

Minutes of the Council of Beaconsfield

Minutes of the City of Beaconsfield's special Municipal Council meeting, held at City Hall, 303 Beaconsfield Boulevard, Beaconsfield, Québec, on Monday, May 27, 2024, at 8:30 p.m.

WERE PRESENT:

His Honour the Mayor Georges Bourelle and Councillors Dominique Godin, Martin St-Jean, Robert Mercuri, David Newell, Roger Moss

ABSENT:

Councillor Peggy Alexopoulos

ALSO PRESENT:

Patrice Boileau, Director General, Nathalie Libersan-Laniel, City Clerk and Director of Public Affairs

1. OPENING OF MEETING

His Honour the Mayor calls the meeting to order.

2. AGENDA

2.1 Adoption of the agenda of the City of Beaconsfield's special Council meeting of Monday, May 27, 2024, at 8:30 p.m.

2024-05-210 It is moved by Councillor Robert Mercuri, seconded by Councillor David Newell and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to adopt the agenda of the City of Beaconsfield's special Council meeting of Monday, May 27, 2024, at 8:30 p.m., as presented.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

His Honour the Mayor reads a text.)

(integral bilingual version)

At the Council meeting of May 21, item 60.4 on the agenda was to authorize the hosting of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra for a concert at Centennial Park on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. The approximate cost was estimated at \$41,000 for logistics and security costs at the site.

Council voted 4 – 2 against this offer by the OSM.

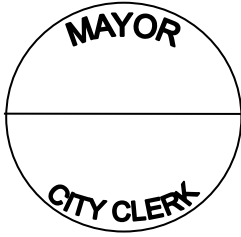
Councillor Robert Mercuri who voted in favour of holding the concert initiated, following this vote, a vigorous debate with the other members of Council as to whether we should revisit the decision made at the Council meeting.

Ce débat nous a emmenés à réaliser que cette dépense d'approximativement 41 000 \$ n'aurait pas d'impact néfaste sur les finances de Beaconsfield qui sont présentement en santé. Même si ce montant n'est pas inclus dans le budget 2024.

Le débat nous a aussi permis de résoudre des mécontentes sur d'autres dépenses importantes qui ne sont pas incluses dans le budget 2024.

Je vais proposer au prochain caucus une procédure qui nous évitera d'avoir de telles mécontentes sur les dépenses ou investissements qui ne sont pas budgétés.

Under the circumstances, I decided, as Mayor, to hold a Special Council meeting tonight to reconsider the decision that was made at the May 21 Council meeting, in view of the debate we had and additional information that was shared on City finances, as well as the misunderstandings on other out of budget expenses that were settled.



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Ce soir, nous tiendrons donc un autre vote pour autoriser l'accueil de l'Orchestre symphonique de Montréal pour un concert au parc Centennial le samedi 27 juillet 2024, à 19 h 30 et fermeture du boulevard Beaconsfield de 17 h à 22 h.

Les coûts de logistique et de sécurité du site sont à un montant estimé de 41 000 \$ et seront payés par la Ville.

The City Clerk announces the beginning of the public question period.

There are no questions asked by the public.

The question period ends at 8:32 p.m.

60. GENERAL

60.1 Authorization to host the Montreal Symphony Orchestra for a concert at Centennial Park on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at 7:30 p.m., and closure of Beaconsfield Boulevard from 5:00 p.m. to 10 p.m., and that logistics and security costs of the site, at an estimated amount of \$41,000 plus contingencies, be paid by the City - revised

2024-05-211 WHEREAS the City is committed to enriching the cultural landscape and enhancing the quality of life for its residents and that it is a sought-after venue for large-scale prestigious events;

WHEREAS the Montreal Symphony Orchestra is internationally renowned for its outstanding musical performances and its ability to draw audiences from within and beyond the City, thereby contributing to the local economy and cultural prestige;

WHEREAS hosting a performance by the Montreal Symphony Orchestra will provide a unique opportunity for the residents of the City to experience high-quality orchestral music, fostering community spirit and cultural appreciation;

WHEREAS while recognizing the financial implications and costs associated with organizing and hosting such a high-profile event, the City acknowledges the long-term benefits and positive impact on community well-being and cultural development;

WHEREAS a major event, such as a performance by the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, considerably enhances the City of Beaconsfield's influence at the regional, provincial and national levels, by highlighting the City's commitment to cultural excellence;

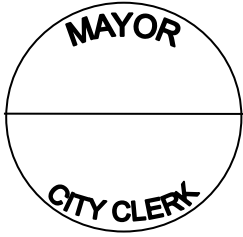
WHEREAS the City is dedicated to ensuring that residents, including seniors or residents with reduced mobility, have access to cultural events and can enjoy them;

CONSIDERING THAT the City has very recently been able to secure a space for this clientele;

CONSIDERING the information set out in this resolution and the space available for Beaconsfield residents, the decision set out in resolution 2024-05-206 could be reconsidered, rapidly, since the OSM program is due to be published on or around June 4;

It is moved by Councillor Robert Mercuri, seconded by Councillor David Newell and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to rescind resolution 2024-05-206 and authorize the hosting of the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal for a concert at Centennial Park on Saturday, July 27 at 7:30 p.m. and the closure of Beaconsfield Boulevard from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., and that logistics and security costs of the site in order to bring this cultural event to fruition, at an estimated amount of \$41,000 plus contingencies, be paid by the City;

That a limited space be reserved for Beaconsfield residents who are seniors or with limited mobility, ensuring that they have the opportunity to enjoy the performance in an accessible manner; and



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To authorize the Director, Culture and Recreation, to sign the agreement required to give effect to this resolution.

VOTES IN FAVOUR:

Councillors Martin St-Jean, Robert Mercuri, David Newell

His Honour the Mayor casts his vote in favour of the motion.

VOTES OPPOSED:

Councillors Dominique Godin, Roger Moss

THE MOTION IS CARRIED. THE AUTHORIZATION TO HOST THE MONTREAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FOR A CONCERT AT CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024, AT 7:30 P.M., AND CLOSURE OF BEACONSFIELD BOULEVARD FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 10 P.M., AND THAT LOGISTICS AND SECURITY COSTS OF THE SITE, AT AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$41,000 PLUS CONTINGENCIES, BE PAID BY THE CITY – (REVISED) IS **AUTHORIZED.**

95. CLOSING OF MEETING

It is moved by Councillor Martin St-Jean, seconded by Councillor David Newell and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to close the special meeting at 8:35 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK