

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POINTE-CLAIRE, HELD AT CITY HALL, 451 SAINT-JEAN BOULEVARD, POINTE-CLAIRE, QUEBEC, ON JANUARY 16, 2018, AT 7:30 P.M., AFTER DUE NOTICE WAS TRANSMITTED ON THURSDAY JANUARY 11, 2018.

PRESENT: Councillors C. Homan, T. Stainforth, P. Bissonnette, C. Cousineau, B. Cowan, E. Stork and D. Webb chaired by His Worship Mayor John Belvedere forming a quorum of council.

ABSENT: Councillor Thorstad-Cullen.

Mr. Robert-F. Weemaes, City Manager, as well as Me Jean-Denis Jacob, Director of Legal Affairs and City Clerk, are also in attendance.

In opening Mayor Belvedere mentions to the person present that the holding of the special meeting is made necessary given the unacceptable nature of the 2018 City of Montreal Budget and its consequences for the Agglomeration demerged municipalities.

2018-067 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It is moved by Councillor Cousineau,
Seconded by Councillor Stainforth, and unanimously
RESOLVED: TO approve the agenda that has been prepared for this meeting.

2018-068 **QUESTION PERIOD**

A question is addressed to Council members by the person indicated hereinafter, concerning the following subject:

Mr. John Hofman:

- The consequences of the City of Montreal Budget for the Cities of the Agglomeration and in particular for the City of Pointe-Claire and its taxpayers.

2018-069 **REJECTION OF THE PROPOSED 2018 AGGLOMERATION BUDGET**

WHEREAS the Agglomeration Council tabled its 2018 Budget on January 10, 2018 which, if adopted, will result in an average increase of 5.3% to the Agglomeration contributions that the fifteen (15) suburban cities on the Island of Montreal must pay, an amount three times higher than the 1.7% rate of inflation projected for 2018;

WHEREAS the said 2018 Agglomeration Budget was prepared by the new Plante-Dorais administration without any prior consultation with the City of Pointe-Claire or any of the other suburban cities;

WHEREAS the adoption of the proposed 2018 Agglomeration Budget will result in a \$3.7M increase in the contribution that the City must pay (6.4% more than in 2017 and nearly 4 times the projected rate of inflation for 2018);

WHEREAS the amount paid by the City to the Agglomeration in 2017 was \$59 M (which represents more than 50% of every tax dollar paid by our citizens) which, in the Council's opinion, is already more than its fair share for services rendered by the Agglomeration;

WHEREAS the Council considers this new \$3.7M increase to the 2018 Agglomeration contribution both unfair and totally unacceptable.

It is moved by Councillor Homan,
Seconded by Councillor Stork, and unanimously
RESOLVED: THAT the Council advise the Mayor of Montreal that it considers the
proposed increase in the 2018 Agglomeration contributions unacceptable;
and

THAT the Council give its full support to Mayor Belvedere and his fellow
mayors of the Association of Suburban Municipalities in their collective
efforts to collaborate with the Plante-Dorais administration to re-examine the
2018 Agglomeration Budget and make the necessary adjustments that will
result in an average budget increase to our contributions that will not
exceed the projected 2018 rate of inflation; and

THAT copies of this resolution be sent to Mr. Geoffrey Kelley,
Member for Jacques-Cartier and Minister responsible for Native Affairs,
Mr. Martin Coiteux, Member of Nelligan and Minister of Municipal Affairs
and Land Occupancy, Minister of Public Security and
Minister responsible for the Montreal region, and to the media serving the
territory of the City of Pointe-Claire.

2018-070 **CLOSURE**

It is moved by Councillor Stainforth,
Seconded by Councillor Webb, and unanimously
RESOLVED: TO hereupon adjourn this meeting at 19:40 p.m.

John Belvedere, Mayor

Me Jean-Denis Jacob, City Clerk