

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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 Mike Cohen
Councillor Steven Erdelyi, B.Sc., B.Ed.
Councillor Sam Goldbloom
Councillor Ruth Kovac
Councillor Allan J. Levine, B.Sc., M.A.
Councillor Glenn J. Nashen

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Ken Lerner, Acting City Manager
M^e Andrea Charon, acted as Secretary of the meeting

PRESENTATION

9/11

Mayor Housefather indicated that today is the anniversary of September 11 and the horrible terrorist attack on New York City and Washington D.C. which our American friends and neighbours suffered through. The members of Council agreed that they would like to do a moment of silence in honour of those people who passed away that day and in recognition of our relationship with United States and our sympathy with us in the time of that horrible tragedy.

060901

**EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCES - FALLEN CANADIAN SOLDIERS IN
AFGHANISTAN**

WHEREAS the Canadian Armed Forces have been called up to serve in Afghanistan in an effort to help restore order and protect the peace as part of a multi-national force; and

WHEREAS the brave soldiers of the Canadian Armed Forces are often in harm's way in service to Canada and all Canadians;

WHEREAS the following soldiers were killed in action in Afghanistan, in the service of our country:

Corporal David Braun	-	August 22, 2006
Warrant Officer Frank Robert Mellish	-	September 3, 2006
Warrant Officer Richard Francis Nolan	-	September 3, 2006
Sergeant Shane Stachnik	-	September 3, 2006
Private William Jonathan James Cushley	-	September 3, 2006
Private Mark Anthony Graham	-	September 4, 2006

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the City of Côte Saint-Luc extends its deepest sympathies to the family, friends and comrades of all the above-named fallen soldiers, and sends a message of support, encouragement and appreciation to our troops serving abroad;

THAT this resolution also be sent to the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Gordon O'Connor; Chief of Defence Staff, General Rick Hillier; Member of Parliament for Mount-Royal, Mr. Irwin Cotler; President of the Royal Canadian Legion, Frederick Kisch Branch 97; and to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Union of Quebec Municipalities and to the cities of the Montreal Region;

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

Mayor Housefather requested another moment of silence in honour of the Canadian troops.

QUESTION PERIOD

The question period started at 8:10 p.m. and finished at 9:00 p.m. Twelve (12) people asked to speak and they were heard.

1) Aaron Spector

Esther Spector asked in Aaron Spector's place. The resident asked why the cats are not being neutered.

Mayor Housefather responded that the City does not neuter cats, but what the City did do as the Borough was to contribute a certain amount of money to a program for pet neutering. The majority of Council felt that the money should not be spent by the City and rather would encourage private donors to give money to the group.

The resident inquired if it was a “done deal”?

The Mayor responded that a vote was taken. However, certainly Council will listen to the comments of people at any time and Council can always theoretically revise the decision.

2) Gerald Silberberg

The question is regarding overnight parking and the lack of implementation of the parking regulations pertaining to overnight parking, parking for longer than 12 hours and parking without permits. Mr. Silberberg stated that it was Imperative that this be taken care of quickly as the winter is coming soon and the snow clearing will be an issue.

Mayor Housefather stated that neither him nor Councillor Nashen had heard about the resident's concerns. In terms of the overnight parking regulations they are being strictly enforced by the Public Security Department. The overnight regulations state that you cannot park between 3:00 am and 6:00 am which saves the officers from having to make a second trip back. There was a delay enforcing this regulation until proper signage was up and there were warnings given for a period of time but now the cars that are in contravention are being ticketed throughout the City and Council is also considering for next year a proposal by Councillor Nashen to add somebody to the Public Security Department's overnight shift to ticket those cars that are not in compliance.

Council is also considering a revision to the by-law related to overnight parking to make the by-law more clear and provide for who is or who isn't entitled to get overnight parking and to change the fees for overnight parking permits. The goal is to have as few cars as possible parked overnight while understanding that there are some people who really need to park on the street.

So all of those are in the process of being revised and as of January 1, 2007 the City will hopefully have an overnight parking by-law in place which is slightly different from the one we currently have in terms of who is entitled to get permits and the costs.

Mr. Silberberg said that he spoke to Mr. Lerner and that some action was taken and that since then, which was 3 weeks ago, there has been no other action. There are people parked on his street continuously. There is one car in front of a neighbour who for over a month has had several tickets on his windshield. There are other people parking helter skelter in front of a hydrant. The situation on his street is deplorable.

Mayor Housefather said that he appreciated the comments. In terms of ability to ticket, the Public Security employees are able to ticket for infractions such as a car being in front of a hydrant. One of the constraints that we have is that of course, Public Security officers are out there and we need them to be out there doing other things rather than just ticketing, but now that the complaint was brought to Council's attention, we will make sure that a note goes out to Public Security officers tomorrow that they should pay specific attention to the street.

Mr. Silberberg also wanted to say that the City should act quickly on this thing because there is an opportunity for the City to make additional revenue from the tickets that can be posted and if they don't they are losing out and they could really hire additional people to do that overnight.

Mr. Housefather said that this was an interesting comment and while he agreed that we have to enforce our by-laws rigorously, assuming that one wanted the City to rely on ticket revenue as a source where we have to give out more and more tickets to people. The goal is for people to live comfortably and not to get ticketed except for really when they deserve a ticket, so, he only brought that up because they had a mayor's meeting the other day and one of the other mayors was saying that he was upset that there were not enough tickets issued in the city and he just wants to have as many tickets as possible issued for revenues. Mr. Housefather concurred that the City certainly likes revenue but he would rather our residents not get tickets unreasonably, but he agreed with what Mr. Silberberg was saying.

3) Eta Markowicz

The question deals with the creation of VCOP, the volunteer citizens on patrol. Why does the Council feel that there is need for added security in the City and if there is a dire need why is not the staff of the existing Public Security augmented to deal with that need and as a secondary question, what kind of training is this volunteer group getting that is different from Public Security and where is the funding coming from.

Mr. Housefather said that the Public Security Department is that something that the City pays very heavily for with unionized wages. The employees are paid an hourly wage, whereas the City has a great tradition of volunteers starting with the Emergency Measures Organization that was put in place in Mayor Lang's time and maybe back in 1965 and that is something that is being used right now and is very popular and successful, and is done in many places in the United States. VCOP does not duplicate what Public Security does, it augments it, meaning we have more eyes and ears on the road, seeing if there are problems and calling in to

Dispatch to alert Public Security or the Police that there is a potential problem, alerting EMS that there is somebody down on the sidewalk. The cost to the City is virtually nothing as Councillor Nashen has been successful in having donors come forward with the cars and people are sacrificing their own time and their own energy and their own skills to do the job. So the City is thus far very proud of what is happening with VCOP and are very happy that the Police Commander in our area is seeking to find out more about our program so it can be introduced in other parts of Montreal.

Ms. Markowicz restated the question – what prompted the need for more security.

Mr. Housefather said there is always a need for more security and Council has always campaigned to make the City as safe as possible.

Mr. Nashen said that training is not to be compared between our professional constables and our volunteers that are on the road. The professionals are licensed security officers that have followed formal training and have significant amount of training and experience and should not be compared to our volunteers that have a couple of evenings of training. VCOP's are trained by police commander of Station 9, by constable in our Public Security, by officer of the Montreal Fire Department and by the Supervisor of our Dispatch. We also have our City EMS Director that provides some training.

Ms. Markowicz said that she thought that they were supposed to call in anything that they see and not to interact in any way.

Mr. Nashen said that they are kind of a neighbourhood watch on wheels. Their mandate terminates upon the arrival of the authorities, EMS, Fire, Public Security, Police. The funding is minimal. There has been a donation of one vehicle, a second vehicle is on its way in the next couple of weeks, a donation of \$5,000 which will defray the cost of 2 external defibrillators and he stated that he is working on several other donations. There are currently 30 dedicated volunteers.

4) Hubert Clement

Mr. Clement had a preamble to his question. He lives on 5510 Elgin and would like to see the street kept clean and tidy. Every home is clean except for one. The address is 5509. That home is untidy, the owner does not cut the grass. Mr. Clement complained to Mr. C. Janusz many times and nothing was done. Is there a by-law requiring a citizen to cut his grass on the front lawn so as to keep the street clean and tidy?

Mr. Housefather said there is a by-law that requires people to keep the yards in a certain state and if the grass is too long they're in infraction of the by-law.

5) Toby Benlolo

Ms. Benlolo lives on Windfall Road, which was a dead end street and now with the new Irving Layton Road the street has been changed to an open and dangerous road. Her first question was why were the residents not consulted on the midway Windfall roads when the residents were directly affected and on the other end of the street of Parkhaven the residents were consulted.

Mr. Housefather said that the consultation meetings invited anyone in the City to make representations.

Ms. Benlolo said that none of the residents were notified. She says that the street is an open way and people drive at about 60 or 75 km. per hour. Ms. Benlolo has notified the Police and written a letter to Mr. Izzard of the Engineering Department and the Traffic Committee who will not do anything until October.

Mr. Housefather said that he agrees with the resident that the Traffic Committee will not do anything until October or at least consider the issue but he did not know about the driving at 75 km per hour. He will let Councillor Goldbloom, who is in charge of traffic, speak to Ms. Benlolo directly and report back next Monday.

Mr. Housefather added that it was not the City but the Borough of previous years that did the re-zoning and there were public notices posted in areas of re-zoning.

6) Aubey Laufer

Mr. Laufer asked 3 questions. He just previously went to the Library and asked about the ribbon cutting ceremony and felt that he was rudely spoken to. Mr. Laufer also asked why he could not bring his own paper for the printer and had to pay for library paper when using the library computers.

Mr. Laufer's next question was why the City allowed the Castel Royale building to put furniture outside on Cavendish.

In response to his first question, Mr. Housefather said that there was nothing to prevent anyone from watching the ribbon cutting ceremony. To the second question, the café should be opened approximately on the 21st of this month.

With regard to the Castel Royale, Mr. Housefather said there was no granting to the Castel Royale to put furniture on their lawn, but on garbage or collection day, the City allows anyone to put furniture out for collection.

Mr. Erdelyi responded to the question about the library paper and printer. Previously, people could print with their own paper. There were several problems with this. Firstly, some people would bring in stacks of paper and print a lot and some patrons were abusing the privilege. Also, the computer section was recently expanded and purchased several new computers and had to decide what to do. The former printers were cheap but had maintenance problems constantly and cartridges were costly. They decided to improve service for everyone by having a central printer, which would mean fewer breakdowns for everyone, more consistent access to the printer, and basically it would reduce the costs and cut down on the occasional people who were abusing library printer.

7) Dr. Tonchin

Mr. Tonchin would like to congratulate Mr. Mike Cohen on this issue of the Courier. He stated that this is one of the best issues put out.

Secondly, since there will soon be a meeting regarding Cavendish, is it possible to have an aerial view of area in order to be able to have a perfect look of the coming through the of Mount Royal straight through and through Blue Bonnets so that we can see everything in proper perspective.

Mr. Housefather mentioned that Council had decided to do a consultation meeting on Monday, October 30th, at 8h00 PM regarding Cavendish.

Dr. Tonchin also wanted to wish everyone on the Council and to the citizens of the City a very happy healthy New Year.

With regard to security during the high holidays, he asked what was the City doing to increase security at this crucial time.

Mr. Housefather confirmed that plans were in motion to ensure adequate security during the High Holidays and the Police were fully cooperating to make sure that there is adequate protection for the Jewish institutions during this time.

8) Shelly Shecter

Ms. Shecter ran the Trap, Neuter and Release Program in the City from 2004 to 2006 when it was part of the Borough. Since the City is now on its own, Ms. Shecter requests that this program be reinstated into the budget because this program has proved to be the most effective method of controlling cat population. There is a problem with cats. This program would cost \$0.18 per resident to neuter 100 cats per year. This is a program that is run entirely on volunteers but the City has to take the responsibility of the homeless animals that are out there, that is a man-made problem, and should subsidize the surgery. This is a proven world wide program. She and the citizens of Côte Saint-Luc would like to reinstate this program.

Mr. Housefather thanked Ms. Shecter for her comments and said that Council had made the decision not to fund this program but will re-consider the decision.

9) Avram Shtern

Mr. Shtern had several questions. Firstly, is there any news with regard to the proposed amended tree by-law? Secondly, he and Jack Cabot were shut out at last Agglomeration Council. Are there any comments with regards to democracy at the Agglomeration Council? He suggested getting a corporate sponsor for the Trap, Neuter, Release program, for example, there are many pet cat food manufacturers, etc. Also, he walks under the Cavendish underpass and sees many bicyclists taking the sidewalks because they want to avoid the cars. Will the police crackdown by issuing tickets to them? When the new underpass will be built, there should be room for bicyclists.

Finally, in the last Suburban, there was an article about the Agglomeration Council fixing the Côte St-Luc Road near Montreal West. Does this mean that the arterial road designation goes all the way to the golf course?

Mr. Housefather explained that the tree by-law is still being debated by Council. Council decided that they were going to make sure that they got the tree by-law right, so given that they had different views on the issue and were trying to reconcile those views they have not yet put it on the agenda at public meeting. They are still having discussions in private and trying to find wording for the by-law that makes sense.

With regard to question number 2, Mr. Housefather stated that the Agglomeration Council has the same rules as the City of Montreal for public meetings. Certainly, in the Agglomeration rules, the question period is 30 minutes as opposed to as long as the people have questions and someone cannot ask more than 3 questions on more than 1 subject. One of the problems was that you could run out of time and the second problem was that 15 people were there for questions on the same subject which was the trading of land in Pierrefonds-Senneville, Roxboro Borough. So, unfortunately, for both of those reasons, nobody ever got their question asked. Mayor Housefather stated that it was anti-democratic that questions are stopped at 30 minutes. Certainly, that is the reason why he likes that question periods in Côte Saint-Luc go on as long as people have questions. Unfortunately, given the fact that they make up a minority of vote as suburban mayors and he makes up 2% of the votes of the Agglomeration Council, Mr. Housefather cannot change that rule. In fact, he voted against the by-laws.

With respect to the third question about Cavendish, Mr. Housefather referred it to Councillor Goldbloom regarding traffic and what can be done to protect pedestrians in the Cavendish underpass versus cyclists, because Mr. Housefather himself cycles on the sidewalk in the underpass. They have made improvements with respect to pedestrian safety in that area and in fact he got a comment recently

that that was the case but they will try to look into it, so Councillor Goldbloom has another action item.

Mr. Housefather stated that with respect to the next question regarding Côte Saint-Luc Road, it was his understanding that after Westminster, it was no longer an arterial road.

With respect to getting a sponsor for the Trap, Neuter and Release Program, Mr. Housefather said that Councillor Cohen with the Toponymy Commission will follow that up to see if they can help the group by finding a company that is enamoured of having its name associated with the program to sponsor it which would help the City's budget if we were giving the money.

10) Toby Shulman

Mr. Shulman had 5 questions. Firstly, he had sent an e-mail to Mayor Housefather about looking into the Côte St-Luc and Westminster corner traffic lights regarding the crossing lights on the south and east-west sides. He tried to cross west and the sun blinded him from seeing the lights and he thought the lights were too far to the right and the walk signal did not countdown like the other three sides. Has Mr. Tordjman had a chance to go and take a look at this intersection.

Mr. Housefather said that Mr. Tordjman did look at it and thought that he had responded. Mr. Tordjman said that he will be changing the count down on the lights and upgrading all of them.

Mr. Shulman had another traffic light question. Would it be possible to have synchronized lights on Cavendish travelling south between Mackle and Kildare.

Mr. Housefather said that it had passed at the last meeting and the Suburban newspaper had written an article about it. A consultant has been hired to have it done by the end of the year.

Mr. Shulman wanted to know if it was possible to have another walk-in clinic so that people do not have to sit at the Cavendish Clinic for 2 hours.

Mr. Housefather said that the City has nothing to do with offering private medical service.

Finally, Mr. Shulman wanted to know if there had been any advertisement regarding the reopening of the library.

Mr. Housefather said that it was publicized. There were flyers in the library for several weeks and it had been published in the Suburban and the Chronicle.

Mr. Shulman went back to the question of health clinics and Mr. Housefather said that health care is the jurisdiction of the provincial government. This does not mean that the City divests itself of the responsibility if there is something the City can do to get involved and to coordinate. For example, the City does blood donor clinics that Councillor Kovac organizes every year. We can make our zoning favourable to medical clinics setting up or medical buildings. We can look into future planning having medical buildings which is something we are considering as a Council, but in terms of actually forcing or finding ways that we can even entice doctors to locate to this area, that is not within the purview of the City.

11) Jack Cabot

Mr. Cabot suggested that the Chairman of the Agglomeration Council be invited to City Council because only 6 people were asked to make a statement and not all the people were asking the same question. He said the Agglomeration Council

had no respect for people and that under parliamentary law someone can propose a resolution to continue the question period.

Mr. Housefather said that he did not know if many people know the procedure of the Agglomeration Council but he did know that the rules restrict you to have 3 people asking a question on the same item and unfortunately, for the way that the people signed up, they all wrote essentially the same item as the topic of their question, except for Mr. Cabot who put "democracy at the Agglomeration Council". Now in terms of whether or not there is an extension, in the Montreal City Council rules, there is, but Mr. Housefather was not sure that there was in the rules of the Agglomeration Council. They voted against the adoption of the rules and the Speaker was enforcing rules that the Montreal majority adopted against our will. Mr. Housefather clearly does not agree with the rule that you can cut off question period after 30 minutes because it is not done here in Côte saint-Luc, so obviously Mr. Housefather does not agree with it. Councillor Berku and Mr. Housefather, during the Borough years, every time that there was an attempt to cut off question period, objected to it and stopped it. But there, even if Mr. Housefather did propose to extend it, the Montreal people would all vote against it anyway.

Mr. Cabot congratulated the Mayor and Council on the website. Mr. Housefather said that it has been revamped. Councillor Cohen and his Department will have a new website up in the next several months.

Mr. Cabot said that on the website the budget states that there are 2 tax bills, one for Agglomeration Council and one for the City of Côte Saint-Luc. Does the Agglomeration Council present a budget to include all this information that they are supposed to be responsible for and when does it come out?

Mr. Housefather said that the Agglomeration Council does present a budget and that it came out this year in January or February and that was the budget that they voted against as a group and that they appealed to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Minister ruled in their favour and said that the City had to be refunded \$41,000,000 next year. Next year again there will be another budget and what the Council is working very hard to do is have the City of Montreal consult the City of Côte Saint-Luc throughout the process so that the Agglomeration budget that is adopted is one that the City can support because there is not excessive spending in it.

12) Leslye Lang

Ms. Lang said that she lives in an apartment building and cares very much about recycling. She said it is an onerous situation when there are 90 to 100 households and they are throwing out newspapers, glass and plastics, etc. and wanted to know what could be done about it.

Mr. Housefather said that one of his goals was to expand recycling over the next 4 years to all residences in Côte Saint-Luc. The City will go to tender for recycling contract again as of January 1st, 2007, as our contract ends December 31st, 2006, and the options that the City will put in our next contract are that either immediately or over the course of several years recycling will be expanded to all of the multi-family dwellings in the City, all condominiums and apartment buildings. There is currently a pilot project that is being put in place this year for 6 condominium buildings and there are some condominiums, like Mr. Housefather's, that have volunteer recycling, meaning that they have recycling for everyone by having separate bins for each glass, paper or garbage, but the goal of the City is to do that. Councillor Berku and Councillor Erdelyi are working hard on making sure that next year's tender will include not only the ability but the end result that the City eventually gets there with recycling everywhere and hopefully, within the next several months, they will have other interesting waste management things that they will announce to you, but not yet because the City is not quite ready for that.

060902

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
COUNCIL DATED AUGUST 14, 2006**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN LEVINE
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN NASHEN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council dated August 14, 2006 be and are hereby approved as submitted.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Cohen stated that at the last meeting we adopted the name “Irving Layton Avenue” for the new street and in consultation with some of the family members of Mr. Layton and some members of the community and people living on the street, it was requested that we have the official naming in the spring. We indicated we would like to have it in the fall so that we could have students from some of the schools involved in this historic occasion, so we will during the winter form a committee, our Toponymy Committee perhaps will be meeting to discuss some plans and we will have a ceremony sometime in the spring when the weather is nice again and we can have local residents attend and the people living on the street attend.

060903

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR AUGUST 2006

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN LEVINE
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GLEN NASHEN

AND RESOLVED:

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

Councillor Berku commented on the report that Council received from SIM, the Fire Department. For the first time since the Fire Department has been merged since 2002, we finally received a report of inspections that is respectable. A number of properties were in fact inspected and with obviously good results. We are encouraged that the Fire Department is finally, after 5 years, been able to do these inspections and we are encouraged. I criticized them in the past, we went to the Agglomeration Council, the City of Montreal, complained about it and Ms. Berku simply wanted to send them a letter of recognition that the City of CôteSaint-Luc is encouraged with the inspections and we hope that they continue to do them at the same rate in the future.

Mayor Housefather stated that it is an improvement for the City.

Councillor Nashen added that he heard from several residents who actually had a visit by the Fire Department. They were going door to door in the western part of Côte Saint-Luc, something that has not been done for quite some time. So, certainly from the previous months, it is a big improvement, it's far from what the Côte Saint-Luc Fire Department used to do, but at least it is in the right direction.

060904

HUMAN RESOURCES - PARKS AND RECREATION - RESIGNATION OF SECTION MANAGER, LEISURE SERVICES

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc received the resignation letter of Section Manager, Leisure Services, Cornelia Ziga, employee number 262, dated Tuesday August 22, 2006 under which she tendered her resignation effective September 5, 2006;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHEL BROWNSTEIN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the City accepts Cornelia Ziga's resignation, effective September 5, 2006.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Housefather stated that wanted to convey on behalf of himself and all the members of Council that we considered Ms. Ziga to be an excellent employee, and that the City's loss is Hampstead's gain, as she is taking a more senior position in the Town of Hampstead.

Councillor Kovac stated that Ms. Ziga has been Section Manager of Leisure and Sports for the last 4 years and she has served the City for over 13 years and actually grew up at our programs and really has been a model employee. We do wish her every success in Hampstead and as she grows in her new position, hopefully, one day we might welcome her back, but we do wish her every success.

Councillor Brownstein stated that he started working with Cornelia when she started here 13 years ago and he remembers that, at the beginning Ms. Ziga was a lifeguard and then she was manager of the pool and she was a teacher at the Teeter Tots program. She moved her way up over the years and it was always a pleasure to work with her and the City was lucky to have staff like that. He stated that it is sad when you see them go but you have to wish them well. People move on in their careers to higher levels and sometimes they learn something somewhere else and maybe they will come back. We do wish her well, and congratulate her and the pool staff for a great season. She worked well with the pool manager, Greg Kobernick, and with Ted Cox, David Taveroff and the whole Recreation staff. It was a great season. We are going to miss Cornelia and she made it very clear, she is only a phone call away if we ever have any questions. We will count on that relationship continuing.

Mayor Housefather thanked everyone for their comments and noted that this year the City increased its attendance at the pool from approximately 12,000 last year to 20,000 over the course of the season, almost doubling the number of people that went to the pool this year because of the concept of the Fun Card.

060905

**HUMAN RESOURCES – FINANCE DEPARTMENT – RESIGNATION OF
MANAGER OF FINANCE AND TAXATION**

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc received the resignation letter of Manager of Finance and Taxation, Perry Tenser, employee number 1966, dated August 17, 2006 under which he tendered his resignation, effective August 30, 2006;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN LEVINE

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the City accepts Perry Tenser’s resignation effective August 30, 2006.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060906

**HUMAN RESOURCES – FINANCE DEPARTMENT – HIRING OF CITY
TREASURER**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN LEVINE

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Angelo Marino be and is hereby hired as City Treasurer, Finance Department, effective September 27, 2006;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CT06-0140 dated August 29, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Berku stated that Angelo Marino is presently the Director of Financial Resources for the Eastern Townships School Board. He is a very competent individual. He has worked in various capacities in the public sector and we are confident that he will be a very great asset to the Côte Saint-Luc team.

Mayor Housefather added that previous to being the Director of Financial Services in the Eastern Townships School Board, Mr. Marino was the Assistant Director of Financial Services at English Montreal School Board. So he is very aware of the process of working in a public agency or a municipality even though he has not been in a municipality, the school board is probably the most similar thing you can find to a municipality with respect to taxation and the Council is very happy to welcome him.

