

Minutes of the Council of Beaconsfield

Minutes of the City of Beaconsfield's special Municipal Council meeting, held at City Hall, 303 Beaconsfield Boulevard, Beaconsfield, Québec, on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 7:15 p.m.

WERE PRESENT:

His Honour the Mayor Georges Bourelle and Councillors Dominique Godin, Martin St-Jean, Robert Mercuri, David Newell, Roger Moss, Peggy Alexopoulos

ALSO PRESENT:

Patrice Boileau, Director General, Nathalie Libersan-Laniel, City Clerk and Director of Public Affairs, Dominique Quirk, Assistant City Clerk

1. OPENING OF MEETING

His Honour the Mayor calls the meeting to order.

2. AGENDA

2.1 Adoption of the agenda of the City of Beaconsfield's special Council meeting of December 18, 2023, at 7:15 p.m.

2023-12-719 It is moved by Councillor Roger Moss, seconded by Councillor Robert Mercuri and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to adopt the agenda of the City of Beaconsfield's special Council meeting of December 18, 2023, at 7:15 p.m., as presented.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

His Honour the Mayor indicates that there is a presentation on the City's website that explains the PTI and the budget in great details. He invites residents to watch it but, in the meantime, he asks the Director general, Patrice Boileau, to do a summary of the 2024-2026 PTI and the 2024 budget.

A resident asks to explain why the breakdown of the 3-year capital plan is not provided.

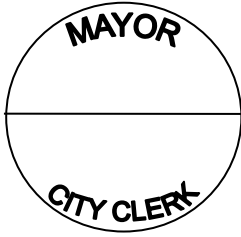
The Director general indicates that Council has decided to provide the list of projects without the projected costs a few years ago. He explains that the reason is to avoid that contractors who answer calls for tenders, know the amount the City estimated for a particular project. The City believes it is the best way to work in order to receive submissions from tenders at a low cost.

Finally, his Honour the Mayor gives the opportunity to the Chairmen of the Finance Committee, Councillor Robert Mercuri, to add his comments. His Honour the Mayor reiterates that the Agglomeration taxes went up 4%, even though the increase of actual expenses is of 6.07%. He explains that the over all budget of the City of Montreal's shows a surplus, he confirms that the numbers presented follow the municipal accounting rules but he believes that when the necessary budgetary adjustments are made, the deficit will be identified as over \$51 million for 2023.

The City Clerk announces the beginning of the public question period.

A resident suggests reallocating the expenses for police (SPVM) to the library, parks and recreation activities which can reduce crime rates. She asks to increase disability plan budget and to adopt a by-law on accessibility standards.

His Honour the Mayor indicates that there is no direct relationship between the Public Security budget and the Culture & Leisure budget. He adds that public security, which includes SPVM and fire departments, is an Agglomeration expense paid through quote-part which is established by the City of Montreal. Unfortunately, the City has no control over that expense. He explains that Beaconsfield municipal patrol's main



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responsibility is to ensure that City by-laws are enforced and are not considered part of the police force. He indicates that the City's administration manages the Culture and leisure activities in Beaconsfield. His Honour the Mayor indicates that various projects are being considered to improve accessibility in the future, particularly, sound signal at traffic lights and better accessibility to municipal buildings.

A resident asks to explain why the numbers of the Parks program in the PTI are disproportioned, from one year to another. He asks why they are so high, he wishes he could see a smooth increase.

His Honour the Mayor asks the Director general to answer this question. Patrice Boileau explains that the projects in the Parks Master Plan are all different in nature, some are longer to plan, some are bigger, and some are more expensive and so forth. He agrees that the numbers are not linear, mostly because the projects are different from one year to another. To explain his point, he gives an example of a drainage project that will be done at Rockhill Park in 2026, he acknowledges that the cost of that project will be high and consequently, the numbers of that year will be significant.

A resident compares last year PTI's numbers to this year's numbers and questions the high percentage increase. He asks if additional amounts were added for the Imagine Project as he notices a classification called construction. He also asks to be informed of the estimated global cost of the Imagine Project. He asks if the taxpayers will be asked to vote on the Imagine Project or will it be done in accordance with the mandatory provisions for the approval of a loan by-law.

The Director general indicates the lines for the Imagine Project correspond to the ones of last year, since there was no progress on that project, the numbers were deferred to 2024-2026. He indicates that the cost is as announced previously, 18 to 20 million. He adds that a grant of 3.1 million was awarded and that the City is following the direction given by Council regarding this project. He indicates that the rise in the PTI is related to the Recreation Centre and pool that require extensive renovation. He adds that the Director of Public Works has already submitted an application for a grant within the Government's programs. He mentions that the Recreation Centre is 50 years and the Centennial Centre even older, the City has to address the renovation needs. His Honour the Mayor confirms that there will be a vote, Council will be first and then a registry procedure will be held as part of the mandatory process for the approval of a loan by law.

A resident indicates that an animal shelter is mentioned in the budget, although she does not see it mentioned on the City's website. She adds that it would be nice if Beaconsfield advertised and allocated more money for animal services.

His Honour the Mayor indicates that the City does not have an animal shelter but there is a space to keep animals for 72 hours, the space is not accessible to the public. He adds that all dogs are claimed within 72 hours. The Director general indicates that the City has a contract with SPCA Vaudreuil and they come as needed.

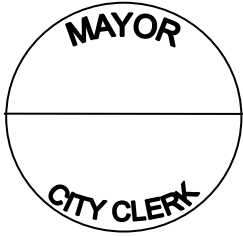
The question period ends at 7:50 p.m.

30. FINANCE AND TREASURY

30.1 Adoption of the three-year Capital Expenditure Program for 2024-2025-2026

2023-12-720 It is moved by Councillor David Newell, seconded by Councillor Dominique Godin and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the three-year Capital Expenditure Programme for 2024-2025-2026.

30.2 Adoption of the 2024 budget of the City of Beaconsfield



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2023-12-721 It is moved by Councillor Dominique Godin, seconded by Councillor Peggy Alexopoulos and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the 2024 budget in the amount of \$59,929,638 for revenues and expenses.

95. CLOSING OF MEETING

It is moved by Councillor Martin St-Jean, seconded by Councillor Robert Mercuri and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to close the special meeting at 7:52 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK