

MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT

Mayor Dawn Arnold, in the Chair

Councillor Marty Kingston

Councillor Paulette Theriault, via web ex

Councillor Charles Leger

Councillor Bryan Butler

Councillor Susan Edgett, via web ex

Councillor Monique LeBlanc

Councillor Shawn Crossman, via web ex

Councillor Daniel Bourgeois, via web ex

Councillor Dave Steeves

Councillor Paul Richard

ALSO PRESENT

Marc Landry, City Manager

Shelley Morton, Deputy City Clerk

Nick Robichaud, General Manager, Legal and Legislative Services

Jacques Doucet, General Manager, Finance Services

Elaine Aucoin, General Manager, Sustainable Growth and Development Services

Katherine MacIntyre, General Manager, Community Services

Isabelle LeBlanc, Director, Corporate Communications

Laurann Hanson, General Manager, Corporate Services, via web ex

Conrad Landry, Fire Chief and Director, Community Safety Services, via web ex

Ron DeSilva, Superintendent, Codiac RCMP

Gregg Houser, Deputy Treasurer and Controller

Sherry Trenholm, Director, Facilities

Alcide Richard, Director, Engineering

Nicole Taylor, Director, Water and Wastewater

Alexandre Binette, General Manager, Operations Services

Jocelyn Cohoon, Director, Recreation, via web ex

Melanie Thériault, Deputy Treasurer, Corporate and Management Systems, via web ex

Sarah Anderson, Urban Planner

1.

CALL TO ORDER

2.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion : That the Agenda for the City Council meeting of this date be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Councillor Richard

Seconded by Councillor Kingston

MOTION CARRIED.

3.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

None declared.

4.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Regular Public Council Meetings of February 7 and March 21, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Councillor Butler

Seconded by Councillor Kingston

MOTION CARRIED.

**5.
CONSENT AGENDA**

**6.
PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS**

6.1 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

6.1.1 Presentation – Basic Income: Alleviating Poverty in Our Communities – Wil Robertson

City Council received a verbal presentation from Wil Robertson, representative for New Brunswick at Coalition Canada Basic Income NB Representative at Basic Income Canada Youth Network, advocating for a basic income for all citizens. He referenced the paper entitled “Case for Basic Income for Municipalities”, and the City's role in advocating for it to the provincial and federal governments. The paper states that a guaranteed livable income would address poverty, ensure accessibility to social services, affordable utilities, and allow a life with dignity, autonomy of individuals and avoid stigmatization, etc. Currently 6.2% live below income levels, 1/5 citizens in Moncton and 28% of the City's children are living in poverty. The concept is supported by the NDP, Green Party, Liberal Party and some Conservatives. This discussion paper was created in consultation with municipalities across Canada, recognizing jurisdictional differences across the country in terms of services for which municipalities are responsible. He called upon City Council to use its authority to petition the other levels of government for a livable income.

In reply to Councillor Thériault Mr. Robertson noted there is unanimous support by the Liberal Government for a guaranteed basic income. He added there was also unanimous support in PEI. The estimated cost of a GLI is approximately \$42M and the estimated savings in health care is estimated \$20M annually. He explained that GLI is an income supplement, not income replacement. CERB revealed a high level of volatility in the workforce and automation is a threat to the workforce, therefore, a GLI is best solution.

Councillor Leger noted the 8 Cities Association could possibly champion this initiative going forward. He suggested the need for more education as some may view this as rewarding people for not working.

Mayor Arnold thanked Mr. Robertson for his presentation.

6.1.2 Presentation – Saint George's Anglican Church Response to Homelessness – Father VanBuskirk

Father Chris Van Buskirk provided an overview of the action taken by St. George's Anglican Church over the last 24 months to provide assistance to homeless. Assistance ranged from hosting intakes by the YMCA Reconnect, narcotics anonymous meetings weekly, free income tax clinics, daily breakfast program, drop in and daily shower services. The Heavenly Greens community garden project is underway. They continue to collaborate with local churches and local agencies to provide services and have monthly meetings.

