



CITY OF BATHURST
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES

February 18, 2025
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall

Recording of Attendance

Mayor K. Chamberlain
Councillor P. Anderson
Councillor D. Branch
Councillor R. Hondas
Councillor D. Knowles
Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc
Councillor S. Legacy
Councillor M. Skerry
Deputy Mayor M. Willett

Absent

Councillor S. Brunet

Appointed Officials

T. Pettigrew, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Parker, City Clerk
L. Foulem, Corporate Communications Manager
M. A. LaPlante, Assistant City Manager
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. MOMENT OF REFLECTION / TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor S. Legacy

Seconded by Councillor R. Hondas

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 February 3, 2025

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting dated February 3, 2025, be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 Special Public Meeting Held on February 10, 2025

Moved by Councillor D. Knowles
Seconded by Councillor M. Skerry

THAT the minutes of the Special Public Meeting dated February 10, 2025, be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. CONSENT AGENDA

None

6. PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick (CCNB) by Pierre Zundel

Pierre Zundel, CEO of the Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick (CCNB), presented the CCNB Bathurst Campus Facilities and Lands Master Plan which will guide development strategies over the next 30 years, addressing CCNB’s needs and those of its community and partners. It focuses on training and innovation to drive progress for the institution, region, and province. The plan aims to provide concrete objectives for current and future facilities.

The vision for the campus is to create an innovative, accessible learning hub with sustainable, flexible designs that integrate various groups. Key principles include integrating innovative learning into the campus design, promoting adaptable spaces, fostering innovation, encouraging community involvement, prioritizing sustainability, preserving the campus heritage, and ensuring the harmonious integration of diverse campus communities.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Accounts Payable Totals for January 2025

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

THAT the accounts payable totals, including payroll, for the month of January 2025 be approved as follows:

Operating - \$1,780,277

Capital - \$363,252

Total - \$4,221,639

MOTION CARRIED

8. MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS

8.1 Rezoning Daniel Drive and Vanier Boulevard

Moved by Councillor R. Hondas

Seconded by Councillor M. Skerry

WHEREAS the City of Bathurst proposes to amend By-Law No. 2006-01 entitled “The City of Bathurst Municipal Plan By-Law” to allow the designation and use of the following lands as follows:

Change the land use designation of lots bearing civic numbers 1270 to 1296 Daniel Drive and 1330 Vanier Boulevard and bearing PIDs 20027793, 20027785, 20027769, 20027744, 20349247 and 20348231. For the purposes of the municipal plan, the land use designation is changed from “Residential” to “Integrated Development”.

The purpose of this rezoning is to allow the development of a residential complex comprising several multi-unit rowhouses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Members of Council request in writing the written views of the Planning Advisory Committee on the proposed amendments,
2. The public presentation of the proposed amendment to the Municipal Plan take place on March 3, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers,
3. The City Clerk, acting on behalf of the Council, see that the public notice prescribed in section 25 of the *Community Planning Act* is posted on the municipality’s website to announce the Council’s intention, the day and place of the public presentation, and
4. The opportunity to make objections to the members of Council regarding the proposed by-law within thirty (30) days of the date of the public presentation by forwarding them to the City Clerk at City Hall.

MOTION CARRIED

9. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

9.1 2025 Grants Distribution for the City of Bathurst

Moved by Councillor S. Legacy

Seconded by Deputy Mayor M. Willett

THAT the distribution of grants for 2025 be approved as follows:

Association	Proposed Amount
2025 Bathurst Music Festival	\$2,500.00
Bathurst Heritage Trust Commission Inc	\$17,000.00
Bathurst Arts Society	\$7,000.00
Victoria Park	\$5,000.00
Royal Canadian Legion	\$10,000.00
Co-Action	\$1,500.00
Multicultural Association Chaleur Region	\$5,000.00
Fondation Chaleur	\$1,000.00
B.E.S.T Group	\$500.00
North Tetagouche Rec. Center	\$5,000.00
4 Directions	\$2,250.00
Make-A-Wish	\$750.00
Nepisiguit Sports Lodge	\$35,000.00
Bathurst Hospitality Days	\$50,000.00
Sentier Nepisiguit Mi'gmag Trail Inc.	\$2,000.00
ClassikFest Chaleur	\$2,500.00
Doucet Hennessy House	\$3,000.00

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 P2024-09 Contract Execution Policy

Moved by Councillor D. Branch

Seconded by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

WHEREAS according to the *Local Governance Act*, no contract, instrument or other document to which a local government is a party has any force or effect unless it is sealed with the corporate seal of the local government and signed by the mayor and city clerk; and

WHEREAS the City of Bathurst enters into many contracts each year, for everything from vehicle rentals to large scale capital projects; and

WHEREAS this Policy further serves to clarify the proper approvals and authorities required in order to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Bathurst.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that members of Council approve the policy P2024-09 Contract Execution Policy, as attached hereto.

MOTION CARRIED

9.3 P2025-03 Committee Policy

Moved by Councillor D. Branch

Seconded by Councillor D. Knowles

WHEREAS the City of Bathurst acknowledges the value of committees and the advice they provide to Council; and

WHEREAS the City of Bathurst recognizes the need to establish clear guidelines and procedures to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of its committees; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the policy is to provide a consistent and transparent framework for the administration of committees, including recruitment, committee governance, and related matters, and to act as a guide for committee members and support staff;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that members of Council approve the policy P2025-03 entitled "Committee Policy", as attached hereto.

MOTION CARRIED

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Reports from Administration

None

10.2 Reports from Committees

None

10.3 Report from the Mayor

Mill Site Update: Met with Deputy Premier Legacy and Environmental Minister Lepage to discuss ongoing work at the Mill site. Additional work will occur this summer, and updates will be shared as available.

Governance Reform: Had a productive discussion with Minister of Local Government, Minister Kennedy, on governance reform, joined by the CAO and attending councillors.

Housing Announcements:

- **Belle Baie Housing Funding:** On February 10th, attended a housing announcement in Belle Baie with Minister Hickey and MP Serge Cormier. Belle Baie received \$4.3 million for new housing units.

- **Bathurst Housing Progress:** Bathurst qualified for \$3 million under the Housing Accelerator Program, with a goal of 160 new units over three years. Over 100 new units are expected soon, with a 75% funding goal already reached. Development is expected to exceed the original goal.
- **Developer Recognition:** Habitat Soleil (44 units on Valley Lourde) and Mr. Drysdale (18 units on King Avenue) were recognized for their contributions to housing, including affordable units.

Homelessness Initiative: \$5.7 million has been allocated to address homelessness in Bathurst. Further discussions with Minister Hickey will follow.

Public Works Appreciation: Extended thanks to the Public Works team and city staff for their efforts in repairing the water break in South Bathurst during challenging weather. Also, gratitude was expressed for the citizens' patience and support shown on social media.

Académie Assomption: A request has been sent to Minister Johnson to arrange a meeting to discuss postponing the school's closure and develop a plan to keep it open.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor R. Hondas

Seconded by Councillor D. Branch

THAT the Regular Public Meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Kim Chamberlain / MAYOR

Amy-Lynn Parker / CITY CLERK