



CITY OF BATHURST
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES

September 16, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall

Recording of Attendance	Councillor P. Anderson Councillor S. Brunet Councillor R. Hondas Councillor D. Knowles Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc Councillor S. Legacy Councillor M. Skerry Deputy Mayor M. Willett
Absent	Mayor K. Chamberlain Councillor D. Branch
Appointed Officials	T. Pettigrew, Chief Administrative Officer A. Parker, City Clerk M. Abernethy, City Engineer J.-S. Chiasson, Communications Officer L. Foulem, Corporate Communications Manager S. Gauvin, Treasurer C. Legacy, Director of Economic Development M. Bouffard, Director of Municipal Planning

1. MOMENT OF REFLECTION / TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor S. Legacy

Seconded by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

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 September 3, 2024

Moved by Councillor R. Hondas
Seconded by Councillor M. Skerry

THAT the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting dated September 3, 2024, be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items under the consent agenda.

6. PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were made.

6.1 Victoria Enhancement Committee Inc. by Marc Willett

Mr. Marc Willett, President of the Victoria Enhancement Committee Inc., provided members of council with an update on the allocation of the 2024 grant they received. He also outlined the necessary improvements required for the park in 2025 and formally requested \$5,000 to support these efforts for 2025. Additionally, he requested in-kind assistance from the City's Public Works department to help repair the park's pathways.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Accounts Payable Totals for August 2024

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

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

Operating - \$2,101,612

Capital - \$448,178

Total - \$4,273,764

MOTION CARRIED

8. MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS

9. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

9.1 Revision of Zoning Provisions Relating to Residential Development and the Concept of Gentle Density

Before going to the reading of the resolution, Mr. Legacy, Director of Economic Development, gave a brief update on the Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan.

Mr. Bouffard, Director of Municipal Planning, then gave an overview of the proposed changes to the Zoning By-law to align with the requirements of the Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan.

Moved by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc
Seconded by Councillor P. Anderson

WHEREAS the City of Bathurst proposes to amend By-Law 2008-01 entitled “The City of Bathurst Zoning By-Law” as follows:

Modify certain provisions of the zoning by-law to

- Address some inconsistencies,
- To grant additional approval authority to the Director of Planning to the extent that the *Community Planning Act* permits,
- To implement new development standards based on the concept of gentle density including Accessory Dwelling Units, and
- To revise certain development standards applicable to residential and commercial zones in order to allow a wider range of residential uses.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. By-laws amending the Zoning By-law be drafted for this purpose,
2. 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,
3. The council request in writing the written views of the Planning Advisory Committee on the proposed amendments, and
4. Consideration of objections to the proposed by-laws take place at 6:30 p.m. on November 18, 2024, in the Council Chambers.

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 Application for Financing

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

WHEREAS the City of Bathurst has received authorization by the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board to obtain funding for capital expenses by way of a loan or by the issue or sale of debentures to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation for an amount not exceeding \$720,000;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer and Mayor be authorized to issue and sell to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation a Municipality of the City of Bathurst debenture in the principal amount of \$720,000 on such terms and conditions as are recommended by the New Brunswick Finance Corporation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of the City of Bathurst agrees to issue post-dated cheques payable to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation as and when they are requested in payment of principal and interest charges on the above debenture, as authorized by vote of the Council of said Municipality of the City of Bathurst at the Regular Public Meeting of September 16, 2024.

APPLICATION FOR FINANCING

General Fund

<u>Ministerial Order Number</u>	<u>Date of Ministerial Order</u>	<u>Date of Council's Resolution authorizing Application to the MCBB</u>	<u>Purpose by Function</u>	<u>Amount in Dollars</u>	<u>Term for each Amount</u>
MO20-0003	Feb-10-2020	Dec-16-2020	Recreation & Cultural	85,000	10
MO23-0002	Jan-9-2023	Nov-21-2022	Transportation	185,000	10
MO23-0002	Jan-9-2023	Nov-21-2022	Transportation	175,000	10
				<u>445,000</u>	

Utility Fund

<u>Ministerial Order Number</u>	<u>Date of Ministerial Order</u>	<u>Date of Council's Resolution authorizing Application to the MCBB</u>	<u>Purpose by Function</u>	<u>Amount in Dollars</u>	<u>Term for each Amount</u>
MO22-0006	Jan-10-2022	Nov-15-2021	Environmnetal Health Services	75,000	5
MO23-0002	Jan-9-2023	Nov-21-2022	Environmnetal Health Services	30,000	10
MO23-0002	Jan-9-2023	Nov-21-2022	Environmnetal Health Services	85,000	10
MO23-0002	Jan-9-2023	Nov-21-2022	Environmnetal Health Services	85,000	10
				<u>275,000</u>	
TOTAL DEBENTURE REQUEST				<u>720,000</u>	

MOTION CARRIED

9.3 Provincially Designated Highways Five-Year Plan

Moved by Councillor R. Hondas
Seconded by Councillor P. Anderson

THAT the report of the municipal Director of Engineering recommending the priorities for the year 2024 in the Provincially Designated Highways Program 5-Year Plan be approved as distributed.

MOTION CARRIED

9.4 2024 Grants Distribution

Moved by Councillor M. Skerry
Seconded by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

THAT the grant distribution be approved as follows as discussed by the Grants Committee:

- \$1,000 sponsorship for the Chaleur Soccer Club

MOTION CARRIED

9.5 Public Awareness - Rail Safety Week

Moved by Councillor S. Legacy
Seconded by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

WHEREAS Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 23 to 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, 229 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2023; resulting in 66 avoidable fatalities and 39 avoidable serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries cause by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness; and

WHEREAS CN and Operation Lifesaver have requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to support national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 23 to 29, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED

9.6 Items Discussed In-Camera

9.6.1 Private Service Easement - PID 20839932 (Riordon Drive)

Moved by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc
Seconded by Councillor M. Skerry

THAT members of council approve a Private Service Easement in favor of the company New Brunswick Power Corporation for the installation of a power line on the property located at 975 Riordon Drive, having PID 20839932, as discussed in camera on September 3, 2024, pursuant to section 68 of the *Local Governance Act* and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign all related documents on behalf of the City.

MOTION CARRIED

9.6.2 Money In Lieu of Parkland

Moved by Councillor S. Brunet
Seconded by Councillor R. Hondas

WHEREAS the City of Bathurst Development Officer has approved the subdivision plans below; and

WHEREAS the Subdivision By-law requires the setting aside of land for public purpose or, Council may require, in lieu of park land, that a sum of money be paid to the City; and

WHEREAS the City of Bathurst already owns several blocks of land designated as parkland in this area and the size of land to be reserved as parkland for this subdivision will be too small for development.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that money be paid to the City in lieu of parkland equivalent to 6% of the market value of the land, as per the table below. The amounts received will be deposited in the Parkland Reserve Account, as discussed in camera on September 3, 2024, pursuant to section 68 of the *Local Governance Act*.

Subdivision Name	Money in lieu of Parkland to be paid
Sophie Isabel Lévesque and Jonathan Roy	\$2,280
Squire Green Golf & Country Estates Subdivision 2024-1	\$9,000
Les Entreprises Transfor Inc.	\$6,300
Joey Raymond Anstey	\$2,100
Total	\$19,680

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

Deputy Mayor Willett took a moment to remind residents that this week is Municipality Week and expressed his appreciation to City employees for their hard work and dedication and encouraged residents to do the same.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor R. Hondas

Seconded by Councillor M. Skerry

THAT the Regular Public Meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Michael Willett / DEPUTY MAYOR

Amy-Lynn Parker / CITY CLERK