060907

**HUMAN RESOURCES – COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT – HIRING OF
MANAGER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN NASHEN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Darryl Levine be and is hereby hired as Manager of Communications, Communications Department, effective September 11, 2006;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CT06-0141 dated August 29, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Cohen stated that Mr. Levine is in the audience and we are very fortunate to have someone of his talents and experience. This is the first time that Côte Saint-Luc has hired a media relations specialist and the City is going to benefit greatly from Darryl’s vast experience in media relations, website development and we are going to see the results and the local papers are definitely going to benefit from his presence.

Mayor Housefather added that as someone that he has known for many years, Darryl has incredible writing experience, great web design experience. We can create projects in house that we had previously been contracting out. He was on the board in the Executive Committee of Alliance Québec for a period of time and he is someone who really has a good knowledge of this community having grown up very close to here.

Councillor Levine added that Mr. Levine was one of his former students and a very good student like so many others on Council and destined for great things.

060908

**HUMAN RESOURCES – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT –
HIRING OF AUXILIARY DISPATCHER**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN NASHEN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Elyana Wohl be and is hereby hired as Auxiliary Dispatcher at the Emergency Medical Services Department, effective September 1, 2006;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CT06-0143 dated August 29, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Housefather explained that an auxiliary employee is someone who the City has no permanent commitment to. The city has dispatchers who work 24 hours a day so we need to make sure that it has enough people to fill shifts and Ms. Wohl is doing her degree in anatomy and cell biology at McGill University and she has been an EMS volunteer and is someone that many of you know as Côte saint-Luc residents.

060909

HUMAN RESOURCES – HIRING – AUXILIARIES – PARKS AND RECREATION

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the list of auxiliary employees for September 2006 entitled “*Part-time employees – for approval (September 2006)*”, dated September 2006 and comprising of one (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 entitled “*Part-time employees – for approval (September 2006)*”;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CT06-0148 dated September 1, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Kovac stated that this is the list of public skating attendants primarily, tennis court attendants from August through to November. These are seasonal employees.

060910

HUMAN RESOURCES – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – HIRING OF BLUE COLLAR AUXILIARY ELECTRICIAN

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN LEVINE

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Michael Devoyault be and is hereby hired as Blue Collar Auxiliary Electrician for the Public Works, effective September 5, 2006;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CT06-0149 dated September 5, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Housefather stated that the Public Works Department in Côte Saint-Luc has done a much better job this year than in past several years in terms of keeping our City clean. The one complaint that we had was the slowness of repairing certain electrical lights that we had in Côte Saint-Luc. We found that we only had 1 electrician who went off on vacation for several weeks, which cannot be stopped under the Blue Collar Collective Agreement, and that caused excessive delays, so what Council has asked to be done is that the City hire another electrician.

Councillor Brownstein added that now that we have a second electrician we expect to have lights on all the time, everywhere, and if anyone sees a light that is out, do not hesitate to tell us, because you are our eyes and ears and if we don't hear from you, sometimes we'll miss something.

060911

**HUMAN RESOURCES – FINANCE DEPARTMENT – EXTENSION OF
CONTRACT AUXILIARY OFFICE CLERK**

WHEREAS Jack Schnarch was hired in the position of Auxiliary Office Clerk for the period between June 5, 2006 and September 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS the City wishes to extend his contract;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN LEVINE
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the City extends the contract of Jack Schnarch in the position of Auxiliary Office Clerk for the period between September 5, 2006 and December 22, 2006 and that he is not guaranteed any set hours but, will be asked to work when and if needed during that period;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number CT06-0145 dated September 1, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060912

**HUMAN RESOURCES – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT –
EXTENSION OF CONTRACT AUXILIARY OFFICE CLERK**

WHEREAS Matthew Posh was hired in the position of Auxiliary Office Clerk for the period between July 4, 2006 and September 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS the City wishes to extend his contract;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN LEVINE

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the City extends the contract of Matthew Posh in the position of Auxiliary Office Clerk for the period between September 5, 2006 and

December 22, 2006 and that he is not guaranteed any set hours but will be asked to work when and if needed during that period;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number CT06-0144 dated August 29, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060913

**HUMAN RESOURCES – URBAN PLANNING DEPARTMENT – EXTENSION OF
CONTRACT AUXILIARY BUILDING INSPECTOR**

WHEREAS Andréanne Abbondanza-Bergeron was hired in the position of Auxiliary Building Inspector for the period between May 9, 2006 and September 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS the City wishes to extend her contract;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN LEVINE
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the City extends the contract of Andréanne Abbondanza-Bergeron in the position of Auxiliary Building Inspector for the period between September 5, 2006 and December 22, 2006, and that she is not guaranteed any set hours but will be asked to work when and if needed during that period;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number CT06-0147 dated September 1, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060914

**HUMAN RESOURCES - PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT -
APPOINTMENT OF SECTION MANAGER, LEISURE SERVICES**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN NASHEN

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Ryan Nemeroff be and is hereby appointed as Section Manager, Leisure Services, Parks and Recreation Department effective September 12, 2006, with a probation period of 12 months;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number CT06-0146 dated September 1, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Housefather stated that Mr. Nemeroff is an excellent addition to the Recreation team.

