

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2007, AT 5801 CAVENDISH BOULEVARD, CÔTE  
SAINT-LUC, AT 8:00 P.M.**

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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

**QUESTION PERIOD**

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The question period started at 8:05 p.m. and finished at 8:30 p.m. Four (4) people asked to speak and they were heard.

1) Neil Bornstein

The resident advised members of council that he lives in a townhouse complex and that a fellow townhouse owner has been smoking in a common area. Mayor Housefather explained to the resident that the City has no authority to compel his fellow townhouse owner from not smoking on private property but that if his townhouse association enacts by-laws prohibiting smoking in the common areas and issues a fine for doing so, this may resolve the resident's issue.

2) Tamara Lazoff

The resident opined that the fee increase for Long-Term Overnight Parking permits to \$35 per month is too prohibitive and particularly difficult for her as she is a student. Mayor Housefather explained to the resident that in 2001 the fees in Côte Saint-Luc were \$50 per month and that in 2002, when Côte Saint-Luc became part of the Borough<sup>1</sup>, the fees were lowered to be consistent with the other sectors of the Borough. He explained, however, that this led to a large increase in requests for Long-Term Overnight Parking Permits. He further explained that residents complained as a result of this due to streets not being cleaned as effectively as well as residents unaware as to who is parking in front of their house overnight. Mayor Housefather further explained that various members of council tried to seek a compromise in charging a fee of \$35 per month, which, he stated, was \$15 less per month than what Côte Saint-Luc initially charged prior to 2002. He also explained that prior to 1995, Côte Saint-Luc never allowed any overnight on-street parking. He also explained to the resident that there were possible alternate arrangements that residents could make such as using public parking lots to park their cars overnight.

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<sup>1</sup> And City of Montreal.

3) Avrom Shtern

The resident wished to thank Mayor Housefather and Councillor Berku for their initiative in suggesting that gardeners should be licensed.

The resident then pointed out a problem with winter smog in certain areas of Côte Saint-Luc to which Mayor Housefather responded that despite smog prevention not really being an issue that Côte Saint-Luc staff can enforce as it generally concerns other levels of government, the resident can point out to city staff the particularly problematic areas so that the City can see, what, if anything, it could do.

The resident then pointed out certain tax benefits in Florida that exist for certain individuals who are first-time home buyers to which Mayor Housefather pointed out that these benefits are initiated at the provincial level in Canada and not at the municipal level and that the resident should direct his comments to his local National Assembly Member.

4) Steve Matlin

The resident manifested his discontent regarding the most recent cost increases in Long-Term Overnight Parking Permits. He explained that the present fees will be particularly onerous for his son who is a student. He then explained that neighbouring municipalities do not charge the same fees. All members of Council took note of the resident's comments.

**COMMENDATION TO CONSTABLE ANTONIO LABATTAGLIA**

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Mayor Housefather and Councillor Nashen presented a commendation to constable Labattaglia for his bravery as he went beyond the call of duty. On December 19, 2006, while on patrol, he noticed that there was a vehicle accident and a street lamp which blocked the road. He then noticed a woman rushing on scene<sup>2</sup>, who when, exiting her vehicle while it was moving, fell under it.

070101

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
COUNCIL DATED DECEMBER 11, 2006**

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It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council dated December 11, 2006 be and are hereby approved as submitted.”  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

070102

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
DATED DECEMBER 18, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.**

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<sup>2</sup> The mother of the driver who had an accident.

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council dated December 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. be and are hereby approved as submitted.”  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

070103

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
DATED DECEMBER 18, 2006 AT 8:30 P.M.**

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It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council dated December 18, 2006 at 8:30 p.m. be and are hereby approved as submitted.”  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

070104

**MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2006**

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It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

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

Subsequent to the adoption of the monthly reports, Councillor Nashen explained to the public that Public Security successfully completed a School Safety Blitz the purpose of which was to educate drivers. He further explained that approximately 31 violations were issued and multiple verbal warnings were given for violations to traffic legislation.

Councillor Levine explained to the public that the committee organizing the winter carnival met today and that the winter carnival will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. He explained that this year there will be a mascot as well as the usual pancake breakfast, a rock climbing event, broomball games and on the Saturday of the carnival, there will be a special skate evening. He then encouraged all residents to attend.

Councillor Brownstein wished to congratulate the Public Works staff for doing a great job regarding in-House garbage collection to date.

Councillor Erdelyi explained to the public that the library has seen a significant increase in the rental of its DVD's, that the library's fireplace is now functional and since switching from wood to gas, has proven to be more environmentally friendly. He then explained to the public that there will be several exciting activities in the library such as Fireside Tales. He then apprised the public of some exciting changes to the library's website.

Councillor Cohen then explained to the public that the next edition of the Côte Saint-Luc Courier will be dedicated to the 2006 year in review.

Mayor Housefather then explained to the public that in November, the City had a projected deficit of approximately \$350,000, that in December this projected deficit was reduced to \$170,000 and now, it looks like the City won't have a deficit at all for 2006.

Councillor Berku explained to the public that the City is in the midst of preparing its tax bills as well as preparing its publication of the budget which should be published shortly. She then explained to the public that the City recently decided to average out the increase in the Evaluation Roll over four years.

Councillor Levine then opined that it is a joy to see community policing.

070105

**HUMAN RESOURCES – RESIGNATION – DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

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WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc received the resignation letter of Director of Human Resources, Jonathan Oppen, employee number 328, dated Tuesday, December 5, 2006 under which he tendered his resignation effective January 3, 2007;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council accepts, with regret, the resignation of Jonathan Oppen, Director of Human Resources, effective January 3, 2007.”  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

070106

**HUMAN RESOURCES – APPOINTMENT – DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

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It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Andrea Charon be and is hereby appointed as Director Human Resources, effective January 8, 2007;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC07-0004 dated January 10, 2007 has been issued by the Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

070107

**HUMAN RESOURCES – HIRING OF AUXILIARY BLUE COLLARS – PUBLIC WORKS**

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It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the hiring be approved of the individuals on the list of auxiliary blue collar employees, into the Public Works positions of:

- o Garbage Truck Driver;
- o Garbage Collectors; and
- o Electrician;

THAT the aforementioned list is dated January 15, 2007, entitled: "Council of: January 15, 2007" and comprising of one (1) page;

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 TC07-0005 dated January 10, 2007 has been issued by the Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

070108

**HUMAN RESOURCES – HIRING OF AUXILIARY BLUE COLLARS – PARKS AND RECREATION**

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It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the list of auxiliary employees for the Parks and Recreation Department for January 2007, entitled: "*Part-time employees*" – and comprising of one (1) page (s) 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 TC07-0006 dated January 10, 2007, has been issued by the Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

070109

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

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It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RUTH KOVAC

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT, the disbursements for the period of December 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2006 for a total of \$1,260,726.65 in Canadian Funds and \$3,223.67 in U.S. Funds are hereby approved;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC06-0201 dated January 10, 2007 has been issued by the Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses;

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

070110

**FINANCE – PAYMENT OF FIRST INSTALMENT TO MONTREAL  
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY**

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It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the City Administration is hereby authorized to pay to the Montreal Metropolitan Community on March 15, 2007, the sum of \$352,992.65 representing the first instalment of the 2007 apportionment;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC07-0002 dated January 4, 2007 has been issued by the Treasurer attesting to the availability of funds for the above purpose;

THAT said resolution shall be for immediate action."  
CARRIED BY THE MAJORITY OF VOTES WITH COUNCILLORS GLENN J. NASHEN, RUTH KOVAC AND ALLAN J. LEVINE ALL DISSENTING.

070111

**FINANCE - RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TO PUBLISH THE BUDGET FOR  
2007 IN CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 474.3 OF THE *CITIES AND TOWNS  
ACT***

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It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council hereby authorizes the Treasurer of the City of Côte Saint-Luc to publish the Budget and Three year Capital Expenditures Program or the necessary explanatory documents in a Newspaper circulated in the territory of the municipality in lieu of its distribution to every civic address in the territory of the municipality.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

070112

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CÔTE SAINT-LUC TO RENEW ITS «*UNION DES MUNICIPALITÉS DU QUÉBEC*» MEMBERSHIP**

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It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN J. LEVINE  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

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

THAT Council further authorizes the City to pay the membership fees in the amount of \$16,510.44, plus applicable taxes;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate number TC07-0001 dated January 3, 2007 has been issued by the Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

070113

**URBAN PLANNING – MINOR EXEMPTION – 7503 BAILY – CÔTE SAINT-LUC**

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It was

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

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 7503 Baily, Lot 1054133, be and is hereby approved the whole as more amply delineated hereunder:

The request is to allow the construction of an exterior door giving access to the space under the balcony and the stairs of a detached two-family dwelling despite being only permitted for a single-family dwelling. The request is to further allow that the exterior door be visible from the street (despite being on an angle) instead of not being permitted to be visible from the street. The foregoing is in accordance with the provisions of Zoning By-law 2217, article 4-6-4 of the City of Côte Saint-Luc.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

070114

**URBAN PLANNING – MINOR EXEMPTION – 5993 DAVID-LEWIS –  
CÔTE SAINT-LUC**

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It was

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

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 5993 David-Lewis, Lot 2091357, be and is hereby approved, the whole as more amply delineated hereunder:

The request is to allow a single family row dwelling unit to have a solarium built in the rear yard at 1'-0" from the lateral line instead of the minimum required of 6'-6". The request is also to have a pool (jacuzzi) installed at 2'-0" from the lateral lot line instead of the minimum required of 5'-0". The foregoing are in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning By-law 2217, articles 4-4-5g) and 5-5-1 c) of the City of Côte Saint-Luc.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

070115

**URBAN PLANNING – MINOR EXEMPTION – 5580 KING EDWARD –  
CÔTE SAINT-LUC**

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It was

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

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 5580 King Edward, Lot 1561492, be and is hereby approved, the whole as more amply delineated hereunder:

The request to allow a rear extension (solarium) to a detached single-family dwelling to be located at 15.84' from the rear lot line instead of the minimum required of 19'. The foregoing is in accordance with the provisions of By-law 2217, annex “B” (zone RU-5) of the City of Côte-Saint-Luc. ”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

070116

**URBAN PLANNING – MINOR EXEMPTION – 6852 ASHKELON –  
CÔTE SAINT-LUC**

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It was

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

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 6852 Ashkelon, Lot 1564930, be and is hereby approved, the whole as more amply delineated hereunder:

The request is to allow a single family dwelling to have:

1. a front setback of 14.89' instead of the minimum of 15.0';
2. a rear setback of 29.92' instead of the minimum of 30.0';
3. an in-ground pool located at 3.83' from the rear lot line instead of the minimum of 5.0';
4. a patio located around an in-ground pool to be located at 0.5' from the rear and side lot lines instead of the minimum of 3.0';

The foregoing are in accordance with the provisions of Zoning By-Law 2217, annex “B” (zone RU-46), articles 4-4-5c) and 5-1-1c).”  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

070117

**URBAN PLANNING – MINOR EXEMPTION – 6573 MACKLE –  
CÔTE SAINT-LUC**

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It was

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

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 6573 Mackle, Lot 1561119, be and is hereby approved, the whole as more amply delineated hereunder:

The request is to allow a single family dwelling to have an accessory building in the backyard of which the area is 134 square feet instead of the permitted maximum area of 100 square feet and at 9'-8" from the house instead of the minimum of 10'-0";

The foregoing are in accordance with the provisions of Zoning By-law 2217, article 5-1-1 b).”  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

070118

**URBAN PLANNING – MINOR EXEMPTION – 5559 BORDEN –  
CÔTE SAINT-LUC**

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It was

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

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 5559 Borden, Lot 1560590, be and is hereby approved, the whole as more amply delineated hereunder:

The request is to allow a single family dwelling to have an exterior door leading to a space situated under the balcony and the front stairs giving access to the basement of the dwelling instead of having no access to the basement of the dwelling;

The foregoing is in accordance with the provisions of Zoning By-Law 2217, article 4-6-4 of the City of Côte Saint-Luc.”  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

070119

**NOTICE OF MOTION: “BY-LAW 2255 AUTHORIZING A LOAN OF \$798,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE HEAVY VEHICLE GARBAGE TRUCKS”**

Councillor Mitchell Brownstein gave notice of motion that By-Law entitled: “By-law 2255 authorizing a loan of \$798,000 for the purchase of three heavy vehicle garbage trucks” will be presented at a later meeting.

070120

**RESOLUTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE BY-LAW TO BE ENTITLED: “BY-LAW 2255 AUTHORIZING A LOAN OF \$798,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE HEAVY VEHICLE GARBAGE TRUCKS”**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLAN J. LEVINE

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the Council of the City of Côte Saint-Luc dispense with the reading of the By-Law entitled: “By-law 2255 authorizing a loan of \$798,000 for the purchase of three heavy vehicle garbage trucks” when it will be presented for adoption, the whole in accordance with the law.”  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

070121

**PUBLIC WORKS – PURCHASE AND PROGRAMMING OF CABINETS AND CONTROLLERS FOR THE SYNCHRONIZATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON CAVENDISH BOULEVARD**

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc wishes to install synchronized traffic lights on Cavendish Boulevard from Mackle Road to Merton Road;

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council hereby authorizes the City of Côte Saint-Luc to enter into an agreement with Electromega Limited to provide cabinets, controllers and accessories required for the synchronization of traffic lights on Cavendish Boulevard;

THAT Council hereby awards the said contract at \$77,422 plus applicable taxes, the whole as more amply delineated within Tender number C-04-07;

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC07-0007 dated January 12, 2007 has been issued by the Treasurer attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Despite voting in favour of the resolution, Councillor Berku requested that the Minutes reflect that she still cannot understand why the project can't be relegated to the synchronization of the traffic light in front of City Hall with the two neighbouring intersections<sup>3</sup>.

070122

**BY-LAW ENTITLED: "BY-LAW 2254 CREATING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR CULTURAL, SPORTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES FOR THE SPRING AND SUMMER OF 2007" - ADOPTION**

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It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT By-law entitled: "*By-law 2254 creating the fee schedule for cultural, sports and Leisure activities for the spring and summer of 2007*" be and is hereby adopted and numbered 2254;

THAT it be promulgated and according to law."  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLOR NASHEN DEPARTED FROM THE MEETING

070123

**CONTRACT FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC'S COMPUTER NETWORK**

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WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint Luc requires additional technical support for its computer network;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SAM GOLDBLOOM

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Council hereby authorizes the City of Côte Saint-Luc to enter into an agreement with Nashen and Nashen Consultants to provide a maximum of 150 hours at a rate of \$75.00 per hour during the 2007 calendar year;

THAT the maximum amount payable under the agreement shall be set at \$11,250 plus applicable taxes;

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<sup>3</sup> These intersections are Cavendish and Mackle and Cavendish and Kildare.

THAT Treasurer's certificate number TC07-0003 dated January 10, 2007 has been issued by the Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLOR NASHEN RETURNED TO THE MEETING

070124

**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**

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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 January 25, 2007 for which members of the municipal council shall establish the stance that it wishes to take;

It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT Council take the following stance in view of the Agglomeration Council meeting to be held on January 25, 2007 as follows:

- to authorize the Mayor, should he deem it expedient to attend said meeting, 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 on January 25, 2007 based on the information to be presented during those meetings."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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Councillor Levine wished the journalism students in the audience tonight the best of luck in their careers.

Councillor Cohen wished to invite the journalism students to broach Director Levine, the Director of Communications, should they be interested in a potential summer student employment with the City.

## **SECOND QUESTION PERIOD**

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The Second question period started at 9:15 p.m. and finished at 9:30 p.m. Five (5) people asked to speak and they were heard.

1) Avrom Stern

The resident inquired as to what the MMC does to which Mayor Housefather responded that one of their duties is to create an Urban Planning Schema for the territory it covers. The resident then opined that this organization is a useless layer of bureaucracy and it should be abolished. Mayor Housefather then explained to the resident that local municipalities should have more control over various services that the MMC provides.

2) Harold Lebofsky

The resident inquired as to what the justification was for a \$35 monthly Long-Term Overnight Parking Permit fee to which Mayor Housefather reiterated his answer to the questioner during the first question period.<sup>4</sup>

3) Rena Katz

The resident inquired as to whether the Quebec Government has responded to the most recent boycott of the majority of mayors of demerged municipalities from Agglomeration Council Meetings to which Mayor Housefather responded that since the holiday vacation just recently ended, there has been no time to have a reaction thus far. He added however that no meaningful changes have been made to current legislation governing the Agglomeration.

The resident then inquired as to whether any mayors who have boycotted have decided to return to the agglomeration council meetings to which Mayor Housefather responded that those who have boycotted have not decided to return.

4) Ruben Bastien

The questioner sought particulars as to the rationale for averaging out the roll increase over a period of time to which Mayor Housefather explained that when a new Evaluation Roll is deposited, various properties increase at different percentages. He then explained that if the roll increase was not averaged out, a property that increased at a significantly high percentage would have a tax increase higher than average, whereas someone whose property value increased less would see their tax bill potentially decrease<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>4</sup> Referring to Tamara Lazoff

<sup>5</sup> Since the major factor regarding taxation is the total amount needed throughout the year for a municipality to function.

5) Morgan Steiger

The questioner sought particulars as to whether there were any surprises in the 2006 Annual Report to which Mayor Housefather clarified that the annual report is prepared by the City and will appear in the upcoming Côte Saint-Luc Courier. He further explained that since this council believes in being accountable to its taxpayers, they wish to disclose a detailed account of what occurred in the City during the 2006 fiscal year.

Mayor Housefather then further clarified that what Councillor Levine was discussing was the monthly reports which highlights various interesting aspects that occurred over the past month in each municipal department. Mayor Housefather then explained that there are no surprises as Council receives these reports in advance.

070125

**APPROVAL OF THE CLOSING OF THE MEETING**

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It was

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

AND RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AT 9:30 P.M. MAYOR HOUSEFATHER DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED.**

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ANTHONY HOUSEFATHER  
MAYOR

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JONATHAN SHECTER  
DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES  
AND CITY CLERK