Council Chambers City Hall Moncton, N. B. December 7, 2020 4:00 p.m

MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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

ABSENT

Councillor Pierre Boudreau

ALSO PRESENT

- M. Landry, City Manager
- B. Quigley, City Clerk and Director, Legislative Support
- B. Tait, Acting General Manager, Operations Services
- C. Dallaire, General Manager, Recreation, Culture and Events Services
- J. Doucet, CFO, General Manager, Finance Services, Via Webex
- N. Robichaud, General Manager, Legal and Legislative Services
- J. MacDonald, General Manager, Sustainable Growth and Development Services
- L. Hanson, General Manager, Corporate Services,
- T. Critchlow, Superintendent, Codiac RCMP
- I. LeBlanc, Director, Communication
- A. Richard, Director, Design & Construction
- C. Landry, Fire Chief
- T. Carter, Manager, Purchasing
- B. Budd, Director Planning and Development
- A. Smith, Senior Planner, Long Range Policy Planning

1.

CALL TO ORDER

2.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: That the agenda for the December 7, 2020 Regular Public Council meeting **be approved**

Moved by: Councillor Léger Seconded by: Councillor Edgett

MOTION CARRIED

3.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

None declared

4.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion: That the minutes of the Regular Public Council meeting of November 16 **be adopted** as circulated.

Moved by: Councillor Edgett Seconded by: Councillor Léger

MOTION CARRIED

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CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Encroachment Agreement for Signs – 795 Main Street

Motion: THAT an Encroachment Agreement be entered into between the City of Moncton and the owner of the property at 795 Main Street, Boris Holdings Inc., to allow the encroachment of

the proposed signs, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Agreement and affix the Corporate Seal of the City of Moncton thereto.

Moved by: Councillor Pellerin Seconded by: Councillor Butler

MOTION CARRIED

6.

PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS

6.1 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

5 minutes

Other Presentation

2 minutes

Presentation - Violence Against Women - Hafsah Mohammad, Grassroots NB

Ms. Mohammad came before Council to share her views on the solution to end gender-based violence. She spoke to the final report by the former Supreme Court Justice Michel Bastarache released November 19, 2020 and its importance concerning gender-based violence and the toxic environment within the RCMP.

Presentation – IAFF Moncton – Ashley Graham and Al Mitton

Mr. Graham came before Council to speak to the negotiations of IAFF and encouraged Council to ratify the agreement this evening. Mr. Graham also reminded Council and citizens to donate turkeys to this year's Sue Stultz Turkey Drive.

6.2 ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS

15 minutes

- 6.2.1 Update Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Marc Landry, City Manager; Conrad Landry, Fire Chief Mr. Landry commented on the yellow level, and commended the ECC for their tireless work. Chief Landry reminded everyone to keep their circles small. Public skating is now available, walking tracks, recreational sports can resume. Wild Lights are going to start up on Thursday must buy tickets online. Winter night market will be postponed to the new year.
- 6.2.2 **Update** RCMP Tom Critchlow, Codiac RCMP Superintendent Superintendent Critchlow spoke about large gatherings and that any such gatherings will have police presence in order to provide protection for everyone.

He made mention that the Bastarache Report referred to by Ms. Mohammad is an in-depth report and will need time to be reviewed.

Councillor Thériault requested the total number of female RCMP members

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 – November 23, 2020

Negotiations have been taking place since February 2020 as the previous contract expired on December 31, 2019. This agreement will see 111 firefighters and officers earn a 2.25% wage increase per year over four-years. Changes were also made to contract language which will improve the operational efficiencies of the department as well as help manage and control costs. This is only the fourth negotiated agreement between the City and IAFF Local 999 since 1994. All other agreements have been settled through interest arbitration.

That Moncton City Council approve the latest agreement between the City of Moncton and IAFF Local 999 and that it be incorporated into a new collective agreement from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023 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 Léger Seconded by: Councillor Butler

MOTION CARRIED

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REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

10.1 **Public Hearing** – BIA Budget – Anne Poirier-Basque, Executive Director

Ms. Poirier-Basque provided an overview of the proposed BIA Budget. She noted that the ongoing residential development in the downtown core will be beneficial to the downtown.

The BIA levy will remain again this year at 0.69/\$100.

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve the Downtown Moncton Centre-ville Inc. proposed levy for the year 2021, in the amount of \$820,310;

- That given no formal objections were received to the proposed budget when published, the Special Levy Rate for 2021 be established at 0.16/\$100 of Assessment based upon projected data 2021 Assessments; and
- That Moncton City Council give first reading to By-Law A-1002.20.

Moved by: Councillor Léger

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Crossman

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 **Quotation QP19-098** – School Crossing Guard Services

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve Administration's recommendation to terminate its agreement with Neptune Security for the provision of School Crossing Guard Services, and proceed with the award of Quotation #QP19-098 to the 2nd lowest compliant Bidder, being Walker Security, for the period beginning January 1, 2021 through to June 30, 2022, with options to extend the agreement for up to two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods, if it is in the City's best interest to do so.

Moved by: Councillor Lawrence Seconded by: Councillor Butler

In response to a question from Councillor Butler, Mr. Richard indicated administration was only made aware late this afternoon that crossing guards had been provided their notice, and that today was their last shift. Mr. Richard indicated that the vendor is bound by contract and was provided 30 days' notice on Friday. The vendor reacted by pulling out as of today. Walker Security has indicated that they will begin as soon as they can, and will begin with the busiest intersection being covered. Mr. Landry advised that administration will look into shorter term solutions possibly have in-house employees that could be mobilized to cover the crosswalks.

In response to a question from Councillor Pellerin, Mr. Robichaud indicated that the vendor is in breach of contract. Mr. Robichaud indicated to have any discussion on the contract, Council would have to adjourn to a Private Session of Council.

Mr. MacDonald indicated that discussions have been undertaken with the new vendor to get the service up and running sooner than later. He will be working with the vendor and with Public Works to have the areas covered.

Mr. Landry indicated that Superintendent Critchlow has offered Codiac RCMP's services and that By-Law Enforcement (Commissionaires) along with city staff would be able to cover the 25 locations.

Councillor Léger requested that assurance be given that the crosswalks will be covered until the new vendor is able to cover all school crosswalk crossings.

Mr. Doucet, in response to a question from Mayor Arnold, indicated that often the crossing guards are rehired by the new vendor.

Mr. Landry indicated that students' safety is of the utmost concern.

MOTION CARRIED

11.

READING OF BY-LAWS

The City Clerk announced that the following by-laws will be posted on line at www.moncton.ca in lieu of reading them into the record at future meetings, pursuant to Section 15.3(a) ii (A&B) of the Local Governance Act, or same can be faxed, mailed or e-mailed to interested parties at their request.

11.1 **A By-law** in Amendment of a By-Law Relating to the approval of the Budget for Downtown Moncton Centre-ville Inc. and to establish a Special Business Improvement Area Levy in the City of Moncton, being By-Law A-1002.20 – *First Reading (Subject to approval of item 10.1)*

First reading only

12.

NOTICES MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

12.1 Province School Sites – Councillor Léger

Motion: That Moncton City Council adopt the following motion which was presented as a notice of motion at the regular public meeting on November 16, 2020:

Notice of Motion - Province School Sites - Councillor Léger

WHEREAS the Province has the primary responsibility for school facilities planning, site

location, and management.

WHEREAS the City of Moncton has 22 public schools located in various neighbourhoods

throughout the City

WHEREAS the City has committed to work collaboratively with the Province in the area of

school planning, as per policy ED-6 of the City's Municipal Plan.

WHEREAS the City promotes community interaction and engagement by encouraging schools

to be integrated as important community focal points in neighbourhoods, as per

policy ED-9 of the City's Municipal Plan.

WHEREAS the City supports the minimization of school planning costs and encourages more

compact 'smart growth' built forms and cities, as per policy ED-10 of the City's

Municipal Plan.

WHEREAS the provincial Planning Guidelines for Educational Facilities outline minimum

school site areas as a "rule of thumb", and indicate that these areas may be

reduced in urban areas.

THEREFORE be it resolved that: the City of Moncton correspond with the Province of New

Brunswick, urging them to:

1) Engage the City in the school site exploration process, before a decision has been rendered on

the location of a new school;

2) Conduct a review of the minimum school site area guidelines included in the Planning Guidelines for Educational Facilities, taking into consideration the minimum site areas

outlined in other provincial jurisdictions; and

3) Continue to work with the City and local school districts in finalizing and implementing a new district School Site Recommendation Policy and Procedure framework (as included in the City of Moncton 2020 Strategic Plan), allowing for a more integrated, collaborative, and

transparent school planning process.

Moved by: Councillor Léger Seconded by: Councillor Lawrence

MOTION CARRIED

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APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Prior to adjournment, Councillor Butler provided condolences on behalf of City Council to the family of Steven Bannister, who worked for the City of Moncton for 35 years.

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14. ADJOURNMENT

 $\label{Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.}$

 $Moved\ by:\ Councillor\ Boudreau$

MOTION CARRIED

Dawn Arnold
Barbara A. Quigley
MAYOR
CITY CLERK & DIRECTOR OF
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

4:55 p.m.

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