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WHEREAS it is in the interest of the city of Montréal that its charter, chapter 102 of the statutes of 1959-60, be amended;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Article 2*a* of the charter of the city of Montréal (1959-60, chapter 102), added by section 1 of chapter 84 of the statutes of 1965 (1st session), is repealed.

2. The said charter is amended by inserting, after article 10*e*, the following article:

“10*f*. The city may enter into an agreement with another municipal corporation with regard to the leasing, sale or exchange of immovable or movable property; such an agreement is not subject to the procedure provided for in sections 468 to 469.1 of the Cities and Towns Act (R.S.Q., chapter C-19).”

3. Article 59*b* of the said charter is amended by replacing the words “three thousand six hundred dollars” by the words “ten thousand dollars”.

4. Articles 68, 74 and 75 of the said charter are repealed.

5. Article 76 of the said charter, amended by section 10 of chapter 97 of the statutes of 1960-61, by section 6 of chapter 59 of the statutes of 1962, by section 12 of chapter 70 of the statutes of 1963 (1st session), by section 4 of chapter 84 of the statutes of 1965 (1st session), by section 4 of chapter 96 of the statutes of 1971, by section 7 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977, by section 4 of chapter 40 of the statutes of 1980 and by section 95 of chapter 16 of the statutes of 1980, is again amended by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraph:

“76. A deduction of sixty dollars is made from the indemnity to which a councillor is entitled for each day that the council meets, if the councillor does not attend the meeting or does not vote on a question put to the vote on that day, unless his absence is due to official business for the city, to the performance of a duty related to his office, to childbirth or assistance to his spouse during childbirth, to illness attested by a physician’s certificate, to the discharge of a religious obligation or to the death of an ascendant, a descendant, his spouse, a brother or a sister.”

6. The said charter is amended by inserting, after article 79, the following article:

“79a. At the meeting called in accordance with article 112 or at any regular meeting of the council, the mayor may present, for approval by the council, a motion concerning the appointment of not more than eight councillors to assist the members of the executive committee as associate councillors.

A motion under the first paragraph may not be amended. Should it not be adopted, the council, on its own initiative, may then proceed with the nomination and election of such number of associate councillors as may be determined by the mayor, according to the procedure set forth in article 79, adapted as required.

The term of office of an associate councillor expires at the next general election.

Associate councillors do not sit on the executive committee.”

7. Article 90 of the said charter, replaced by section 11 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977, is again replaced by the following article:

“90. Every matter within the jurisdiction of the council, except if otherwise provided for in this Act, must be submitted to the executive committee which shall report to the council if it deems it expedient.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, where a matter is referred to the executive committee following a resolution of the council, the executive committee must report to it on or before the sixtieth day following the day the resolution was adopted.”

8. Article 97a of the said charter, enacted by section 7 of chapter 96 of the statutes of 1971 and amended by section 1 of chapter 41 of the statutes of 1980, is again amended by replacing the words “the director of a department” in the second paragraph by the words “an officer”.

9. Article 105 of the said charter, added by section 1 of chapter 84 of the statutes of 1965, is amended by replacing the words “executive secretary of the city” by the words “secretary general”.

10. Article 106 of the said charter, amended by section 15 of chapter 70 of the statutes of 1963 (1st session), by section 10 of chapter 96 of the statutes of 1971, by section 14 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977, by section 2 of chapter 41 of the statutes of 1980, by section 3 of chapter 71 of the statutes of 1982 and by section 211 of chapter 38 of the statutes of 1984, is again amended by adding the following paragraph:

“t. establish and amend, at any time, tariffs for the leasing, by third persons, of property owned by the city or of services provided by its employees, or for the consideration of draft amendments to the by-laws.

Article 725 does not apply in the case of a tariff amended or abolished under this paragraph.”

11. Article 109 of the said charter, replaced by section 18 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977, is again replaced by the following article:

“109. In case of irresistible force of such a nature as to endanger the life or health of the population, seriously damage the equipment of the municipality or affect the financial interest of the city, the mayor or the chairman of the executive committee may order any expenditure deemed necessary and award any contract necessary to remedy the situation.

