



CITY OF BATHURST
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES

May 6, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall

Recording of Attendance

Mayor K. Chamberlain
Councillor P. Anderson
Councillor D. Branch
Councillor S. Brunet
Councillor R. Hondas
Councillor D. Knowles
Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc
Councillor S. Legacy
Councillor M. Skerry
Deputy Mayor M. Willett

Appointed Officials

T. Pettigrew, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Parker, City Clerk
M. Abernethy, City Engineer
L. Foulem, Corporate Communications Manager
S. Gauvin, Treasurer
R. Wilbur, Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
C. Roy, Executive Administrator
M. Bouffard, Director of Municipal Planning

1. MOMENT OF REFLECTION / TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor D. Branch

Seconded by Deputy Mayor M. Willett

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Public Meeting Held on April 2, 2024 and April 15, 2024

Moved by Councillor D. Knowles
Seconded by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

THAT the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting dated April 2, 2024, and April 15, 2024, be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items under the consent agenda.

6. PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Update on Water and Sewer Rate Change by Sonia Gauvin

The City Treasurer gave an update on the water and sewer rate change.

6.2 Flat Rate for Water and Sewage by Terrence Lenihan and Jocelyn Michaud

Speaking for Mr. Michaud, the owner of the Westmount Apartments, Terrence Lenihan appears before Council with respect to the new water and sewage flat rate. They recommend that council retain the water meters in buildings with five, ten or more units to reduce the rate for one-bedroom and bachelor apartments and categorize them as non-residential. They argue that these one-bedroom and bachelor apartments in the city provide affordable housing for students, low income and persons on social assistance and that the tenants are not eligible to receive the 10% discount for lower incomes.

7. FINANCE

There were no items under Finance.

8. MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS

8.1 Receipt of the Planning Advisory Committee Recommendations

8.1.1 Revision of Zoning Provisions Relating to Parking and Multi-Family Dwellings

Members of Council intend to consider the following amendments to By-law 2008-01 entitled "The City of Bathurst Zoning By-law" as follows:

Amend certain provisions of the Zoning By-law concerning:

- a. The number of parking spaces required for residential buildings and
- b. The height of residential buildings in the Downtown Commercial Zone (Zone CCV).

The Planning Advisory Committee has sent a favourable recommendation to Council concerning the proposed amendments to the zoning by-law as submitted.

8.2 Hearing of Objections or Support Regarding Proposed Municipal Plan Amendments

8.2.1 Revision of Zoning Provisions Relating to Parking and Multi-Family Dwellings

For the proposed modifications to the zoning by-law, public notice required under Section 111 of the *Community Planning Act* pertaining to the draft amendment of the Zoning By-Law were published. No written objections were received.

The mayor invites members of the public to express their opinions to the proposed Zoning By-Law amendment three times. No objections were received.

8.3 Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendments

8.3.1 First Reading of By-Law 2024-07Z

Moved by Councillor S. Brunet

Seconded by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

THAT the proposed By-Law 2024-07Z entitled “A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 2008-01 Entitled “The City of Bathurst Zoning By-Law”” shall be read 3 times by title as per requirements specified in the Local Governance Act, section 15 (3); and

THAT the above mentioned proposed By-Law may be examined by contacting the City Clerk during regular office hours; and

THAT the above mentioned proposed By-Law shall be posted to the City of Bathurst Website and Facebook page, as per the Local Governance Act, section 70 (1) c; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT proposed By-Law 2024-07Z entitled “A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 2008-01 Entitled “The City of Bathurst Zoning By-Law”” be read for the first time, by title.

MOTION CARRIED

9. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

9.1 Amendment to the Municipal Plan and the Zoning By-Law Pursuant to Section 111 of the Community Planning Act

9.1.1 1945 Miramichi Avenue

Moved by Councillor D. Branch

Seconded by Councillor S. Legacy

WHEREAS the City of Bathurst proposes to amend By-Law No. 2006-01 entitled “The City of Bathurst Municipal Plan By-Law” and By-Law 2008-01 entitled “The City of Bathurst Zoning By-Law” to allow the designation and use of the following lands as follows:

Change the land use of a portion of the lands located at 1945, Miramichi Avenue and bearing PID 20035986 and 20538278. For the purpose of the Municipal Plan, the land use is changed from “Commercial” to “Industrial”. For the purpose of the zoning by-law, the zoning is changed from “Highway Commercial” to “Light Industrial”.

The purpose of this rezoning is to change the use of the former Nissan car dealership to enable a workshop specializing in the manufacture and refurbishment of electrical equipment by two companies already established in Bathurst, namely Black & McDonald and Power Precision.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- a. By-laws amending the Municipal Plan and Zoning By-law be drafted for this purpose,
- b. The City Clerk, acting on behalf of the Council, see that the public notice prescribed in section 111 of the *Community Planning Act* is posted on the municipality's website to announce the Council's intention, the day and place for the consideration of objections to the proposed by-laws, and
- c. Consideration of objections to the proposed by-laws take place at 6:30 p.m. on June 3, 2024, in the Council Chambers.

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 Tourism Accommodation Levy Grant - Bathurst Hospitality Days

Moved by Deputy Mayor M. Willett

Seconded by Councillor D. Branch

THAT members of Council approve a grant of \$25,000 to the Bathurst Hospitality Days Festival from the Tourism Accommodation Levy collected as requested during the Regular Public Meeting held on April 15, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED

9.3 T006-24 New 4x4 Half Ton Trucks

Moved by Councillor D. Branch

Seconded by Councillor D. Knowles

THAT tender T006-24 for the purchase of two (2) new half ton crew cab 4X4 pickup trucks be awarded to Lounsbury Motor of Bathurst for a total of \$106,386.00, plus tax.

MOTION CARRIED

9.4 C001-24 Compact Tracked Loader

Moved by Councillor M. Skerry

Seconded by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

THAT the request for quote C001-24 for the purchase of one (1) compact tracked dozer complete with attachments be awarded to Paul Equipment Ltd. of Balmoral, New Brunswick for a total of \$146,488.01, plus tax.

MOTION CARRIED

9.5 P001-24 New Sound System for K.C. Irving Regional Centre

Moved by Councillor D. Branch
Seconded by Deputy Mayor M. Willett

THAT proposal P001-24 for a new sound system for the K.C. Irving Regional Centre be awarded to Ivan's Camera Ltd. of Moncton, New Brunswick for a total of \$181,083.37 plus tax.

MOTION CARRIED

9.6 Appointment of Board Members - Bathurst Sports Hall of Fame Committee

Moved by Councillor R. Hondas
Seconded by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

THAT Alice Mann and Marc Arseneau be appointed to the Bathurst Sports Hall of Fame Board for a first term, expiring on May 5, 2027.

MOTION CARRIED

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Reports from Administration

There were no administration reports.

10.2 Reports from Committees

Councillor Legacy gave a recap on some events that the youth committee "Co-Action" have been involved in recently as well as some of their upcoming events.

- A big thank you to all the restaurants and participants of the renewed version of Bay Breakfast this year. With everyone's help, they were able to secure over \$5,000 for both BHS and ESN. It has been a couple years since the last installment, but the community helped bring it back with open arms. Congratulations to everyone and Co-action for taking the lead in bringing back a staple event for the region.
- Co-action is also looking to continue the community spring clean up which will be May 24th from 1 to 3 p.m., if anyone or any business is looking to get involved or give their support please reach out to Shannon Lavigne or Audrey Ronalds.
- Not quite a Co-Action event but since a large portion of the members were involved, he gave a shout out to this year's BHS musical, Godspell.

As for the Bathurst Aquatic Center Commission:

- The committee currently has 6 members which makes it hard to reach quorum on certain days. They are looking for more volunteers to sit on the commission.
- The 2022 year end is almost finalized or already finished and work on the 2023 year end is progressing as well.

- The new director Mr. Rachidi has been undergoing some training with EPR and they have started a brand-new set of books and accounts as of 2024 which will clean up the issues they encountered in the past and make reporting quicker and clearer so everyone will have a better understanding going forward.

And finally, the Downtown Bathurst Revitalization Committee (DBRC):

- They're on the final stretches of the land studies and the project building side of the old wharf property and will likely be coming to council soon to do a presentation.

10.3 Report from the Mayor

Through the AFMNB and UMNB associations, the mayors of the province are working together on issues that are important in their municipalities.

10.3.1 Proclamation - National Police Week

Mayor Chamberlain proceeded to read the proclamation for National Police Week of May 12-18, 2024.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor D. Branch
Seconded by Councillor R. Hondas

THAT the Regular Public Meeting be adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Kim Chamberlain / MAYOR

Amy-Lynn Parker / CITY CLERK