MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT HELD AT CITY HALL ON OCTOBER 3, 2016 AT 4:19 P.M. AT WHICH WERE PRESENT:

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The City and its administration are only bound by decisions that are authorized by the Municipal Council in the course of a public meeting by way of a resolution or a by-law.

GENERAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

Adoption of the General Committee Agenda of October 3, 2016

It was agreed that the Agenda of the October 3, 2016 meeting of the General Committee of Council be adopted, with the addition of the following item under New Business:

- WMA’s Event Request (Councillor Forbes).

Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting of General Committee Held on September 19, 2016

The Minutes of the General Committee of Council’s meeting held on September 19, 2016 were adopted with corrections.

Confidential items were discussed.
Items from the Council Agenda to be discussed in General Committee

Councillor Lulham informed Council that at that night’s Regular Sitting, she will provide a report on the opening of the WAG dog run as well as an overview of the schedule changes and an off-leash contract for dogs in Summit Woods.

Referring to Item 14, “Rental of One Loader – Snow Removal Operations on the Bicycle Paths,” Councillor Smith inquired as to whether this smaller loader is necessary once the bollards that separate the bicycle path from the rest of the roadway are removed for the winter. Councillor Lulham explained that this machine can clear the bicycle path more frequently, which is particularly necessary as residents tend to push some snow into the path as they remove it from their properties.

Confidential items were discussed.

Regarding Item 19, “Bid Weighing and Evaluating – Development of the Train Station,” the Director General reported that last week, Parks Canada confirmed that it will contribute up to $25,000 to support the preparatory assistance project for the conservation and repurposing of the former Canadian Pacific Railway train station.

Referring to Item 22, “Demolition Works – 4216 Dorchester Boulevard,” Councillor Samiotis recommended that the City exterminate the potential vermin living in the abandoned building prior to its demolition. The Director General informed Council that Mr. Greg McBain, Director of Public Security, has confirmed that the situation is being addressed. The Director General added that he will follow up on the matter to ensure all necessary measures are carried out prior to the demolition.

Council Question Period Follow-up

Regarding Ms. Mavis Young’s question concerning the grass on the City’s playing fields, the Director General informed Council that the fields are being re-sodded for the 2017 season. Regarding Mr. Michael Schwartz’s request in relation to the vehicular traffic on Edgehill Avenue, the Director General reported that a bollard has been installed to help control traffic.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

HANDICAPPED PARKING DRAFT POLICY

Mr. Patrick Raggo, Director of Public Works, joined the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

Director Raggo presented the TAC’s draft handicapped parking policy. He explained that further to Council’s request, the TAC prepared the proposed policy to be adopted as a policy of Council in order to guide the TAC in its decision-making process. The TAC considered several other municipalities’ and boroughs’ policies on the matter in its drafting of the proposed policy. Specifically, the draft policy states that handicapped parking spots are only to be granted when the resident or business requesting the spot has no private
parking space. Said requests are to be made in writing and must be renewed annually, as these spots should revert to regular parking spaces if the resident or business that required it moves.

Confidential items were discussed.

Director Raggo left the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Confidential items were discussed.

**SOUTHEAST SOUND BARRIER**

Ms. Gaetano presented the three possible options for the prospective Southeast sound barrier, as discussed at the City’s meeting with the MTQ on September 28th.

The first option constitutes the construction of a sound barrier of a variable height ranging from 5m to 7m along the property line between the City and CP, or on the City’s property, from the WAG to Atwater Avenue. Ms. Gaetano explained that the residents to the west of Greene Avenue are opposed to the construction of a sound barrier along the City/CP property line, effectively reducing this option to a sound barrier between Greene Avenue and Atwater Avenue.

The second option constitutes a sound barrier of a variable height ranging from 5m to 7m along the City/CP property line, or on the City’s property, between Greene Avenue and Atwater Avenue, and a 6m-high sound barrier integrated into the new highway between the WAG and Greene Avenue.

The third option constitutes a 6m-high sound barrier integrated into the highway from the WAG to Atwater Avenue. However, the MTQ must first determine whether the section of the highway to the east of Greene Avenue, which is not being reconstructed as part of the Turcot project, can support a 6m-high sound barrier. The MTQ has agreed to carry out this assessment.

Ms. Gaetano pointed out that as the new highway to the west of the WAG will be significantly lower, no sound barrier is needed for this portion.

Ms. Gaetano explained that the MTQ will subsidize 50% of all costs related to the project because of the noise associated with the new highway. However, the proposed sound barrier between Greene Avenue and Atwater Avenue along the City/CP property line would need to have a height varying between 6m and 7m in order for the MTQ to grant its subsidy, as a lower sound barrier would not attenuate the noise sufficiently to justify the project’s cost.

Ms. Gaetano explained that the MTQ formulated the above options in light of its acoustics engineer’s sound measurements taken since the Turcot project has been initiated as well as the acoustics engineer's sound estimates for after the Turcot project is completed. These measurements and estimates were calculated from the ground floor of the
neighbouring residences as well as from the second floor of said residences. The MTQ determined that a sound barrier integrated into the highway would provide greater sound attenuation than one constructed along the City/CP property line on all floors of the neighbouring residences. However, it is worth noting that the sound measurements and estimates were based on noise from the highway and not from the train and a sound barrier integrated into the highway would be built in a manner to mitigate reverberating noise from the train. The neighbouring residents, however, are more concerned with the noise from the highway. Ms. Gaetano presented the acoustics engineer’s sound measurements and estimates for each option.

Ms. Gaetano reported that at the September 28th meeting, the MTQ informed the City that a sound barrier integrated into the highway cannot be included as part of the KPH Turcot project, but rather would need to be carried out separately, after 2020. Ms. Gaetano relayed that the City insisted the MTQ examine whether a separate contract for the integrated sound barrier can be carried out at the same time as the Turcot project given the impact that such a delay would have on the neighbouring residents, the total cost of the work, and the public opinion of an extension of the already long work period. The MTQ has agreed to look into this possibility, which will be discussed at the City’s next meeting with the MTQ scheduled for late October.

The MTQ will also present the City with a cost estimate of the integrated sound barrier option at the upcoming meeting. The Mayor noted that this option’s feasibility will depend on the amount of provincial funding.

The MTQ’s proposed 50% subsidy may not be sufficient. The Mayor noted that the sound barriers in Beaconsfield and Lachine received, or could receive, a greater percentage of funding from the provincial government.

Director Poirier suggested that the City contribute for the installation of a photo radar system on the highway, which will mitigate the noise by reducing the number of speeding vehicles. Councillor Samiotis reported that the MTQ has maintained that the new highway’s configuration will attenuate the noise. She recommended waiting for its presentation of the measures taken to attenuate the noise prior to suggesting said contribution. Councillor Lulham agreed.

Councillor Samiotis informed Council that a public meeting with KPH and the MTQ is scheduled for November 9th.

Ms. Gaetano and Director Poirier left the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

**POLLING RESULTS**

Mr. Sebastian Samuel, Division Chief – Communications, joined the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Mr. Samuel briefed Council on the interpretation of the results from the survey of residents’ satisfaction with the City’s services as outlined by Mr. Mark Wilkins, of Mark Wilkins Communication: Market Research and Innovation. The survey’s results showed the greatest satisfaction with parks and greenspaces and with Hydro Westmount. Residents
are for the most part moderately satisfied with the majority of the City’s services, Sports and Recreation in particular, as well as the quality of service they receive from City employees. The lowest satisfaction scores were attributed to Urban Planning, the City’s website, and its infrastructure.

Councillor Drury was not in agreement with Mr. Wilkins’ presentation of the results. Residents responded to each question by rating their satisfaction on a scale of 1 to 10. Mr. Wilkins classified 1 to 4 as “dissatisfied,” 5 and 6 as “OK,” and 7 to 10 as “satisfied.” Therefore, Mr. Wilkins’ statistics, which put forward that the percentage of residents expressing their satisfaction with the given service are only those who responded with a rating ranging from 7 to 10, effectively consider those who responded with a 5 or 6 as “dissatisfied.” Councillor Drury considered this to be negatively skewing the survey results. The Mayor agreed, adding that a 6 should not be interpreted to signify dissatisfaction. Councillor Cutler noted that some survey’s scales consider only a 9 and 10 as positive, 7 and 8 as neutral, and 1 to 6 as negative.

Mr. Samuel reported that based on the survey results, which indicate that residents primarily interact with the City via its website, but are dissatisfied with it, the website must be improved.

The Director General suggested a possible letter grade evaluation scale of A, B, C, D, or F (for fail) for the City’s next survey. As an additional medium for polling residents for the next survey, the Director General proposed contacting them via the CodeRED calling system, using the non-emergency ringtone. The Mayor and Councillor Drury expressed their opposition to using the CodeRED calling system to survey residents.

Mr. Samuel informed Council that the next survey will focus on the City’s online services.

In order to evaluate residents’ experiences with the permit system and Urban Planning, Councillor Samiotis recommended carrying out a survey of the residents who obtained permits in the previous year.

Mr. Samuel left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Confidential items were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., at which point Council held its Regular Sitting. The meeting was reconvened at 9:52 p.m. Councillor Lulham did not return to the meeting. Councillor Martin joined the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Confidential items were discussed.
SKATEBOARDING AT THE MELVILLE POND

Councillor Davis informed Council that the City typically tolerates skateboarding in the Melville Pond before it is filled and after it is drained. Two residents sent a letter to the Mayor on September 20th expressing their concerns regarding the noise caused by these skateboarders. Director McBain then looked into the number of complaints made over this issue, determining that seven complaints have been made since 2014, one of which from Public Works, and the other six from residents of the building across the street from the pond.

The Director General noted that the splash pad that occupies the Melville Pond is still in use on a daily basis, weather permitting, until 5:00 p.m. Accordingly, this has mitigated the presence of skateboarders. Councillor Davis relayed Director McBain’s suggestion to keep an inch of water in the pond at all times if the City wishes to no longer allow skateboarders to use the area.

Councillor Smith recommended the creation of a permanent skateboard park, to be equipped with sound mitigating measures. Council members discussed where the prospective park could be located.

Councillor Drury noted the impressive municipal skateboard park in Saint Sauveur.

Councillor Martin suggested looking into the possibility of redoing the surface of the pond to mitigate the sound. Councillor Davis explained that the Melville Pond’s infrastructure should be maintained in accordance with its primary use as a splash pad, noting the City’s plan to ultimately renovate the splash pad.

Confidential items were discussed.

- **It was agreed** that Councillor Davis will draft a response to the two concerned residents indicating that as the City strives to encourage recreational activities for all of its residents, and due to the current lack of any other resource to safely accommodate skateboarders, the City will continue to tolerate skateboarders’ use of the Melville Pond when it is not being used as a splash pad.

DRONE POLICY

- **It was agreed** that the City will contact Mr. Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport and Member of Parliament for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce – Westmount, as well as the representatives of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to discuss the manner in which the use of drones can be controlled.

- **It was agreed** that Councillor Davis will respond to the resident.
2016 CANADIAN CONSULTING ENGINEERING AWARDS

The Mayor informed Council that the City will be presented with an award at the 2016 Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards ceremony for the Westmount Recreation Centre facility. The specific award that will be granted is unknown. The Mayor will attend the event, which will be held on October 25th, to accept the award on the City’s behalf.

Confidential items were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: WMA’S EVENT REQUEST

Councillor Forbes presented the WMA’s request to be permitted to hold an event at Victoria Hall on November 10th. Mr. Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport and Member of Parliament for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce – Westmount, is to speak at the event, which will be organized as a roundtable discussion on transportation. She explained that with many recreational classes and activities held at the WRC and Victoria Hall, one of these will likely have to be cancelled if the City grants the WMA’s request.

- It was agreed that exceptionally, the City will permit the WMA to hold its event at Victoria Hall on November 10th, at which Mr. Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport and Member of Parliament for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce – Westmount, will be present as the keynote speaker.

Confidential items were discussed.

ABSENCES

Council members were requested to submit their absence sheets to the City Clerk.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

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Rosalind Davis          Mme Martin St-Jean
Acting Mayor            City Clerk