Father Van Buskirk expressed the church's desire to offer programs/activities to break the cycle of addiction and promote friendship and support, launching Phase II of Heavenly Greens and launching St. George's outbound program with afternoon outings in local parks for those participating in the morning program. The church is discontinuing its overnight warming centre and is no longer permitting camping on their property. He expressed their desire to be a stakeholder in the Community Task Force on homelessness. He stressed the need for an adequate number of shelters and 24/7 drop-in spaces, especially during winter months to have a space to think and talk. He commented that the current income assistance model needs to be linked to purposeful activity promoting dignity, utilizing personal talents and building the community. He inquired on the efforts being made by the City and Province to support homeless migrating to Moncton from other jurisdictions.

The Mayor and Members of Council commended Father Vanbuskirk and his for their continued efforts in going above and beyond to provide assistance to the homelessness.

Mayor Arnold thanked Father Chris Vanbuskirk.

6.1.2 Other Presentations

Lise Ethier, member of the City's Environmental Committee, appeared before Council to promote the Climate Change Mandate. She asked that the Committee be included in the Strategic Plan process regarding plans to address environmental issues. She suggested that Canada review the model adopted India to provide electric buses.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Ethier for her presentation.

6.2 **ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS**

6.2.1 Presentation – Earth Day – Emily Phillips, Climate Action Coordinator

Following introductory remarks from the City Manager, Emily Phillips, Climate Action Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint Presentation of activities planned for Earth Day on April 22, 2022. Clean up will occur from April 22- 24, 2022. 74 groups have registered. Groups can register and can select one of 29 zones to clean up. Eco 360 will help with clean ups. A launch of the Green Event Guide is also being launched. Free public transit will be offered on Friday. Participation in Earth Day Mobilizing Campaign to motivate citizens to take concrete action on the environment. The Mayor was selected as this year's spokesperson.

Ms. Phillips also provided an overview of the Climate Action Working Group as a follow up to the climate action report in 2020 resulting from the Climate Emergency Declaration in 2019. The goal of this group is to make recommendations to reduce green house gas emissions and they have participated in multiple consultation meetings in the formation of the CEEP plan.

6.2.2 Presentation – North End Odor Issues – Kevin Rice, Roland LeBlanc, Elaine Aucoin

The City Manager introduced this item noting it falls under the the Environment Pillar of the Strategic Plan. One of the items is to work with the Provincial Department of Environment (DOE) and partner stakeholders to take concrete actions and improve air quality.

Elaine Aucoin introduced Kevin Rice, Trans Aqua, and Roland LeBlanc, Eco 360. She noted that the city has received numerous complaints regarding odor issues which has been reported to the New Brunswick Department of Environment. As a result, they initiated an odor assessment which commenced in November and is conducted weekly. The assessment has not been completed. A Task Force has been created with DOE, Trans Aqua and Eco 360 to address this issue to report to Council and the community.

Roland LeBlanc provided an historical overview of Eco 360, its roles and responsibilities noting they have a strong engineering team in house which has considerable experience in solid waste and wastewater management. He reported on the work be carried out to address the odors emanating from the landfill site and compost facility. In 2021 a review of their operations and processes, no problems were detected from their facility. They also stopped turning their compost piles. The Department of Environment visited their operations and found no issues. The Minister of Environment visited the site and an inspection of the site illustrated no issues. In addition, they engaged the services of independent engineering firm to review their operations who concluded there were no changes in the operation that would cause the odors. Going forward, they will continue to monitor the operation to determine what possible improvements could be implemented to improve the odors and apply the best practices available to the process. Will continue to work with engineering consultant and will work with national contacts to determine if they have other ways to reduce odors. The Compost Alliance will be asked to complete another peer review of the compose facility operation. In addition they have committed to not turn over any compost piles to further reduce emissions until further notice and to evaluate the impact of such operational changes. The intent is to apply the most recent best practices in the industry as they understand the frustrations of residents in the areas. He also extended an invitation to City Council, Administration and residents to visit their facility.

