

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020 AT 8:00PM 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.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

The question period started at 8:05 p.m. and finished at 8:26 p.m. Seven (7) residents submitted questions prior to the holding of tonight's meeting and they were answered during the live feed.

1) Mark Mendelson

The resident inquired about the reopening of swimming pools in residential buildings; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that the City doesn't not know the exact date at which swimming pools in residential buildings will reopen, but the Institut National de la Santé Publique du Québec has provided guidelines for the eventual reopening of these swimming pools.

2) Toby Shulman

The resident inquired about the enforcement of wearing masks in all residential buildings including common areas and elevators; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that the City's Urban Planning inspectors will monitor condominium complexes and apartment buildings to ensure that hand sanitizer dispensers and the appropriate signage are placed in the right location. Mayor Brownstein further mentioned that this obligation will be enforced for condominium associations and owners of apartment buildings only, not individuals.

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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.

3) Hershey & Shani Fellig

The residents inquired about the situation at the Maimonides Hospital and the City's jurisdiction to remedy the situation; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that the Maimonides Hospital is in a difficult situation and that the City has asked for help from all government levels to remedy the situation. He further mentioned that the City has asked that the Canadian army intervene to help the limited number of hospital staff, and that the City is working on this file every day.

4) Sarah Bensimon

The resident inquired about the closing of the Mikvah on Kildare Avenue and why the establishment was not considered an essential service as Mikvah's have now reopened across the City of Montreal; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that the SPVM was responsible for the closing of the Mikvah as it is not under the City's jurisdiction. Mayor Brownstein further mentioned that the Montreal Board of Rabbis confirmed that the rules and regulations for religious institutions are provided by the Quebec government. He further indicated that he has been very active with the health authorities in order to reopen the Mikvahs with the appropriate measures, and that Santé Publique has mentioned that they will be reopening shortly.

5) Micky Harrar

The resident inquired about the measures taken for individuals that do not follow the physical distancing rules and the recommendations to wear masks during indoor and outdoor gatherings; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that these matters are under the jurisdiction of the SPVM and that the City can only make statements on these types of situations and encourage residents to follow the provincial measures. The City cannot intervene when it comes to the SPVM's actions in enforcing the provincial rules and regulations.

The resident further inquired about a social gathering event that occurred on Wavell, Smart and Westluke, and asked if the City was aware of this situation; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that the SPVM deals with these matters.

6) Steven White

The resident inquired about the reopening of the three (3) baseball fields at Trudeau Park given the Quebec government's plan to allow for leisure and outdoor sports activities to resume; to which Mayor Brownstein responded that the health and safety of residents is the City's first concern, but if the health authorities provide measures for the reopening of outdoor activities, the City will look at all the appropriate precautions to make these activities safe. Councillor Kujavsky provided further comments on the matter.

7) Jeff Joseph

The resident inquired about the mandatory wearing of face coverings in commercial and municipal establishments, in particular, if the by-law that will be adopted tonight will include an exception for people with health issues such as asthma or sensory processing issues; to which Me Jason Prévost responded that the City has modified the content of the draft by-law to include an exception for these types of situations and that it will be adopted as such at tonight's meeting.

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**BY-LAW 2557 ENTITLED: "BY-LAW 2557 INSTITUTING TEMPORARY SAFETY MEASURES RELATED TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS ON THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC" - ADOPTION**

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Councillor Dida Berku mentioned the differences between the draft by-law 2557 that was tabled at the May 25, 2020 council meeting and the final version of by-law 2557 being adopted at tonight's meeting, namely:

- The addition of an exception for the mandatory wearing of Face Coverings in Commercial Establishments (article 2.3) and Municipal Buildings (article 2.6) for people with health issues such as but not limited to, respiratory difficulties, cognitive difficulties and difficulties in hearing; and
- The rewording of the language provided by article 2.2 concerning the mandatory Hand Washing Mechanisms in Condominium Complexes and Apartment Buildings.

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR OREN SEBAG

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT By-law 2557 entitled: "By-law 2557 instituting temporary safety measures related to the COVID-19 virus on the territory of the City of Côte Saint-Luc" be and is hereby adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLOR MITCH KUJAVSKY LEFT THE MEETING PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ABOVEMENTIONED RESOLUTION

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**APPROVAL OF THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

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It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR OREN SEBAG  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DAVID TORDJMAN

AND RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AT 8:40 P.M. MAYOR BROWNSTEIN DECLARED THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED.**

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MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN  
MAYOR

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JASON PRÉVOST  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK