



CITY OF BATHURST
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES

May 21, 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
M. A. LaPlante, Assistant City Manager
C. Legacy, Director of Economic Development
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 S. Legacy
Seconded by Councillor D. Branch

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 May 6, 2024

Moved by Councillor S. Brunet

Seconded by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

THAT the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting dated May 6, 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 Aquatic Centre Feasibility Study by Sierra Planning and Management

Mr. Jonathan Hack, director of Sierra Design and Management presented the final report of the Aquatic Centre Feasibility Study.

6.2 Read NB by Richard Singer

Mr. Richard Singer, a trained tutor with Read NB, spoke to members of Council about the organization. Read NB is a non-profit organization that helps adults who struggle with reading, writing, and communicating. There are 53% of adults who are functionally illiterate in the province of New Brunswick. Read NB's vision is to empower New Brunswickers to change their lives and to build stronger communities by improving literacy. They are looking for anyone interested in becoming tutors or anyone who could benefit from their services.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Accounts Payable Totals for April 2024

Moved by Councillor M. Skerry

Seconded by Councillor D. Knowles

THAT the accounts payable totals, including payroll, for the month of April 2024 be approved as follows:

Operating - \$1,271,055

Capital - \$457,133

Total - \$3,095,699

MOTION CARRIED

8. MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS

8.1 Second Reading of By-Law 2024-07Z

Moved by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor D. Branch

THAT By-Law 2024-07Z, entitled "A By-Law to Amend By-Law 2008-01 Entitled "The City of Bathurst Zoning By-Law" be read for the second time (by title).

MOTION CARRIED

9. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS**9.1 Grant Distribution**

Moved by Deputy Mayor M. Willett

Seconded by Councillor D. Knowles

THAT the grant distribution be approved as follows:

Jeux de l'Acadie	\$1,000
École Secondaire Nepisiguit for their poverty project	\$500

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 North Tetagouche Recreation Centre

Moved by Councillor M. Skerry

Seconded by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

THAT the North Tetagouche Recreation Centre receive a grant of \$45,000 annually for 3 years beginning in 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

9.3 License Agreement - Cruze Enterprises Ltd

Moved by Deputy Mayor M. Willett

Seconded by Councillor D. Branch

THAT Council members approve the license agreement renewal between Cruze Enterprises Ltd. and the City of Bathurst and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign all related documents on behalf of the City.

MOTION CARRIED

9.4 T007-24 Lamella Replacement - Actiflo #1

Moved by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor M. Skerry

THAT tender T007-24 Lamella Replacement - Actiflo #1 be awarded to Design Built Mechanical of Charlo, New Brunswick for a total of \$209,900.00 plus tax.

MOTION CARRIED

9.5 Items Discussed In-Camera

9.5.1 Fire Master Plan

Moved by Councillor D. Branch
Seconded by Councillor S. Legacy

THAT the Fire Master Plan for the City of Bathurst prepared by Transitional Solutions Inc. be received as presented in camera on April 29, 2024, pursuant to section 68 of the *Local Governance Act*.

MOTION CARRIED

9.5.2 T002-24 Reconstruction of Chaleur Street and St. Anne

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

THAT tender T002-24 for the reconstruction of Chaleur Street and St. Anne Street not be awarded due to bid submissions exceeding the budgeted amount as discussed In-Camera on May 6, 2024, under section 68 of the *Local Governance Act*.

MOTION CARRIED

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Reports from Administration

There were no administration reports.

10.2 Reports from Committees

There were no committee reports.

10.3 Report from the Mayor

- A special thank you to the Bathurst, St. Anne, Allardville, Beresford, New Bandon, Robertville and Petit-Rocher Fire Departments for their hard work during the fire that took place at the Eddy Group building. A thank you also goes out to the Bathurst Police Force, RCMP, BNPP, Public Safety, DNR ambulance services, city councillors and volunteers. Mr. Steve Eddy could not offer enough praise to the team listed above. Eddy Group will rebuild and there will be no layoffs as they cannot afford to lose any of their employees, as they are considered family.
- Everyone was invited to take the time to visit the work of the incredible artists on the Promenade Waterfront.
- Congratulations to the new owner of l'Oasis florist on St. Peter Avenue. They don't just have flowers and plants, they have a little bit of everything in the store, it's worth a visit.
- This Friday, May 24th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. the Bathurst High School will be doing their annual community clean-up. They have invited other schools, daycares, and groups in the

community to participate. Those who wish to volunteer can meet at the high school on King Avenue just before 1 p.m.

- There was a flag raised for LBGTQ community last week.
- June 1st is Intergenerational Day. Everyone is encouraged to take the time to visit the elderly at the nursing homes, as a lot of them don't have families.

10.3.1 Proclamation - Disability Awareness Week

Mayor Chamberlain proceeded to read the proclamation for Disability Awareness Week of May 26 to June 1, 2024.

10.3.2 Proclamation - National Public Works Week

Mayor Chamberlain proceeded to read the proclamation for National Public Works Week of May 19 to 26, 2024.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor D. Branch

Seconded by Councillor D. Knowles

THAT the Regular Public Meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Kim Chamberlain / MAYOR

Amy-Lynn Parker / CITY CLERK