Kevin Rice gave the following presentation and historical overview of Trans Aqua. He advised that Trans Aqua became aware of the odor issues in 2021 and immediately commenced an investigation with the following actions identified:

- Covering of piles
- Increased air blower times to decrease moisture and humidity
- Replacing mechanical mixers with hydraulic mixers at wastewater facility to create more uniform sludge
- Reviewed process data
- Increased flushing of wet wells to eliminate wastewater – completed investigation in September

Priorities

- Engaging an independent engineering firm to conduct a process audit to determine if the process is operating as designed, specifically the GORE system
- To date Trans Aqua has not been notified by DOE of issues in operating
- Long-term solutions - Anaerobic digestion, A consultant from Nova Scotia has been working on Waste Residual Project to provide viable fertilizer
- Committed to being a responsible citizen, providing free compost, minimize carbon footprint and minimize odors
- Investigate wastewater flushing program - flushing more often – completed in September
- 2022 – hiring independent consulting firm to conduct a process audit to determine if it is operating as it was designed to do and provide opportunities to mitigate fugitive odors
- Compost operation expected to reduce emissions by 50%
- Compost open house planned this year
- NBDOE have not issued any violations

Elaine Aucoin added that representatives of DOE could not be present but are developing a form for residents to complete when experiencing odors to better assess weather patterns, etc. Once received, it will be shared on the City's Website.

In reply to Councillor Butler, Mr. Rice was not aware of a distance requirement or site requirement. He noted that one quick solution could be ship biosolids to Miramichi or Clarendon.

Councillor Butler thanked the presenters but expressed frustration at not being able to find a solution as the issue persists both in the north and west end of Moncton. He added that the presenters advise if they required the City's assistance in further petitioning the Province to take action as he wanted the residents to be able to sit outside and enjoy their summers.

Discussion ensued with both presenters agreeing to keep Council informed.

6.2.3 Presentation – Bloomberg Harvard Innovation Project – Team Moncton - Isabelle LeBlanc, Director of Communications

Following an introduction by the City Manager, City Council received a presentation from Isabelle LeBlanc regarding the Bloomberg Harvard Innovation Project which was launched in 2017 with 429 mayors participating. This program is designed to foster municipal growth. It provides access to a number of other programs, i.e. Fellowship program – A student will spend the summer with Moncton.

Moncton was also chosen to be part of the Innovation Track which provides the ability for a municipality to think outside the box. The program places residents at the center of the solution. It is at no cost to the City. She introduced 12 employees from the City of Moncton who will be participating and collaborating on projects which will help cities adopt cutting-edge innovation techniques that engage residents in testing, adapting, and scaling ideas with the potential for long-term impact. This will be applicable to the programs into the future. Nine months of tailored coaching will be provided to design concepts and implementation in the city.

Ms. LeBlanc called upon Emily Phillips to explain the innovation track project. Ms. Phillips noted that the focus will be on achieving 0 GHG emissions. The project is geared at investigating community awareness and how to achieve net 0 emissions and the impact on emissions production.

Councillor Richard appreciated the engagement of the residents and suggested that it be through face to face and not just lets Chat.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Introduction – Rezoning Application - Lewisville and Shediac Rd.

Following introductory remarks by the City Manager, City Council received a PowerPoint presentation Bill Budd which highlighted a rezoning application from Stephane Plourde, Bay Construction, agent, on behalf of Jim Toogood, and Joseph Richard and Dena Reid, landowners, to rezone PIDs 00802827, 00800391, and 00800037 at the intersection of Shediac Road and Lewisville Road, from R2U (Urban Dwelling Zone) and SC (Suburban Commercial) to R3 (Multiple Unit Dwelling). Rezoning from R2U and SC to R3 Multiple Unit Dwelling will accommodate the construction of a four storey, 54-unit apartment building. The subject lots are occupied by 5 single unit dwellings which are proposed to be demolished. The three driveways will be removed. Access to the property will be from Barnaby Street on the north, as well as through a right-of-way on the west side, through the abutting commercial properties off Beech Street. A landscape buffer is planned with trees.

In addition to the rezoning application, the subject development will require a Stop-up-and-Close by-law to address the access off Barnaby Street. This will be addressed through a separate application, running concurrently with this rezoning application. The street system should be able to accommodate this development. The recommendation is to approve the application and give first reading.

Motion: That Moncton City Council proceed with the Zoning By-law amendment being By-law Z-222.4 and:

1. That Council give 1st reading to Zoning By-law amendment By-Law Z-222.4;
2. That a public hearing be set for May 16, 2022; and
3. That By-law Z-222.4 be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for its written views and approval of the conditional use; and

The rezoning, if approved, should be subject to a resolution with conditions including but not limited to:

1. That the properties (PIDs 00802827, 00800391, and 00800037) be consolidated prior to the issuance of a Building and Development permit;
2. That a right-of-way agreement for access from the west side be registered on the subject lot as well as PIDs 70520671 & 70520663, prior to the issuance of a building and development permit;
3. That the stop up and close by-law for the southern portion of Barnaby Street be completed prior to the issuance of a building and development permit;
4. That the fence on the north and east side be opaque and made of wood, PVC, or another similar quality material, but shall not be chain link;
5. That the fence be installed as soon as possible, weather permitting, but no later than six months after the completion of the building construction;
6. That all uses of land pursuant to this agreement shall conform with the provisions of the City of Moncton Zoning By-law, as amended from time to time, except as otherwise provided herein;
7. That nothing contained herein shall prohibit or in any way limit the Developer's right to apply for a variance pursuant to the provisions of the Community Planning Act; and,
8. The development shall be carried out in substantial conformance with the plans and drawings submitted as Schedule B.

Moved by Councillor Crossman
Seconded by Councillor Theriault

Councillor Crossman commented that while he supported the recommendation, he had concerns related to the extra traffic flow emanating from this building. Councillor Crossman expressed concern at exiting on Beech Street, and stressed the need for a three-way stop on Mill Road at Pleasant Street. Mr. Budd noted that some of these comments could be addressed with the Traffic Engineer following the public hearing.

Councillor Theriault shared Councillor Crossman's concerns adding that she was disappointed with the design. Mr. Budd agreed to bring forward further diagrams at the Public Hearing.

MOTION CARRIED.

7.2 Introduction – 921 Ryan Street

Bill Budd introduced this application which was received from PVC Construction, on behalf of Max Godbout, landowner, and Hopper Development, landowner, to rezone PIDs 01117068 and 01023035 at 921 Ryan Street from R2 (Two Unit Dwelling) to RM (Residential Mix).

The rezoning will accommodate the development of a rowhouse node along a new public street, cul-de-sac, with a total of 25 units. The applicant intends to alter the existing property boundaries to allow for a new public street to be subdivided as well as seven (7) residential lots consisting of 3 and 4-unit rowhouse developments for a total of 25 units. The presentation illustrated the new site plan.

Each unit will have its own driveway connected to the future street.

Motion: That Moncton City Council proceed with the Zoning By-law amendment being By-law Z-222.5 and:

1. That Council give 1st reading to Zoning By-law amendment By-law Z-222.5;
2. That a public hearing be set for May 16, 2022; and
3. That By-law Z-222.5 be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for their written views and approval of the conditional use on April 27, 2022; and

The rezoning, if approved, should be subject to a resolution with conditions including but not limited to:

1. That the Subdivision Plan be registered prior to the issuance of a Building and Development permit;
2. That all uses of land pursuant to this resolution shall conform with the provisions of the City of Moncton Zoning By-law, as amended from time to time, except as otherwise provided herein;
3. That the conditional use of Rowhouse within the RM Zone be approved by the Planning Advisory Committee;
4. That notwithstanding Section 42(4) of the Zoning By-law, driveway openings may occupy more than 50% of the proposed lot's frontage, as per the plans;
5. That the design standards for rowhouse dwellings, Section 127 of the Zoning By-law, be satisfied;
6. That nothing contained herein shall prohibit or in any way limit the Developer's right to apply for a variance pursuant to the provisions of the Community Planning Act;
7. That a grading and drainage plan for the pond be approved by the Engineering department prior to the issuance of a building and development permit;
8. That a signed agreement regarding pond modifications and cost-sharing between the developer and the developer who built the existing detention pond be submitted prior to the issuance of a building and development permit; and
9. The development shall be carried out in substantial conformance with the plans and drawings submitted.

Moved by Councillor Steeves

Seconded by Councillor Butler

In reply to Councillor Steeves, Mr. Budd agreed to provide the floor plans when this item is brought forward at the Public Council.

Councillor Leger expressed concern that these were rental properties and noted the need to look at opportunities for affordable housing which could be reviewed during the Municipal Plan Review.

MOTION CARRIED.

7.3 Tentative Subdivision Plan for Camelot Cove Unit 1

A new application has been received for a subdivision located in the Camelot Estates/Savannah Heights area, along the northern edge of Veterans Highway. The area is zoned R3 (Multiple Unit) and HC (Highway Commercial).

Motion: That Moncton City Council:

- Assent to the location of a portion of rue Warner Street, a portion of promenade Camelot Drive, a portion of rue Future Street,
- Assent to the location of Land for Public Purposes

Subject to the following conditions:

Streets and Services to be designed and acceptable to the Engineering Department and constructed in accordance with the Subdivision Development, Procedures, Standards and Guidelines.

Moved by Councillor Crossman
Seconded by Councillor Theriault

Councillor Crossman thanked Mr. Budd for the second exit from Warner Street to Savannah Drive noting this important means of facilitating traffic flow in this area.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

9. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

9.1 Recommendation(s) – Private Session – April 11, 2022

Motion: That Moncton City Council authorize the City of Moncton to enter into Purchase and Sale Agreements with the registered owners of PIDs 1003854 and 1004811, to purchase portions of said properties, located at the intersection of Glengrove Road at Shediac Road, in the City of Moncton, New Brunswick; and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute all documents necessary to complete the purchase transactions and to affix the Corporate Seal of the City of Moncton thereto.

Moved by Councillor Theriault
Seconded by Councillor Crossman

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: That Moncton City Council authorize the City of Moncton to enter into Purchase and Sale Agreements with the registered owners of PIDs 01017300 and 880443, to purchase portions of said properties, located on Mountain Road, in the City of Moncton, New Brunswick; and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute all documents necessary to complete the purchase transactions and to affix the Corporate Seal of the City of Moncton thereto.

Moved by Councillor Butler
Seconded by Councillor Richard

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: That Moncton City Council consent to the assignment of the current lease with WorldCan Inc. to The Trekking Group for the operation of an outdoor aerial adventure course in Centennial Park, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documents and to affix the Corporate Seal of the City of Moncton thereto.

Moved by Councillor Leger
Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: That Moncton City Council forgo the 2022 increase as per the CSAE report and continue with Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments until the end of this Council Term, and

Refer the use of the CSAE Report for year five of the adjustment in the By-law to the Enhancing Democracy Committee for their review and recommendation; and

Further the Province be consulted with respect to developing a formula to remunerate municipal councils in New Brunswick.

Moved by Councillor Kingston
Seconded by Councillor Thériault

In reply to Councillor Steeves the City Manager noted that the Enhancing Democracy would bring forward recommendations for the new term of Council in 2025.

MOTION CARRIED.

10.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

10.1 Presentation – KPMG Annual Financial Statement & Appointment of 2022 Auditors – Carey Blair

City Council received a presentation from Carey Blair, KPMG, overviewing the audited financial statements for 2021. Gregg Houser noted that as part of the legislative process and annual requirements, an independent accounting firm is engaged to complete an annual audit of the City's statements. Carey Blair provided an overview on line of the audit. Council was asked to reappoint them as part of the fifth-year mandate. No issues were detected through the recent audit. Mr. Blair reviewed the executive summary prepared as of April 7, 2022. All of the outstanding items were completed with the exception of the representation letter. The audit is prepared within the Public Accounting Standards. A letter of independence confirming their independence is included in the attachments.

Motion:

- That Moncton City Council approve the 2021 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements; and
- That Council re-appoint the firm of KPMG LLP as auditors for the City of Moncton for the 2022 fiscal year.

*Moved by Councillor Leger
Seconded by Councillor Edgett*

Mr. Houser responded to inquiries raised by Councillors Bourgeois and Richard and they were satisfied with the responses.

MOTION CARRIED.

10.2 Sewer System Review and Master Plan- Phase 9

Following introductory remarks by the City Manager, Alcide Richard introduced Gordon Wasson and Mia Laforge who gave a PowerPoint presentation on Sewer System Review and Master Plan – Phase 9. The presentation outlined the following:

Mr. Wasson provided the following overview:

- The City began its sewer review and master plan process 20 years with one phase remaining
- Study Area includes lands north of Trans Canada Highway - Mapleton Road, Ryan Street and Lonsdale west branch of Halls Creek

Mia Laforge provided an overview on the study process with the following highlights

- The process was similar those undertaken for the other phases – collected data

- Installation of 6 flow monitors
- Conducted video inspection

Conclusions and Recommendations

- 0 Net Policy – very effective
- Installation of inlet control devices should be ongoing process
- Continue minor system improvements and major system improvements
- Lonsdale and Meadowdale Drive storm sewer relief system
- Mountain Road and Evergreen Drive storm sewer renewal project

Motion: That City Council authorize Administration to incorporate the sewer rehabilitation and renewal recommendations and priorities forthcoming from Phase 9 of the Sewer System Review and Master Plan through the City's future Capital Works Programs.

Moved by Councillor Butler
Seconded by Councillor Steeves

In reply to Councillor Richard regarding the status of the other phases, Alcide advised that Phase 9 has 22.7M worth of work and 98M is outstanding that is 76M is from other phases. Councillor Richard requested additional information on the other phases and will speak to Mr. Richard directly.

Councillor Leger inquired if there was a means to identify blocked or malfunctioning catch basins and where flood devices are located. Mr. Richard agreed to review with Public Works.

MOTION CARRIED.

10.3 Request for Proposal – Public Safety Policing Services Study

Following introductory remarks from the City Manager, Claude Despres reviewed the Request for Proposal and what is being considered. Council adopted a motion on November 1st to review policing services. Since that time Dieppe and Riverview have agreed to participate in the study. The purpose of the Request for Proposal is to engage the services of a highly qualified and experienced consulting firm to complete a thorough study of the requirements for a modern public safety police service and compare / contrast the delivery of said policing services through the use of either a tri-community regional RCMP police force or a tri-community regional municipal police force. A combination of the two, if feasible, could be considered as well. He also reviewed the scope of the study.

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve and direct administration to issue the 2022 Public Safety Policing Study Request for Proposal (see attachment "A") to market.

Moved by Councillor Bourgeois
Seconded by Councillor Richard

In reply to Councillor Bourgeois regarding the participation of Riverview and Dieppe on the study and cost sharing, Administration noted that the proposal will be presented to their councils, and to date they have indicated a willingness to participate fully with the City which they believed would include cost-sharing.

In reply to Councillor Butler, regarding the rationale for the letter sent to the RCMP membership Administration noted that the studies are part of local governance reform and they wished to provide positive messaging in the meantime until this is finalized.

Councillor Richard requested a copy of the letter to the members of the RCMP which the Mayor agreed to forward.

In reply to Councillor Thériault was of the understanding that this study was designed to consider the future of public safety. She felt another term instead of policing should be considered. Mr. Despres noted that the study will review policing, a modern police force and what it should look like in the future and will encompass more than policing but will not touch on all aspects of public safety as this would be too encompassing.

MOTION CARRIED.

10.4 City Contract No. W22D 05AC – Street Reconstruction No. 2

Motion: That City Contract No. W22D 05AC, Street Reconstruction No. 2, be awarded to Carson Development Ltd. in the amount of \$2,602,685.75 including HST (\$2,360,205.96 net HST), and that the budget for the project be set at \$2,610,000.00 including net HST, engineering and contingency, and

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.

Moved by Councillor Butler
Seconded by Councillor Kingston

Councillor Steeves inquired if the lowest bid superseded quality and if there were warranties in place to ensure quality work. Administration advised of a number of checks and balances in place to ensure any performance issues are addressed. The specification document is specific in terms of what is being sought and unit rate contract is issued where the City shares the risk with the contractor.

Councillor Bourgeois noted \$1M between estimates for 2022 and 2023. He suggested that during budget review discussion should be held on the differences in the budgeted estimates and the use of other sources in the budgets to finance projects. The City Manager noted that he will long term fiscal projections for the next ten will be presented at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

10.5 City Contract No. W22D 05CC – Street Reconstruction No. 5

Motion: That City Contract No. W22D 05CC, Street Reconstruction No. 5, be awarded to L.C.L. Excavation (2006) Inc. in the amount of \$3,198,432.90 including HST (\$2,900,450.20 net HST), and that the budget for the project be set at \$3,165,000 including net HST, engineering and contingency, and that a contract be drafted, and further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign said contract and affix the Corporate Seal of the City of Moncton.

