



CITY OF BATHURST
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES

November 12, 2024
6:00 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 J.-F. LeBlanc Councillor S. Legacy Councillor M. Skerry Deputy Mayor M. Willett
Members Absent	Councillor D. Knowles
Appointed Officials	T. Pettigrew, Chief Administrative Officer A. Parker, City Clerk M. Abernethy, City Engineer D. Boucher, Fire Chief L. Foulem, Corporate Communications Manager S. Gauvin, Treasurer M. A. LaPlante, Assistant City Manager C. Legacy, Director of Economic Development D. McLaughlin, Development Officer S. Morton, Director of Human Resources R. Wilbur, Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism C. Roy, Executive Administrator R. Melanson, Deputy Chief N. R. Rabé Harou, Junior Urban Planner M-E. Désilets, Deputy Treasurer C. Williams, Financial Analyst

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

2. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. **FINANCE**

3.1 **General Operating Fund Budget**

The first version of the General Operating Fund Budget Summary was presented. Discussions with members of council during this meeting will guide staff in making necessary adjustments for future drafts until a final version is prepared for resolution. Additional information may still be received, potentially impacting the results on an ongoing basis.

PREAMBLE

- Municipal Reform
 - Terminology
 - Property Tax Rates
 - Equalization Grant (Unconditional Grant) & Regional Services Support Funds (RSSF)
 - Regional Service Commission (RSC) Budget
- Inflation
 - Insurance
 - Fuel
 - Electricity

REVENUE ANALYSIS

- Property Tax Warrant
 - 2025 assessments and warrants
 - Residential versus non-residential
 - Change due to new construction
 - Change due to reassessment
 - Change in assessment values for all properties in Bathurst
 - Provincial comparisons
 - Comparison with other cities
 - Tax rate positioning
- Unconditional Grants
- Local Taxes
- Services provided to other governments

- Sales of services, fines and other fees
- Other revenue from own sources
- Other government transfers
- Other transfers

EXPENSE ANALYSIS

- General Government Services
 - Legislative
 - Administrative
 - Financial Management
 - Common Services
 - Other general administrative services
 - Other general government services
 - Requests from committees
- Protective Services
 - Police protection
 - Fire protection
 - Emergency Measures
 - Other protection
- Transportation Services
 - Common services
 - Roads and streets
 - Street lighting
 - Traffic services
 - Parking
 - Public transportation
- Environmental Health Services
 - Solid Waste Collection & Disposal
- Environmental Development Services
 - Environmental Development Services
 - Tourism
- Recreational and Cultural Services

- Recreational
- Cultural
- Other recreation & cultural services
- Fiscal Services
 - Debt charges
 - Transfer to own reserves, funds & agencies
 - Other fiscal services
- Results for each ward

After reviewing all revenues and expenses for each ward, there is a current deficit.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR COUNCIL

- Council's budget
- Total grants budget
- Transfer to capital budget
- Library budget request
- Tax rates

Councillor S. Brunet joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Councillor S. Legacy joined the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Council gave directions to staff, and a revised version of the budget will be presented in a future meeting.

3.2 Utility Operating Fund Budget Review

Due to the late hour, this item will be discussed in a future meeting.

3.3 General Capital Fund Budget Review

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4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Kim Chamberlain / MAYOR

Amy-Lynn Parker / CITY CLERK