In such a case, the mayor or the chairman of the executive committee must make a report of such action and the reasons therefor to the executive committee at the next meeting held after his decision. The report shall be tabled at the next meeting of the council.

The executive committee may delegate the exercise of the power mentioned in the first paragraph to the head of the department concerned. In such a case, the report, and the reasons for the decision, shall be submitted to the executive committee by the department head, subject to the same requirements.”

12. Article 112 of the said charter, replaced by section 19 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977, is again replaced by the following article:

“**112.** After each general election, the clerk shall convene a special meeting of the council for a date within the thirty days following the election, the exclusive object whereof shall be to proceed with the choice of the acting-mayor in accordance with article 59 and with the nominations and elections provided for in article 79 and, if need be, with those provided for in article 79a.”

13. Article 113 of the said charter, replaced by section 20 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977, is again replaced by the following article:

“**113.** Subject to article 114 and paragraph c of article 69, special meetings, other than a meeting contemplated in article 112, may be called only at the request of the executive committee.”

14. Article 115 of the said charter, replaced by section 21 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977, is again replaced by the following article:

“**115.** Not less than ten regular meetings of the council must be held every year. The date of each meeting shall be fixed by the executive committee and the notice of convocation shall mention that it is for a regular meeting.”

15. Article 116 of the said charter, amended by section 16 of chapter 70 of the statutes of 1963 (1st session), is replaced by the following article:

“**116.** Whenever, at a special or regular meeting, the business submitted could not be entirely disposed of on the first day, the council must adjourn to the following juridical day or the day immediately following it, until the items on the agenda have been decided. The clerk is not required to give notice of the adjournment.

For the purposes of this article, Saturday is considered a non-juridical day.”

16. Article 119 of the said charter, amended by section 23 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977, is again amended by striking out the figure "68," at the beginning of the said article.

17. Article 122 of the said charter, replaced by section 25 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977, is again replaced by the following article:

"122. The council shall appoint one of its members to preside over the meetings of the council. When that councillor is absent, the council shall designate a substitute.

The person presiding over the meetings of the council may vote only in the case of a tie-vote."

18. Article 123 of the said charter is repealed.

19. Article 125 of the said charter, replaced by section 27 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977, is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

"This article does not affect any matter referred to in article 72, 121 or 133 of this charter."

20. Article 127 of the said charter is replaced by the following article:

"127. The person presiding over the meetings of the council shall maintain order and decorum during the sittings of the council. He may, in case of disturbance, order the suspension or adjournment of the sitting, subject to the requirements of article 116.

He may also arrest or cause to be arrested and expelled from the council room any person who causes a disturbance at a sitting."

21. Article 131a of the said charter, replaced by section 3 of chapter 41 of the statutes of 1980, is amended by adding the following paragraph:

"(5) This article has effect notwithstanding section 86 of the Archives Act (R.S.Q., chapter A-21.1)."

22. Article 132 of the said charter, replaced by section 4 of chapter 71 of the statutes of 1982, is amended by replacing the third paragraph by the following paragraph:

"For administrative purposes, the auditor's office and the electrical commission are regarded as departments, and the city auditor and the

chairman of the electrical commission rank with the department heads of the city.”

23. Article 147 of the said charter, enacted by chapter 102 of the statutes of 1960, is repealed.

24. Article 148 of the said charter, enacted by chapter 102 of the statutes of 1960, is repealed.

25. Article 160 of the said charter, enacted by chapter 102 of the statutes of 1960, is repealed.

26. Article 161 of the said charter is repealed.

27. The said charter is amended by inserting, after the heading of Title V, the following article:

“**179a.** The council may, by by-law, establish standing committees composed of members of the council who are not members of the executive committee for the purposes of examining any question within their jurisdiction and making the recommendations they deem appropriate to the council.

The council shall appoint a chairman and a vice-chairman for each of the committees.”

