



CITY OF BATHURST
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES

December 9, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall

Recording of Attendance

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

Members Absent

Mayor K. Chamberlain

Appointed Officials

T. Pettigrew, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Parker, City Clerk
M. Abernethy, City Engineer
J.-S. Chiasson, Communications Officer
M. A. LaPlante, Assistant City Manager
C. Legacy, Director of Economic Development
D. McLaughlin, Development Officer
R. Wilbur, Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
C. Roy, Executive Administrator
M. Bouffard, Director of Municipal Planning
N. R. Rabé Harou, Junior Urban Planner

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor S. Brunet

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. PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Parks and Recreation Master Plan by Sierra Management and Planning

Sierra Planning and Management presented a summary of the 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which is set to begin implementation in 2025. If approved and adopted as policy, the plan will serve as a guiding document extending beyond the next municipal election, offering a 10-year vision. This framework aims to support staff in budgeting effectively for maintaining existing facilities, undertaking replacements, developing new facilities, and addressing emerging community needs throughout the plan's duration.

Plan Overview

The Master Plan is structured into three phases:

1. **Phase 1:** Situational Analysis
2. **Phase 2:** Recommended Range of Facility and Service Solutions
3. **Phase 3:** Master Plan and Implementation

Community Consultation

Community engagement efforts included:

- **Workshops:** 45 participants in sessions held in November 2023 and May 2024
- **Online Survey:** 720 responses collected between November and December 2023
- **User Group Online Survey:** 41 informed – 17 responses
- **Dedicated Project Webpage on City's Website**

Guiding Principles

The plan is based on the following guiding principles:

1. Celebrate Bathurst as Northeastern New Brunswick's Hub City
2. Prioritize and Invest in Year-Round Recreation Opportunities
3. Maintain and Optimize Use of Existing Facilities
4. Strive for Positive Partnerships in the Delivery of Recreation
5. Ensure Diverse, Inclusive, and Equitable Recreation Opportunities

Key Recommendations

Key recommendations were outlined for various areas, including:

- Programs & Services
- Arena – Indoor Ice
- Aquatics
- Gymnasiums
- Developed Parkland

- Parks Area A (North Bathurst)
- Parks Area B (Downtown)
- Downtown Waterfront
- Parks Area C (East Bathurst)
- Undeveloped Parkland
- Trails

This presentation emphasized the importance of long-term planning to meet the recreational needs of the community while optimizing resources.

4. MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS

4.1 Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendments for the Revision of Zoning Provisions Relating to Residential Development and the Concept of Gentle Density

4.1.1 Third Reading of By-Law 2024-11Z

Moved by Councillor M. Skerry

Seconded by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

THAT By-Law 2024-11Z, 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

4.2 Proposed By-Law 2024-12 entitled "A By-Law to Approve the 2025 Budget of the Downtown Revitalization Corporation and to Establish a Special Business Improvement Area in the City of Bathurst"

4.2.1 Third Reading of By-Law 2024-12

Moved by Councillor S. Legacy

Seconded by Councillor D. Knowles

THAT by-Law 2024-12, entitled "A By-Law to Approve the 2025 Budget of the Downtown Revitalization Corporation and to Establish a Special Business Improvement Area Levy in the City of Bathurst" be read for the third time (by title).

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5. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Infrastructure Plan

Moved by Councillor R. Hondas

Seconded by Councillor M. Skerry

WHEREAS the Infrastructure Plan was presented to Council during the Regular Public Meeting held on November 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the details of the Infrastructure Plan and recognizes its importance to the City’s future planning and development.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby accepts the Infrastructure Plan as presented during the Regular Public Meeting on November 18, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 2024 Grants Distribution

Moved by Councillor S. Brunet

Seconded by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

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

- \$1,500 to EL2ES

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5.3 Items Discussed In-Camera

5.3.1 Demolition of Dilapidated and Dangerous Buildings

5.3.1.1 550 St Camille Street (PID 20026688)

Moved by Councillor D. Branch

Seconded by Councillor D. Knowles

WHEREAS the property located at 550 St Camille Street (PID 20026688) is a hazard to the safety of the public by reason of being vacant or unoccupied and dilapidated; and

WHEREAS the property contravenes the City of Bathurst Dangerous or Unightly By-law 2019-05; and

WHEREAS the property owner has not appealed the Notice to Comply dated November 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS the property owner has not presented evidence that the building is structurally sound and not dilapidated; and

WHEREAS Council reviewed the Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer’s report at the In-Camera meeting on December 2, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT members of council authorize the Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer to proceed with the enforcement of the City of Bathurst’s Dangerous or Unightly Premises By-Law 2019-05 to arrange for the demolition of the buildings and clean-up of the property at 550 St Camille Street (PID 20026688), in accordance with the applicable City By-Laws; and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign all related documents on behalf of the City of Bathurst.

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5.3.1.2 234 Dumaresq Street (PID 20020871)

Moved by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor M. Skerry

WHEREAS the property located at 234 Dumaresq Street (PID 20020871) is a hazard to the safety of the public by reason of being vacant or unoccupied and dilapidated; and

WHEREAS the property contravenes the City of Bathurst Dangerous or Unightly By-law 2019-05; and

WHEREAS the property owner has not appealed the Notice to Comply dated November 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS the property owner has not presented evidence that the building is structurally sound and not dilapidated; and

WHEREAS Council reviewed the Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer’s report at the In-Camera meeting on December 2, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT members of council authorize the Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer to proceed with the enforcement of the City of Bathurst’s Dangerous or Unightly Premises By-Law 2019-05 to arrange for the demolition of the buildings and clean-up of the property at 234 Dumaresq Street (PID 20020871), in accordance with the applicable City By-Laws; and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign all related documents on behalf of the City of Bathurst.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor R. Hondas

THAT the Special Public Meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Kim Chamberlain / MAYOR

Amy-Lynn Parker / CITY CLERK