

Council Chambers
City Hall
Moncton, N. B.
November 4, 2019
4:00 p.m.

MINUTES – REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Dawn Arnold	Councillor Blair Lawrence
Councillor Pierre Boudreau	Councillor Charles Léger
Deputy Mayor Greg Turner	Councillor Bryan Butler
Councillor Shawn Crossman	Councillor Brian Hicks
Councillor Paulette Thériault	Councillor Susan Edgett

ABSENT

Councillor Paul Pellerin

ALSO PRESENT

B. Quigley, City Clerk, Director of Legislative Services
J. Doucet, General Manager Finance and Administration Services
J. MacDonald, General Manager, Engineering and Environmental Services
L. Hanson, General Manager, Human Resources and Corporate Services
N. Robichaud, General Manager, Legislative Services
D. MacLellan, General Manager, Community Safety Services
C. Dallaire, General Manager, Recreation, Culture and Events
I. LeBlanc, Director Corporate Communication
B. Budd, Director Urban Planner
A. Richard, Director Design and Construction
G. Houser, Deputy Treasurer, Controller
M. Thériault, Deputy Treasurer-Corporate and Management Accounting
L. Anofi, Financial Management and Budget Specialist
JP Charron, Senior Planner – Heritage Conservation
L. Campbell, Heritage & Culture Coordinator
K. Lacelle, Urban Planner
L. Babineau, Economic Development

1. CALL TO ORDER/OUVERTURE DE LA SÉANCE

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA/ADOPTION DE L'ORDRE DU JOUR

Motion : That the agenda for the November 4, 2019 Regular Public Council meeting **be approved** as circulated.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Boudreau
Seconded by: Councillor Edgett

MOTION CARRIED

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS/DÉCLARATIONS DE CONFLITS D'INTÉRÊTS

No conflicts were declared.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES/ADOPTION DE PROCÈS-VERBAUX

Motion: That the minutes of the October 21, 2019 Regular Public Council and the October 28, 2019 Special Public meetings **be approved** as circulated.

Moved by: Councillor Edgett
Seconded by: Councillor Butler

MOTION CARRIED

5. CONSENT AGENDA/QUESTIONS SOUMISES À L'APPROBATION DU CONSEIL

**6.
PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS/ EXPOSÉS DU PUBLIC ET DE
L'ADMINISTRATIONS**

6.1 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/ EXPOSÉS DU PUBLIC

5 minutes

- 6.1.1 **Presentation** – Magnetic Hill Estates Concerned Citizens – Barb Stead & Glen Feltmate, Residents
Mr. Feltmate came before Council to present citizens' concerns regarding the potential opening of Muirfield and Twin Oaks Drive. The main concern expressed is the safety and security of their neighbourhood.

The committee is seeking the following from the City of Moncton's administration:

- Assurance of a permanent barrier between the distinct zones minimizing land use conflicts. Please respect the 2008 decision to remove the proposed road from the municipal plan.
- Transparency and addressing concerns: Stakeholder status ensuring the Group would be informed and engaged on any proposals related to the subject and questions raised will be answered.
- With continued area growth and an increasingly active and outdoor lifestyle community, our focus should be on opportunities that promote these rather than leveraging a neighborhood to redirect commercial traffic.
- The municipal plan and guiding principles are consistent with our request to maintain the barrier

In response to Councillor Hicks, Ms. Stead indicated that a petition contains approximately 450 signatures. The community is worried what will happen to the 2008 decision of Council that contains provisions for the residents of the area.

Other Presentation/Autres présentations

2 minutes

Presentation Mayor Arnold and Council – Jayden and Christine Moore – Jayden is home schooled and part of the curriculum is government relations. Mr. Moore presented Mayor Arnold with a clay replica of Moncton City Council.

6.2 ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS/EXPOSÉS DE L'ADMINISTRATION

15 minutes

- 6.2.1 **Presentation** – Poetry reading by Moncton's Poets Flyé-es – Kayla Geitzler and Jean-Philippe Raïche
Ms. Geitzler and Mr. Raïche poets flyé-es for the City of Moncton each recited poems for Council.
- 6.2.2 **Presentation** – Water Services Electronic Billing Portal – Melanie Thériault, Deputy Treasurer-Corporate and Management Accounting
Ms. Thériault provided an overview of the Silverblaze electronic billing portal for the City's water services. This is a user friendly system for our citizens who wish to pay their bills on line. System is easy, convenient and provides 24/7 access to residents' water consumption, usage. It also provides the ability to receive alerts detecting potential leaks. The system is an Eco-Friendly paperless electronic billing.

Encourage citizens to visit and register at the following website:

<http://myaccount.moncton.ca>

<http://moncompte.moncton.ca>

- 6.2.2 **Presentation** – Heritage Conservation Board 2019-21 Strategic Plan Update & Commemorative Plaque – Jean-Pierre Charron, Senior Planner – Heritage Conservation and Lawren Campbell, Heritage and Culture Coordinator

Councillor Thériault, chair of the Heritage Conservation Board, thanked the work of the Board. Mr. Charron provided an overview of the activities of the Board over the past year including the Strategic Plan, short and long term actions accomplished, as well as work by the various sub-committees. Plaques of recognition were then presented by Lawren Campbell for properties at:

- Albion Block – 1892
- Empire Block – 1916
- Mary's Home – 1906

Mayor Arnold and Councillor Paulette Thériault presented Mr. Jay Tse (Mary's Home) and Eric L'Italien (Empire Block) with the plaques.

- 6.2.5 **Presentation** – Budget Presentation (Operating, Utility and Capital)

Mr. Landry and Mr. Doucet provided an overview of the upcoming budget process.

Key Elements:

- Incorporate Strategic Plan actions
- Focus on long-term sustainability
- Prioritization based on criteria
- Meet approved service levels with existing funds
- Incorporate Asset Management

It was noted that from total tax income being paid, only 10 cents from every dollar of taxes paid. Sixty percent of the Canada's infrastructure is owned by municipalities.

Key facts:

- Progressing on downtown development target of **\$108M** by 2023. Currently at **\$70M**
- Year-to-date in 2019, more than 900 building permits issued with values in excess of **\$225.6M**
- City of Moncton offers in excess of **85 services**

2020 Corporate Budget Overview

General Operating Budget - \$161.8M

Utility Operating Budget – \$40.1M

Capital Budget

General Capital

\$47.3M Gross Spend

\$15.5M Borrowing

Utility Capital

\$12.9M Gross Spend

\$9.9M Borrowing

Highlights

General Operating Budget

- Assessment growth Assumption – 2.5% in 2020, 2% in 2021 and 2022
- Maintain property tax rate at \$1.6497
- Maintain service levels
- Fiscal position is healthy and manageable
- Debt management Annual borrowing is limited to \$18M in 2022 and future years based on affordability

Summary

- Balanced budget
- Fiscal situation is sustainable
- Challenges exist
- Strategic prioritization is key

Utility Operating Budget

Highlights

- Steady rate increase
- Reduced to 5-year bonding
- Includes lifecycle replacement cost of meter program
- Maintain service levels
- Fiscal position is healthy and manageable

Summary

- Rates are stable
- Fiscal situation is sustainable
- Challenges exist
- Strategic prioritization is key

General Capital Budget

Highlights

- Maximum net debt at \$15.5M for 2020, 2021, \$18M thereafter
- Asset Management Recapitalization target 75% •
- Prioritization based on criteria

Utility Capital Budget

Highlights

- Sanitary sewer upgrades \$5.3M
- Water Renewal and upgrades \$6.5M
- Transmission and distribution \$0.8M

- Other \$0.3M

On-going consideration

- Revenue sources vs costs
- Long-term sustainability
- Climate change impacts
- Increase pressure on service levels
- External funding from other levels of Government

Budget summary

- City has grown while maintaining a steady tax rate
- Some challenges exist
- Continued growth is key to the future
- Fiscal position is sustainable

**7.
PLANNING MATTERS/ QUESTIONS D'URBANISME**

- 7.1 **Tentative Plan** – Cordova Realty Subdivision – Cash in Lieu
The proposed subdivision is located at the intersection of Gorge Road and Mountain Road. The purpose of the Tentative Plan is to create a new commercial building lot.

Motion: That Moncton City Council:

Require Cash in Lieu of Land for Public Purposes for the Cordova Realty Subdivision in the amount of \$25,600

Moved by: Councillor Turner
Second by: Deputy Mayor Boudreau

Councillor Crossman and Thériault left the meeting

MOTION CARRIED

**8.
STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL/ EXPOSÉS DES MEMBRES DU CONSEIL**

No statements were heard this evening.

**9.
REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND PRIVATE MEETINGS/
RAPPORTS ET RECOMMANDATIONS DES COMITÉS ET RÉUNIONS À HUIS CLOS**

Councillor Crossman returned to the meeting

- 9.1 **Recommendation(s)** – Committee of the Whole – October 28, 2019

Motion: That Moncton City Council adopt the Levels of Service for Tourism and Events, Heritage and Culture, and Moncton Industrial Development (MID).

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Boudreau
Second by: Councillor Turner

Councillor Lawrence left the meeting

MOTION CARRIED

**10.
REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION/ RAPPORTS DE L'ADMINISTRATION**

Councillors Lawrence and Thériault returned to the meeting

- 10.1 **Consultants Study** – Intersection and Roadway Corridor Study – Mountain Road, RFP19-054

Mr. Dave Kovac presented an overview of the Intersection and Roadway Corridor Study – Mountain Rd performed by Exp. During the data collection phase at the start of the project, Exp undertook vehicle traffic counts, bicycle data counts, collected vehicle speed data, reviewed collision data and visited the site for operational observations.

Vehicle traffic counts were collected on Mountain Road using Miovision camera technology during the week of June 3rd to June 7th, 2019. Based on the collected 2019 data we were able to estimate the existing traffic volumes on Mountain Road.

Similarly, bicycle data was collected for a 12-hour period on June 18th (west of Sunshine Drive) and on July 4th (near the Magnetic Hill driveway). It was observed that cyclist volumes were low and most of the cyclists were using the sidewalk instead of the roadway bike lanes.

Recommendations: Based on a comparison of operational characteristics, both traffic signals and a roundabout offer good levels-of-service and acceptable queuing. From a safety perspective, the roundabout is considered to offer the better solution because of the speed attenuation and reduced conflict points with turning vehicles. It also provides a gateway feature and would allow more space for a multi-use trail and sidewalk, creating better utilization of available space at the Route 2 overpass. However, it would be more expensive to implement a roundabout due to significant realignment of both Route 2 ramps and possible realignment of nearby Tee Time Drive.

Following the review of traffic volumes and intersections operations, it became apparent that the Mountain Road corridor from Front Mountain Road to Gorge Road has various intensities of vehicle demands, roadway geometry and land access requirements. To facilitate our review, the Mountain Road corridor was segregated into six (6) distinct zones. Each zone was evaluated to see whether the 3-lane cross-section should be kept or not. Our recommendations are based on operational results of intersections throughout each zone, land access requirements, roadway geometry and travel lane consistency.

Zone 1 (Front Mountain Road to Ensley Drive) is approximately 1000m long and contains a low number of driveways, lower traffic volumes, and seasonal land uses. From our review, this section of the corridor could exist as a two-lane roadway with a centre median or with a two-way left-turn lane configuration.

Zone 2 (Ensley Drive to Casino Drive) is approximately 660m long and contains a high number of intersections, high number of turning vehicles, provides the primary access to Route 2, contains the highest percentage of heavy vehicles in the study area and has a high number of non-local drivers. From our review, this section of the corridor should be reverted back to a four-lane cross section, with the exception of the area underneath the Route 2 overpass structures, in order to allow for a future multi-use trail and sidewalk.

Zone 3 (Casino Drive to Sunshine Drive) is approximately 400m long and contains five hotel driveways, a high number of turning vehicles and has a high number of non-local drivers. From our review, this section of the corridor should also be reverted back to a four-lane cross section.

Zone 4 (Sunshine Drive to Woodhaven Court) is approximately 500m long and contains a high volume commercial driveway near the Sunshine Drive intersection, horizontal and vertical alignment changes and residential development on the south side of Mountain Road.

Zone 5 (Woodhaven Court to Bulman Drive) is approximately 500m long and contains a lower number of driveways, lower traffic volumes, some vacant lots and generally a mostly residential land use.

It is noted for Zone 4 and 5 that, although there is less traffic in these zones and could function as a 3-lane cross-section, there are geometric challenges with two horizontal curves, two vertical curves, concealed driveways, a closely spaced high-volume driveway near a street intersection and vacant lands that could be developed in the future. Because of these challenges and because of the more desirable rationale for consistency through-out the Mountain Road corridor, it is recommended that these two sections of roadway be a 4-lane cross section.

Zone 6 (Bulman Drive to Gorge Road) is approximately 750m long and contains a high number of driveways, high number of intersections, and higher traffic volumes. We would recommend that this section of roadway be retained as a 4-lane cross-section.

Overall, it is recommended that most of the corridor be reverted to the 4-lane cross-section, however, provision of “traffic calming” measures should be made in order to support reduction of vehicle speeds, make it safer for all users, and optimize the use of right-of-way.

Focused on pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The following corridor observations were made:

1. Pedestrians do not have sufficient designated crossings and have been observed running across the road at unsafe locations.
2. There are sections within the corridor that do not have pedestrian facilities on both sides of the roadway.
3. At the intersection of Mountain Road and the Route 2 WB ramps, the pedestrian crossing appears to be underlit.
4. Cyclists are not always utilizing the bike lane but instead the majority choose to use the sidewalk

Recommendations have been developed in order to help address the issues noted above, and to encourage and support the mobility of pedestrians and cyclists throughout this corridor. For pedestrians, these include additional sidewalks and pedestrian crossings. The final report summarizes a list of recommendations and their associated costs to implement for short-term and long-term improvements. The summary of costs to implement the recommendations for all six zones, excluding land acquisition costs,

Mr. Richard presented an overview of the planned street connectivity prior to 2008 in comparison to present time. He noted that Administration is asking Council to approve recommendation #2 found within the CRF – have more consultation with the residents.

Councillor Butler spoke to the motion passed by Council on August 08, 2018 and questioned as to why Council must vote on a new motion. It is his belief that now that the data has been received and he now feels that his 2018 motion should still stand. In response, Mr. Landry advised Council that the roadway returning to four lanes is only one of the recommendations being proposed by the consultant.

Mr. MacDonald advised Council that road will be brought back to 4 lanes in the Spring.

Councillor Pellerin entered the meeting @ 6:43 p.m.

Mr. MacDonald provided an overview of the costs of the bike lanes in the area.

Councillor Turner wants to be sure that Zone 1 is part of the four lanes as well.

Motion:

1. That Council direct Administration to bring forward the design and construction of the improvements contemplated for the section of Mountain Road from Gorge Road to Front Mountain Road during future Capital Works budget deliberations.

Moved by: Councillor Crossman

Second by: Councillor Butler

In response to a request from Councillor Hicks and Mayor Arnold, Mr. Kovac noted by improving the sight distance, as well as, a multi trail system being installed, these enhancements would improve the access and exit for the Eagle View apartment complex.

MOTION CARRIED

2. That Council direct Administration to develop a public engagement program to gather resident and stakeholder feedback on the Casino Drive to Muirfield Drive connection and bring the public engagement plan to City Council.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Boudreau

Second by: Councillor Lawrence

In response to Councillor Hicks question, Mr. MacDonald advised that it could be Quarter 2 of 2020 before the issue is brought back to Council. Councillor Hicks advised that he will not support the motion. Mr. Landry expanded on the response that the consultation portion should be before Council earlier than Q2.

In response to Councillor Hicks question as to why the agreement dated 2008 regarding Muirfield Drive was not taken into consideration, Mr. Kovac advised that the study was based on the current traffic within the corridor. Councillor Hicks

Councillor Léger indicated that the residents should have a voice in what is being considered, as the area has grown exponentially since the agreement in 2008.

Councillor Crossman indicated that he will vote against the motion, as a decision was made by a previous Council and this should be respected.

Councillor Turner spoke to the minutes of the August 18, 2008 Regular Public Council meeting which speaks to the conditions approved in the tentative subdivision plan for the Casino. He does not believe that this Council should revoke that decision.