28. Article 180 of the said charter is amended by striking out the second paragraph.

29. Articles 181, 182, 183, 184, 184a, 186, 188, 189, 190 and 194 of the said charter are repealed.

30. Article 520 of the said charter, amended by section 26 of chapter 97 of the statutes of 1960-61, by section 8 of chapter 71 of the statutes of 1964, by section 21 of chapter 84 of the statutes of 1965 (1st session), by section 5 of chapter 90 of the statutes of 1968, by section 4 of chapter 91 of the statutes of 1969, by section 205 of chapter 19 of the statutes of 1971, by section 20 of chapter 96 of the statutes of 1971, by section 57 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1973, sections 45 and 183 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977, by section 23 of chapter 64 of the statutes of 1982 and by section 1 of chapter 59 of the statutes of 1983 and by section 145 of chapter 27 of the statutes of 1985, is again amended

(1) by adding, at the end of paragraph 41.1, the following: “provide that the unnecessary setting off of an alarm system constitutes an offence, except where there was no negligence on the part of the user;”;

(2) by replacing paragraph 77 by the following paragraph:

“77. Compel the owners of vacant property to keep the land clear of bush or other material or substance susceptible of spreading fire to adjoining property and surround the property with fences of the height and in the manner determined by the council; prohibit the depositing of old materials or cast-off articles on private grounds; compel the owners or occupants of any land, except farm lands, to cut and remove all weeds; determine what constitutes a weed;”.

31. Article 524 of the said charter, amended by section 55 of chapter 59 of the statutes of 1962, by section 20 of chapter 70 of the statutes of 1963 (1st session), by section 24 of chapter 86 of the statutes of 1966-67, by section 7 of chapter 90 of the statutes of 1968, by section 1 of chapter 91 of the statutes of 1968, by section 21 of chapter 96 of the statutes of 1971, by section 4 of chapter 76 of the statutes of 1972, by section 58 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1973, by section 48 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977 and by section 10 of chapter 40 of the statutes of 1980, and by section 21 of chapter 71 of the statutes of 1982, is again amended

(1) by inserting in paragraph 1, after the word “architecture”, the following: “, the colour of the external wall cladding”;

(2) by striking out, in paragraph 17, the words which follow the semicolon.

32. Article 524*d* of the said charter, enacted by section 146 of chapter 27 of the statutes of 1985, is again amended by adding the following paragraph:

“The by-law may, however, provide for an exemption in respect of the use of an immovable that is continued owing to vested rights.”

33. Article 528 of the said charter, amended by section 56 of chapter 59 of the statutes of 1962, by section 9 of chapter 90 of the statutes of 1968, by section 1 of chapter 92 of the statutes of 1968, by section 22 of chapter 96 of the statutes of 1971, by section 53 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977, by section 12 of chapter 40 of the statutes of 1980 and by section 23 of chapter 71 of the statutes of 1982, is again amended by inserting, after subparagraph 21, the following subparagraph:

“21.1 Prescribe that the city or a contractor who is responsible for garbage collection on private property at the request of a person shall not be held liable for damage to the property of that person at the time the service is provided except in the case of negligence on the part of any of their employees;”.

34. The said charter is amended by adding, after article 560, the following articles:

“560a. The riparian owners who wish to acquire the right-of-way of a lane owned by the city are required to present a petition to that effect to the executive committee.

The petition must be signed by not less than two-thirds of the riparian owners, representing not less than two-thirds of the frontage of the land bordering on the lane.

“560b. Where a petition is presented under article 560a, the executive committee shall decide whether the closing of the lane is in the public interest.

“560c. If the executive committee grants the petition, it shall propose to the council that a by-law ordering the closing of the lane be passed.

A notice of the passing of the by-law must be served on each riparian owner entered on the real estate assessment roll and be published in a daily newspaper circulated in the city.

“560d. The city shall register in the registry office of Montréal a notice signed by the clerk and attesting that those formalities, have been complied with, accompanied with a plan and a technical description signed by a land-surveyor, showing the parts of the right-of-way to be transferred to each riparian owner.

“560e. From the date of registration of the notice mentioned in article 560d, the riparian owners become owners of the one half of the width of that part of the lane which is located opposite their respective immovables, as shown on the plan.

The notice registered by the city constitutes the title of ownership of the riparian owners for that part of the land marked with the name of each owner.

The registrar shall make note of the transfer in the index of immovables.

“560f. From the same date, a servitude is created in favour of the city for all public utilities including the laying, installation and maintenance of conduits, poles, wires and other accessories necessary for the operations of public utility companies. The servitude shall appear on the plan and in the description deposited at the registry office. It must not exceed by more than 2 metres in width each side of the new dividing line between the parcels of land.

The last paragraph of article 966 applies to those servitudes.

“560g. A riparian owner who has not signed the petition contemplated in article 560a may apply to the Expropriation Division of the Provincial Court for an indemnity which is calculated according to the actual damage directly caused by the by-law ordering the closing of the lane. The value of the land acquired is offset against the indemnity. The application to the Expropriation Division shall be made by a motion filed within thirty days following the date of the service of the notice contemplated in article 560c.

“560h. The sums paid by the city as indemnities fixed by the Expropriation Division may be charged to the riparian owners of the closed lane and apportioned among them in proportion to the number of metres of frontage of their respective immovables. The apportionment is subject to the other rules of Title XIII which are applicable to it.”

35. Article 612a of the said charter, enacted by section 7 of chapter 76 of the statutes of 1972, amended by section 62 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977, by section 17 of chapter 40 of the statutes of 1980, by section 32 of chapter 71 of the statutes of 1982 and by section 7 of chapter 117 of the statutes of 1986, is again amended by replacing the last sentence of the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

“The minimum area requirements do not apply in the case of contiguous parcels of land bounded on all sides by streets, of a project for the erection of an educational institution, of any establishment contemplated in the Act respecting health services and social services (R.S.Q., chapter S-5), of public administration or public service buildings, of land used as a site for the subway and its dependencies or residential buildings under a municipal or government housing program, of abandoned public buildings and of buildings classified or recognized as cultural property or classified as historical monuments or as heritage sites or situated wholly or in part in the protected area of a classified cultural property, in a historic or natural district or on a classified historic site.”

36. The said charter is amended by adding, after article 612a, the following article:

“612b. Where a construction plan, filed for the purposes of article 612a, includes the construction in phases of buildings or other works, the city may, before approving the plan, require the applicant to deposit a performance bond for such amount as it considers sufficient to ensure the construction of all the buildings and works shown on the plan, within the period of time established.

In case of failure, the city shall confiscate the amount of the performance bond and pay it into the general fund.”

37. Article 628 of the said charter, replaced by section 22 of chapter 40 of the statutes of 1980, is amended by replacing subarticles 5, 6 and 7 by the following subarticles:

“5. The by-laws of the city concerning the waterworks apply to the persons served by it outside its boundaries and the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court is extended for such purpose.

“6. The city shall furnish the municipalities it supplies with the same quality of drinking water as that distributed within its boundaries. The city is not responsible for the pressure level of the water furnished to a municipality or to a consumer served by its waterworks.”

38. Article 640 of the said charter, replaced by section 12 of chapter 41 of the statutes of 1980, is again replaced by the following article:

“640. The city may apportion among the riparian owners construction costs of sewers and waterworks conduits. Such apportionment shall be made in proportion to the number of metres of frontage of their respective immovables, according to the rate determined by by-law for each fiscal year.”

39. Article 709 of the said charter, replaced by section 48 of chapter 71 of the statutes of 1982, is again replaced by the following article:

“709. The council may, by by-law, establish the rules governing the transfer of appropriations within the budget. The by-law may provide that the chairman of the executive committee or the secretary general may authorize transfers of appropriations.”

40. Article 710 of the said charter, replaced by section 82 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977 and amended by section 49 of chapter 71 of the statutes of 1982, is repealed.

41. Article 722 of the said charter, amended by section 18 of chapter 41 of the statutes of 1980 and by section 148 of chapter 27 of the statutes of 1985, is replaced by the following article:

“722. No contract or agreement and no discharge or release binds the city unless it has been approved by the council or the executive committee, as the case may be.”

42. Article 725 of the said charter, amended by section 10 of chapter 59 of the statutes of 1983, is replaced by the following article:

“725. Once the budget is adopted, no by-law or resolution to reduce or cause a reduction of the revenue shall be valid or operative during the fiscal year to which it applies, unless the head of the competent department certifies that the reduction may be effected without causing the expenses to exceed the anticipated revenue for the fiscal year.”

43. Article 728 of the said charter is repealed.

44. Article 750 of the said charter, replaced by section 96 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977, is amended by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraph:

“750. The city may effect its loans by means of an issue of bonds and dispose of them at the best price offered. Such bonds may be issued in Canadian dollars or in any other currency.”

45. Article 752 of the said charter, replaced by section 97 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977, is amended by replacing the second and third paragraphs by the following paragraphs:

“It may agree to refund the capital and to pay the interest on such loans and bonds therefor in one or more countries and in any currency and for such purpose it may establish the basis of the rate of exchange.

Whenever the city contracts a loan repayable in foreign currency, and a tax is imposed by the law in Canada, the executive committee may, on a report of the director of finance, order that the city shall pay, in respect of such loan for the account of the bearer or holder of all bonds issued by the city and so repayable, the amount of any tax deducted at the source in connection with the payment to non-residents of the principal, interest or premium, and solely because of the holding of the said bonds in order that the amount paid by the city to the bearer or holder be equal to the full amount of the principal, interest or premium stipulated in such bonds.”

46. Article 753 of the said charter, replaced by section 98 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977, is again replaced by the following article:

“753. When the city is authorized, under a by-law, to borrow a certain amount by the issue of bonds either in legal currency of Canada, or in any other currency, the total amount of the loan thus authorized shall be that expressed in legal currency of Canada.

The amount of each loan made under such by-law and by an issue of bonds in foreign currency shall be determined in relation to the total amount authorized by the by-law by multiplying the principal amount of the issue, expressed in the currency of the foreign country, by the value of that currency at the rate of exchange made in Canadian dollars.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, where a loan is made in foreign currency to reimburse a loan already contracted in the same currency and the proceeds of the new loan are not converted into legal currency of Canada, the amount of the new loan is determined with respect to the total amount authorized by the by-law by using the same exchange rate as for the original loan.”

47. Article 755 of the said charter, replaced by section 100 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977 and amended by section 57 of chapter 71 of the statutes of 1982, is again amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

“The signature of the mayor or his substitute may be lithographed, printed or otherwise reproduced on all the evidences of indebtedness. The signature of the head of the competent department may only be lithographed, printed or otherwise reproduced on the original evidences of indebtedness.”

48. The said charter is amended by inserting, after article 756*b*, the following articles:

“756*c*. The council may, by by-law, delegate to the executive committee the power to enter into interest rate or currency exchange agreements in respect of present or future loans as well as future contracts or options concerning the rates of interest or the currencies for the purposes of the repayment of the principal of or payment of the interest on its loans.

Such power may be exercised by the head of the competent department with the authorization of the executive committee.

“756*d*. Contracts and agreements under articles 756 and 756*c* are not subject to the formalities prescribed in articles 107 and 721.”

49. The said charter is amended by inserting, after article 787*f*, the following articles:

“787*g*. The council may, for the purposes set forth in articles 787*a* to 787*d*, fix different rates for subsidies according as the recipients are non-profit organizations, housing cooperatives or individuals.

The council may also limit the availability of subsidies to individuals on the basis of the maximum allowable household income and, for that purpose, define the notion of household income and prescribe the modes of evaluation and control of such limitation.

“787*h*. The council may, by by-law, require from the applicant of a subsidy under articles 787*a* to 787*d*

(*a*) that he obtains the subsidies or grants that are available under provincial or federal programs for the same purposes; and

(*b*) that he produces an owner/lessee agreement, signed by a majority of the lessees, concerning the nature of the work to be carried out and possible rent increase.

Similarly, the council may require that the recipient of a subsidy proves, in the manner prescribed by the council, that the sums received as subsidies are deducted from the costs of work taken into account in fixing the rents after completion of the work.”

50. Article 803 of the said charter, amended by section 12 of chapter 65 of the statutes of 1966-67, by section 9 of chapter 91 of the statutes of 1969, by section 118 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977, by section 41 of chapter 40 of the statutes of 1980 and by section 12 of chapter 59 of the statutes of 1983, is again amended by replacing paragraph *d* by the following paragraph:

“(d) Every amusement machine: a tax that may vary according to the type of machine; an amusement machine includes any amusement device or game of skill;”.

51. Article 808 of the said charter, replaced by section 60 of chapter 71 of the statutes of 1982 and amended by section 13 of chapter 59 of the statutes of 1983, is again replaced by the following article:

“308. (1) The council may, by by-law, impose a water-rate and service tax, decide the method of payment, when the tax is payable and the manner in which it may be imposed or collected.

(2) The water-rate and service tax provided may be established according to the various categories of occupation based on

- (a) a fixed rate;
- (b) a rate established according to consumption;
- (c) a rate based on the rental value.

(3) The council may exempt a class of occupants from the water-rate and service tax."

52. The said charter is amended by inserting, after article 846, the following article:

"846a. Where a unit of assessment is entered on the valuation roll in the names of more than two persons, it shall be sufficient, in order to meet the requirements of section 81 of the Act respecting municipal taxation, to send a notice of assessment and a real estate tax account to the person whose name appears first and adding thereto the words "*et al*"."

53. Article 892 of the said charter, amended by section 473 of chapter 72 of the statutes of 1979 and by section 16 of chapter 59 of the statutes of 1983, is again amended by inserting, after the first paragraph, the following paragraph:

"The executive committee shall, by resolution, determine the amount of costs due at each step of the procedure."

54. The said charter is amended by inserting, after article 906, the following article:

"906a. The adjudication to the city of an immovable sold under this division clears the immovable of all constituted ground rents, rents contemplated by an emphyteutic lease and rents substituted for seigniorial rights, from the date of adjudication and as long as the immovable remains the property of the city. The rents shall again affect the immovable, but for the future only, from the date on which the immovable ceases to be the property of the city."

55. Article 963a of the said charter, enacted by section 49 of chapter 84 of the statutes of 1965 (1st session), is replaced by the following article:

“963a. The city is authorized to acquire immovables by agreement or expropriation for the purposes of ceding them by way of exchange, sale or lease for the expansion of the Port de Montréal.”

56. Article 964*h* of the said charter, added by section 67 of chapter 71 of the statutes of 1982, is replaced by the following article:

“964*h*. The city may, with the authorization of the Minister of Industry and Commerce, acquire by agreement or expropriation any immovable for industrial purposes.

The city may, with the authorization of the Minister of Industry and Commerce, sell, lease or otherwise alienate for industrial or commercial purposes any immovable acquired under the first paragraph.

On proof that an immovable acquired under the first paragraph cannot be adequately used for industrial or commercial purposes, the city may, with the authorization of the Minister of Industry and Commerce, use or dispose of it for other purposes.

If the city takes back an immovable that has been sold, leased or otherwise alienated under the second paragraph to protect its claim or to exercise certain privileges contained in the contract, the city may then dispose thereof with the same authorizations and for the same purposes as those provided for in this article.

The city is not subject to the Act respecting municipal industrial immovables (R.S.Q., chapter I-0.1).

The land acquired by the city under the Industrial Funds Act (which became the Act respecting municipal industrial immovables) is deemed to have been acquired pursuant to the first paragraph and any money from a sale, rental or other alienation under the said Act is paid into the general fund of the city.”

57. Article 966 of the said charter, amended by section 55 of chapter 97 of the statutes of 1960-61 and by section 78 of chapter 59 of the statutes of 1962, is again amended by adding the following paragraph:

“The servitudes mentioned in this article may be constituted without a description of the land to which the servitude is due.”

58. Article 1018 of the said charter, replaced by section 29 of chapter 41 of the statutes of 1980, is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

“The city may include in the paving cost that of lighting installations and that of traffic signs or signals.”

59. The said charter is amended by inserting, after article 1038*a*, the following article:

“1038*b*. The city may apportion, among the owners who in its opinion benefit therefrom, the cost of improvement works made to a street, lane or public place that are the subject of an agreement between the city and the owners of immovables representing, according to the assessment roll, not less than three-quarters of the total value of the immovables benefiting from the improvement works.

The cost of the improvements shall be apportioned, in the form of local improvement taxes, proportionately to the value of each immovable according to the assessment roll or in the proportion determined in the agreement.”

