

Westmount Municipal Association
Monthly General Meeting
Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 7 pm
Committee Meeting Room, Westmount City Hall

Meeting chaired by Paul Marriott
Minutes taken by Patricia Dumais

1 – Meeting Call to Order

Present: Christine Cardinal CC, Patricia Dumais PD, Meghan Durnford MD, Nigel Goddard NG, Allan Kobelansky AK, Paul Marriott PM

Absent: Maureen Kiely MK, Markus Martin MM, Liz McCallum LM

2. Approval of Agenda

Approved by CC, seconded by MD

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of June 12, 2017

Approved by AK, seconded by MD

4. WMA Strategy for Upcoming Election

- Candidate Information Session

A suggestion was made to hold an information meeting for potential candidates around the end of September just before the limit date for submitting the candidacy papers. The idea is to provide information to citizens interested in running for Council by inviting ex-city councilors who served in earlier city councils willing to share their experiences and answer questions. Wednesday, September 27 is the reserved date.

- Meet the Candidates Meeting(s) at the end of October

There is the possibility that the WMA will hold at least two meetings – one for mayoral candidates and one or even two for councilors, in the event there are many candidates in each district, which may probably be the case. The meetings will take place shortly before the election date (November 5).

- Elections Article

An article on Westmount mayoral and council candidates where each candidate is given the opportunity to answer questions determined by the WMA will be produced. This will be published shortly before the election date.

5. WMA Planning for Current Session Year

As MK and LM are absent the discussion is postponed.

6. Other Business

After the Hudson group visited the WMA board in June, PM went to a Hudson Council meeting. The former Mayor had embezzled the city of millions of dollars and citizens are not very trusting of the current Council and administration. Various groups are looking at forming a municipal association. PM remarked the presence of many young people, a positive sign of the renewal of citizen involvement.

7. Next meeting

Next meeting: Monday, September 11 at the Westmount Library.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

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Patricia Dumais
Recording Secretary, WMA