# SUPERIOR COURT

(Class Action)

**CANADA** PROVINCE OF QUEBEC DISTRICT OF MONTREAL

No:

500-06-000743-159

DATE: May 12, 2017

IN THE PRESENCE OF: THE HONOURABLE MARC DE WEVER, J.S.C.

## **BENEDICT MATTHEW BISSONNETTE**

Applicant

# **CITY OF WESTMOUNT**

Respondent

and

#### FONDS D'AIDE AUX ACTIONS COLLECTIVES

Impleaded Party

and

## TRUDEL JOHNSTON & LESPÉRANCE

Applicant attorneys

#### JUDGMENT

- CONSIDERING the Application to approve a Class Action Settlement and for Approval of Class Counsel's Fees;
- [2] CONSIDERING articles 590, 591 and 593 C.c.p. and article 42 of the Act respecting the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives:
- [3] CONSIDERING the representations of Class Counsel and Counsel to the Respondent, the City of Westmount;

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- [4] **CONSIDERING** the interests of the Class Members;
- [5] **CONSIDERING** that the Court is of the opinion that the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable and in the best interest of the Class Members:

## FOR THESE REASONS, THE COURT:

- [6] **GRANTS** the Application to approve a Class Action Settlement and for Approval of Class Counsel's Fees;
- [7] **DECLARES** that the Settlement Agreement is reasonable, fair, appropriate, in the best interest of the Class Members and forms part of the judgment granting approval;
- [8] **APPROVES** the Settlement Agreement concluded between the parties as a settlement of this class action and **ORDERS** the parties to respect its terms:
- [9] **DECLARES** that the Settlement Agreement constitutes a transaction within the meaning of article 2631 of the *Civil Code of Québec* binding all parties and all Class Members;
- [10] APPOINTS Me Gabrielle Gagné, as Internal Adjudicator of the Agreement;
- [11] **ORDERS** that notice of the Settlement Agreement be given to Class Members in the manner provided for at section 4.2 of the Settlement Agreement;
- [12] **APPROVES** the "Professional Appointment and Agreement on Extrajudicial Fees" concluded by the Applicant and the Applicant Attorneys;
- [13] **DECLARES** that the Applicant Attorneys are entitled to extrajudicial fees in the amount of 20% of the Total Settlement Fund, before deduction of disbursements;
- [14] **DECLARES** that the Applicant Attorneys are entitled to reimbursement of disbursements in the amount of \$619.26, said disbursements to be deducted from the Total Settlement Fund;
- [15] **ORDERS** the Applicant Attorneys to retain from any balance the percentage provided for in the *Regulation respecting the percentage withheld by the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives* (ch.F-3.2.0.1.1,r.2) for the benefit of the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives;

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[16] **DECLARES** that the Applicant is entitled to reimbursement of his expenses related to this case as documented and totalling \$2,284.39, to be deducted from the Total Settlement Fund;

[17] THE WHOLE without legal costs.

MARC DE WEVER, J.S.C.

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Hearing date: May 1st, 2017