



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 Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 5:15 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

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 February 19, 2025, at 5:15 p.m.

2025-02-041 It is moved by Councillor Robert Mercuri, seconded by Councillor Roger Moss and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to adopt the agenda of the City of Beaconsfield's special Council meeting of February 19, 2025, at 5:15 p.m., as presented.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

There is no public in the Council Chamber.

The question period ends at 5:16 p.m.

60. GENERAL

60.1 Opposition by the City of Beaconsfield to the adoption by the Agglomeration of Montréal of a loan by-law authorizing a loan of \$20,000,000 to finance the acquisition of land for the Quartier Namur-Hippodrome project and mandate to Prévost Fortin D'Aoust Avocats to file a motion with the Superior Court to have the by-law declared null and void

2025-02-042 CONSIDERING that on January 23, 2025, the Agglomeration of the City of Montréal adopted a By-law authorizing a loan of \$20,000,000 to finance the acquisition of land for the Quartier Namur Hippodrome project RCG 25-002 (the "By-law");

CONSIDERING that, according to the City of Beaconsfield, the Agglomeration of Montréal did not have the power, either under the *Act respecting the exercise of certain municipal powers in certain urban agglomerations* or under Decree 1229-2005, to adopt the By-law;

CONSIDERING that, according to the City of Beaconsfield, the By-law is unreasonable in that, among other things, it imposes a tax burden on the related cities, without specifying which projects and developments covered by the By-law are to be assumed by the Agglomeration;

CONSIDERING that, in addition, and without limitation, the By-law is imprecise, incomplete and unintelligible, the practical effects of which operate an illegal sub-delegation of powers to representatives of the City of Montreal to define, arbitrate and spend unilaterally, not subject to review and supervision by the related municipalities, which contravenes in particular the minimum rules of transparency that prevail in the management of public finances;



Minutes of the Council of Beaconsfield

CONSIDERING that all the representatives of the member municipalities of the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM) present at the meeting of the Agglomération of the City of Montréal Council opposed the adoption of the By-law;

CONSIDERING that, under the circumstances, the City of Beaconsfield wishes to initiate proceedings before the appropriate authorities to prevent the By-law from coming into force or to have it annulled;

It is moved by Councillor Peggy Alexopoulos, seconded by Councillor David Newell and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to give a mandate to Prévost Fortin D'Acoust Avocats to file, with the Commission municipale du Québec, the opposition of the City of Beaconsfield to the By-law authorizing a loan of \$20,000,000 to finance the acquisition of land for the Quartier Namur Hippodrome project RCG 25-002, and to file an application with the Superior Court to have the By-law declared null and void, and to represent the City of Beaconsfield and take all necessary steps in these proceedings;

TO mandate Mr. Georges Bourelle, Mayor of Beaconsfield, and member of the Council of the Association of Suburban Municipalities, to carry out said procedures.

95. CLOSING OF MEETING

It is moved by Councillor Martin St-Jean, seconded by Councillor Dominique Godin and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to close the special meeting at 5:18 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK