MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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, B.A.

Councillor Steven Erdelyi, B.Sc., B.Ed.

Councillor Sam Goldbloom, B.A.

Councillor Ruth Kovac, B.A.

Councillor Allan J. Levine, B.Sc., M.A., DPLI

Councillor Glenn J. Nashen

#### ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Ken Lerner, City Manager

Mr. Jonathan Shecter, Director of Legal Services and City Clerk,

acted as Secretary of the meeting

### PRESENTATION OF A PLAQUE TO THE FAMILY OF ELDON CLARKE

The family of Eldon Clarke was remitted a plaque by Mayor Housefather, Councillor Brownstein, Director Tordjman and Hadi Hakim in memory of his passing away. Mayor Housefather explained to the public that this plaque would be affixed in front of the Public Works Department.

#### 061001

# 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:

Private David Byers September 18, 2006 Corporal Glen Arnold September 18, 2006 Corporal Shane Keating September 18, 2006 Corporal Keith Morley September 18, 2006 Private Josh Klukie September 29, 2006 Corporal Robert Thomas James Mitchell October 3, 2006 October 3, 2006 Sergeant Craig Paul Gilliam Trooper Mark Andrew Wilson October 7, 2006

It was

# MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN

### 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

### **QUESTION PERIOD**

The question period started at 8:20 p.m. and finished at 9:43 p.m. Thirteen (13) people asked to speak and they were heard.

### 1) Mr. Clement

The resident explained that last month, he attended the Regular Council Meeting and requested that the owner of a property on Elgin be compelled to cut his grass. He stated that to date, the grass is yet to be cut.

Mayor Housefather responded that he will be requesting a full account by the Director of Public Works of what has been undertaken thus far and that he would have Public Works proceed to cut the grass at the resident's cost if the resident did not undertake to do the cutting immediately.

Councillor Berku then explained to the resident that she followed up personally by putting a note in the resident's mailbox requesting he cut his grass.

### 2) Mary Goodman

The resident requested that the City look into a traffic safety problem on Elgin Avenue more particularly, speeding motorists and motorists who don't respect ONE WAY signs to which Mayor Housefather responded that the Traffic Committee could review the resident's complaints and that Councillor Goldbloom would review the matter and get back to her.

### 3) Morty Braunstein

The resident complained that:

a) motorists are speeding on Randall because of the traffic lights<sup>1</sup> and speed humps<sup>2</sup>; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> vs. stop signs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> vs. speed bumps

b) non-residents use McDowell Park to picnic during the summer and subsequently litter.

Mayor Housefather responded that the lights on Fleet Road are synchronized at a reasonable speed and that he was satisfied that this would not be changed. He added that the Traffic Committee could look once again at the hump/bump on the street.

Mayor Housefather then explained that for the resident's second issue, if he witnesses behavior in the City parks that contravenes City by-laws he should call Public Security who can investigate.

The resident then returned to his first complaint regarding motorists speeding on Randall and inquired as to whether a stop sign could be placed in front of McDowell Park to which Mayor Housefather responded that placing a stop sign in that area would not be in conformity with the norms of the *Highway Safety Code*.

### 4) <u>Michael Hirsch</u>

The resident apprised Members of Council that he understands fees for overnight parking permits may increase, that he is a landlord in Côte Saint-Luc and he is fearful that the cost increase of the permit was too prohibitive for his tenants. Mayor Housefather explained that members of council have each carefully examined the issue and will propose an amount tonight that will take everyone's concerns into consideration.

### 5) <u>Lewis Cohen</u>

The resident explained to Council that recently many costs have increased such as the price of fuel and therefore called upon members of council not to raise fees for overnight parking permits. The resident stated he disagrees with anyone who alleges that a higher amount for a permit acts as a deterrent factor and fewer parked cars in front of resident's houses are safer. He explained that neighbours are keenly aware of who the cars' owners are.

The resident then inquired as to whether the City can find a way to find more public parking spaces for those who require overnight parking permits.

Mayor Housefather then responded that the *pre-merger* fee in Côte Saint-Luc was \$50.00 per month and therefore the idea that this Council seeks to increase the fees is erroneous. He then explained that the City can explore other viable options for more parking spaces such as public parking lots.

#### 6) Gad Medalsy

The resident then complained that he has requested an overnight parking permit for a specific vehicle but has yet to receive a follow-up regarding his request to which Mayor Housefather responded that the City Clerk can ensure that a staff member follows up.

# 7) <u>Jack Cabot</u>

The resident enquired as to whether the City has met its targeted budget for 2006 and registered his objection for the proposed construction of a building on the corner of Côte Saint-Luc Road and Robert Burns. He then requested an update on the status of the building.

Mayor Housefather then responded that a review of the 2006 projected budget figures is forthcoming but not available today and insofar as the building is concerned, there have been no recent developments that he was advised of.

The resident then complained that many motorists travel opposite the ONE WAY street in front of the local post office in order to park in the parking lot adjacent to it to which Mayor Housefather responded that the matter can be referred to the Traffic Committee and that Councillor Goldbloom was already looking into the issue pursuant to Mary Goodman's question above.

### 8) <u>Irving Itman</u>

The resident complained that motorists have difficulty accessing Baily Road from Westminster Avenue unless they make a U-Turn to which Mayor Housefather responded that there are alternate ways to access Baily Road such as from Cote Saint-Luc Road. Councillor Goldbloom and Councillor Erdelyi all added that they do not recommend for any motorists traveling in that area to make a U-Turn.

The resident then commented that he tried discussing the matter with police officers on scene and he found that they were abrupt with him to which Councillor Nashen responded that it is important for officers to be polite with residents and that he will advise Commander Allard of the complaint.

### 9) <u>André Cartier</u>

The resident complained that the internet in the Eleanor London Côte Saint-Luc Public Library is slower than usual to which Mayor Housefather responded that despite the library undergoing renovations, this has never been brought to his attention before. He then explained that Director Lerner can follow up and request that Councillor Erdelyi get back to the resident.

### 10) <u>Toby Shulman</u>

The resident requested an update regarding a proposed recycling program throughout Côte Saint-Luc as well as what follow-up is done regarding the emptying of recycling bins presently on its territory to which Mayor Housefather responded that the recycling programme throughout Côte Saint-Luc is targeted to be gradually phased in year by year and that insofar as bins are concerned, Public Security follows up to ensure that their contents are removed.

The resident then called upon the City to ensure that during the winter ice does not accumulate in the recycling bins to which Mayor Housefather responded that the City will attempt to place them in such a way so that ice does not accumulate.

The resident then called upon the City to look into having recycling for the B'nai Brith House to which all members of Council took note.

The resident then requested that the City lengthen the amount of time that Pedestrians have to cross at the crosswalk situated at the intersection of Westminster Avenue and Côte Saint-Luc road as, she explained, after ten seconds, the Walk Light ceases to flash and the Hand Sign starts to flash instead. Mayor Housefather then clarified for the resident that the Hand Sign flashing does not prohibit pedestrians from continuing to cross, it merely prohibits those who have not yet crossed the street from commencing their route. He then explained that the City is looking into ways to alleviate any potential confusion as to its Pedestrian Crosswalk signals.

Councillor Erdelyi then announced to the public that on Sunday, October 22, 2006, he will be holding a district advisory Meeting and will be broaching the subject raised by this resident.

# 11) Solange Himmelfarb

The resident inquired as to whether the City has a particular plan to improve its District 5. She then opined that her district has a problem with traffic, parking and pollution - the latter especially emanating out of the STCUM buses. She then called upon individuals who repair water mains to wear the proper protective equipment. She then inquired as to whether the City can help her with her fight against Hydro-Quebec. She also then inquired regarding a complaint she sent to the City on June 10<sup>th</sup> of this year and stated that she has yet to receive a follow-up.

Mayor Housefather responded that there was no specific plan to improve District 5 and explained that given where District 5 is situated, he had difficulty understanding how that district in particular suffered from a traffic problem. He then explained that it is a private company that repairs the City's watermains, that they are obliged to wear protective equipment and that the Director of Public Works ensures that his employees wear protective equipment when undertaking their tasks. He then advised the resident that while it is doubtful that the City can intervene on her behalf regarding her personal issues, she can nonetheless discuss them with the Director of Public Works to see what, if anything, the City can do to assist. He then clarified for the resident that he never received the June 10, 2006 complaint to which she is referring and asked her for a photocopy of the complaint to take cognizance of it.

# 12) <u>Dr. Bernard Tonchin</u>

The resident apprised Council of an incident that occurred on or near the intersection of McMahon Road and Côte Saint-Luc Road, and explained that going Eastbound, two lanes were blocked and that going Westbound, two lanes were open. He then opined that the officers should have opened one lane of traffic in each direction. He then stated that he wanted Cavendish to be opened as soon as possible. Mayor Housefather responded that Côte Saint-Luc is doing its share to ensure that Cavendish be opened expeditiously but that all levels of government as well as neighbouring municipalities must participate as thoroughly to ensure that the project be realized.

Both Mayor Housefather and Councillor Nashen then explained that, regarding the incident, the traffic configuration was undertaken today by the Police in such as way as to protect the safety and security of the residents and both opined that it would not be prudent to interfere with such police operations.

The resident then inquired as to when the Cavendish underpass would be repaired to which Mayor Housefather responded that it was already repaired last year. Councillor Brownstein then added that Côte Saint-Luc commissioned a study regarding all of its underpasses and following the most recent collapse of an underpass in Laval, did an immediate inspection of its own underpasses and shall continue to monitor them on a regular basis. He further explained that the City specifically looked at the Support Bars of its underpasses as this is a crucial aspect as to their sturdiness and condition.

### 13) <u>Jo-Anne Goldwater</u>

The resident inquired as to whether there had been a further response from Fairmount Realities regarding the trees cut down on Meadowbrook land to which Mayor Housefather responded that in the City's most recent letter, it didn't solicit a response per se but rather, served to notify the owners of Meadowbrook to leave the cut down trees alone and in future, advise the City should they feel the need to cut down any more trees on their territory.

The resident inquired as to whether the owners of Meadowbrook undertook to replant the trees which they already cut down to which Mayor Housefather responded that the City has not received this formal commitment on their part.

The resident then inquired as to whether the City has particular evacuation plans for each building during an emergency as well as whether the City obliges buildings to have one elevator working during a power failure. Mayor Housefather then clarified for the resident that each building owner must set up an evacuation plan and advise their staff as well as the Fire Department accordingly.

