



MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POINTE-CLAIRES**, HELD AT CITY HALL, 451 SAINT-JEAN BOULEVARD, POINTE-CLAIRES, QUÉBEC, ON **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025, AT 4:30 P.M.**, AFTER DUE NOTICE WAS TRANSMITTED ON FEBRUARY 18, 2025.

PRESENT : Councillor Claude Cousineau, Councillor Paul Bissonnette, Councillor Tara Stainforth, Councillor Cynthia Homan, Councillor Bruno Tremblay, as well as Councillor Eric Stork, chaired by Mayor Tim Thomas forming quorum of council.

ABSENT : Councillor Kelly Thorstad-Cullen and Councillor Brent Cowan.

Mtre Caroline Thibault, City Clerk and Director of Legal Affairs, is also in attendance.

2025-118 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It is moved by Councillor Paul Bissonnette, Seconded by Councillor Eric Stork, and unanimously resolved:
TO approve the agenda without modification.

2025-119 QUESTION PERIOD

Questions are submitted to the members of Council by the person indicated below:

Philippe Paré.

2025-120 OPPOSITION TO AN AGGLOMERATION BORROWING BY-LAW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 20,000,000

WHEREAS on January 23, 2025, the Agglomeration of Montreal adopted the By-law authorizing a loan of \$ 20,000,000 to finance the acquisition of land for the Namur-Hippodrome project (the "By-law").

WHEREAS, according to the City of Pointe-Claire, the Agglomeration of Montreal did not have the authority, 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.

WHEREAS, according to the City of Pointe-Claire, the By-law is unreasonable in that it imposes a tax burden on the reconstituted municipalities, without specifying which projects and developments concerned by the By-law are to be assumed by the Agglomeration.

WHEREAS that, in addition, the By-law is imprecise, incomplete and unintelligible, the practical effects of which result in an illegal sub-delegation of powers to representatives of the City of Montréal to define, arbitrate and spend unilaterally, not subject to review and supervision by the reconstituted municipalities, which contravenes, among other things, the minimum rules of transparency that prevail in the management of public finances.

WHEREAS all the representatives of the member municipalities of the Association of Suburban municipalities (AMB/ASM) who were present at the meeting of the Conseil d'agglomération de Montréal, opposed the adoption of the By-law.

WHEREAS under the circumstances, the City of Pointe-Claire wishes to initiate proceedings before the appropriate authorities to prevent the By-law from coming into force or to have it rescinded.

It is moved by Councillor Bruno Tremblay,
Seconded by Councillor Cynthia Homan, and unanimously resolved:
TO mandate the law firm Prévost Fortin D'Aoust Avocats to file with the Commission municipale du Québec the City of Pointe-Claire's opposition to the By-law authorizing a loan of \$ 20,000,000 to finance the acquisition of land for the Namur-Hippodrome project, and to file an application with the Superior Court to have the By-law declared null and void, and to represent the City and take all necessary steps in these proceedings;

TO mandate the City's representative sitting on the board of the Association des municipalités de banlieue (AMB/ASM) to oversee said proceedings.

TO authorize a maximum expenditure of \$ 5,000 in professional fees to give effect to this resolution.

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CLOSURE

It is moved by Councillor Tara Stainforth,
Seconded by Councillor Eric Stork, and unanimously resolved:
TO hereupon adjourn this meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Tim Thomas, Mayor

Me Caroline Thibault, City Clerk