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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD HELD ON DECEMBER 13TH, 2010, AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, 30 LYNCROFT ROAD, AT 8:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor William Steinberg, Councillors Abraham Gonshor, Jack Edery, Leon Elfassy, Michael Goldwax, Bonnie Feigenbaum and Harvey Shaffer, forming a quorum with Mayor Steinberg presiding.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Richard Sun, Director General and Me Nathalie Lauzière, Town Clerk, acting as Secretary of the Meeting.

RECESS

At 8:13 p.m. the Mayor proposed and it was unanimously resolved to recess the meeting.

At 8:35 p.m. the Mayor proposed and it was unanimously resolved to resume the Meeting, all Members of Council present at the beginning of the Meeting remaining to form a quorum.

FIRST QUESTION PERIOD

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

2010-634

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Councillor Bonnie Feigenbaum, seconded by Councillor Harvey Shaffer, it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

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

Adopted

2010-635

REBATE PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE LIBRARY USE

WHEREAS the Town of Hampstead wants to encourage its residents to join the library of her/his choice;

On motion of Mayor Steinberg, seconded by Councillor Bonnie Feigenbaum it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

- THAT a Hampstead resident can obtain, upon proof of payment, a rebate of 50% of the cost of a library membership, to a maximum of 50\$ per household;
- THAT an original receipt from the library or the library membership card showing an expiry date will be needed for proof of payment;
- THAT the library must be located on the island of Montreal.

Adopted

2010-636

SAVE THE FOREST IN ISRAEL

WHEREAS a tragic fire is devastating Israel just north of Haifa, the worst such incident in the country's history;

WHEREAS more than 40 lives have already been lost and more than 14,000 people have been displaced;

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WHEREAS a state of emergency has been declared for northern Israel which includes Hampstead's sister city of Kiryat Shmona;

WHEREAS the State of Israel has launched an urgent appeal for the world to come to their aid;

WHEREAS Israel always responds to other countries when they need help due to natural disasters;

It was proposed by Councillor Leon Elfassy, seconded by Councillor Jack Edery, it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the Town of Hampstead will publicize the appropriate donation web site;

THAT the Town of Hampstead will call on its residents to give generously in this time of need;

THAT the Town of Hampstead will send a copy of this resolution to the Consulate General of Israel.

Adopted

2010-637

GREETINGS TO ROYAL MONTREAL REGIMENT SOLDIERS IN AFGHANISTAN

WHEREAS the Town of Hampstead has a long-standing association with the Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR);

WHEREAS the RMR is present each year at Hampstead's Remembrance Day ceremony at the Holocaust Memorial;

WHEREAS the RMR has a contingent of eight (8) soldiers in Afghanistan; away from home during the holiday season;

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

THAT the Town of Hampstead adopts this Good Will resolution to extend our message of Friendship, Peace and Safe Return to the young soldiers;

THAT the Director General be authorized to communicate this message to the RMR and to include a care package for each of the soldiers.

Adopted

2010-638

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYORS FOR THE YEAR 2011

On motion of Councillor Michael Goldwax, seconded by Councillor Bonnie Feigenbaum, it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

- THAT the following Councillors be and are hereby appointed Acting Mayor effective on the dates indicated, to have and exercise all powers of the Mayor when the latter is absent or otherwise unable to perform his duties, the whole in accordance with Section 56 of the *Cities and Towns Act*:

Councillor Bonnie Feigenbaum
January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011

Councillor Harvey Shaffer
April 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011

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Councillor Leon Elfassy
July 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011

Councillor Michael Goldwax
October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

Adopted

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DEPOSIT – STATEMENTS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Written Statements of Pecuniary Interests of Mayor William Steinberg and Councillors Bonnie Feigenbaum, Abraham Gonshor, Jack Edery, Leon Elfassy, Michael Goldwax and Harvey Shaffer have been deposited, all in accordance with *An act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities*.

2010-640

ADOPTION OF CONTRACT MANAGEMENT POLICY OF THE TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD

WHEREAS Quebec municipalities have an obligation to adopt a contract management policy no later than January 1st, 2011 and this, by virtue of recent legislative changes relating to the granting of municipal contracts;

WHEREAS Council has received, prior to this meeting, a copy of the proposed “Contract management Policy of the Town of Hampstead”, on December 3rd, 2010;

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Goldwax, seconded by Councillor Bonnie Feigenbaum, and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

- THAT the “Contract management Policy of the Town of Hampstead” be and is hereby approved to take effect immediately.

Adopted

2010-641

AWARDING OF THE RENEWAL OF THE PROPERTY INSURANCE CONTRACT (DAMAGES AND LIABILITY) FOR 2011

WHEREAS for the purpose of purchasing group property insurance with a possibility for a group deductible, the Town, along with the other reconstituted municipalities of the Island of Montreal, is participating in a joint agreement with the Union des municipalités du Québec for a five-year period from January 1st, 2009 to December 31st, 2013;

WHEREAS *René Laporte et Associés Inc.* and the Union des municipalités du Québec have negotiated the conditions for the renewal of the insurance contract for the *Regroupement des municipalités de l’Île de Montréal*;

WHEREAS the consultant, *René Laporte et Associés inc.*, recommends that it is to the Town’s advantage to accept the conditions of renewal offered by *BFL Canada Risques et Assurances inc.* for property, civil and municipal liability insurance and to allow for the establishment of \$500,000 of civil liability group deductible coverage;

On motion of Councillor Jack Edery, seconded by Councillor Leon Elfassy, it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

- THAT the Town grants the renewal of the property insurance contract from January 1st, 2009 to December 31st, 2013 to the following insurers through insurance brokers *BFL Canada Risques et Assurances inc.*:

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<u>Insurance</u>	<u>Insurer</u>	<u>Broker</u>
Goods	Affiliated FM	BFL Canada Risques et Assurances inc.
Machine breakdown	Affiliated FM	BFL Canada Risques et Assurances inc.
Crime	Chartis	BFL Canada Risques et Assurances inc.
Primary responsibility	Lloyds	BFL Canada Risques et Assurances inc.
Complementary responsibility	Lloyds	BFL Canada Risques et Assurances inc.
Municipal responsibility	Lloyds	BFL Canada Risques et Assurances inc.
Automobile – private owner	Lombard	BFL Canada Risques et Assurances inc.

- THAT the Town pay the insurance premium of \$75,484 including taxes, for the 2011 term to the representatives of the previously stipulated insurers BFL Canada Risques et Assurances inc;
- THAT the Town pay the UMQ the sum of \$18,949 constituting the Town's share of the civil liability group deductible coverage for the 2011 term;
- THAT the Town pay the UMQ, for the 2011 term, an amount equivalent to 1.25% of the cost of the premium, including the taxes, for the responsibilities they assume as representative of the RMIM;
- THAT the Town Clerk, or in the absence of the Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, is authorized to sign for and in the name of the municipality, all documents giving effect to this resolution; and
- THAT Treasurer's certificates 10-38 and 10-39 dated December 10, 2010, have been issued by the Town's Treasurer, attesting to the availability of funds to cover the described expenses.

Adopted

2010-642

ADOPTION OF BY-LAW N° 781 – TAX RATES FOR THE YEAR 2011

CONSIDERING THAT notice of motion of By-law N° 781 was given at the Regular Council meeting of December 6, 2010;

It was proposed by Councillor Leon Elfassy, seconded by Councillor Bonnie Feigenbaum and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

- TO approve By-law n° 781 entitled: "By-law Decreeing and Imposing the Tax Rates to cover the Town's Expenses for the Year 2011".

Adopted

2010-643

ADOPTION OF BY-LAW N° 741-1 – AMENDMENT TO BY-LAW N° 741

WHEREAS notice of motion of By-law N° 741-1 was given at the Regular Council meeting of December 6, 2010 and that Council members received a copy of the By-law within the required delay and they declare to have read it and waive the reading thereof;

It was proposed by Councillor Jack Edery, seconded by Councillor Leon Elfassy and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

- TO adopt By-law N° 741-1 entitled: "By-law modifying By-law n° 741 concerning the respect of the delegation of powers to officers and employees to authorize the spending of money and to make contracts in the name of the Municipality".

Adopted

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ADOPTION OF BY-LAW No. 759-1 AMENDING BY-LAW No. 759 CONCERNING THE DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS

WHEREAS notice of motion of By-law n° 759-1 was given at the Regular Council meeting of December 6, 2010 and that Council members received a copy of the By-law within the required delay and they declare to have read it and waive the reading thereof;

It was proposed by Councillor Leon Elfassy seconded by Councillor Michael Goldwax and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

- TO adopt By-law n° 759-1 entitled: “By-law amending By-law n° 759 concerning the demolition of buildings”.

Adopted

2010-645

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION #2010-600 - SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYEE #1029

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Goldwax, seconded by Councillor Jack Edery and RESOLVED:

- **THAT** resolution #2010-600 be amended by replacing the words “December 20” by “December 13”.

Mayor William Steinberg called for a vote.

Voted in favour:

Councillor Abe Gonshor
Councillor Jack Edery
Councillor Michael Goldwax
Councillor Bonnie Feigenbaum
Councillor Harvey Shaffer

Voted against:

Councillor Leon Elfassy

In favour: 5

Against: 1

Adopted on division

SECOND QUESTION PERIOD

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

2010-646

ADJOURNMENT

All the subjects of the Agenda having been discussed, it was proposed by Councillor Harvey Shaffer, seconded by Councillor Michael Goldwax and unanimously resolved to declare the meeting closed.

Adopted

(s) William Steinberg
Dr. William Steinberg, Mayor

(s) Nathalie Lauzière
Me Nathalie Lauzière, Town Clerk