion to dispense with the reading of said by-law was made by the aforementioned Councillor Mitchell Brownstein pursuant to article 356, second paragraph, of the *Cities and Towns Act*.

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council unanimously approves the dispensing of said reading.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060220

LOAN BY-LAW ENTITLED: “BY-LAW NUMBER 2245 AUTHORIZING A LOAN OF \$175,000.00 TO FINANCE THE INSTALLATION OF SYNCHRONIZED TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON CAVENDISH” – NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING

NOTICE OF MOTION is hereby given by Councillor Mitchell Brownstein that, at a subsequent meeting of Council, By-law numbered 2245 and entitled: “By-law number 2245 authorizing a loan of \$175,000.00 to finance the installation of synchronized traffic lights on Cavendish” will be submitted to Council for Adoption.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the members of Council read and received the aforementioned by-law prior to the Council Meeting and therefore, a motion to dispense with the reading of said by-law was made by the aforementioned

Councillor Mitchell Brownstein pursuant to article 356, second paragraph, of the *Cities and Towns Act*.

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council unanimously approves the dispensing of said reading.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LOAN BY-LAW TO CONSTITUTE A WORKING FUND

This item was removed from the Agenda.

060221

MATERIAL RESOURCES – 2006 UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT as recommended by Alvin Fishman, Section Manager - Sports, and David Taveroff, Director of Parks and Recreation and Public Security, the following quotations for the purchase of the following items be and are hereby approved the whole as more amply delineated hereunder:

A. ROY SPORTS

Minor Baseball House League Equipment	\$ 303.30
Roller Hockey Equipment	\$ 722.00
Pee Wee House League Baseball Uniforms	\$ 860.80
Mosquito House League Baseball Uniforms	\$ 2,531.40
Intercity Baseball League Equipment	<u>\$ 1,158.15</u>
TOTAL 1	\$ 5,575.65
GST 7%	\$ 390.29
QST 7.5%	\$ 447.44
GRAND TOTAL 1	<u>\$ 6,413.39</u>

HUSS SPORTS

Intercity Baseball League – Undershirts	\$ 382.50
Intercity Baseball League – Pants	\$ 625.50
Intercity Baseball League – Socks	\$ 189.00
Intercity Baseball League – Caps	<u>\$ 405.00</u>

TOTAL 2	\$ 1,602.00
GST 7%	\$ 112.14
QST 7.5%	\$ 128.56
GRAND TOTAL 2	<u>\$ 1,846.70</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENSE (taxes included):</u>	<u>\$ 8,256.09</u>

THAT Treasurer's certificate number CTA06-0019 dated January 26, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses;

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

060222

URBAN PLANNING – BY-LAW TO AMEND THE BY-LAW NUMBER 626 ON THE FIRE PREVENTION OF THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC IN ORDER TO MODIFY THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF AN AUTOMATIC WATER EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM - ADOPTION

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT *"By-law to amend By-law number 626 on the fire prevention of the City of Côte Saint-Luc in order to modify the provisions concerning the installation of an automatic water extinguishing system (sprinkler)"*, and numbered 2237, be and is hereby adopted;

THAT it be promulgated and according to law."
CARRIED BY THE MAJORITY OF VOTES WITH COUNCILLORS KOVAC AND LEVINE DISSENTING

Councillor Kovac explained to the public that notwithstanding the costs savings of not having to install sprinklers, "you cannot put a price tag on human life", and that the costs are actually not huge. She then opined that the matter would be returning to the agenda in six months.

Councillor Brownstein then explained that he supported this by-law because:

- a) a similar situation occurred before and Council granted an exemption then;
- b) the costs of installing these sprinklers, in proportion to constructing an entire house which was modest in nature, are far too prohibitive;
- c) the by-law should reflect new constructions and not those built in the 1950's or 1960's.

Councillor Levine then explained that he concurred with Councillor Kovac that the installation of sprinklers is a wise expense.

060223

PARKS AND RECREATION – JAMES G. BUTLER SWIMMING POOL – CANTEEN CONCESSION

WHEREAS the James G. Butler Municipal Swimming Pool requires an individual to manage the canteen; and

WHEREAS Mr. Leo Sculnik, has been the canteen operator for James G. Butler Municipal Swimming Pool since 1990 and would like to return in 2006;

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

THAT the City Council awards the contract for 2006 to Mr. Leo Sculnik to operate the canteen at the James G. Butler Municipal Swimming Pool provided;

- THAT Mr. Sculnik pay a lump sum fee of \$2,500.00 for the franchise at the James G. Butler Municipal Swimming Pool, in addition to a \$1,000.00 fee for the right to install all the vending machines mentioned below, plus tax for being awarded this contract;
- THAT Mr. Sculnik agrees to pay 10% of all gross revenues from five vending machines located at Côte Saint-Luc Park (1), Kirwan Park (1), the CSL Gymnasium (1), and the CSL Tennis Club (2);

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

060224

**PARKS AND RECREATION – GRANTS – SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS
FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES**

WHEREAS the Good Luck Club, Creative Social Center, Côte Saint-Luc Senior Men's Club and Côte Saint-Luc Senior Social Club provide services to our community and have done so for many years.

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council hereby grants donations to the following organizations:

Good Luck Club

To support their needs in order to operate their Bus service during 2006; \$250.00

Creative Social Center

a) To help cover some of their costs to help pay for janitorial services, electricity and heat at the Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob Synagogue. This grant shall be provided upon the delivery of the receipts of invoices from the Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob Synagogue; \$1,500.00

b) To support their needs (cost of frames and framing) in order to operate their 17th Annual Vernissage during 2006; \$600.00

Côte Saint-Luc Senior Men's Club

To support their needs and help defray the costs to the members in order to hold their Annual Banquet; \$1,000.00

Côte Saint-Luc Senior Social Club

To support their needs and help defray the costs to the members in order to hold their Annual Luncheon. \$1,000.00

THAT Treasurer's certificate number CTA06-0021 dated February 3, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses;

THAT said resolution shall be accepted for immediate action."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060225

**PARKS AND RECREATION – GRANT – ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION,
BRIGADIER FREDERICK KISCH-BRANCH 97**

WHEREAS the Royal Canadian Legion – Brigadier Frederick Kisch, branch 97, requested that the City supports their Veterans Day Parade.

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

THAT the City Council agrees to provide the Royal Canadian Legion Brigadier Frederick Kisch, branch 97, a donation of a maximum of \$2,000.00, including the overhead costs;

THAT the City shall provide this donation upon the delivery of the receipts associated with this event;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number CTA06-0020 dated February 3, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses;

THAT said resolution shall be accepted for immediate action."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060226

PARKS AND RECREATION – CANADA DAY APPLICATION FOR GRANT

WHEREAS the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Côte Saint-Luc annually hosts Canada Day events on July 1, 2006;

WHEREAS it is in the interest of the citizens of the city to promote Canada Day in Côte Saint-Luc.

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the City Council of Côte Saint-Luc supports the application for subsidies, from the Canadian Heritage Department of the Government of Canada, through the “Celebrate Canada” grant;

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

060227

LIBRARY – MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – LIBRARY AUTOMATION SYSTEM

WHEREAS Innovative Interfaces Canada Inc. is a maintenance service that is required by the Eleanor London Côte Saint-Luc Public Library to service the annual maintenance and support services with access to a 24 hour help-desk, software enhancements and new editions of the user manual.

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the City Council authorizes the awarding of a contract to Innovative Interfaces for the year 2006;

THAT the said contract shall be for an amount of \$34,347.00 (including all applicable taxes) for the year 2006;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CTA06-0031 dated February 8, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses;

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

060228

LIBRARY – PURCHASE OF PERIODICALS – ANNUAL CONTRACT

WHEREAS Ebsco Canada Ltée. is the periodical service which helps us manage 600 different companies for subscriptions.

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the City Council authorizes the awarding of a contract to Ebsco Canada Ltée. for the year 2006;

THAT the funds needed for this contract will be a maximum of \$40,000.00 for the year 2006;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CTA06-0030 dated February 8, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses;

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

060229

LIBRARY – CONFERENCE – PUBLIC LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS the Public Library Association Conference promotes the exchange of information in the field of libraries;

WHEREAS the annual conference is being held in Boston, Massachusetts;

WHEREAS the Director of Parks and Recreation has recommended that a delegation represent the city at their annual conference as per the memorandum dated February 3, 2006;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the City Council authorizes Tanya Abramovitch, manager of Public Services and Sonia Mirarchi, Children’s Librarian, to attend the annual Public Library Association Conference in Boston Massachusetts from March 21, 2006 through March 25, 2006;

THAT all expenses for the aforementioned conference are subject to the submission of the salient receipts to the Treasurer;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CTA06-0029 dated February 7, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer to authorize the imputation of \$3,600.00 from training expense General Ledger Account number 02-190-01-312 to cover the above-described expense;

That said resolution shall be accepted for immediate action.”
CARRIED BY THE MAJORITY OF VOTES WITH COUNCILLOR ALLAN J. LEVINE DISSENTING

060230

**PUBLIC WORKS – AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN DOCUMENTS FOR THE
SOCIÉTÉ DE L’ASSURANCE AUTOMOBILE DU QUÉBEC**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT David Tordjman be and is hereby authorized by the City of Côte Saint-Luc to sign any document necessary related to matters of the *Société de l’assurance automobile du Québec*, as of January 1, 2006.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060231

BY-LAW ENTITLED: “BY-LAW 110-3 FURTHER AMENDING BY-LAW 110 RELATING TO TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC SAFETY IN ORDER TO MODIFY FINES FOR PARKING WHERE PROHIBITED, THE OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY SIGNAGE” – NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING

NOTICE OF MOTION is hereby given by Councillor Michael Cohen that, at a subsequent meeting of Council, By-law numbered 110-3 and entitled: “By-law 110-3 further amending By-law 110 relating to traffic and public safety in order to modify fines for parking where prohibited, the overnight parking restrictions and parking restrictions pertaining to temporary signage” will be submitted to Council for Adoption.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the members of Council read and received the aforementioned by-law prior to the Council Meeting and therefore, a motion to dispense with the reading of said by-law was made by the aforementioned Councillor Michael Cohen pursuant to article 356, second paragraph, of the *Cities and Towns Act*.

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL COHEN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council unanimously approves the dispensing of said reading.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Berku specifically explained that the traffic by-law has changed in the following manner:

- a) Overnight parking shall henceforth be prohibited between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.;
- b) The prohibition to park more than four hours in a row shall be replaced with a prohibition to park more than twelve hours in a row at any given time;
- c) Certain parking fines shall increase from \$10 to \$25;

Mayor Housefather then added that the resident will now have four hours from the time the temporary NO PARKING signs are posted to move their car during a snow clearing operation.

Councillor Berku then requested that the public give its input regarding these proposed amendments to which Councillor Brownstein concurred.

PUBLIC SECURITY – APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMITS FOR MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS

This item was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

060232

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CÔTE SAINT-LUC TO JOIN THE “UNION DES MUNICIPALITÉS DU QUÉBEC”

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council hereby authorizes the City of Côte Saint-Luc to join the *Union des Municipalités du Québec*;

THAT Council further authorizes the City to pay the membership fees in the amount of \$18,977.91 tax included;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CTA06-0017 dated January 11, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer to attest to the availability of funds to cover the above-described expense.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060233

AUTHORIZATION TO JOIN THE ASSOCIATION OF SUBURBAN MUNICIPALITIES AND PROVIDE A CONTRIBUTION

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc wishes to join the Association of Suburban Municipalities, which is an association of the fifteen reconstituted municipalities on the island of Montreal;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council authorizes the City of Côte Saint-Luc to join the Association of Suburban Municipalities;

That Council hereby authorizes that the City of Côte Saint-Luc pays a contribution of \$9,614.57 to the Association of Suburban Municipalities;

That Treasurer’s certificate number CTA06-0034 dated February 15, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER BUSINESS - WINTER CARNIVAL

Councillor Cohen wished to commend Councillor Erdelyi for leading a very successful winter carnival to which Mayor Housefather concurred.

RESUMPTION OF QUESTION PERIOD

Question period resumed at 10:50 p.m. and finished at 11:20 p.m., Four (4) people asked to speak and they were heard.

1) Allan Greenberg

The resident inquired as to whether the loan by-laws on tonight's Council agenda are amortized to which Mayor Housefather responded in the affirmative.

The resident then inquired as to whether the expenses dealing with Cavendish Boulevard can be imputed to the Agglomeration Budget to which Mayor Housefather responded that the City could explore this option.

The resident then requested that a lamp standard near the Presidential Towers be repaired to which Mayor Housefather then responded that this can be done as soon as practicable.

The resident then enquired as to whether it was tenable to have a fire station on the other side of Côte Saint-Luc to avoid the challenge of having fire fighters access the Cavendish underpass if each access entry is flooded to which Mayor Housefather expressed scepticism that a second fire station would ever be built or that the existing one would move and noted that Council was replacing the underpass pump.

2) Phillis Weiss

The resident inquired as to the cost of the proposed cafeteria in the Eleanor London Côte Saint-Luc Public library to which Mayor Housefather responded that this can be looked into after the Meeting with Councillor Erdelyi.

The resident then, once again, implored this council to cut their local budget expenses to which Mayor Housefather responded that this is not practical or beneficial to the residents. He further added that Côte Saint-Luc has already made budget cuts where possible such as eliminating the position of Director of Public Security by having the Director of Parks and Recreation undertake this role too. He then reassured the resident that Council has expended a judicious effort to keep the budget expenses as low as possible.

Councillor Brownstein then explained that budget cuts to local services have a huge impact on services whereas cuts to agglomeration expenses does not thus requesting that the resident direct her efforts to exert pressure on the Agglomeration Council to cut their expenses.

Councillor Kovac then explained to the resident, once again, that this Council reviewed the budget expenses line by line and had to make some difficult and important choices. She then explained that in Europe and Northern Quebec arenas collapsed due to neglected infrastructure and that this should be a lesson that necessary expenses cannot wait.

The resident then called upon the City to cut expenses where danger was not a factor such as limiting recycling days to which Mayor Housefather responded that lowering the amount of collection days would not have any significant impact on the cost of this contract and moreover, this type of contract is a fixed expense and cannot be modified.

3) Irving Itman

The resident inquired as to the budgetary details of the renovation project to the library to which Mayor Housefather responded.

The resident then registered his objection to the amendment of Côte Saint-Luc's traffic by-law, especially the new overnight parking prohibitions. He explained that these prohibitions would not be fair to youth.

The resident then requested that Côte Saint-Luc request that the City of Montreal reimburse them for its pro-rated share of the amortization of Côte Saint-Luc's infrastructure between 2002-2006 to which all members of Council took note.

The resident then requested that this Council find a vehicle to mobilize the citizens to manifest their discontent with the Agglomeration tax rate. He then opined that Mayor Housefather has “rolled with the punches and withstood the heat” and wished to congratulate him for doing so.

Councillor Berku then explained to the public that all members of Council were very serious about the budgetary exercise.

4) Gad Medalsy

The resident then inquired as to why certain parking fines are increasing to which Mayor Housefather responded that they hadn't been adjusted in decades and that the more the city collects in revenues elsewhere, the less the overall general tax rate shall be.

AT 11:20 P.M. MAYOR HOUSEFATHER DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED.

ANTHONY HOUSEFATHER
MAYOR

JONATHAN SHECTER
COORDINATOR OF LEGAL SERVICES
AND CITY CLERK