

Council Chambers
City Hall
Moncton, N. B.
June 15, 2020
4:00 p.m.

MINUTES – REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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| Mayor Dawn Arnold | Councillor Charles Léger, Via Webex |
| Councillor Pierre Boudreau, Via Webex | Councillor Bryan Butler, Via Webex |
| Councillor Greg Turner, Via Webex | Councillor Brian Hicks, Via Webex |
| Councillor Paulette Thériault, Via Webex | Councillor Susan Edgett, Via Webex |
| Deputy Mayor Shawn Crossman, Via Webex | Councillor Paul Pellerin, Via Webex |
| Councillor Blair Lawrence, Via Webex | |

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

M. Landry, City Manager
B. Quigley, City Clerk, Director of Legislative Services
B. Tait, Acting General Manager, Community Safety Services
C. Dallaire, General Manager, Recreation, Culture and Events, Via Webex
J. Doucet, General Manager Finance and Administration Services, Via Webex
J. MacDonald, General Manager, Engineering and Environmental Services
L. Hanson, General Manager, Human Resources and Corporate Services, Via Webex
T. Critchlow, Codiac RCMP Superintendant, Via Webex
N. Robichaud, General Manager, Legislative Services, Via Webex
I. LeBlanc, Director, Corporate Communication, Via Webex
A. Richard, Director, Design and Construction
K. Silliker, Director, Economic Development
C. Savoie, Director, Strategic Planning and Policing Support Services, Via Webex
C. Landry, Fire Chief, Via Webex
J. Somers, Director, Tourism
J. Cohoon, Director, Leisure Services

Guests:

Trevor Goodwin, ReConnect
Kerri Fleming, AbilityNB
Debbie McInnis, United Way
Joanne Murray, John Howard Society
Chantal Senecal, Food Depot Alimentaire
Dr. Susan Crouse, Salvus Clinic, Sanctuary
Chantal Poirier, Crossroads for Women
Debby Warren, Ensemble

**1.
CALL TO ORDER**

**2.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion: That the agenda be approved **as circulated.**

Moved by: Councillor Boudreau
Seconded by: Councillor Butler

MOTION CARRIED

**3.
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

None declared

**4.
ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion: That the minutes of the regular public Council meeting dated June 1, 2020 **be approved as circulated.**

Moved by: Councillor Turner
Seconded by: Councillor Pellerin

MOTION CARRIED

5.
CONSENT AGENDA

6.
PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS

6.1 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

5 minutes

Other Presentation

2 minutes

6.2 ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS/EXPOSÉS DE L'ADMINISTRATION

15 minutes

6.2.1 **Update** – COVID-19 (Coronavirus) – Conrad Landry, Fire Chief

Mr. Landry 85% back to work – 65% at City Hall alone

Chief Landry advised that work continues on approving operational plans. Market has been open, the Zoo since Tuesday and have had positive reviews. Pools will be open in the near future, as well as Resurgo Place and the Superior Propane Centre. Continue to work with Codiac Transpo to increase the numbers for users of the service at one time. Phase 2 of workforce re-entry to City facilities is currently underway.

Superintendent Critchlow advised that the RCMP is working with Council and partners in regard to issues in the downtown area. A plan should be in place within the next few weeks.

6.2.2 **Presentation** – Greater Moncton Homelessness Steering Committee – Part 1

Mr. Merola provided an overview of the Greater Moncton Homelessness Steering Committee's request to present to Council. The Committee is comprised of a multi-stakeholder group established in 2000 to work towards ensuring Greater Moncton has an effective and responsive system in place to prevent and reduce the incidences of homelessness from occurring while ensuring that these are rare, brief and non-recurring.

The Greater Moncton Homelessness Steering Committee is the Community Advisory Board (CAB) for Greater Moncton under the Government of Canada's Homelessness Partnership Strategy.

Each member was allocated an opportunity to provide a brief update.

Joanne Murray, Executive Director, John Howard Society, Chair of the Committee: John Howard Society works towards safer communities and re-entry into society. The John Howard Society is currently offering 17 types of programs and focus on 5 areas – housing, personal emotions management, addiction/mental health, education and employment. Currently have 10 affordable housing units.

Chantal Senecal, Food Depot Alimentaire – The food bank provides food to various agencies throughout the area. They also operate the Peter McKee Community Food Centre. The community garden is currently being tended to, and she invited Council to stop by for a visit.

Debby Warren, Ensemble Moncton – Works with LGBTQ youth and provides safe drug injection support. They currently serve over 900 families in the area, who in some form or another are dealing with drug addiction.

Debbie McInnis, United Way – Continues to collaborate with other organizations within Southeastern NB. This year's total funds raised are \$8.8M and this money goes directly back into the communities within Southeastern NB. Since the COVID-19 pandemic has occurred, United Way has focused on new programs including a lunch program, weekend program and pre-made senior meals.

Kerri Flemming, Ability NB – Ability NB is a Provincial organization that works with individuals with mobility issues. The organization also consults with businesses and residences/residents on accessibility.

Michelle Nadeau, Crossroads for Women – A Home for All program, focused mostly on women and single parents. All subsidized housing units are used to help mothers get on their own. Launching a smart program.

Trevor Goodwin, Reconnect – Works with the vulnerable population within the city to ensure they receive the assistance required to find shelter, housing, etc.

Dr. Susan Crouse, Salvus Clinic – Salvus Clinic is a primary health care clinic to assist the vulnerable population within the downtown core. They continue to work with the United Way on the affordable housing initiative. Also, the clinic is working on the Community Navigator program, as well as the sex worker program.

Councillor Léger asked that a brief summary of each organization's presentation from tonight's meeting be placed on the City of Moncton's website.

6.2.3 **Virtual Canada Day and Summer Tourism Marketing**

Ms. Somers provided an update to Council on the proposed program for Canada Day (virtual program), and share tourism marketing campaign materials for the summer 2020 season.

Moncton is planning to provide an opportunity to participate in a virtual Canada Day celebration. Moncton has been selected by Canadian Heritage as one of two Maritime destinations to be profiled in National broadcast; Moncton received funding support from the Federal Government through the Celebrate Canada funding program

The proposed program consists of three main components:

- **Participation in National Program** – chosen by Canadian Heritage, broadcast through CBC/Radio-Canada
- **Local Moncton Virtual program**
- **Community Engagement Program**

Tourism Moncton has been working closely with the Province of New Brunswick on timelines/available opportunities in order to promote tourism activity in the region. The Province has identified a three phase campaign, which encourages New Brunswickers to travel within the Province.

Moncton's strategy for tourism activity includes the following:

Objectives

- Make Moncton the destination of choice for all New Brunswickers (includes residents)
- Increase/reactivate overnight stays in Moncton
 - ✓ Support accommodations industry
 - ✓ Increase contributions to Tourism Accommodation Levy
- Generate attendance at available attractions in Southeast New Brunswick

Campaign Tactics/Efficiencies

- Align with the Province of New Brunswick on marketing opportunities, and respect recommendations and guidelines as set by Public Health.
- All marketing efforts will be built on the foundation of programs set in place by Tourism New Brunswick, maximizing efficiency and ensuring best use of resources.
- Ensure that tourism is highlighted as a priority sector for recovery and reactivation through program and package development with industry.

Media

- Organic social
- Programmatic and Paid Social
- Search: Google Ads and Retargeting
- Provincial billboards
- Radio
- Redevelopment of tourism opportunities for 2020 to be profiled on experiencemoncton.ca. Ms. Somers encouraged all to follow the link.

Other Components

- Moncton Spotify channel of music from local musicians
- Contesting: if you come see it for yourself, share your experience to win an overnight stay
- Campaign landing page to house information and direct action – database of info

6.2.4 **Project Upgrade and Communications Initiatives** – TransAqua – Kevin Rice

Mr. Rice provided a brief update on the initiatives and upgrade project at TransAqua. The Government of Canada, the Government of New Brunswick and TransAqua are supporting the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade and Modernization Project, which involves upgrading the existing advanced chemically assisted primary treatment process to that of a secondary level wastewater treatment system.

These improvements will allow TransAqua to comply with the Canadian Environmental Protection Act and the Fisheries Act by the end of 2020 to greatly enhance the protection of the Petitcodiac River with a goal for community effluent to meet the Guidelines for Canadian Recreational Water Quality.

