



CITY OF BATHURST
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES

January 20, 2025
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall

Recording of Attendance

Mayor K. Chamberlain
Councillor D. Branch
Councillor S. Brunet
Councillor R. Hondas
Councillor D. Knowles
Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc
Councillor S. Legacy
Councillor M. Skerry

Absent

Councillor P. Anderson
Deputy Mayor M. Willett

Appointed Officials

T. Pettigrew, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Parker, City Clerk
J.-S. Chiasson, Communications Officer
D. McLaughlin, Development Officer
R. Wilbur, Director of Parks, Recreation and
Tourism
C. Roy, Executive Administrator
G. Thériault, Chief of Police

1. MOMENT OF REFLECTION / TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

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 December 16, 2024

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting dated December 16, 2024, be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 Special Public Meeting Held on January 6, 2025

Moved by Councillor M. Skerry
Seconded by Councillor S. Legacy

THAT the minutes of the Special Public Meeting dated January 6, 2025, be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. CONSENT AGENDA

6. PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

6.1 2024 Year in Review - Bathurst Police Force by Chief Thériault

Police Chief Thériault presented the 2024 Year in Review, highlighting the force's mission, organizational chart, current staffing levels, and 2024 statistics.

Key investments for 2024 included the addition of an extra vehicle for the new territory, hard body armour for all members, and recruitment incentives for 2024-2025.

The force achieved excellent results in the Managerial Review, with only minor operational improvements needed. Employee satisfaction outcomes were very positive.

Chief Thériault also summarized activities and initiatives, addressed anticipated personnel challenges and recommendations, and outlined future challenges, risks, and impacts.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Accounts Payable Totals for December 2024

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

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

Operating - \$2,096,175

Capital - \$300,607

Total - \$3,996,590

MOTION CARRIED

8. MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS

9. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

9.1 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

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

WHEREAS the City of Bathurst engaged Sierra Management and Planning to develop a comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan to guide future parks, recreation services, and facilities; and

WHEREAS Sierra Management and Planning presented the final Parks and Recreation Master Plan at the Special Public Meeting held on December 9, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Bathurst hereby receives the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as presented by Sierra Management and Planning on December 9, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 Insurance Renewal - BFL Canada Risk and Insurance Inc.

Moved by Councillor M. Skerry
Seconded by Councillor S. Legacy

THAT the insurance renewal for the City of Bathurst be approved for the following policies:

- 144-0257, P04169869, PROP-1001, HONORARY BROKERAGE, 10165XS1, 10165XS2, 10049CGL, 10165POL and 50541108, expiring January 1, 2026; and

THAT the members of Council authorize a payment of \$581,197.00 taxes included payable to BFL Canada Risk and Insurance Inc.

MOTION CARRIED

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Reports from Administration

10.2 Reports from Committees

10.3 Report from the Mayor

The mayor reassured parents of Académie Assomption, expressing solidarity and confirming ongoing discussions with the provincial government and Bathurst's representative. She highlighted participation in all meetings with the Francophone school district and pledged to do everything possible to save the Francophone school in East Bathurst. The provincial government has been attentive from the start, but time is needed for planning and logistics. While the school district makes recommendations, the final decision rests with the provincial government.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor R. Hondas
Seconded by Councillor D. Branch

THAT the Regular Public Meeting be adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Kim Chamberlain / MAYOR

Amy-Lynn Parker / CITY CLERK