



CITY OF BATHURST
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES

Monday, March 11, 2024
7:00 pm
Council Chambers - City Hall

Recording of Attendance	Mayor K. Chamberlain Councillor D. Branch Councillor S. Brunet Councillor R. Hondas Councillor D. Knowles Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc Councillor S. Legacy Councillor M. Skerry Councillor M. Willett
Members Absent	Deputy Mayor P. Anderson
Appointed Officials	T. Pettigrew, Chief Administrative Officer A. Parker, City Clerk D. Boucher, Fire Chief L. Foulem, Corporate Communications Manager C. Legacy, Director of Economic Development R. Wilbur, Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism M. Bouffard, Director of Municipal Planning

1. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. PRESENTATION

2.1 25 Year Service Medal

2.1.1 Lieutenant Luc Dugas

Mr. Luc Dugas was presented with the 25-year Federal Service Medal.

Mr. Dugas joined the City of Bathurst Fire Department as a volunteer in January 1999. In May 2000, he was hired as a temporary firefighter and became a full-time firefighter in May 2002. Mr. Dugas has been the Coordinator for the Fire Department Rescue Squad since 2016 and was promoted to Lieutenant in November 2021.

2.2 Retirement

2.2.1 Jimmy Gray

During the last 12 years, Mr. Jimmy Gray has been employed as a Sub Foreman in the Utilities Department for Water & Sewer with the City of Bathurst. Prior to this, he held the role of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator. During his time with the City of Bathurst, he has held many different positions such as a Store's Clerk in the stockroom, Refuse Truck Operator, Heavy Equipment Operator, Jet Rodder Operator. He has also worked at the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department within the K.C. Irving Regional Centre and at the old Bathurst Arena.

2.3 "Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick" by Pierre Zundel

Mr. Pierre Zundel, president and CEO of CCNB, made a presentation to members of council which included the following:

- CCNB's contributions to Bathurst
- Condition of infrastructure at CCNB - Bathurst (College Street and Youghall Drive sites)
- The NBITC project
- Projected positions to fill from 2023 to 2032
- The current status and next steps of the college
- Community support
- Housing approach

He ended his presentation by stating that CCNB agrees to match students with landlords, train students on how to be good tenants in Canada, perform periodic site visits and coaching, and be the point of contact for landlords and students for problem-solving.

Members of council thanked Mr. Zundel for his presentation.

2.4 Phantom Ship Project by Joel Robichaud

Mr. Joel Robichaud unveiled a tourism initiative for the City of Bathurst and Chaleur region.

Him and his team are proposing the addition of a "Phantom Ship" at the City of Bathurst's waterfront along the Causeway Park Pier in order to enhance local attractions. Their vision is the ship would be an ideal destination for families and children.

Members of council recommended that Mr. Robichaud and his team meet with the Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Ryan Wilbur.

3. MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS

3.1 1945 Miramichi Avenue

Mr. Marc Bouffard, Director of Municipal Planning, presented the rezoning request for 1945 Miramichi Avenue. Red Rock Properties are requesting rezoning of the former Nissan dealership on Miramichi Avenue to relocate its two industrial divisions, Black & McDonald currently located at 1318 Miramichi Avenue and Power Precision located at 1780 Connelly in the Industrial Park.

Members of council directed Mr. Bouffard to continue with the request.

4. POLICIES

4.1 P2024-02 Policy and Procedure Development Policy

Staff are recommending a Policy and Procedure Development Policy be approved in order for all policies to be standardized in accordance to the guidelines. This will help establish a review cycle to have a consistent approach to policy review and development.

A motion to accept the new policy will be presented at the next regular public meeting.

4.2 P2024-05 Bathurst Sports Hall of Fame Policy

Modifications were made to the current Bathurst Sports Hall of Fame Policy in order to standardize and update the policy.

A motion to accept the amended policy will be presented at the next regular public meeting.

5. CITY CLERK

5.1 Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Anderson submitted her resignation as Deputy Mayor effective March 31, 2024. Members of council were encouraged to submit a nomination or their own name by the next Regular Public Meeting being held March 18, 2024 to appoint a new Deputy Mayor.

Members of council were also asked for direction on when the newly appointed Deputy Mayor's term should end., should it follow the usual term and finish June 2024 or be extended until June 2025.

Members of council gave the direction for the term for the newly elected Deputy Mayor to end in June 2025.

6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL

6.1 Daly Point Nature Reserve Update by Councillor LeBlanc

Councillor LeBlanc provided an update on the Daly Point Nature Reserve. He reviewed the activities that were completed in 2023 and early 2024, as well as upcoming activities and maintenance for the remainder of 2024. He encouraged citizens and visitors to visit the Daly Point Facebook page to keep up to date on all upcoming activities.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Amy-Lynn Parker, City Clerk