

Minutes of Town of Hampstead

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD HELD ON MARCH 20TH, 2017, AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, 30 LYNCROFT ROAD, AT 8:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor William Steinberg, Councillors Karen Zajdman, Jack Edery, Leon Elfassy, Michael Goldwax, Warren Budning and Harvey Shaffer, forming a quorum with Mayor Steinberg presiding.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Richard Sun, Director General and Me Pierre Tapp, Town Clerk, acting as Secretary of the meeting.

OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

The Mayor invited those persons in attendance to ask their questions.

- No question was asked.

2017-058

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Councillor Michael Goldwax, seconded by Councillor Harvey Shaffer, it is UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

- THAT the agenda of the special meeting is hereby adopted as submitted.

Adopted

2017-059

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE FEBRUARY 7 ELECTION COMMISSION REPORT, KEEPING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE RIDING OF D'ARCY-MCGEE INTACT AND DEPLORING ITS SUDDEN TURNAROUND OF MARCH 2, 2017

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2017, the Commission tabled a report in which it proposed a revised version of the boundaries of the electoral divisions of Québec and proposed a final electoral map that maintained the electoral riding of D'Arcy-McGee in its current configuration;

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2017, the Commission published in the Gazette officielle du Québec the final version of the electoral map which, without any warning or explanation, amended its decision of February 7, 2017 and substantially altered the boundaries of the electoral riding of D'Arcy-McGee;

WHEREAS by this amendment, the electoral riding of D'Arcy-McGee will have around 56,000 voters, making it one of the most populous constituencies in Quebec and will, therefore, seriously dilute the political weight of the residents of the Town of Hampstead;

WHEREAS these changes will result in the loss of an electoral riding on the Island of Montréal and will, therefore, seriously dilute the political weight of the residents of the Island of Montreal;

WHEREAS this change of position seriously undermines public confidence in the objectivity and independence of the Commission;

On motion of Councillor Leon Elfassy, seconded by Councillor Harvey Shaffer, it is UNANAMOUSLY RESOLVED:

- That the Town of Hampstead expresses its deep disappointment regarding the Quebec Electoral Representation Commission's decision to not uphold its proposal of the February 7 report to keep the riding of D'Arcy-McGee in its current configuration;

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- That the Town of Hampstead informs the *Assemblée nationale du Québec* that the loss of representation caused by the disappearance of a riding on the Island of Montreal seriously dilutes the political influence of its residents;
- That the Town of Hampstead supports the City of Montreal's proposal not to allow any reduction in the number of electoral ridings on the Island of Montréal and calls on the *Assemblée nationale du Québec* to reject the proposed merger of the ridings of Mount Royal and Outremont and significantly alter the boundaries of the riding of D'Arcy-McGee;
- That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Quebec, the leaders of the various opposition parties, the member of the *Assemblée nationale du Québec* for the riding of D'Arcy-McGee and the mayors of all cities, towns or surroundings of the concerned ridings.

Adopted

2017-060

APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF WHITE COLLAR STUDENT EMPLOYEES FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

CONSIDERING THAT Council members reviewed the list of the Director of Community Services and Recreation, submitted March 20th, 2017, on the hiring of white collar student employees,

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Goldwax, seconded by Councillor Harvey Shaffer, and RESOLVED:

- THAT the Town Council approves the hiring of white collar student employees as detailed on the list from the Community Services and Recreation Department. The hiring is subject to the usual conditions and in accordance with the provisions of the collective agreement between CUPE Local 429 and the Town of Hampstead.

Councillors Jack Edery and Leon Elfassy abstained from participating in the discussions and from voting or attempting to influence the vote considering that close relatives of theirs are part of the list of white collar student employees for Community Services Department.

Adopted

2017-061

ADJOURNMENT

All the subjects of the Agenda having been discussed, it was proposed by Councillor Michael Goldwax, seconded by Councillor Warren Budning and unanimously resolved to declare that the meeting be closed at 8:11 p.m.

Adopted

(s) William Steinberg
Dr. William Steinberg, Mayor

(s) Pierre Tapp
Me Pierre Tapp, Town Clerk