

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, JULY 10, 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 Mitchell Brownstein, B. Comm., B.C.L., L.L.B.
Councillor Michael Cohen
Councillor Steven Erdelyi, B.Sc., B.Ed.
Councillor Ruth Kovac
Councillor Glenn J. Nashen

ALSO PRESENT:

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

PRESENTATION

The Mayor and Council wished to honour both Isadore Rosenblatt and Joseph Blumer for their outstanding years of service as Côte Saint-Luc Volunteers. Both volunteers were honoured for admirably performing their volunteer duties for over twenty years. On behalf of the Mayor and Council, commemorative plaques were prepared for both individuals.

QUESTION PERIOD

The question period started at 8:00 p.m. and finished at 8:45 p.m. Five (5) people asked to speak and they were heard.

1) Irving Itman

The resident inquired as to when the City would apply its by-law concerning the height of shrubs on corner lots throughout the whole City.

The resident then inquired as whether the demerged municipalities intend to protest what is in his view, "the undemocratic and dictatorial powers of the agglomeration."

Mayor Housefather explained, regarding the resident's first query, that he should contact the Director of Public Works, Mr. David Tordjman, regarding any shrubs located on corner lots whose height are non-conforming to City by-laws and he would follow up.

Mayor Housefather then explained that regarding the agglomeration-related issue, he was pleased to see that the demerged cities received a total of 41 million dollars pursuant to their successful appeal, \$820,000 of which shall be received by the City of Côte Saint-Luc. He then explained that for the appeal in question the arbitrator appointed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and of the Regions chastised the members of the Agglomeration Council who voted in favour of a by-law concerning Mixed Expenses¹ as it did not contain a specific and quantifiable formula as to how the percentage of these mixed expenses was arrived at.

¹ Expenses that are shared by the Agglomeration and the City of Montreal

Mayor Housefather then explained that he, along with his Mayoral counterparts from the demerged cities, have raised the issue of the inequitable and inefficient division of powers between the Agglomeration and the related municipalities. Since doing so, he explained, Minister Normandeau has expressed an openness to changes in the law regarding this matter.

Mayor Housefather then added that he, along with his colleague on Council, Councillor Nashen, both requested a meeting between members of Council from the demerged municipalities, members of the City of Montreal Executive Committee and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and of the Regions to discuss these issues.

2) Auby Laufer

The resident inquired as to why the work on Cavendish Boulevard could not be performed at night.

The resident then inquired as to whether the Esso Gas Station was independently owned or owned by the Cavendish Mall.

The resident then inquired as to, "When is Montreal going to hand over our tax credit and can we get more?"

Mayor Housefather first started out by clarifying that the *tax credit* in question pertains to *Agglomeration* Taxes and that the overall island-wide amount being reimbursed to taxpayers is 41 million dollars of which \$820,000 is Côte Saint-Luc's share.

Mayor Housefather then explained that it is Esso who owns its gas station.

Mayor Housefather then explained that since Cavendish Boulevard is an arterial road and since arterial roads are within the purview of the Agglomeration, the work performed on Cavendish was an Agglomeration project and Côte Saint-Luc had no say regarding the choice of the contractor. He then added that he was successful at the Agglomeration Council in lobbying and insisting that Côte Saint-Luc's arterial roads have the necessary work performed on them. He then explained that, on his behest, the City sent out a letter to every resident in Côte Saint-Luc advising them of the construction to be done. He then stated that while there may have been difficulties regarding the traffic configuration and redirection during a three or four day period, doing construction at night may have inconvenienced residents on Cavendish Boulevard as they may have had trouble sleeping with the noise emanating from the construction. He then explained that in certain circumstances, it may nonetheless be viable to perform the construction at night and this is one suggestion the City could look into.

The resident then stated that the infrastructure of the Cavendish Underpass may need looking at as well to which all members of Council took note.

3) Avrum Shtern

The resident wished to congratulate Mayor Housefather for what he felt was sticking up for principles and human rights regarding the ability of municipalities with bilingual status to post bilingual signs.

The resident then explained to council that the trees that were on Meadowbrook land which were cut down were needed.

The resident then called upon council to protect the marshlands in Côte Saint-Luc and then tabled the Quebec government's policy on Marshlands.

The resident then recounted that he has personally witnessed evidence regarding the dumping of grass clippings and branches and other debris on Meadowbrook land by its owners.

The resident then called upon the owners of Meadowbrook to establish a list of suitable replacement trees for the ones which they cut down.

Members of Council then took note of the resident's suggestions and comments.

Mayor Housefather explained that regarding the issue of the dumping of materials, the Director of Public Works can look into the matter.

The resident then sought particulars regarding the proposed amendments to the City's tree by-law to which Mayor Housefather responded that the matter is still being studied by staff who are looking into issues such as whether landowners must receive a permit prior to cutting down trees, what species of trees should be allowed to be planted and when a permit is required, under what conditions would a landowner receive a permit to cut down trees.

The resident then sought further clarification as to what the owner of Meadowbrook's follow-up was after the cutting down of trees on its property to which Mayor Housefather responded that the Acting City Manager sent a letter to the landowners of Meadowbrook requesting clarification as to what follow-up they actually did.

4) Jack Cabot

The resident wished to express his support for Council who condemned the OQLF for requesting that the Town of Mount Royal remove the English off of their bilingual signs.

The resident then requested a copy of the letter sent by the Acting City Manager to Meadowbrook² to which Mayor Housefather responded that the resident should follow up directly with the Acting City Manager upon his return from vacation.

The resident then sought particulars as to where complaints were directed regarding the Cottonwood Trees on Meadowbrook land to which Mayor Housefather responded that, from what he understood, those who complained did so directly to the owners of Meadowbrook land.

5) Jo Ann Goldwater

The resident complained that since trees were cut down on Meadowbrook land, there has been no effort by its owners to clean up the area.

The resident then explained that in her view far more trees were cut down on Meadowbrook land than was stated by Meadowbrook owners. Mayor Housefather then explained to the resident that while the City's by-law does not presently require City authorization to cut down trees in certain circumstances, the City is looking into changing this.

The resident then stated that she wished to see an inventory of all City trees for which Mayor Housefather referred the matter to the Director of Public Works.

060701

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
COUNCIL DATED JUNE 12, 2006**

² Referred to by the previous questioner

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 June 12, 2006 be and are hereby approved as submitted.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060702

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
DATED JUNE 19, 2006**

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council dated June 19, 2006 be and are hereby approved as submitted.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060703

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
DATED JUNE 28, 2006**

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council dated June 28, 2006 be and are hereby approved as submitted.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060704

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR JUNE 2006

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

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

Subsequent to the adoption of the monthly reports, Councillor Nashen expressed his disappointment regarding the abysmally low number of fire inspections performed in Côte Saint-Luc within the month of June.

Councillor Nashen then explained to the public that over the month of June, the EMS team saved another life.

060705

HUMAN RESOURCES HIRING – AUXILIARY EMPLOYEES – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the list of auxiliary employees for July 2006, entitled *Part-time employees – for approval (July 2006)* dated July, 2006 and comprising of three (3) pages 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 TC06-0115 dated, July 4, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060706

HUMAN RESOURCES – HIRING – AUXILIARY EMPLOYEES – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN J. NASHEN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the list of auxiliary blue collars employees for July 2006, comprising of one (1) page be approved as submitted;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number TC06-0114 dated, July, 4 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060707

HUMAN RESOURCES – HIRING AUXILIARY OFFICE CLERK – EMS AND PUBLIC SECURITY

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Ryan Nemeroff be and is hereby hired as an Auxiliary Office Clerk for the EMS and Public Security Departments, effective July 10, 2006 through September 1, 2006;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0121 dated July 6, 2006, has been issued by the Acting City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060708

HUMAN RESOURCES – TEMPORARY HIRING – MANAGER, FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Council hereby hires Gilles Pelletier as manager, Financial Operations, for a limited term as per the conditions of the contract annexed hereto as Annex A to form an integral part of the Minutes;

That said hiring is effective July 17, 2006;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0117 dated July 4, 2006 has been issued by the Acting City Treasurer attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060709

HUMAN RESOURCES - HIRING OF SUMMER STUDENTS

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the list of Summer Student employees comprising of two (2) pages including the addition of Joshua Neupol be approved as submitted;

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THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0116 dated July 4, 2006 has been issued by the Acting City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060710

**FINANCE – APPROVAL OF THE DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM
JUNE 1, 2006 TO JUNE 30, 2006**

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It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the disbursements for the period of June 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006 for a total of \$1,445,821.76 in Canadian Funds and \$1,303.76 in U.S. Funds are hereby approved;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number TC06-0118 dated July 4, 2006 has been issued by the Acting City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses;

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

060711

URBAN PLANNING – MINOR EXEMPTION – 7514 GUELPH, LOT 1053724

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT as recommended by the Planning Advisory Committee and in accordance with the provisions of by-law G18-0005, the request for a Minor Exemption regarding the property located at 7514 Guelph, Lot 1053724, be and is hereby approved the whole as more amply delineated hereunder:

The request is to allow for a detached single-family dwelling, the conversion of the interior parking space (one-car garage) into a daycare, instead of prohibiting the conversion of the interior parking space in order for it to be used for other purposes or to make it unusable for parking cars. The foregoing is in accordance with the provisions of zoning by-law 2217, section 7-2-4;

THAT pursuant to the granting of this Exemption, Council hereby prohibits the issuing of any overnight parking permits save those for a twenty-four hour period.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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060712

**URBAN PLANNING – SITE PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION
PROGRAMS (SPAIP) – 5702 MCALEAR, LOT 1053013**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the site planning and architectural integration programs received on June 12, 2006 showing the addition of a one storey side extension to a detached single family dwelling on lot 1053013 at 5702 McAlear and prepared by Mr. J. Abécassis, engineer for the Planning Advisory Committee meeting of June 13, 2006, be approved according to the provisions of Chapter 14 of by-law 2217 of the City of Côte Saint-Luc;
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060713

NOTICE OF MOTION: “BY-LAW TO AMEND THE ZONING BY-LAW 2217 OF THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC IN ORDER TO AMEND THE EXISTING TEXT OF CHAPTER 11 AND TO REPLACE IT WITH A NEW TEXT”

Councillor Erdelyi gave notice of motion that By-Law entitled: “By-law to amend the zoning By-law 2217 of the City of Côte Saint-Luc in order to amend the existing text of chapter 11 and replace it with a new text” will be presented at a later meeting.

060714

PUBLIC WORKS – PAINTING OF WALLS IN THE LIBRARY

WHEREAS the City needs to paint the walls in the Eleanor London Côte Saint-Luc Public Library;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council authorizes the Public Works Department to oversee a contract to paint the walls in the Eleanor London Côte Saint-Luc Public Library said authorization in conformity with City policy and regulations;

That Council authorizes the implementation of the following project entitled: “Painting of walls in the Eleanor London Côte Saint-Luc Public Library”;

THAT Council hereby awards a contract to Provoca Inc. at a total cost of \$17,476.58 (including all taxes) as detailed in the documents dated April 4, 2006;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number TC06-0119 dated July 6, 2006 has been issued by the Acting City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses from loan by-law 85-5-014;

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

060715

PUBLIC WORKS – REPAVING OF SEVERAL STREETS

WHEREAS the City must repave Adalbert between Earl and Côte Saint-Luc Road, Edgemore between Windfall and Guelph as well as repair several other local roads and sidewalks throughout the City;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN J. NASHEN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council authorizes the Public Works Department to begin implementing, in conformity with City policy and regulations, the following project entitled: “Road repairs on several streets throughout the City”;

THAT Council hereby awards a contract to Canbec Construction at the total cost of \$259,758.09 (including all taxes) as detailed in the tender documents attached, dated May 4, 2006;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number TC06-0120 dated July 6, 2006 has been issued by the Acting City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses;

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

060716

PUBLIC WORKS – PURCHASE OF A DODGE CARAVAN (FOREMAN)

WHEREAS the City requires new vehicles for its Public Works Department;

WHEREAS Council adopted by-law number 2246 authorizing a loan of \$128,550.00 for the purchase of new vehicles;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN J. NASHEN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the following quotation from the Company Rive-Sud be approved: one (1) Foreman van at a price of \$25,374.72 plus applicable taxes;

THAT said funds shall be extracted from loan by law 2246;

THAT said resolution is contingent upon the approval of by-law 2246 by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and of the Regions.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060717

PUBLIC WORKS – PURCHASE OF TWO PICK-UP COLORADO (PUBLIC SECURITY)

WHEREAS the City requires new vehicles for its Public Works Department;

WHEREAS Council adopted by-law number 2246 authorizing a loan of \$128,550.00 for the purchase of new vehicles;

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the following quotation from the Company Denis Breton Chevrolet be approved: two (2) equipped Public Security vehicles at a cost of \$76,511.95 plus applicable taxes;

THAT said funds shall be extracted from loan by-law 2246;

THAT said resolution is contingent upon the approval of by-law 2246 by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and of the Regions.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060718

PUBLIC WORKS – PURCHASE OF TWO DUMP TRUCKS WITH SALT BOX AND PLOW

WHEREAS the City requires new vehicles for its Public Works Department;

WHEREAS Council adopted by-law number 2240 authorizing a loan of \$636,000.00 for the purchase of new vehicles;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the following quotation by the Company Globocam be approved: two (2) dump trucks with salt box and plow for \$328,000.00 plus applicable taxes;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number TC06-0124 dated July 6, 2006 has been issued by the Acting City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060719

PUBLIC WORKS – PURCHASE OF PICK-UP TRUCK

WHEREAS the City requires new vehicles for its Public Works Department;

WHEREAS Council adopted by-law number 2240 authorizing a loan of \$636,000.00 for the purchase of new vehicles;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the following quotation from the Company Denis Breton be approved: one (1) Colorado pick-up truck for \$43,898.00 plus applicable taxes;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0123 dated July 6, 2006 has been issued by the Acting City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060720

PUBLIC WORKS – PURCHASE OF TWO SIDEWALK TRACTORS

WHEREAS the City requires new vehicles for its Public Works Department;

WHEREAS Council adopted by-law number 2240 authorizing a loan of \$636,000.00 for the purchase of new vehicles;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the following quotation from the Company Longus be approved: two (2) sidewalk tractors – four seasons (snow and parks) for a total price of \$151,600.00 plus taxes, *if applicable*;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0127 dated July 6, 2006 has been issued by the Acting City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060721

PUBLIC WORKS – PURCHASE OF A UTILITY VAN WITH UTILITY CABIN

WHEREAS the City requires new vehicles for its Public Works Department;

WHEREAS Council adopted by-law number 2240 authorizing a loan of \$636,000.00 for the purchase of new vehicles;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the following quotation from the Company Rive-Sud be approved: one (1) utility van with utility cabin for \$70,696.45 plus applicable taxes;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0128 dated July 6, 2006 has been issued by the Acting City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060722

PARKS AND RECREATION – CITY FACILITIES RESERVATION AND FEE POLICY

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc requires a policy for the rental of its facilities;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council authorizes the adoption of a City Facilities Reservation and Fee Policy for its facilities as submitted by the Parks and Recreation Department in a document comprising of 11 pages and entitled, “City Facilities Reservation and Fee Policy”;

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

060723

PARKS AND RECREATION - FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ALTERGO

WHEREAS AlterGo is a para municipal agency delegated by the provincial government to offer financial assistance to persons who are mentally and physically challenged;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council agrees to provide AlterGo financial support in the amount of \$3,000.00;

THAT Treasurer's Certificate number TC06-0122 dated July 6, 2006 has been issued by the Acting City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses;

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

060724

NOTICE OF MOTION – PARKS AND RECREATION – FEES FOR THE FALL OF 2006 AND WINTER OF 2007 RECREATION PROGRAMS

Councillor Kovac gave notice of motion that By-Law entitled: “Fees for the Fall 2006 and Winter 2007 Recreation Programs” will be presented at a later meeting.

060725

RESOLUTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE BY-LAW TO BE ENTITLED: FEES FOR THE FALL 2006 AND WINTER 2007 RECREATION PROGRAMS

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council dispenses with the reading of the By-Law entitled: “Fees for the Fall 2006 and Winter 2007 Recreation Programs”; when it will be presented for adoption, the whole in accordance with the law.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060726

LETTER OF TOLERANCE – 6875 HOLLAND ROAD

WHEREAS a certificate of location was prepared by René Villeneuve, Land Surveyor bearing dossier number 1213-01, minute number 2383 for the property bearing civic address 6875 Holland Road, lot number 1 561 961³;

WHEREAS said certificate indicated “*cette propriété ne souffre d’aucun empiètement de la part des lots voisins*”;

WHEREAS when the owner of said immovable wished to sell his house said owner produced a new certificate of location now indicating an encroachment of 0.09 meters on City property said plan bearing minute number 35 432 prepared by Stéphan Roy, Land Surveyor;

WHEREAS the notary involved in the aforementioned sale requested a letter of tolerance in light of said encroachment;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council hereby authorizes the Director of Legal Services and City Clerk to issue a letter of tolerance for the 0.09 meter encroachment on City land located on the plan bearing minute number 35 432, prepared by Stéphan Roy, Land Surveyor for the property bearing lot number 1 561 961.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060727

NOTICE OF MOTION – “BY-LAW 267-3 AMENDING BY-LAW 267 CONCERNING DOGS”

Councillor Cohen gave notice of motion that By-Law entitled: “By-law 267-3 amending By-law 267 concerning dogs” will be presented at a later meeting.

³ This was the new lot number subsequent to the cadastral renovation.

060728

**RESOLUTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE BY-LAW TO BE
ENTITLED: "BY-LAW 267-3 AMENDING BY-LAW 267 CONCERNING DOGS"**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the Council of the City of Côte Saint-Luc dispense with the reading of the By-Law entitled: "By-law 267-3 amending By-law 267 concerning dogs"; when it will be presented for adoption, the whole in accordance with the law."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060729

**RESOLUTION ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE SERVICES AT THE
AGGLOMERATION LEVEL**

WHEREAS over 80% of the residents of the City of Côte Saint-Luc use English as their preferred official language;

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc and 12 other cities on the island of Montreal have bilingual status, meaning that 13 of 16 municipalities forming part of the Agglomeration of Montreal have bilingual status;

WHEREAS, to date, residents of Côte Saint-Luc have not received agglomeration services in the language of their choice to the degree that they are entitled to expect as taxpayers;

WHEREAS to date all documents furnished by the Agglomeration Council and its committees have been exclusively in French;

WHEREAS there is nothing that would legally impede the Agglomeration Council from having English translations of all documents;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN J. NASHEN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the City of Côte Saint-Luc demands that the Agglomeration of Montreal set out a timetable and action plan to ensure that within a reasonable time frame a reasonable amount of documentation and services are available in English and that this be monitored continuously to ensure that English language documentation and services are being provided in a proper manner;

THAT the Agglomeration of Montreal provide bilingual signage for its facilities located in municipalities with bilingual status and that a reasonable level of bilingualism be provided for identification of departments, vehicles and personnel providing services in municipalities with bilingual status;

THAT copies of this resolution be sent to all Members of Montreal Agglomeration Council, the Premier of Quebec, the Minister responsible for

Languages and Culture, the M.N.A. for D'Arcy McGee, the Member of Parliament for Mount Royal and the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and of the Regions, and every bilingual municipality in the Province. ”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060730

RESOLUTION CONCERNING BILINGUAL SIGNS IN BILINGUAL STATUS MUNICIPALITIES AND BOROUGHS

WHEREAS Section 24 of the Charter of the French Language which has been in force for almost 30 years, allows municipalities with bilingual status to erect bilingual signs and indeed all signage erected by municipalities with bilingual status can be in both the English and French languages;

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc feels that municipalities with bilingual status should erect bilingual signs to show respect for residents from both linguistic communities;

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WHEREAS the OQLF has a tendency to adopt very restrictive interpretations of what bilingual signs are permitted and many confuse the OQLF's interpretation with the actual law;

WHEREAS it is clear that Section 24 of the Charter of the French Language which allows municipalities with bilingual status to erect bilingual signs only requires that French be *predominant* not *markedly predominant* which is the case with commercial signs;

WHEREAS a very reasonable interpretation of Section 24 is that municipal signs in municipalities with bilingual status can have French and English letter of equal size with the French language being given more prominence by being on the left or the top part of the sign;

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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the City of Côte Saint-Luc calls upon all municipalities and boroughs with bilingual status to erect all of their new signs in both French and English to give show respect for both communities;

THAT the City of Côte Saint-Luc calls upon the Government of Quebec to call upon the OQLF to concentrate on matters other than bilingual signs which are erected within municipalities with bilingual status;

THAT the City of Côte Saint-Luc calls upon all municipalities with bilingual status to adopt a similar resolution.⁴

THAT copies be sent to the Premier of Quebec, the M.N.A. for D'Arcy McGee the Minister of Language and Culture, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and of the Regions, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the UMQ, the Commissioner of Official Languages as well as to every Member of Council representing a municipality with bilingual status in the Province of Quebec.”

⁴ The preceding paragraph was a friendly amendment proposed by Councillor Glenn J. Nashen and unanimously accepted by all members of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Subsequent to the adoption of the resolution, Councillor Kovac commented that the OQLF should be abolished.

060731

OTHER BUSINESS - NAMING OF ANDREA CHARRON AS ASSISTANT CITY CLERK WHEN THE CITY CLERK IS ABSENT OR UNABLE TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Andrea Charron be and is hereby named as Assistant City Clerk said appointment only valid when the City Clerk is absent or unable to perform the duties of his office.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESUMPTION OF QUESTION PERIOD

Question period resumed at 9:45 p.m. and finished at 10:00 p.m. Five (5) people asked to speak and they were heard.

1) Irving Itman

The resident inquired as to whether Cottonwood trees emit *white fluff* to which Mayor Housefather responded in the affirmative.

The resident then explained to Council that in his view Cottonwood trees may interfere with a heat pump properly functioning.

The resident then inquired as to when the next Regular Council Meeting was to which Mayor Housefather responded that it would take place on August 14, 2006.

The resident then inquired as to when the Yiddish festival was to which Councillor Erdelyi responded that it would be on August 17, 2006.

2) Avrum Shtern

The resident opined that the *fluff* being emitted from Cottonwood trees is nonallergenic.

The resident then sought further details regarding the specifications of the purchase of two sidewalk tractors on tonight's Council agenda in particular, said tractor's width to which Mayor Housefather responded that the Director of Public Works can follow up with the resident.

The resident then inquired as to why the Coat of Arms was removed from the Côte Saint-Luc Fire Hall to which Mayor Housefather responded that it was the City of Montreal Fire Department who decided to remove it and that he will ensure that a letter will be send to the Fire Department explaining to them that the Coat of Arms as well as the bilingual sign removed on the building will be replaced by the City

and that the City will insist that the Agglomeration incur the costs to replace the present sign with a proper one.

The resident then explained to Council that since he heard that Côte Saint-Luc will replace their present street signs with newer ones, as a memento, he would like to have the older, existing street sign that indicates "Baily Road" to which Mayor Housefather responded that the resident should remind the City of his wishes and that they could look into his suggestion.

3) Howard Posh

The resident wished to personally thank the Mayor as well as Councillor Glenn J. Nashen for their invaluable participation in ensuring a safe evacuation of the Castel Royale during a recent exercise to which Councillor Nashen explained that when he went on site, members of the Fire Department did not participate in the exercise but that Côte Saint-Luc's public security staff were actively participating many of whom, given the weather conditions, were *trenched to the bone*.

4) Aubey Laufer

The resident inquired as to whether or not Council has decided on a new street name for the street being built in the Midway – Chamberland area to which Mayor Housefather responded that the issue is currently under review by the Toponymy Commission.

5) Jack Cabot

The resident inquired as to which cities that demerged do not have bilingual status to which Mayor Housefather responded, the City of Montreal, the City of Montreal East and the City of Saint-Anne de Bellevue.

The resident criticized the Agglomeration Council for not having bilingual material at its meeting for residents who wished to attend and was under the impression that the City of Montreal may have had bilingual material between 2002 through the end of 2005 to which Mayor Housefather clarified that the only bilingual document that the City of Montreal distributed to members of the public who attended council meetings was the Council Meeting agenda.

The resident sought particulars as to whether EMS was able to locate the Meadowbrook golf course when responding to a call to which Mayor Housefather clarified that the EMS team was misinformed of the address by an Urgences Santé dispatcher where an individual required first response and once properly dispatched to the right address, immediately found the location, administered first response and through their commendable efforts, saved the individual's life.

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APPROVAL OF THE CLOSING OF THE MEETING

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to declare the Council Meeting closed."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AT 10:00 P.M. MAYOR HOUSEFATHER DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED.

ANTHONY HOUSEFATHER
MAYOR

JONATHAN SHECTER
DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES
AND CITY CLERK