Mayor Arnold expressed the desire to have consultation with the residents and the businesses in the area, to come up with creative decisions.

MOTION DEFEATED

Nay:

Councillor Hicks

Councillor Crossman

Councillor Turner

Councillor Boudreau

Councillor Thériault

Councillor Pellerin

Councillor Butler

Motion: That Moncton City Council continue to honour the agreement and motion of the City Council on August 18, 2008 to not open up Muirfield Drive and Twin Oaks Drive to Casino Drive

and Mountain Road, and that a fence continue to be in place to protect residents from the Casino parking lot and increased traffic from Mountain Road.

Moved by: Councillor Hicks
Seconded by: Councillor Butler

Councillor Lawrence indicated that he felt there is a need for public consultation on this matter.

MOTION CARRIED

Nay:
Councillor Lawrence
Councillor Edgett
Councillor Léger

10.2 **Tender TC19-104** – Ten (10) Latest Model Medium Duty, Dual Rear Wheel, Two (2) Wheel Drive, Crew Cab & Chassis Trucks

Motion:

1. That Tender #TC19-104 for the purchase of ten (10) Latest Model Medium Duty, Dual Rear Wheel, Two (2) Wheel Drive, Crew Cab and Chassis Trucks, be awarded to the lowest bidder meeting the Specifications, being Dartmouth Motors LP / Dartmouth Dodge, for the Total Tendered Price of \$638,968.50, including H.S.T. @ 15% and licensing fees.
2. Furthermore, it is recommended that Moncton City Council authorize the release of funds from the General Capital Reserve Fund for this purchase in the amount of \$579,485.44. This amount includes the Total Tendered Price, less H.S.T. rebate, plus options such as 'Krown undercoating rust protection' applied to each vehicle and five (5) units which will require a power take-off (PTO) provision option.

Moved by: Councillor Crossman
Second by: Councillor Léger

Councillor Léger requested that photos of the vehicles be provided within the CRF.

MOTION CARRIED

10.3 **Quotation QP19-079** – Vehicle Rental / Short Term Lease Services

Councillor Hicks left the meeting

Motion: That Quotation #QP19-079 for Vehicle Rental / Short-Term Lease Services, be awarded to the lowest bidder meeting the Specifications, being Econo Leasing Ltd., in accordance with the Monthly Rental Rates specified in their bid submission. The City may exercise an option to renew the agreement for up to three (3) additional twelve (12) month periods, if it is in the City's best interest to do so.

Moved by: Councillor Turner
Second by: Councillor Butler

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Hicks returned to the meeting

10.4 **Request for Proposal RFP19-118** – Professional Engineering Services – Lewisville South and East End Infrastructure Upgrades

Motion:

1. That Request for Proposal #RFP19-118 – Professional Engineering Services – Lewisville South and East End Infrastructure Upgrades be awarded to the Proponent having received the highest total score, being Englobe Corp. for the Total Proposed Price of \$365,836.85, including H.S.T. @ 15%, and estimated disbursements.
2. It is also recommended that a Professional Engineering Services agreement which includes all project phases be drafted, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign said agreement and affix the Corporate Seal of the City of Moncton thereto.

Moved by: Councillor Crossman
Second by: Councillor Thériault

MOTION CARRIED

11.
READING OF BY-LAWS/ LECTURE D'ARRÊTÉS MUNICIPAUX

**12.
NOTICES MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS/ AVIS DE MOTIONS ET RÉOLUTIONS**

**13.
APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES/ NOMINATIONS À DES COMITÉS**

Motion : That the following appointments be approved:

The Capitol Theatre

- Tina Smith
- Jocelyn Bernard

Downtown Revitalization Committee

- Charles Doucet
- Lisa Griffin
- Guy Levesque
- Bryan MacDonald
- Anne Poirier-Basque
- Annette Vautour-MacKay
- Mallory Herc

Moved by: Councillor Butler
Second by: Councillor Turner

MOTION CARRIED

**14.
ADJOURNMENT/ CLÔTURE DE LA SÉANCE**

Motion : That the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Boudreau

MOTION CARRIED

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Dawn Arnold
MAYOR

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Barbara A. Quigley
CITY CLERK & DIRECTOR OF
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

/9 :00 p.m.

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