



CITY OF BATHURST
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES

November 4, 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
D. McLaughlin, Development Officer
S. Morton, Director of Human Resources
R. Wilbur, Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
N. R. Rabé Harou, Junior Urban Planner

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

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3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Special Public Meeting Held on October 9, 2024

Moved by Councillor M. Skerry

Seconded by Councillor P. Anderson

THAT the minutes of the Special Public Meeting dated October 9, 2024, be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 Regular Public Meeting Held on October 21, 2024

Moved by Councillor D. Knowles

Seconded by Councillor D. Branch

THAT the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting dated October 21, 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 Bathurst Hospitality Days by Mike Doucet

Mr. Mike Doucet, President of the Hospitality Days Committee, presented an overview of the 2024 event, which successfully hosted 48 diverse activities. The committee extended its sincere gratitude to the local business community, the City of Bathurst, and all contributors, including the attendees, whose support was integral to the event's success. They were pleased to announce a community reinvestment of \$24,318, benefitting organizations such as Bathurst Minor Hockey, the 4H Club, Heritage Museum, Point Church Children's Event BBQ, Upper Dawson Community Center, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Mr. Doucet also shared that he, along with several other committee members, will be stepping down for the 2025 term. Mr. Bob Lennon has been appointed as the new president.

The committee is requesting a grant of \$50,000 for the 2025 festival and would like to discuss the potential installation of a permanent venue for future festivals.

7. FINANCE

There were no items under finance.

8. MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS

8.1 Proposed Municipal and Zoning By-Law Amendments - 495 Riverside Drive

8.1.1 Third Reading By-Law 2024-08M

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

THAT By-Law 2024-08M, entitled "A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 2006-01 entitled 'The City of Bathurst Municipal Plan By-Law'", be read for the third time (by title).

MOTION CARRIED

8.1.2 Third Reading By-law 2024-08Z

Moved by Councillor D. Branch
Seconded by Councillor D. Knowles

THAT By-Law 2024-08Z, entitled "A By-Law to Amend By-Law 2008-01 entitled 'The City of Bathurst Zoning By-Law'", be read for the third time (by title).

MOTION CARRIED

8.2 Proposed Municipal and Zoning By-Law Amendments - 1765 St Peter Avenue

8.2.1 Third Reading By-Law 2024-09M

Moved by Councillor M. Skerry
Seconded by Deputy Mayor M. Willett

THAT By-Law 2024-09M, entitled "A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 2006-01 entitled 'The City of Bathurst Municipal Plan By-Law'", be read for the third time (by title).

MOTION CARRIED

8.2.2 Third Reading By-Law 2024-09Z

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

THAT By-Law 2024-09Z, entitled "A By-Law to Amend By-Law 2008-01 entitled 'The City of Bathurst Zoning By-Law'", be read for the third time (by title).

MOTION CARRIED

9. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

9.1 Submission to the Minister of the By-Law to Amend the Municipal Plan pursuant to Section 112 of the Community Planning Act

9.1.1 Rezoning of 495 Riverside Drive

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

WHEREAS section 112 of the *Community Planning Act* requires that the Council applies to the Minister for approval of by-law 2024-08M; and

WHEREAS the by-law conforms to the requirements of the said Act;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk, acting on behalf of the Council, apply to the Minister of Local Government and Government Reform for approval of the by-law as prescribed in subsection 112(2) of the said Act.

MOTION CARRIED

9.1.2 Rezoning of 1765 St Peter Avenue

Moved by Councillor D. Branch

Seconded by Councillor D. Knowles

WHEREAS section 112 of the *Community Planning Act* requires that the Council applies to the Minister for approval of by-law 2024-09M; and

WHEREAS the by-law conforms to the requirements of the said Act;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk, acting on behalf of the Council, apply to the Minister of Local Government and Government Reform for approval of the by-law as prescribed in subsection 112(2) of the said Act.

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 Supply of Coarse Highway Salt

Moved by Councillor R. Hondas

Seconded by Councillor M. Skerry

WHEREAS for the 2023-2024 season, the City of Bathurst purchased its road salt from Nutrien in Sussex, NB at the price obtained by the Province of New Brunswick by taking advantage of their universal purchasing clause; and

WHEREAS this clause allows any municipality in the Province to obtain salt at the same rate as the provincial contract; and

WHEREAS the lower supply price came with a higher trucking cost, meaning the City of Bathurst must revisit supply and trucking costs annually regardless of the Provincial agreement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT after reviewing the cost of trucking for the 2024-2025 season, members of council approve the extension of the contract to purchase an estimated quantity of 3,000 MT of road salt from Nutrien in Sussex, NB, for the total cost of \$199,200, plus tax.

MOTION CARRIED

9.3 T010-24 - Trucking of Highway Salt 2024/2025

Moved by Councillor D. Branch

Seconded by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

THAT Tender T010-24 Trucking of Highway Salt 2024/2025 be awarded to Sunbury Transport Ltd. from Saint John, New Brunswick for \$110,400 plus tax.

MOTION CARRIED

9.4 P2024-10 - Culverts Policy

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

WHEREAS the purpose of this policy is to clarify the responsibilities of repair or replacement and control of standards and quality of work for driveway culverts within the limits of the City of Bathurst; and

WHEREAS this policy applies to all properties within the limits of the City of Bathurst.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that members of Council approve the policy P2024-10 Culverts Policy, as attached hereto.

MOTION CARRIED

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Reports from Administration

10.1.1 2025 Budget Update by Sonia Gauvin

City Treasurer, Sonia Gauvin, presented the new 2025 budget schedule.

10.2 Reports from Committees

10.2.1 Councillor Brunet

Councillor Brunet provided members of Council with an update on recent events he attended, including the Biennial Gathering of the Irish Canadian Cultural Association of New Brunswick and the Bathurst Art Society's annual general meeting.

He also shared progress on the ongoing project he is leading for the Bathurst Heritage Museum. Councillor Brunet concluded his update by reminding both members of Council and the community that the Remembrance Day ceremony is approaching and that the poppy campaign is currently underway.

10.3 Report from the Mayor

Mayor Chamberlain provided an update on the current homelessness situation in the city.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

THAT the Regular Public Meeting be adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Kim Chamberlain / MAYOR

Amy-Lynn Parker / CITY CLERK