Councillor Kovac then explained that newer constructions are obliged to have accessibility for ambulance technicians to carry stretchers during an emergency as well as having one elevator working during power failures.

061002

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

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 September 11, 2006 be and are hereby approved as submitted." CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

061003

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 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 September 18, 2006 be and are hereby approved as submitted." CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

061004

### **MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2006**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN J. NASHEN SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the monthly departmental reports for September, 2006, be and are hereby approved as submitted." CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Subsequent to the adoption of the monthly reports, Councillor Nashen expressed his distress regarding the headline in the Suburban stating the Urgences Santé

claims that EMS is not always available to respond to a call. He clarified for the public that the Headline of the article was is stark contrast to the actual quote of the Urgences Santé official who stated that the opposite is indeed true. He then explained to the public that another issue raised by the local media was EMS shift coverage. He clarified for the public that shift coverage during the evening period, when the volume of calls tends to be the highest, is 98%. Councillor Berku then corroborated what Councillor Nashen stated by adding that EMS has shift coverage of about 1000 hours per month. She then added she has personally witnessed how efficient and effective EMS is as well as how rapidly they respond to a call. She then explained that in one particular situation, regarding her relative, EMS arrived approximately 8 minutes prior to Urgences Santé. She then emphasized that EMS does indeed save lives.

Councillor Berku then called upon her colleagues on Council to give brief summaries regarding the contents of the Monthly Departmental Reports.

Councillor Cohen then explained to the public that Côte Saint-Luc has a new newsletter called the Côte Saint-Luc Capsule, available by e-mail or on the City Website.

Councillor Erdelyi then apprised the public of certain upcoming events this month:

- Maison Fleuries;
- A Halloween Skating Party
- A Halloween Haunted House
- An Advisory Meeting run by him for his District

Councillor Berku then apprised the public that this month, the Musicians of the World will be giving two concerts.

Councillor Kovac then explained that this month, the Annual blood donor clinic organized by Auxiliary Mount Sinai Hospital will take place and encouraged the public to come out and give the *gift of life*.

Mayor Housefather then reminded the Public of a Special Meeting to be held on Monday, October 30, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Nashen then wished refute the article in the Chronicle which he explained may have called into question the effectiveness of the C.O.P. volunteer program and clarified that the C.O.P. program has 30 active Patrollers and, amongst other things, has already:

- Educated young individual cyclists regarding the importance of wearing a bicycle helmet<sup>3</sup>).
- Secured an area in which there were live Hydro Wires which freed up members of the Public Security Staff to patrol the streets of Côte Saint-Luc.

### 061005

HUMAN RESOURCES - FINANCE DEPARTMENT - APPOINTMENT OF A WHITE COLLAR UNION AUXILIAIRY ACCOUNTING AGENT

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Subsequent to discussions with the C.O.P. volunteers the young children in question went out and purchased believes

#### AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Monica Matei be and is hereby appointed as a White Collar Union Auxiliary Accounting Agent, effective date September 27, 2006;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0156 dated October 10, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

061006

# HUMAN RESOURCES – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – APPOINTMENT OF HORTICULTURIST FOREPERSON

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Violette Sauriol, Horticulturist, Unionized Blue Collar employee, be and is hereby appointed to the Management status position of Horticulturist Foreperson, for the Public Works Department, effective October 17, 2006;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0158 dated October 10, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

061007

# HUMAN RESOURCES – ELEANOR LONDON CÔTE SAINT-LUC PUBLIC LIBRARY – APPOINTMENT OF A PRINCIPAL LIBRARY CLERK

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Karen Morris, Library Clerk, be and is hereby appointed as a Permanent Principal Library Clerk, effective October 17, 2006;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0161 dated October 10, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

061008

HUMAN RESOURCES - ELEANOR LONDON CÔTE SAINT-LUC PUBLIC LIBRARY - HIRING OF AN AUXILIARY LIBRARY CLERK

It was

# MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

#### AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Mihaela Elena Micu be and is hereby hired as an Auxiliary Library Clerk at the Eleanor London Côte Saint-Luc Public Library, effective September 12, 2006;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0157 dated October 10, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 061009

# HUMAN RESOURCES - ELEANOR LONDON CÔTE SAINT-LUC PUBLIC LIBRARY - CHANGE OF STATUS

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint- Luc is changing the status of Katherine Diamond, formerly a Professional Union Part-Time employee at the Eleanor London Côte Saint-Luc Public Library, to an Independent Consultant;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

### AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Katherine Diamond's current status for the City of Côte Saint-Luc be modified to that of a Book Club Animator on an Independent Consultant basis, effective October 1, 2006."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 061010

# HUMAN RESOURCES - EMS DEPARTMENT - HIRING OF AN AUXILIARY DISPATCHER

It was

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

# AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Emmanuel Stavrakis be and is hereby hired as an Auxiliary Dispatcher for the EMS Department, effective September 8, 2006;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0162 dated October 10, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

061011

# HUMAN RESOURCES - EMS DEPARTMENT - HIRING OF AUXILIARY DISPATCHER

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Jacob Monaker be and is hereby hired as an on-call Auxiliary Dispatcher for the EMS Department, effective October 17, 2006;

