

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M. BY WAY OF  
VIDEOCONFERENCE<sup>1</sup>**

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PRESENT:

Mayor Mitchell Brownstein, B. Comm., B.C.L., L.L.B. presiding  
Councillor Lior Azerad  
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 Andee Shuster

ALSO PRESENT:

M<sup>e</sup> Jonathan Shecter, City Manager, Director of Legal Services and  
City Clerk  
Ms. Nadia Di Furia, Associate City Manager

**QUESTION PERIOD**

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There were no questions asked.

211234

**NOTICE OF MOTION – BY-LAW 2578 TO BE ENTITLED: “BY-LAW 2572  
CONCERNING TAXES OF THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC FOR THE FISCAL  
YEAR 2022”**

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Councillor Steven Erdelyi gave Notice of Motion that By-Law 2578 to be entitled: “By-Law 2578 concerning taxes of the City of Côte Saint-Luc for the fiscal year 2022” will be presented at a later meeting for adoption.

Councillor Steven Erdelyi mentioned the object and the scope of By-Law 2578 to be entitled: “By-Law 2578 concerning taxes of the City of Côte Saint-Luc for the fiscal year 2022.”

211235

**TABLING OF DRAFT BY-LAW 2578 ENTITLED: “BY-LAW 2578 CONCERNING  
TAXES OF THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022”**

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Councillor Steven Erdelyi tabled draft By-Law 2578 to be entitled: “By-Law 2578 concerning taxes of the City of Côte Saint-Luc for the fiscal year 2022.”

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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.

211236

**NOTICE OF MOTION – BY-LAW 2574-1 AMENDING BY-LAW 2574 ENTITLED:  
“BY-LAW 2574 INSTITUTING A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR  
THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A HOME ELECTRIC CHARGING  
STATION” IN ORDER TO AMEND THE SOURCE OF FINANCING TO THE 2022  
OPERATING BUDGET**

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Councillor Steven Erdelyi gave Notice of Motion that By-Law 2574-1 amending by-Law 2574 entitled: “By-Law 2574 instituting a financial assistance program for the purchase and installation of a home electric charging station” in order to amend the source of financing to the 2022 operating budget will be presented at a later meeting for adoption.

Councillor Steven Erdelyi mentioned the object and the scope of By-Law 2574-1 amending by-law 2574 entitled: “By-Law 2574 instituting a financial assistance program for the purchase and installation of a home electric charging station” in order to amend the source of financing to the 2022 operating budget.

211237

**TABLING OF DRAFT BY-LAW 2574-1 AMENDING BY-LAW 2574 ENTITLED:  
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OPERATING BUDGET**

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211238

**APPROVAL OF PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED FROM THE WORKING FUND IN  
2022**

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WHEREAS Section 569 (2) of the *Cities and Towns Act* (C.Q.L.R., chapter C-19) allows the Council to borrow from the working fund, pending the collection of revenues, in order to pay various capital expenditures;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANDEE SHUSTER

AND RESOLVED

"THAT, for the 2022 fiscal year, the Côte Saint-Luc City Council approves the borrowing pursuant to a non-interest-bearing loan from its working fund for the following projects;

- 1) Purchase of outdoor ping-pong tables - up to a maximum of \$36,000, plus applicable taxes to be amortized over a period of five (5) years;
- 2) Purchase and installation of electric vehicle charging stations - up to a maximum of \$39,800, plus applicable taxes to be amortized over a period of five (5) years;

- 3) Purchase and installation of a mobility chair at the ACC - up to a maximum of \$15,000, plus applicable taxes to be amortized over a period of five (5) years;
- 4) Purchase of tablets/computers for Public Security and EMS - up to a maximum of \$58,500, plus applicable taxes to be amortized over a period of five (5) years;
- 5) Purchase of switching system for IT Services - up to a maximum of \$55,000, plus applicable taxes to be amortized over a period of five (5) years;
- 6) Purchase and installation of security cameras - up to a maximum of \$15,800, plus applicable taxes to be amortized over a period of five (5) years;
- 7) Audio/video equipment upgrades for various conference rooms – up to a maximum of \$96,000, plus applicable taxes to be amortized over a period of five (5) years;
- 8) Purchase of computers and accessories - up to a maximum of \$50,000, plus applicable taxes to be amortized over a period of five (5) years;
- 9) Purchase of furniture in the Library (AV and fireplace lounges) - up to a maximum of \$20,000, plus applicable taxes to be amortized over a period of five (5) years;
- 10) Purchase and installation of video streaming system for the auditorium and council chambers - up to a maximum of \$37,600, plus applicable taxes to be amortized over a period of five (5) years;
- 11) Purchase and installation of building shed(s) for the Public Works yard - up to a maximum of \$80,000, plus applicable taxes to be amortized over a period of ten (10) years;

“THAT the City shall provide every year out of its general fund, a sum sufficient to repay the various loans back into the working fund.”  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

211239

**BY-LAW G18-0001-1 ENTITLED: “BY-LAW G18-0001-1 AMENDING BY-LAW G18-0001 ENTITLED: “BY-LAW CONCERNING RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF COUNCIL MEETINGS OF THE CÔTE SAINT-LUC/ HAMPSTEAD/MONTREAL WEST BOROUGH” IN ORDER TO MODIFY THE TERM OF THE *MAIRE SUPPLÉANT* OR *MAIRESSE SUPPLÉANTE*” - ADOPTION**

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It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE COHEN  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT By-Law G18-0001-1 entitled: “By-law G18-0001-1 amending By-law G18-0001 entitled: “By-law concerning rules for the conduct of council meetings of the Côte Saint-Luc/Hampstead/Montreal West Borough” in order to modify the term of the *maire suppléant* or *mairresse suppléante*” be and is hereby adopted.”

CARRIED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE VOTES WITH COUNCILLOR LIOR AZERAD DISSENTING

211240

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE OFFER OF SETTLEMENT FOR A CLAIM RELATED TO THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 596 AND 598 WESTLUKE**

WHEREAS on April 25, 2021, the property owners of 596 and 598 Westluka filed a joint claim against the City of Côte Saint-Luc regarding alleged damages related to the replacement of the water service line, sewer line and the repairs of the entrance, the stairs, and the terrace for the aforementioned addresses;

WHEREAS the parties wish to amicably settle for the reimbursement for the replacement of the water service line and the upper landing area, namely the stairs and terrace related to the aforementioned claim;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR LIOR AZERAD

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the preamble of this resolution shall form an integral part thereof as if cited hereinafter at length;

THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council hereby authorizes the settlement of the aforementioned claim received from the property owners of 596 and 598 Westluka for the following amounts:

- \$1,995.25, including taxes, for Mrs. Florence Rashcovsky Coodin;
- \$1,995.25, including taxes, for Mrs. Ruth Karp; and
- \$3,990.50, including taxes, for Mr. Claude Codjia;

THAT the City Manager, Director of Legal Services and City Clerk or the Assistant Director of Legal Services and Assistant City Clerk be and are hereby authorized to approve and sign any document giving effect to the foregoing;

THAT Treasurer’s certificate No. 21-0165, dated December 13, 2021, has been issued by the City Treasurer attesting to the availability of funds to cover the above-described expenses.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

211241

**RESOLUTION ON THE DEFINITION OF QUEBEC’S ENGLISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS during his inaugural address to the National Assembly on October 19, 2021, Premier François Legault stated:

*“I want to speak to the historic English-speaking community of Quebec. You are an integral part of Quebec. As a historic community, you have your own*

*institutions: Schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, the media. Canada's francophone minorities dream of mastering so many institutions. No minority in Canada is better served than English-speaking Quebecers and we are proud of that."*

WHEREAS the following day Premier Legault defined the historic English-speaking community as those individuals who are eligible for English schooling in Quebec;

WHEREAS eligibility to attend school in English in Quebec is not in any way linked to the language of the student or the parent. Rather, it is linked to the language of instruction received by the parent or the educational pathway of the student or his or her siblings. Meanwhile, ironically, Francophones who attended English schools and their children would be provided the right to receive government services in English;

WHEREAS the use of the "English-eligible" category in Bill 96 is grossly under-inclusive – eliminating the right to access services in English for between 300,000 and 500,000 English-speaking Quebecers – and is entirely disconnected from the community's self-identification;

WHEREAS under international norms minorities define themselves; they are not defined by the state;

WHEREAS any attempt to discriminate by creating categories of citizens then deemed eligible to receive certain government services is deeply troublesome from a public governance perspective;

WHEREAS English-speaking Quebecers are full and contributing members of Quebec society who are committed to building an inclusive Quebec where French is the common language;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANDEE SHUSTER

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT any attempt by the Government of Quebec to define the English-speaking Quebecers as an "historic" community or limit their right to receive government communications and services in English is profoundly objectionable. Furthermore, rights and services should never be based on eligibility for English instruction."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

211242

**HUMAN RESOURCES – DISMISSAL OF MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE**

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MITCH KUJAVSKY

AND RESOLVED:

"THAT the Côte Saint-Luc City Council approves the dismissal of employee 2002, effective immediately, December 20, 2021;

THAT Council further authorizes any salient recourse before a court of competent jurisdiction to recover any amounts owed to the City by said employee.”  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

211243

**APPROVAL OF THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

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It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ANDEE SHUSTER  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MITCH KUJAVSKY

AND RESOLVED:

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

**AT 7:34 P.M. MAYOR BROWNSTEIN DECLARED THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED.**

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MITCHELL BROWNSTEIN  
MAYOR

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JASON PRÉVOST  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK