

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY, MAY 25, 2020 AT 8:00 P.M. BY WAY OF VIDEOCONFERENCE<sup>1</sup>**

PRESENT:

Mayor Mitchell Brownstein, B. Comm., B.C.L., L.L.B. presiding  
Councillor Sidney Benizri  
Councillor Dida Berku, B.C.L.  
Councillor Mike Cohen, B.A.  
Councillor Steven Erdelyi, B.Sc., B.Ed.  
Councillor Mitch Kujavsky  
Councillor Oren Sebag, B.Sc. RN MBA  
Councillor David Tordjman, ing.

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Tanya Abramovitch, City Manager  
M<sup>e</sup> Jonathan Shecter, Co-City Manager, Director of Legal Services  
and City Clerk  
Ms. Nadia Di Furia, Associate City Manager  
M<sup>e</sup> Jason Prévost, Assistant City Clerk, acted as Secretary of the  
meeting

**OPENING STATEMENT BY THE MAYOR CONCERNING THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

Prior to the holding of tonight's council meeting, Mayor Brownstein asked that a moment of silence be observed for the people who have passed away due to the COVID-19 virus.

Mayor Brownstein further elaborated on the importance to keep respecting the physical distancing measures, to practice appropriate hand hygiene and to wear face coverings when necessary.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

The question period started at 8:15 p.m. and finished at 8:23 p.m. Thirteen (13) questions were submitted prior to the holding of tonight's meeting and they were answered during the live feed.

1) Question 1

The resident inquired about the necessity to wear a mask outside and inside at all times and what measures will be taken when schools reopen in the fall; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that masks will be mandatory at all times in stores and the obligation will be enforceable on the store owner, and that the City will provide masks as well. Mayor Brownstein further mentioned that appropriate signage will be mandatory in all condominiums complexes and apartment buildings, and that it will be enforceable on the condo associations and the owners of apartment buildings. He further mentioned that the signage will specifically state that masks should be worn in common areas and elevators, but individuals will not be subject to fines. Mayor Brownstein further indicated that masks will be mandatory in City buildings and that non-compliance will be subject to a fine.

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<sup>1</sup> Tonight's council meeting was held by way of videoconference by virtue of Ministerial Order 2020-029 adopted by the Quebec government on April 26, 2020.

Mayor Brownstein further clarified that the wearing of masks outdoors is a recommendation and not subject to a fine.

Mayor Brownstein further indicated that the proposed by-law will not apply to schools.

2) Question 2

The resident inquired about specific individuals who don't want to wear masks after the adoption of the proposed by-law and the passing of the resolution at tonight's meeting; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that in City buildings the individual will be ticketed and in commercial establishment the individual may not be admitted.

3) Question 3

The resident inquired about the designated body that will be enforcing the proposed by-law on face coverings; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that the enforcement of signage in condominium complexes and apartment buildings will be done by the Urban Planning inspectors and for the wearing of face coverings in City buildings, it will be enforced by Public Security agents.

4) Question 4

The resident inquired about what measures will be legislated in the proposed by-law and which ones will be strong recommendations; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that the requirement to wear face coverings in commercial establishments and in City buildings will be in the proposed by-law as well as the requirement for condominium complexes and apartment buildings to put up appropriate signage. He further mentioned that the wearing of face coverings outdoors will be a strong recommendation by way of resolution.

5) Question 5

The resident inquired about the enforcement of the measures provided by the proposed by-law for commercial establishments; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that the Urban Planning department will be responsible for these measures.

6) Question 6

The resident inquired about the City's jurisdiction to impose measures in buildings they do not own such as shopping centres; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that the City does have this jurisdiction, and it was further confirmed by a legal opinion.

7) Question 7

The resident inquired about the requirement for janitors to wear masks in condominium complexes and apartment buildings; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that the same rules will apply to them with regards to wearing masks.

8) Question 8

The resident inquired about the necessity to install hand sanitizer dispensers in front of all elevators in condominium complexes and apartment buildings; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that the proposed by-law provides the option to install dispensers at the door of the elevator on each floor or inside the elevator.

9) Question 9

The resident inquired about the effects of having hand sanitizer dispensers in apartment buildings and if this measure is going to help stop the spread of the virus; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that the most important measure during the pandemic is to wash your hands and even more so than wearing a mask.

10) Question 10

The resident inquired about the wearing of a face shield as an alternative to the face covering especially for people with asthma; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that it can be an alternative and that the City made an amendment to the proposed by-law to include a definition of face shields. Mayor Brownstein further mentioned that there may be further amendments to the draft by-law in view of its adoption on June 1, 2020.

11) Question 11

The resident, who is part of a condo association, inquired about the difficulty in enforcing the proposed measures in the by-law for condominium complexes; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that condo associations must do their best to implement the measures concerning the wearing of face coverings and that the explanatory signage will also help.

12) Question 12

The resident inquired about the medical experts helping the City formulate their measures and recommendations; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that the City is legislating and recommending the measures provided by the Health Minister such as hand washing, physical distancing and the wearing of face coverings.

13) Question 13

The resident inquired about the necessary proof or documentation that residents with health issues should have with them when entering a store to justify not wearing a face covering and how this will be perceived by others that are wearing face coverings; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that the proposed by-law has a definition for face shields, but that the resident may have a note to justify not wearing any type of covering.

Subsequent to the question period, Mayor Brownstein provided some explanations concerning the new rules adopted by the Quebec government for outdoor gatherings, namely, that there is a limit of ten (10) people for such gatherings and that they should be wearing masks, and should respect the physical distancing measures.

Mayor Brownstein also mentioned that the City is currently working on its reopening plan and that the administration is actively meeting in order to prepare the measures to be put in place (although the plan would be subject to change depending on the government's directives).

Further to Mayor Brownstein's comments, Councillor Oren Sebag indicated that the City will be holding a blood donor clinic on June 1, 2020 and he provided the contact information to schedule an appointment. Councillor Sebag further provided information on the current situation in hospitals for front-line workers.

Following Councillor Sebag's comments, Councillor Dida Berku provided information on the mobile testing buses that are scheduled to be present at Trudeau Park (corner of Mackle and Ashkelon) on May 27 and 28, 2020 from

10:00 am to 2:00 pm, for residents who feel that they may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus.

Following Councillor Berku's comments, Mayor Brownstein provided some information on the situation at the Maimonides Hospital. Councillor Berku thanked Mayor Brownstein, MP David Birnbaum and MP Anthony Housefather for all the work they are doing to help reduce the spread of the virus in the Maimonides Hospital.

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**NOTICE OF MOTION – BY-LAW 2557 TO BE ENTITLED: “BY-LAW 2557 INSTITUTING TEMPORARY SAFETY MEASURES RELATED TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS ON THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC”**

WHEREAS on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic related to the spread of the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS on March 13, 2020 the Quebec government declared a state of emergency in the province of Quebec due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus by way of decree 177-2020 and subsequently renewed the state of emergency by way of decrees 222-2020, 388-2020, 418-2020, 460-2020, 478-2020, 483-2020, 501-2020, 509-2020 and 531-2020;

WHEREAS since declaring a state of emergency on March 13, 2020, the Quebec government has adopted numerous decrees and ministerial orders imposing measures for the safety and protection of human health;

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc (“City”) declared a local state of emergency on its territory on March 17, 2020 due to the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS the City has a high concentration of senior citizens, representing over 30% of its population, which are most susceptible to be affected by the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS the City also has a high population density per square kilometer due to the high number of multi-family dwellings such as condominium complexes and apartment buildings on its territory;

WHEREAS the City has several institutions including seven (7) senior residences and, two (2) hospitals and one (1) CLSC on its territory;

WHEREAS since the provincial state of emergency, the City has experienced a high rate of infection as evidenced by the public health authority reports, including up to 478 confirmed cases and 25 confirmed deaths as of May 23, 2020;

WHEREAS the City wishes to impose certain temporary health and safety measures in order to further protect the public;

Councillor Dida Berk gave Notice of Motion that By-Law 2557 to be entitled: “By-law 2557 instituting temporary safety measures related to the COVID-19 virus on the territory of Côte Saint-Luc”, will be presented at a later meeting for adoption.

Councillor Dida Berku mentioned the object and the scope of By-Law 2557 to be entitled: “By-law 2557 instituting temporary safety measures related to the COVID-19 virus on the territory of Côte Saint-Luc”.

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**TABLING OF DRAFT BY-LAW 2557 TO BE ENTITLED: “BY-LAW 2557  
INSTITUTING TEMPORARY SAFETY MEASURES RELATED TO THE COVID-  
19 VIRUS ON THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC”**

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Councillor Dida Berku tabled draft By-Law 2557 to be entitled: “By-law 2557 instituting temporary safety measures related to the COVID-19 virus on the territory of Côte Saint-Luc.”

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**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC  
SPACES ON THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC DUE TO  
THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

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WHEREAS the City has a high concentration of senior citizens, representing over 30% of its population, which are most susceptible to be affected by the COVID-19 virus;

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WHEREAS the City has several institutions including seven (7) senior residences and, two (2) hospitals and one (1) CLSC on its territory;

WHEREAS since the provincial state of emergency, the City has experienced a high rate of infection as evidenced by the public health authority reports, including up to 478 confirmed cases and 25 confirmed deaths as of May 23, 2020;

WHEREAS the governmental health authorities such as the *Institut National de la Santé Publique du Québec*, the *Direction de la Santé Publique* and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have recommended that people wear face coverings (medical masks or non-medical masks or other face coverings such as bandanas, scarves or cloth) in public spaces as a complementary measure to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus over and above the *sine qua non* rules such as frequent hand-washing and meticulously obeying the rules of physical distancing;

WHEREAS people with mild or no symptoms can contribute to the spread of the COVID-19 virus and face coverings may reduce the risk of an infected person unknowingly transmitting the COVID-19 virus to others;

WHEREAS residents of Côte Saint-Luc should wear face coverings in all public spaces on its territory to further avoid the spread of the COVID-19 virus as physical distancing measures are not possible in certain situations, such as:

- When walking through the underpass on Cavendish Boulevard, Westminster Avenue, and Côte Saint-Luc Rd.;
- When waiting at a bus stop;
- When crossing another person on the sidewalk of a busy street with limited space such as Cavendish Boulevard;
- When waiting in line to enter a commercial establishment with a street level entrance; and
- When waiting at the intersection to cross a street.

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR OREN SEBAG  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SIDNEY BENIZRI

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT residents of Côte Saint-Luc wear face coverings in all public spaces on its territory and respect the following instructions related to the wearing of face coverings:

- Always wear a face covering where physical distancing is difficult or not possible;
- Always wear a face covering when taking public transit, bus or metro;
- Always wear a face covering when taking a taxi or Uber;
- Practice hand hygiene before putting the face covering on and after removing it;
- Avoid touching the face covering when it is being worn;
- Properly dispose of medical face coverings once they are humid or dirty;
- Avoid placing used face coverings on tables and counters;
- Replace non-medical face coverings when they are humid or dirty;
- Regularly wash non-medical face coverings; and
- Children under the age of two years, people with health issues, such as, but not limited to, respiratory difficulties, cognitive disabilities, difficulties in hearing, or people who need help to remove their face covering, should not wear them.

THAT nothing in this resolution shall abrogate or derogate from implementing other essential COVID-19-related preventative measures such as:

- Frequent hand-washing; and
- Meticulously obeying the rules of physical distancing.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**APPROVAL OF THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

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It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DAVID TORDJMAN  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MITCH KUJAVSKY

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to declare the Meeting adjourned.”  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AT 8:59 P.M. MAYOR BROWNSTEIN DECLARED THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED.**

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MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN  
MAYOR

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JASON PRÉVOST  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK