

Highlights of the Borough Council Meeting of Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Saint-Laurent, March 6, 2013 – Saint-Laurent Borough Council held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. Following are the meeting highlights.

Proclamation

Council proclaimed:

- March 8 “International Women’s Day”;
- the period from March 21 to 31 “Action Week Against Racism” and March 21 “International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination”; and
- March 23 “Earth Hour”.

Earth Hour

On the occasion of the third proclamation, Earth Hour, the mayor of Saint-Laurent, Alan DeSousa, invited all residents to participate in the event by turning off their lights between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on March 23. Since its launch in Sydney, Australia in 2007, the Earth Hour movement has spread to more than 150 countries and territories around the world. In 2012, hundreds of millions of people took part in the initiative. Every year, the Administration of Saint-Laurent participates in the movement by turning off the lights in borough facilities, at those sites where safety is not compromised, and by distributing information to borough residents.

Contracts

Among other actions, Council approved the launch of a public call for tenders for the preparation of plans and budgets for, and the monitoring of, repair work on the sewer and drain systems, pavement, sidewalks and curbs on sections of de la Sorbonne, Barré, Rochon, Saint-Germain and Crevier streets.

In addition, in connection with Saint-Laurent’s 2011-2015 local sustainable development plan, Council approved the launch of a public call for tenders for work to replace street lights and to repair the underground lighting system on Gray Circle and de l’Église streets. The Borough will install streetlights using light-emitting diodes (LED) on these streets. LED technology uses less power and reduces maintenance costs as well as light pollution. Council also authorized calls for tenders, by invitation, for the following services:

- Professional services from a soil laboratory to ensure quality control of various civil engineering projects, including projects affecting Parc Philippe-Laheurte, the Challenger Ouest sector and the green strip on Boulevard Thimmens.
- Spraying of 850 trees located in various places for a one-year period, as well as the provision, planting and maintenance of perennial plants and shrubs in the median on boulevard Cavendish between Ernest-Hemingway and Henri-Bourassa boulevards.

Furthermore, Council undertook the following actions:

- Approved an expenditure of \$313,651.80 for the purchase of pavement de-icing salt from Sifto Canada inc., in the aim of ensuring the safety of residents when using borough streets.
- Approved an agreement in principle for the signing of a memorandum of understanding with the Commission scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeys regarding the use of a gymnasium located in a school to be built in the Nouveau Saint-Laurent sector.
- Awarded a contract for a maximum amount of \$70,201.91 to Location Sauvageau inc. for the leasing of vehicles for the 2013 summer season; under the contract, energy-efficient vehicles will be favoured.

Administration and finance

Grants and financial assistance

Council awarded non-recurrent financial assistance of \$242,374 to be divided among 13 local organizations in 2013 under the administrative agreement on the management of the Fonds québécois d'initiatives sociales dans le cadre des alliances pour la solidarité.

In addition, Council approved grants totalling \$98,400 for 2013 to benefit the following committees: Ringuette Saint-Laurent inc., Association de football amateur de Saint-Laurent, Club de baseball Saint-Laurent inc., Comité de hockey sur glace de Ville Saint-Laurent inc., Saint-Laurent Soccer Club, Comité de basketball de Saint-Laurent inc. and the Saint-Laurent Figure Skating Club.

Council also awarded the following grants and financial assistance:

- \$700 each to two residents for their participation in the second World Shoto Cup Karate Championship, held in Cebu, Philippines, from November 8 to 11, 2012.
- \$7000 to Félin urbain for its program to capture, sterilize and release stray cats in 2013.
- \$18,800 for the 17th Brunch de l'action bénévole, to be held on Sunday, April 21, 2013 at the Centre des loisirs.
- \$4400 to the Association sportive de Saint-Laurent for three annual tournaments.