

Westmount Municipal Association  
Monthly General Meeting  
Monday, January 23, 2017 at 7 pm  
Westmount Room, Westmount Library

Meeting chaired by Paul Marriott  
Minutes taken by Patricia Dumais

#### 1 – Meeting Call to Order

Present: Patricia Dumais PD, Meghan Durnford MD, Nigel Goddard NG, Maureen Kiely MK,  
Allan Kobelansky AK, Paul Marriott PM, Liz McCallum LM, Mavis Young MY

Absent: Alex Caruthers AC, Marilyn Gillies MG, Markus Martin MM

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Approved by MD, seconded by LM

#### 3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of December 12<sup>th</sup>.

These are to be corrected/approved by PM and then sent to the Board for final approval via email.

#### 4. Opening Remarks From the Chair

##### January Council meeting

PM reported on last Council meeting. He did not ask any questions on behalf of the WMA.

South-East Project: Group against the City's South-East plan continued to question Council about their concerns.

New development on Children's Hospital site: also of concern to citizens and Council, with six tall buildings and more people moving into the area, a potential for more traffic.

Closing of St-Stephen's church: a citizen mentioned the imminent closing of St-Stephen's church as well as The Open Door, and his concern about the future of the buildings.

##### In the news

Hospital noise: The class action suit has been resolved. The hospital consortium will pay citizens in sectors concerned.

#### 5. Action Items From Previous Meeting

##### South-East project

The group against the City's project presented a petition of over 200 names at Council. The group stated their concern about the possible impact the new project at Atwater and Dorchester will have on the City's plan.

They also mentioned the fact that District 8 would be in the midst of three major ongoing projects if the City were to begin its implementation of the project sooner than later.

Council said that the project is now a "vision" and that there would be more study.

##### Urban planning guidelines

Joanne Poirier has invited representatives of the WMA to an Urban Planning Guidelines meeting on Tuesday, February 21. PM will ask for clarification on the purpose of meeting. MY reminded the Board that MG attended a meeting last year, and that she may be interested in attending the meeting.

## **6. Standing Committee Reports**

### **Finance committee**

Laurence Kryzanowski attended the City's Budget meeting in December on behalf of the WMA. He had questioned Council on the logic of the "pay as you go" system with interest rates being very low. Council answers are not available in the minutes of the meeting, only in the audio. The Board suggested asking the city to provide transcripts. PM will make request with Mike Deegan.

### **Livability committee**

NG suggested the City adopt a universal access card for the rec centre and the library.

He questioned the City's choice of Public Security vehicles. The 320 horsepower Ford SUVs are perhaps too powerful and too polluting for their intended use. There was a suggestion to get the PS commander to speak to the Board about this and other issues. PM suggested asking Patrick Martin about an emissions audit for city vehicles that was proposed during the City's "Ten for Ten" sustainability initiative.

NG also brought up the question of the poor quality of roadwork, as there are lots of cracks in recently done pavement. He asked if the City does quality control and according to MK it supposedly does, as she had asked Mayor Trent earlier.

LM reported that lately there is a lot of traffic backed up on Ste-Catherine Street, West of the Lansdowne and Ste-Catherine intersection. PM reported that the lights are to be replaced at the intersection and that should improve traffic flow.

### **Governance committee**

No report for now.

## **7. New Business**

### **Glen Arch Heritage Designation**

There will be a public consultation meeting on Wednesday, January 25 at City Hall – MK will attend.

### **Bon voisinage Turcot**

There will be a public meeting on Monday, January 30 at City Hall – PD will attend.

### **Vendome Metro 2nd access**

There will be a meeting between Westmount City Council and the STM on Wednesday, January 25.

### **AGM**

PM will reserve Wednesday, May 10 for the meeting or Wednesday, May 3 if the 10<sup>th</sup> is not available.

The Board is invited to submit ideas for speakers and the event format.

LM suggested an environmental round-table, inviting the City to present its actual environmental initiatives. PD added inviting environmental specialists to share possible sustainability initiatives that the City could implement. Guest speakers could evaluate how the city is dealing with the environment and issue Westmount an environmental report card.

PM promised to submit a review of last year's AGM at the February meeting.

### **WMA Membership**

AK will create a MailChimp list to facilitate the management and sending of emails.

## **8. Next meeting**

Next meeting: **Monday, February 13** at 7 pm in the Westmount Room of the Library.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Dumais', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Patricia Dumais

Recording Secretary, WMA