Moreover, the project will ensure public health and safety, stabilize the wastewater treatment rate and stimulate the economy through ongoing and post construction service industry work.

Public Communications has increased in 2020 with the development of 3 new brochures, a compost information booklet, radio advertising, a public information booth and a contest where a ratepayer answers three skill testing questions for a chance to win their 2020 Water and Sewer Bill up to \$1000. Visit www.transaqua.ca

Grease – Keep it out of our sewers

Excess grease in sewers leads to higher levels of bad bacteria that rapidly multiply. It is necessary to have the right balance of good and bad bacteria in the bioreactor to effectively remove nitrogen and phosphate and to reduce biochemical oxygen demand to meet the federal effluent regulations. TransAqua will work with municipalities to identify grease “hot spots” and provide education.

Household Wipes

Flushing household and “flushable” wipes causes damage to pumps and do not break down in the sewer system like toilet paper does.

Garburators – There’s a better way

Food in the sewer system breaks down and deprives bacteria of oxygen requiring higher amounts of electricity for the addition of air (oxygen) into the bioreactor increasing costs to ratepayers.

Composting Biosolids for a Greener Tomorrow

This new booklet at what compost is, how it is made, the benefits of compost in soil, how compost reduces greenhouse gases and compost quality.

In response to Councillor Edgett, the City Manager indicated that administration would work with TransAqua to determine if contractors continue to add garburators to new construction. If so, possibly amend by-law to ban the installation of garburators.

6.2.5 **Presentation – Summer Aquatics Program: Centennial Park Pool and East End Pool**

Ms. Cohoon advised Council on the summer aquatics program. As some of the Covid-19 restrictions are being lifted, a plan to open and operate the two pools has been approved by the Emergency Coordination Committee (ECC) and the Leadership Team. As the contract is before Council for the ratification of the contract with the Codiac Vikings and Club de natation bleu et or (swim clubs) to operate the two pool facilities. This plan will be subject to change based on the requirements and guidelines by the Province’s Department of Public Health.

The goal is to provide as much access as possible to the public at both facilities, and to do so safely under the guidelines imposed by the Province’s Department of Public Health, all while considering the financial impact Covid-19 has had on the municipality, Administration has worked with the swim clubs in an effort to develop an operational plan and will be presenting that during this meeting.

Centennial Park Pool

7 a.m. – 10 a.m. – Adults/senior (Monday-Thursday)

11 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Regular hours

2 sessions daily

Additional morning session: Monday to Thursday.

Pricing

Adults – \$5

12 years and under – \$3

Seniors – \$3

Family (up to 5 members) – \$13

3 years and under – Free

East End Pool – Recreational swimming for all ages

2 sessions daily

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Pricing

Recreational swimming all ages: \$2

3 years and under: Free

How to book

- On-line advanced booking (details to follow)
- Walk-ups will be subject to permitted capacity

Councillor Léger expressed his concern with the difference in entrance fees for each pool. It is his opinion that both pools should have the same entrance fee. In response, the City Manager indicated that fees could be discussed during future budgets. He noted that the Fees and Charges

have been approved for 2020, and indicated that any decrease in fees would need to be covered by some other service.

Councillor Turner suggested having an increase to the entrance fee for East End pool and a decrease in fee for Centennial Park pool. He also suggested the introduction of a season pass for both pools.

Councillor Crossman advised Council that he feels that the pricing should remain as quoted in the presentation.

7.

PLANNING MATTERS

8.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

9.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

9.1 **Recommendation(s)** – Special Private Session – March 18, 2020

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve the City's Offer as submitted to the CUPE Local 51 negotiating team on March 18, 2020 subject to the approval of the CUPE Local 51 membership, and that the City's Offer be incorporated into a new collective agreement from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2024 and further that Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documents and affix the corporate seal of the City thereto.

Moved by: Councillor Butler
Seconded by: Councillor Edgett

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 **Recommendation(s)** – Private Session – May 11, 2020

Motion: That the City of Moncton enter into a one-year License Agreement with the Codiac Viking Aquatic Club Incorporated/Club Aquatique Codiac Vikings Incorporée and Club de Natation Bleu et Or Incorporée for the 2020 operation of the City of Moncton's two aquatic facilities, Centennial Beach and East End Pool, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign and affix the seal of the City of Moncton thereto.