60. Article 1079*a* of the said charter, amended by section 47 of chapter 70 of the statutes of 1963 (1st session) and by section 57 of chapter 84 of the statutes of 1965 (1st session), is repealed.

61. Article 1111 of the said charter, replaced by section 68 of chapter 96 of the statutes of 1971, is amended by striking out, at the end, the words “with the approval of the chief attorney”.

62. Article 1125 of the said charter, replaced by section 70 of chapter 96 of the statutes of 1971, is amended by replacing the words “chief attorney” in the first paragraph by the words “head of the competent department or any other officer designated for that purpose”.

63. Article 1129*b* of the said charter, added by section 55 of chapter 40 of the statutes of 1980 and amended by section 72 of chapter 71 of the statutes of 1982, is again amended by replacing the words “chief attorney” in subarticle 6 by the words “head of the competent department or any other officer designated for that purpose”.

64. Article 1131 of the said charter, replaced by section 73 of chapter 71 of the statutes of 1982, is amended by adding the following subarticle:

“(5) Service on a natural person who has no residence or establishment in Québec or on a legal person which has no head office or establishment in Québec or agent in the judicial district of Montréal shall be made by registered or certified mail addressed to the residence, head office or establishment of the person concerned outside Québec.”

65. Article 1139 of the said charter, replaced by section 88 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1973 and amended by section 169 of chapter 77 of the statutes of 1977, by section 36 of chapter 41 of the statutes of 1980 and by section 75 of chapter 71 of the statutes of 1982, is again amended

(1) by striking out the words “but not exceeding fifty dollars” in subarticle 5;

(2) by replacing the word “traffic” in subarticle 6 by the word “competent”.

66. Article 1149*a* of the said charter, replaced by section 78 of chapter 71 of the statutes of 1982, is amended by replacing the words “chief attorney” in the first paragraph by the words “head of the competent department or any other officer designated for that purpose”.

67. The appointment of associate councillors recorded in the minutes of the municipal council meeting of 25 November 1986 is ratified.

68. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 of section 204 of the Act respecting municipal taxation (R.S.Q., chapter F.2.1), any immovable or part of an immovable belonging to the Régie des installations olympiques and used for purposes other than the operation of the stadium, the velodrome, the swimming pools or their accessory services, is taxable.

69. For the fiscal year 1988, the city of Montréal may, by by-law, impose and levy a surtax at a rate of not over \$0.10 per one hundred dollars of assessment on the immovables the taxable value of which entered on the assessment roll exceeds \$200 000 and that are classified in categories I and II determined and defined by regulation 1976-I of the Commission municipale du Québec adopted on 29 December 1976 and amended by regulation 1977-I of the Commission adopted on 21 January 1977 under the Act respecting the Olympics deficit of the City of Montréal and amending the Charter of the City of Montréal (1976, chapter 52). This surtax applies only to the amount of the taxable value that exceeds \$200 000.

The city may determine the sectors where it intends to levy the tax in the case of immovables of category I.

This surtax is secured by privilege upon those immovables and the owners are personally liable therefor.

70. Notwithstanding any general law or special Act, the city may, by by-law, grant subsidies for the purpose of financing authorized political parties within the meaning of the Act respecting elections in certain municipalities (R.S.Q., chapter E-2.1).

71. Any elector of the city who makes a contribution of money in accordance with the Act respecting elections in certain municipalities (R.S.Q., chapter E-2.1) may, for the purposes of the Taxation Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-3), deduct from his tax otherwise payable, in respect of the contribution, an amount equal to 50 % of the first \$280 contributed.

72. The Act respecting labour relations in the construction industry (R.S.Q., chapter R-20) does not apply to maintenance, renovation, repair or alteration work performed by salaried workers hired directly by the city.

73. The rules provided by articles 709 and 710 of the said charter which governed the transfer of appropriations before the coming into force of this Act continue to apply until the coming into force of a by-law adopted by the council under section 39 of this Act.

74. Section 3 applies from 1 January 1987 and section 72, from 1 January 1973.

75. This Act comes into force on (*insert here the date of assent to this Act*).