060915

**HUMAN RESOURCES – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT – APPOINTMENT OF
PERMANENT WHITE COLLAR – PROCUREMENT OFFICER LEVEL 1**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Maria Carmen Gallegos be and is hereby appointed as white collar Procurement Officer Level 1, Purchasing Department, effective September 12, 2006, with a 4 months probation period in accordance with article 19.11 b) of the White Collar Collective Agreement;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CT06-0142 dated August 29, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060916

HUMAN RESOURCES – SECOND AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 060410

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT resolution number 060410 is hereby rescinded and replaced with the following Annex “A” document, entitled “City of Côte Saint-Luc Management Employee Job Titles” revised and dated September 11, 2006:

060410

**HUMAN RESOURCES – CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC – MANAGEMENT
EMPLOYEE JOB TITLES**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council hereby approves the document entitled “City of Côte Saint-Luc Management Employee Job Titles”;

THAT said document shall be annexed to the Minutes as Annex “A” to form an integral part thereof;

THAT said resolution shall be effective immediately.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060917

HUMAN RESOURCES – ENGAGEMENT OF COLIN NEWHOUSE AND ASSOCIATES – 360° TEAM LEADERSHIP

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the City of Côte Saint-Luc engages the firm of Colin Newhouse and Associates for a three (3) day training workshop, entitled 360 ° Team Leadership for the members of the Senior Management Team;

THAT the funds for said training course are available under Bill 90;

THAT the City Council authorizes the City Manager or the Director of Human Resources or the Director of Legal Services and City Clerk the authority to sign contracts pertaining to the program;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CT06-0150 dated September 5, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060918

FINANCE – APPROVAL OF THE DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1, 2006 TO AUGUST 31, 2006

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN LEVINE

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the disbursements for the period of August 1, 2006 to August 31, 2006 for a total of \$1,210,459.45 in Canadian Funds and \$2,271.45 in U.S. Funds are hereby approved;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CT06-0152 dated September 7, 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

060919

WRITE OFFS OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - APPROVAL - REQUESTING WRITE OFFS OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES OF \$5.00 AND LESS INCLUSIVELY

DEFERRED

060920

URBAN PLANNING – BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 2217, ANNEX B OF THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC IN ORDER TO REPLACE THE EXISTING TABLE OF USES AND NORMS FOR ZONE HM-1 BY A NEW TABLE OF USES AND NORMS

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN LEVINE
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT a second draft by-law modifying Zoning By-law 2217, Annex “B”, of the City of Côte Saint-Luc in order to replace the existing table of uses and norms for Zone HM-1 by a new table of uses and norms be and is hereby adopted;

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

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

060921

LEGAL AFFAIRS AND CITY CLERK - APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN AS ACTING MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC – OCTOBER 1, 2006 UP TO AND UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2006

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN NASHEN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Councillor Mike Cohen is and shall be named Acting Mayor of the City of Côte Saint-Luc, effective October 1, 2006 up to and until December 31, 2006 inclusively, and further that the aforementioned Councillor Cohen shall have and may exercise the powers of the Mayor when the said Mayor is absent or unable to perform the duties of his office.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060922

PARKS AND RECREATION – MODIFIED RESOLUTION CONCERNING A GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS the Cultural Development and Quality of Life division of the City of Montreal has made funds available for the reconstituted Cities through the “*Contrat de Ville*” to support the fight against poverty on the Island of Montreal;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN NASHEN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council hereby authorizes the City of Côte Saint-Luc and designated representatives from staff to request and receive a grant in the sum of \$26,895.00 from the Cultural Development and Quality of Life division of the City of Montreal;

THAT Council hereby authorizes the City of Côte Saint-Luc to provide these funds to the Communauté Sépharade Unifiée du Québec, a non-profit community-based association, in view of implementing a program for youths who register for the Singerman Park Day Camp Program in 2006;

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

060923

PUBLIC WORKS – SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SHELVING - LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the City of Cote Saint-Luc has gone to tender for the supply and installation of new and existing shelving, and wishes to award the contract to Prisma Concept Inc;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN LEVINE

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the City award the contract for the supply and installation of new and existing shelving to Prisma Concept Inc., the conforming bidder;

THAT the maximum price of the contract payable to the contractor pursuant to the terms and conditions of the tender and any applicable agreement is set at \$63 887.98 which includes \$57 163.71 as detailed in the tender provided and \$6724.26 for any unforeseen additional work. The above figures include all applicable taxes as detailed in the tender provided;

THAT any of the Mayor the Acting City Manager or the Director of legal Services and the City Clerk or the Director of Public Works be authorized to sign any agreement giving effect to the foregoing;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number CT06-0151 issued by the City Treasurer dated September 06, 2006, confirms the availability of funds in the Account number: 2-700-00-700 # 2247;

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

060924

OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMITS FOR MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN NASHEN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT As per the recommendation of the Public Security Department, Council hereby authorizes the issuing of overnight parking permits expiring on December 31, 2006 for the vehicle owners who reside in multi-family dwellings indicated on the attached list;

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

Please see document entitled “Request for Parking Permits-Multi-Dwellings” for a list of addresses.

060925

SCHOOL TAXES

WHEREAS according to Section 434.1 of the *Education Act* (R.S.Q., c. I-13.3 (hereinafter the “Act”), the *Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l’Île de Montréal* (hereinafter the “Comité”) shall levy a school tax on every taxable immovable situated in the territory of the school boards on the island of Montréal to meet their needs;

WHEREAS the school tax bill is based on the property values shown on municipal property assessment rolls;

WHEREAS according to Section 434.2 of the Act, the rate of the school tax levied by the *Comité* cannot exceed \$0.35 per \$100 of the standardized assessment of taxable immovables;

WHEREAS according to Section 435 of said Act, the *Comité* shall, each year, fix the rate of the school tax and that the rate was fixed at \$0.33464 per \$100 of assessment for year 2006-2007;

WHEREAS the school tax rate for the year 2005-2006 was fixed at \$0.32874 per \$100 of assessment;

WHEREAS the foreseen increase of the values on the 2007-2008-2009 valuation roll of the Montreal agglomeration are estimated to increase over 40% for residential properties and approximately over 25% for commercial immovable, which will result in a significant increase of the school tax bill for most of the Island of Montreal’s citizens;

WHEREAS whenever the values on the valuation roll increase, municipalities often decrease the tax rate in order to limit the increase of the municipal tax bills;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT a recommendation be made to the Québec Government to adopt an Order in council that would reduce the school tax rate that the *Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l’Île de Montréal* may levy and fix the **maximum** increase of said rate that would vary according to the valuation roll increase, and therefore would result in an increase no greater than the cost of living and that the school tax be applied to the triennial valuation roll spread over 3 years in 3 equal increments.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Levine stated that he has always been in favour of the evaluation roll, property transfers Changing the evaluation roll is a major stress to homeowners and a great additional tax burden. The additional tax burden comes as a result of numerous contestations resulting in huge legal bills. Large corporations such as the railways contest these new evaluations and has been proved in the past as a really big waste of time. The demerged cities must pay these additional legal costs and interest costs and the average citizen who does not have the high-priced lawyers to fight the evaluation pay again and again. It will be the Montreal lawyers who will be contesting the evaluations on their part and then they are going to bill the roll for a percentage of it and there is where we will get shafted again. Councillor Levine approached several Mayors on his thoughts of freezing the evaluation roll. This Council, however, was in favour of that, but the other Councils were not. He was not happy with the answers and that is putting it mildly. The person in charge said to Councillor Levine "What's the matter? You don't like lawyers?" The other one said "Ah, we couldn't win this fight anyway". I said "We tried to win fight against the roll". Councillor Levine requested that each person ask their Mayor or Council to fight for an immediate freeze on all evaluations. You don't have to ask this Council, but certainly the people in the other towns should be asking their mayor and council to try and freeze the evaluations.

Plan B would be to implement the current increase in the evaluation over 3 years. Then implement the freeze except for property that is sold or transferred after September 2006. This would lessen the burden and radical changes."

060926

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

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

WHEREAS according to section 58 of *An Act respecting the exercise of certain municipal powers in certain urban agglomerations* (R.S.Q., c. E-20.001) (hereinafter "the Act"), every central municipality has an urban agglomeration council, the nature, composition and operating rules of which are set out in an order in council and that this agglomeration council constitutes a deliberative body of the municipality;

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

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

WHEREAS an agglomeration council meeting shall be held on September 28th, 2006 for which members of the municipal council shall establish the stance that it wishes to take;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council take the following stance in view of the Agglomeration Council meeting to be held on September 28th, 2006 as follows:

- to authorize the Mayor to make any decisions he deems necessary and in the best interest of the City of Côte Saint-Luc and its residents regarding the items on the agenda of the Agglomeration Council meeting to be held September 28th, 2006 based on the information to be presented during that meeting.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060927

OTHER: NOTICE OF MOTION – TAX EXEMPTION BY-LAW

Councillor Berku gave a notice of motion that Council shall be presenting a By-Law at a subsequent meeting of Council for a By-Law to provide a Program of financial support to non-profit organizations renting space in commercial centers.

SECOND QUESTION PERIOD

Question period resumed at 10:05 p.m. and finished at 10:12 p.m., three (3) people asked to speak and they were heard.

Dr. Tonchin

Dr. Tonchin asked why the Agglomeration Council does not treat the citizens with respect.

Mayor Housefather responded that he agrees with Dr. Tonchin.

Aubey Laufer

Mr. Laufer asked why do we need to appoint a second Mayor?

Mayor Housefather responded that Mr. Laufer has asked that question before and that the Council is following procedure for when the Mayor is unable to perform his duties.

Jack Cabot

Mr. Cabot asked if we can receive a copy of the school taxes.

Mayor Housefather responded yes.

060928

APPROVAL OF THE CLOSING OF THE MEETING

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to declare the Meeting closed.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AT 10:15 P.M. MAYOR HOUSEFATHER DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED.

ANTHONY HOUSEFATHER
MAYOR

ANDREA CHARON
ASSISSTANT CITY CLERK