THAT Jacob Monaker will not be guaranteed any set hours, but will rather be asked to work when and if needed on an on-call basis;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0162 dated October 10, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 061012

# HUMAN RESOURCES - PAYROLL DEPARTMENT - HIRING OF AN AUXILIARY PAYROLL CLERK

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Elena Jurado be and is hereby hired as an Auxiliary Payroll Clerk, Human Resources/Payroll Department, effective October 10, 2006;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0159 dated October 10, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 061013

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

It was

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

### AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the list of auxiliary employees for October 2006, entitled *Part-time employees* – dated October 12, 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 TC06-0160 dated October 10, 2006, has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

061014

# HUMAN RESOURCES - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - HIRING OF AN AUXILIARY MECHANIC

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Marc Tremblay be and is hereby hired as an Auxiliary Mechanic for the Public Works Department, effective September 16, 2006;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0155 dated October 10, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

061015

# HUMAN RESOURCES – PUBLIC WORKS - ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT – RESIGNATION OF THE MANAGER OF ENGINEERING

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc received the resignation letter of the Manager of Engineering, Ian Izzard, employee number 1979, dated Monday October 2, 2006 under which he tendered his resignation effective October 13, 2006;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the City accepts Ian Izzard's resignation, effective October 13, 2006." CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

061016

HUMAN RESOURCES - ELEANOR LONDON CÔTE SAINT-LUC PUBLIC LIBRARY - END OF EMPLOYMENT

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the employment of employee number 1972, Auxiliary Library Clerk on probation, be terminated, effective October 10, 2006." CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 061017

# HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc wishes to enhance its emergency preparedness planning, and;

WHEREAS the re-organizational, structural and political changes call for a review of the actual plan initially developed for the Borough of Côte Saint-Luc - Hampstead - Montreal West and previously for the former City of Côte Saint-Luc, and the revised version of the plan should be harmonized with the emergency preparedness initiatives from the Montreal Agglomeration (*centre de securite civile de Montreal*), and;

WHEREAS the City would like to engage in various emergency preparedness projects and benefit from available funds from federal and provincial governments, and that the City wishes to develop an action plan for the prioritisation and the implementation of these projects, and;

WHEREAS Bell Canada was requested to present a service proposal to the City and the development of an emergency preparedness action plan, and Bell Canada has presented the professional services of Multi Risk International to accomplish this task, and Multi Risk International will provide an effective planning process, facilitate the implementation of the plan once it is completed;

It was

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

# AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Council hereby awards a mandate to Bell Canada and Multi Risk International to review and update the existing and former Côte Saint-Luc emergency preparedness plans as well and to facilitate the implementation of said plans,

THAT said contract with Bell Canada shall be for an amount of \$24,499.25, taxes included;

THAT the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to sign the contract upon agreed terms;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0163 dated October 12, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### CARRILD UNAMINOUSE

# 061018

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER  $1^{ST}$  TO SEPTEMBER  $30^{TH}$ , 2006

It was

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

### AND RESOLVED:

"THAT, the disbursements for the period of September 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006 for a total of \$1,031,016.93 in Canadian Funds are hereby approved;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0154 dated October 6, 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

#### 061019

RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF SIGNING OFFICERS FOR THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC CONCERNING ALL FINANCIAL MATTERS INCLUDING SIGNING OF DISBURSEMENT CHEQUES AT THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, SITUATED AT 5755 CAVENDISH BOULEVARD CÔTE SAINT-LUC

It was

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

### AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Council hereby authorizes that two signatures be present on all disbursement cheques one from the Mayor or a Member of Council and one from the City staff as herein listed below:

THAT, Mr. Anthony Housefather, Mayor of the City of Côte Saint-Luc or Councillor Dida Berku or Councillor Ruth Kovac shall be the Members of Council authorized to sign cheques;

THAT Mr. Angelo Marino, Treasurer and Ken Lerner, City Manager are hereby appointed as signing officers (for Administration) with the Royal Bank of Canada:

THAT said signings shall include all financial matters including signing of disbursement cheques; and

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

### 061020

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

WHEREAS, Communications Agents are collecting Taxes for the City owed by its residents;

WHEREAS, Accounting personnel are collecting miscellaneous other receivable debts from various sources;

WHEREAS, on occasion, a balance of \$5.00 or less remains outstanding in City accounting records, due to interest charges or late payments.

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Council authorizes the City Treasurer to write off amounts of \$5.00 and less and to adjust the City's Accounting records accordingly;

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

061021

RESOLUTION MANDATING THE MINISTER OF FINANCE TO OPEN AND RECEIVE TENDERS CONTEMPLATED IN ARTICLE 554 OF THE CITIES AND TOWNS ACT, R.S.Q. C.-19

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc wishes to avail itself of Article 555 of the Cities and Towns Act, R.S.Q. C-19;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Council hereby mandates the minister of Finance to receive and open on behalf of the City of Côte Saint-Luc, the tenders contemplated in Article 554 of the *Cities and Towns Act*, R.S.Q. C.-19." CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

061022

NOTICE OF MOTION: "BY-LAW TO DELEGATE TO THE TREASURER THE POWER TO AWARD A FINANCING CONTRACT TO THE ENTITLED PERSON"

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

061023

RESOLUTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE BY-LAW TO BE ENTITLED: "BY-LAW TO DELEGATE TO THE TREASURER THE POWER TO AWARD A FINANCING CONTRACT TO THE ENTITLED PERSON"

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

# RESOLUTION FOR CONCORDANCE OF THE FINANCING OF THE LOAN BY-LAWS

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc intends to issue a series of bonds, such as one issue per maturity date, for an amount of \$2,500,000, pursuant to the following loan by-laws and for the amounts indicated against each one:

Loan	For an amount of	
By-Law #	\$	
2240	636,000	
2241	320,000	
2242	850,000	
2243	224,000	
2244	106,450	
2245	175,000	
2246	128,550	
2247	60,000	

WHEREAS, for the purpose of the said issue, it is necessary to modify the by-laws pursuant to which these bonds are issued;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the above-mentioned loan by-laws be amended, if necessary, to comply with what is stipulated below regarding the previously determined number of bonds related to the said by-laws included in the \$2,500,000 issue;

THAT the bonds, one per maturity date, be dated November 21st, 2006;

THAT these bonds be registered in the name of The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited (CDS) and filed with it;

THAT CDS shall act in the name of its members as registrar for the book-based system, bondholding officer and paying officer in charge of the transactions for the members as described in the memorandum of understanding with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Regions and CDS;

THAT to make the payments to the members by electronic funds transfers, The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited (CDS) is authorized to make direct withdrawals to pay off the principal and interest in the account in the following financial institution:

Royal Bank of Canada 5755 Cavendish Blvd. Côte Saint-Luc, Quebec H4W 2X8

THAT the interest is payable semi annually, on May 21<sup>st</sup>, and November 21<sup>st</sup>, of every year;

THAT the bonds shall not be redeemable before maturity; however, they may be redeemed with the consent of the holders in accordance with the *Act Regarding Municipal Debts and Loans* (R.S.Q., ch. D-7, art. 17);

THAT the bonds shall be signed by the Mayor and the Treasurer. The municipality, as entitled by law, has mandated CDS to act as its fiscal authenticator agent and the bonds will only become valid once they have been authenticated." CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

061025

# RESOLUTION FOR A SHORTER-TERM FOR THE FINANCING OF LOAN BY-LAWS

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT, to reimburse the loan for a total amount of \$2,500,000, pursuant to by-laws 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246 and 2247, the City of Côte Saint-Luc must issue bonds for a shorter term than the term provided for in the aforementioned loan by-laws that is for a term of:

5 years (as of November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006); regarding the annual amortization of capital projected for the 6<sup>th</sup> year of financing (2011 - 2026), et seq., instead of the term prescribed for said amortization in By-Laws numbered 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246 and 2247; every subsequent issue being for the balance or part of the balance on the loan."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

061026

URBAN PLANNING - SITE PLANNING PROJECTS AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMS (PIIA) - 6521 MERTON - CÔTE SAINT-LUC

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the site planning and architectural integration programs received September 18, 2006 showing modifications to the façades of a detached single-family dwelling on lot 1560667 at 6521 Merton, and prepared by Mr. Nathan Schertzer, architect, for the special Planning Advisory Committee meeting of September 18, 2006, be refused according to the provisions of Chapter 14 of by-law 2217 of the City of Côte Saint-Luc for the following reasons:

- the treatment of the building's corners must be improved;
- variations to the stone's dimensions for the exterior finish must be introduced in order to break up the surface of the façades and reduce their massive appearances;
- architectural details should be added around the windows (mainly on the elevation on Randall avenue)."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Subsequent to the adoption of the resolution, Councillor Berku explained to the public that the property owner was causing difficulty for the neighbourhood in that he has not been respectful of by-laws, rules and regulations. She then added that he has been issued numerous infractions.

061027

URBAN PLANNING - SITE PLANNING PROJECTS AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMS (PIIA) - 5500 ROSEDALE - CÔTE SAINT-LUC

This item was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

061028

URBAN PLANNING – SITE PLANNING PROJECTS AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMS (PIIA) – 8112 KILDARE – CÔTE SAINT-LUC

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the site planning and architectural integration programs received September 8, 2006 showing the replacement of the existing brick on the front façade by stone of a detached single-family dwelling on lot 1052391 at 8112 Kildare for the Planning Advisory Committee meeting of September 19, 2006, be approved according to the provisions of Chapter 14 of by-law 2217 of the City of Côte Saint-Luc."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

061029

URBAN PLANNING - SITE PLANNING PROJECTS AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMS (PIIA) - 8137 MATHER - CÔTE SAINT-LUC

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the site planning and architectural integration programs received August 24, 2006 showing the addition of an habitable space in the attic of a semi-detached family dwelling on lot 11051936 at 8137 Mather for the Planning Advisory Committee meeting of September 19, 2006, be approved according to the provisions of Chapter 14 of by-law 2217 of the City of Côte Saint-Luc." CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

061030

# URBAN PLANNING – SITE PLANNING PROJECTS AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMS (PIIA) – IRVING LAYTON AVENUE, LOT 3395740 – CÔTE SAINT-LUC

It was

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

#### AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the site planning and architectural integration programs received September 12, 2006 showing the construction of a new detached single-family dwelling on lot 3395740 on the Irving Layton avenue, and prepared by Mr. Nathan Schertzer, architect, for the Planning Advisory Committee meeting of September 19, 2006, be refused according to the provisions of Chapter 14 of by-law 2217 of the City of Côte Saint-Luc for the following reasons:

- the configuration of the roof must be re-examined to decrease the massive appearance;
- architectural details on the dwelling façades must be added;
- the proportion and the type of openings must be reconsidered;
- the details and the location of the main entry of the dwelling must be revised."
   CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 061031

# URBAN PLANNING - MINOR EXEMPTION - 5892 CENTENNIAL, LOT 1561371 - CÔTE SAINT-LUC

It was

# MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN J. LEVINE 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 5892 Centennial, Lot 1561371, be and is hereby approved the whole as more amply delineated hereunder:

The request is to allow, for a detached single-family dwelling, to have a rear balcony which encroaches 10.5' into the minimum rear setback instead of the maximum encroachment allowed of 10.0'. The foregoing is in accordance with the provisions of Zoning By-law No. 2217, Article 4-2-2 of the City of Côte Saint-Luc."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 061032

LEGAL SERVICES AND CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT - ADOPTION OF THE RECORD RETENTION SCHEDULE AND AUTHORIZATION TO THE CITY ARCHIVIST TO SUBMIT THE SCHEDULE TO THE QUEBEC NATIONAL ARCHIVES

This item was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

061033

REGISTRATION OF THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC FOR THE PROGRAM TO REDISTRIBUTE THE FEES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF RESIDUAL MATERIALS TO MUNICIPALITIES (PROGRAMME SUR LA REDISTRIBUTION AUX MUNICIPALITÉS DES REDEVANCES POUR L'ÉLIMINATION DE MATIÈRES RÉSIDUELLES)

WHEREAS the government adopted the Act respecting the charges payable for the disposal of residual materials by decree 340-2006 published May 24, 2006 in the Gazette officielle du Québec and through the terms of this Act, effective June 23, 2006, a charge of 10 dollars is levied for every metric tonne of residual material disposed of in a site specified in the corresponding Regulation;

WHEREAS municipalities must directly or indirectly pay the fees for the disposal of residual materials to be eligible for the grant program;

WHEREAS by virtue of the agreement on redistributing, in the form of grants, the charges collected through application of the Regulation respecting the charges payable for the disposal of residual materials (Entente concernant la mise en œuvre de la redistribution sous forme de subventions des redevances perçues en application du Règlement sur les redevances exigibles pour l'élimination de matières résiduelles) concluded between the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks, the Fédération québécoise des municipalities locales et régionales and the Union des municipalities du Québec, the Minister committed to redistribute 85% of the fees collected annually through the application of this Regulation to municipalities;

WHEREAS by virtue of the program to redistribute the charges for the disposal of residual materials to municipalities adopted by the government (decree 341-2006) and in accordance with the Agreement, an eligible municipality registered in the Program is guaranteed to receive as a grant, until 2010 at a minimum, the amount it will have incurred in fees for the disposal of its residential residual materials;

WHEREAS this grant will contribute to the financing of municipal activities with respect to the implementation of the Residual Material Management Plan covering its territory (Plan de gestion des matières résiduelles or PGMR);

WHEREAS the municipality is covered by the PGMR of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal in effect since August 22, 2006;

WHEREAS the municipality is responsible for the implementation of the PGMR of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal;

WHEREAS, to obtain this grant, an eligible municipality must register in the Program and a resolution is required to this effect;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the City of Côte Saint-Luc, the eligible municipality:

 Ask to be registered in the Programme sur la redistribution aux municipalités des redevances pour l'élimination de matières résiduelles;

- Agree to respect the accountability stipulations specified in the *Programme* sur la redistribution aux municipalités des redevances pour l'élimination de matières résiduelles. These include, on one hand, supplying the Minister, within 30 days of reception by the Treasurer of the auditor's report in accordance with Article 966.3 of the *Municipal Code* or Article 108.3 of the *Cities and Towns Act*, with a notice from this auditor attesting that the municipality has respected the Program's requirements and that the sums have been used for the what they have been earmarked for. Secondly, the municipality must demonstrate, upon request and to the Minister's satisfaction, that the expenses incurred for the implementation of its Residual Material Management Plan match or exceed the grant allocated in the context of this program;
- Authorize the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks and RECYC-QUÉBEC to share the information they have from the municipality or regarding the municipality with respect to the Regulation, the Program, the recycling compensation regime (*Régime de compensation pour la collecte sélective*) and the municipal management of residual materials;
- O Authorize the Treasurer or the City Clerk, in his absence, to forward to the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks, all of the information required for registration, and the respect and proper functioning of the Program." CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

061034

# TABLING OF REPORT CONCERNING EXPENSES RELATED TO 2005 ELECTIONS

The Treasurer's report delineated in Article 513.2 of an *Act Respecting Elections* and *Referendums in municipalities*, R.S.Q. Chapter E-22, was circulated to all Members of Council and tabled at tonight's meeting.

061035

NOTICE OF MOTION: "BY-LAW GOVERNING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING LONG-TERM OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMITS"

Councillor Glenn J. Nashen gave notice of motion that By-Law entitled: "BY-LAW GOVERNING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING LONG-TERM OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMITS" will be presented at a later meeting.