Moved by: Councillor Léger
Seconded by: Councillor Boudreau

MOTION CARRIED

10.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION/ RAPPORTS DE L'ADMINISTRATION

10.1 **Quotation QP20-051** – Reconstruction of Retaining Walls – Frampton Lane

Motion: That Quotation #QP20-051 – Reconstruction of Retaining Walls – Frampton Lane, **be awarded** to Modern Construction (1983) Limited in the amount of \$102,407.50 including H.S.T. @ 15% (\$92,866.68 net H.S.T.), and that the budget for the project be set at \$160,000 including Net H.S.T., engineering, landscape architectural consulting fees, landscaping allowances and contingency.

Moved by: Councillor Turner
Seconded by: Councillor Pellerin

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 **Tender TCS20-056** – Site Preparation for Codiac Regional RCMP Facility (Albert Street)

1. **That** Moncton City Council approve the recommendation to award Tender #TCS20-056 – Site Preparation for Codiac Regional RCMP Facility, located at 199 Albert Street, to the lowest Bidder meeting all Terms and Conditions, and Specifications, being MacDonald Paving & Construction, a division of Miller Paving Ltd. for the Total Tendered Price of \$994,531.50, including H.S.T. @ 15%.
2. It is also recommended that a ten percent (10%) Contingency Allowance in the amount of \$99,453.15, including H.S.T. @ 15% be allocated toward the Project Budget to address any unknown or unforeseen site conditions which may require additional work to be carried out by the General Contractor, subject to the City of Moncton's approval.

3. Lastly, it is also recommended that a Contract be drafted, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign said contract and affix the Corporate Seal of the City of Moncton thereto.

Moved by: Councillor Léger
Seconded by: Councillor Edgett

MOTION CARRIED

10.3 Report – Outdoor patios and Main St. configuration

Mr. Silliker and Mr. MacDonald provided Council a follow up to the presentation from the June 1, 2020 Regular Public Council Meeting regarding the Main Street reconfiguration and enhancements to the sidewalk patio program.

As discussed previously, Administration has implemented an inter-department working group consisting of By-Law, Engineering and Economic Development representatives to meet with downtown restaurants and businesses on-site to review patio/café applications to review how the City may be able to support expanded patios. The team has been in contact and met with all program patio/café applicants who have requested a desire to introduce or expand their patio/café. In addition, the team has begun to proactively reach out to downtown restaurants who typically apply to the program but, to date, have not this year. The City has been able to add value during these discussions and has provided options to businesses which, otherwise, would not have endeavoured to open a sidewalk patio this season.

Administration has also heard feedback from the business community that this pilot initiative should conclude no later than September 30, 2020. As such, an amendment to the date proposed at the June 1, 2020 Public Meeting of Council is recommended.

It was noted that one of the motions approved by the DMCI Board at the June 10, 2020 meeting was a recommendation to install a bike lane in one direction with no Jersey barriers. Administration (Engineering Services) has reviewed the request and feels that the use of Jersey barriers in the conversion of Main Street from a two-lane to one-lane westbound configuration is an essential safety measure. Main Street has been a two-way street since the street's original construction. Given this long history, it will take time for motorists to adapt to a one-way configuration. In addition, as part of the reconfiguration of Main Street, the City has been asked to consider the introduction of a bike lane on Main Street.

There are safety concerns associated with converting Main Street to one-way and adding bike lanes simultaneously. There needs to be some type of vehicle/cyclist delineator in place. Three delineator options were reviewed, namely paint, flexible delineators and Jersey barriers.

Councillor Turner left the meeting @ 6:10 p.m. due to technical difficulties

Motion: That Moncton City Council amend By-Law Amendment T-310.33, to configure Main Street as a one-way Street from Botsford Street to Lutz Street with an east to west vehicle pattern including a bi-directional bicycle lane on the south side of Main Street on a temporary trial basis, by changing the end date from October 31, 2020 to September 30, 2020, and that By-law Amendment #T-301.33 proceed to 2nd and 3rd reading with the above change.

Moved by: Councillor Thériault
Seconded by: Councillor Léger

Mr. MacDonald advised Council that Festival Inspire has offered to have art added to the Jersey barriers.

Councillor Léger indicated that he will not be supporting the recommendation with the jersey barriers on Main Street. Mr. Silliker in response to Councillor Léger's concerns, communication has occurred between DMCI and administration on the importance of having these in place for safety reason, and support was given by DMCI for the installation. Ms. Poirier-Basque indicated that the conversation between Ms. Dupuis and administration happened this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. and did not have time to communicate to the Board.

Councillor Turner returned to the meeting @ 6:54 p.m.

Councillor Pellerin left the meeting

Mr. MacDonald, in response to Councillor Butler's question, indicated that all changes being proposed are in line with TAC regulations.

Councillor Léger requested that the CAD drawing for the layout of the Jersey barriers along the road be provided to Council.

MOTION CARRIED

10.4 Relief for Market vendors

The success of the Market depends significantly on the number of vendors present as they, in turn, succeed based on the number of visitors to the Market.

As the number of patrons will only grow moderately and are attracted by the actual vendors present, administration proposes an incentive in the first month of each of the three phases to reduce the rates by half for one month. For example, if an eligible vendor returns within a month of the permitted phase, he or she would receive a discount for one month equal to half of their regular rate as published in the City of Moncton rates and fees.

The rates at the Market are set per linear foot and are between \$3.25 - \$3.75 per linear foot, plus electrical if required.

Phase 1:

- 48 vendors invited back
- 32 actual vendors in week 1
- Expected to be 35 vendors by week 2

Phase 2:

- 26 vendors to be invited back

Phase 3:

- 46 vendors to be invited back

Motion: That, as a temporary incentive to encourage the presence of vendors at the Marché Moncton Market, a discounted rate of 50 per cent for one month (four consecutive weeks) be offered to a returning vendor in the first month of each of the three Phases of re-opening.

Moved by: Councillor Turner
Seconded by: Councillor Edgett

MOTION CARRIED

11.

READING OF BY-LAWS

Pursuant to Section 15.3(a) ii (A&B) of the Local Governance Act the following by-laws were posted on the City of Moncton Internet site for the required time period specified in the Act. The by-laws receive second and third readings by title only.

11.1 **A By Law** in of Relating to Shopping Carts in the City of Moncton, being By-Law A-1620 – **Second & Third Readings**

Motion: I would move that 2nd Reading be given to By-Law A-1620

Moved by: Councillor Léger
Seconded by: Councillor Edgett

MOTION CARRIED

The Clerk gave 2nd reading to the By-Law A-1620.

Motion: That 3rd reading be given and that By-law A-1620 be Ordained and Passed and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal of the City of Moncton thereto.

Moved by: Councillor Léger
Seconded by: Councillor Edgett

MOTION CARRIED

The Clerk gave 3rd reading to the By-Law A-1620

11.2 **By-Law** in Amendment of a By-Law Relating to the Regulation of Traffic and parking in the City of Moncton, being By-Law T-310.33 – **Second & Third Readings**

Motion: I would move that 2nd Reading be given to By-Law T-310.33

Moved by: Councillor Léger
Seconded by: Councillor Lawrence

MOTION CARRIED

The Clerk gave 2nd reading to the By-Law T-310.33

Motion: That 3rd reading be given and that By-law T-310.33 be Ordained and Passed and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal of the City of Moncton thereto.

Moved by: Councillor Léger
Seconded by: Councillor Thériault

MOTION CARRIED

The Clerk gave 3rd reading to the By-Law T-310.33

12.

NOTICES MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

13.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Motion: That the following appointments be approved:

Reem Fayad, Culture Board
Councillor Charles Léger, Codiac Regional Policing Authority
Eileen Whyte, Accessibility Committee

Moved by: Councillor Lawrence
Seconded by: Councillor Léger

MOTION CARRIED

14.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Councillor Boudreau

MOTION CARRIED

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Dawn Arnold
MAYOR

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Barbara A. Quigley
CITY CLERK & DIRECTOR OF
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

7 :00 p.m.

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