061036

RESOLUTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE BY-LAW TO BE ENTITLED: BY-LAW GOVERNING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING LONG-TERM OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMITS

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Council dispenses with the reading of the By-Law entitled: "BY-LAW GOVERNING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING

LONG-TERM OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMITS"; when it will be presented for adoption, the whole in accordance with the law."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Subsequent to the dispensing of the reading of the by-law, Mayor Housefather announced that a draft of this by-law would hopefully be available as of this Friday.

Councillor Berku then called upon Council to give a specific date in which the by-law will be placed on the agenda for adoption as well as a proposal regarding the availability of public lots.

#### 061037

### **RESOLUTION CONCERNING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

This item was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

#### 061038

# **PUBLIC WORKS – PURCHASE OF HIGHWAY SALT**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

#### AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the following quotation for the following contract for the supply of highway salt, be and is hereby approved the whole as more amply delineated hereunder:

# Cargill Inc.

Up to 3,000 tons at a cost of \$62.00 per ton \$186,000.00

G.S.T. 6% \$11,116.00 Q.S.T. 7.5% \$14,787.00

For a total amount not to exceed **TOTAL**: \$211,903.00<sup>4</sup>

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0167 dated October 25, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer attesting to the availability of finds to cover the described expenses;

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

Subsequent to the resolution being proposed and seconded, Councillor Nashen requested that the Public Works Director draft a report attesting to the fact that the City will be reducing the amount of salt on its territory.

Councillor Kovac then requested that salt be used uniquely on the City's main streets and intersections<sup>5</sup> and then stated that she concurred with Councillor Nashen regarding the fact that the City should try to limit the amount of salt it uses on its streets.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This is the maximum amount that Council authorized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Vs. Secondary streets

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Councillor Erdelyi then explained to the public that he was recently shown the abrasive spreader used by the City and that this machine will allow the City to save money on salt as the spreader distributes the salt in a more effective and efficient yet parsimonious manner.

Councillor Brownstein then clarified that he has attended Public Works meetings and it was decided that the City will be vigilant and conscientious to use salt only when it is indeed necessary.

061039

# PUBLIC WORKS - SNOW REMOVAL (MAIN STREETS)

It was

# MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the following quotation for the following contract of one (1) year with a one (1) year option, for snow removal for main streets be and is hereby approved, the whole as more amply delineated hereunder:

# CMS ENTREPRENEURS GÉNÉRAUX INC.

Snow removal (main streets) from the period of October 15, 2006 through April 15, 2007 at a fixed price for the first 160 centimetres		\$435,000.00
Price for each additional centimetre above 160 centimetres only if necessary <sup>6</sup>		\$550.00/cm \$43,450.00
Forecast of 239 cm:	G.S.T. 6%	\$478,450.00 28,707.00
For a total amount not to exceed	Q.S.T. 7.5% <b>TOTAL:</b>	38,036.78 <b>\$545,193.78</b>

THAT the City of Côte Saint-Luc will have the right to exercise the option to renew the present contract for a subsequent one year period namely the period of October 15, 2007 through April 15, 2008 based on the same terms and conditions as already outlined herein;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0164 dated October 13, 2006 has been issued by the City Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses;

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

061040

PUBLIC WORKS - SNOW REMOVAL (SECONDARY STREETS)

This item was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Based on a projected forecast of 239cm.

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061041

# PUBLIC SECURITY - OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMITS FOR MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN J. NASHEN SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

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 dated October 13, 2006;

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

061042

PROCLAMATION – CANADA'S CITIZENSHIP WEEK - OCTOBER 16 – 22, 2006

WHEREAS Canada's Citizenship Week will be held from October 16 to 22, 2006;

WHEREAS Canada's Citizenship Week provides an opportunity to reflect on the value of citizenship and immigration and to focus on the privileges, rights, responsibilities and obligations of citizenship;

WHEREAS new Canadians bring a strong sense of commitment to their new home, make many valuable contributions to Canada and play an important role in our economic strength and cultural diversity;

WHEREAS the themes and values of Canadian citizenship reinforce an important message for all Canadians – that newcomers are welcome in Canada and that we all belong;

WHEREAS all Canadians, old and new, can join together in reaffirming their commitment to Canada;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Council hereby proclaims the week of October 16 - 22, 2006, as "Canada's Citizenship Week" in the City of Côte Saint-Luc." CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

061043

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 November 2nd, 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 RUTH KOVAC

### AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Council take the following stance in view of the Agglomeration Council meeting to be held on November 2nd, 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 November 2nd, 2006 based on the information to be presented during that meeting."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 061044

OTHER BUSINESS – BY-LAW ENTITLED: "BY LAW GOVERNING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING LONG-TERM OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMITS" - DISCUSSION

Councillor Berku called upon the City to hold a debate on the by-law in question, in public and then, at a subsequent meeting, adopt the by-law.

Councillor Erdelyi then called upon members of the media to encourage the public to attend the Council Meeting where the above-titled by-law would be adopted.

Councillor Nashen then explained that the City has so many important by-laws to consider such as by-laws pertaining to zoning and public safety, that it is counter-productive to spend an inordinate amount of time deliberating upon each aspect of this one particular by-law.

Councillor Brownstein then explained that historically, one of the reasons the City prohibited overnight parking was for reasons of safety and security, for example, to facilitate snow removal operations. He further explained that the City is looking into charge a fee that is reasonable but that only those who truly require a permit would be awarded one as it is important to have streets which are free of too many parked cars so they can be safe and clean.

Councillor Levine then explained to the public that in the past, the City never wanted or encouraged overnight parking on its streets but acknowledged certain residents may have a need for this parking and as well, the cost of the permit must be affordable. He then explained that it is important for the City to look into alternate solutions such as using public parking lots to accommodate overnight parking permit holders. Councillor Levine then suggested having a sliding scale of fees in order to remedy the issue of residents not having enough areas to park within a reasonable distance

Councillor Goldbloom then wished to clarify that he does not support the idea of charging residents a different fee for overnight parking permits based on strata as, in his view, this would open up a complete Pandora's box. He then issued a recommendation that the City have a uniform policy.

Mayor Housefather then registered his support for Councillor Goldbloom's recommendation and further clarified that the price for parking permits should not be based on what district in the City a resident is located.

#### **SECOND QUESTION PERIOD**

Question period resumed at 11:01 p.m. and finished at 11:31 p.m. Five (5) people asked to speak and they were heard.

# 1) <u>Dr. Bernard Tonchin</u>

The resident inquired as to what were the rules for the City's composting program bearing in mind that a gardener would finish gathering leaves for composting on a resident's property and there would be a delay in which the leaves will be collected for composting to which Councillor Berku responded that gardeners can immediately transport the leaves to the Public Works yard so that they may eventually be composted.

The resident then registered his support for this Council declaring Citizenship Week on its territory and inquired as to whether the City can procure pins and decals and avail itself of the various Federal Programs to promote such an endeavour to which Mayor Housefather responded that whenever a program is available, the City looks into availing itself of it.

### 2) <u>Jack Cabot</u>

The resident complained that last month, he requested a resolution regarding Council's position on the School Taxes and stated he has yet to receive it to which Councillor Berku responded that she has a copy with her tonight and that the resident is welcome to it.

The resident then sought clarification regarding the resolution for the Disposal of Residual Materials to which Councillor Berku responded by explaining how the programme allows municipalities to be subsidized for expenses it incurs regarding this item.

The resident then inquired as to when the draft by-law would be available concerning overnight parking permits to which Mayor Housefather responded on Friday.

# 3) Solange Himmelfarb

The resident reiterated<sup>7</sup> that there is a problem with pollution and parking in her district. She then stated that Côte Saint-Luc is enclaved and that there is an oversaturation of cars. She then requested that the City proactively discourage residents to have fewer cars as this, according to her, would alleviate the problem of lack of space for overnight parking. She then called upon the City to lower its parking permit fees for those lesser fortunate families in Côte Saint-Luc.

The resident then requested that the City encourage its residents who are new arrivals in Quebec to take courses in the *Criminal Code* and the *Civil Code* so they can be better versed in their rights.

# 4) Gad Medalsy

The resident requested that the City take a demographic approach in its assessment of the need for overnight parking permits as, in his view, certain areas of the City lack sufficient space to park their cars.

The resident then inquired as to whether he could amend the suggestion of \$35.00 for a monthly overnight parking permit for a lower amount to which Mayor Housefather clarified that it is a member of council who may legally offer an amendment at a Council Meeting to the suggested monthly fee prior to registering a formal vote on the by-law.

# 5) Michael Hirsch

The questioner opined that a monthly fee of \$35.00 for a parking permit is too prohibitive. Mayor Housefather then reminded the questioner that when the Borough Council was advised by this questioner of the problem of insufficient space on the street for multi-family dwellings for his tenants a few years ago, the Borough Council enacted a by-law to take this into consideration. The Mayor then specified that insofar as a price for the permit is concerned, this will be determined by Council who, when deliberating, will juxtapose issues such as affordability with issues such as the costs of processing such a request and an over-saturation of parked cars which may compromise the safety, and as well as the cleanliness of the streets<sup>8</sup>.

### 061045

# APPROVAL OF THE CLOSING OF THE MEETING

It was

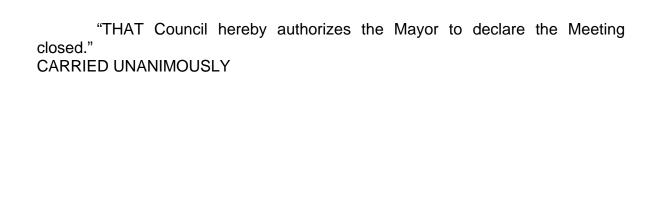
MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GLENN J. NASHEN

AND RESOLVED:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> She opined during the first Question Period that her district has a problem with traffic, parking and pollution - the latter especially emanating out of the STCUM buses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Some examples of this include: 1) the need to conducts snow removal operations, 2) street cleaning operations, 3) ensuring emergency vehicles can pass with ease, 4) the need to know who is and who isn't parking on the streets, especially overnight.



AT 11:31 P.M. MAYOR HOUSEFATHER DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED.

ANTHONY HOUSEFATHER MAYOR

JONATHAN SHECTER
DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES
AND CITY CLERK