Moved by Councillor Edgett
Seconded by Councillor Richard

MOTION CARRIED.

10.6 City Contract No. W22D 05BA – Street Reconstruction No. 6

Motion: That City Contract No. W22D 05BA, Street Reconstruction No. 6, be awarded to Fram Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$2,714,333.50 including HST (\$2,461,452.03 net HST), and that the budget for the project be set at \$2,780,000 including net HST, engineering and contingency.

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.

Moved by Councillor Theriault
Seconded by Councillor Kingston

Councillor Kingston advocated for three-way stop at Mill and Pleasant Street.

MOTION CARRIED.

10.7 Quotation QP22-020 – Supply and Deliver of Water Supply Materials

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve Administration's recommendation to award Quotation #QP22-020 - Supply and Delivery of Water Supply Materials to the lowest Bidder meeting all Terms and Conditions, Specifications and Requirements, being Wolseley Waterworks for a twelve (12) month period representing a Total Estimated Annual Contract Value of \$74,159.90, including H.S.T. @ 15%, with options to renew 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 Butler
Seconded by Councillor Leger

MOTION CARRIED.

10.8 Resolution – Municipal Democracy – Councillor Daniel Bourgeois

Whereas barely a third of Moncton's citizens have participated in the municipal elections over the past generation, including the May 10, 2021 election;

Whereas citizens deserve equal voting weight and the 2021 Census data will soon result in a fair redistribution of electoral district boundaries;

And whereas a redistribution of electoral district boundaries provides an opportunity to explore alternatives to the current representation model within the Moncton City Council;

It is hereby resolved that the City Council conduct a citizen survey in 2023 to:

- a) Find out why citizens do or do not vote and run for office, and what measures could increase voter participation;
- b) Determine whether citizens prefer the existing ward system or other representation models (e.g., eight wards at one seat per ward).

It is further resolved that the City Council direct the Democracy Committee to review the ward boundaries based on the 2021 Census and its decision on the number of wards further to the 2023 survey, with a view to ensuring an equitable voters' distribution.

It is further resolved that the City Council hold one public meeting per year beginning in 2023 in each ward to discuss the Council activities and City issues with citizens.

It is further resolved that the City Council survey former Council members in 2023 to discover what steps can be taken to improve the number of candidates and the voting rate, including meetings to be arranged between former Council members and potential candidates, cost sharing of election expenses and public meetings between citizens and candidates during the election campaign.

It is further resolved that the City Council appoint an ad hoc committee of randomly selected citizens one year prior to the next municipal election to incentivize citizens to run for office and vote on the election day and that the City Council provide this committee with the human and physical resources needed to carry out their initiatives.

It is further resolved that the City Council assess whether the actions taken as a result of these deliberations have increased the number of candidates and turnout at the upcoming elections, in order to determine whether alternative or additional actions are required for the next elections.

It is further resolved that the City Council adopt a Democracy By-Law prior to the next municipal election to consolidate all measures requiring City Hall to improve municipal democracy in the City of Moncton.

Moved by Councillor Bourgeois

Councillor Steeves noted a number of items and asked some of them had been addressed already. The City Manager noted that some work has been done by the Enhancing Democracy Committee, adding this item could be referred to the Committee them as an option to provide

opportunities to summarize what items have been acted on and which ones remain to be addressed.

Motion: That this item be referred to the Enhancing Democracy Committee to determine what items outlined in resolution have been addressed and what remains to be addressed and recommendations.

Moved by Councillor Steeves
Seconded by Councillor Edgett

Councillor Butler indicate he would not support any resolution that would advocate further changes to the boundaries.

MOTION CARRIED. – Nay votes Councillor Butler and Councillor Richard.

10.9 Postponed Item – Ward Boundaries – April 4, 2022

The City Manager noted that subsequent to the last meeting, clarification was sought from the Province in terms of Ward Boundaries. The Minister would be responsible for approving further changes prior to the next municipal election.

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve the proposed City of Moncton electoral ward boundaries for the City of Moncton under the new municipal boundaries, and provide the same to the Province of New Brunswick in order to be legally formalized under Local Governance Reform Regulations.

Moved by Councillor Butler
Seconded by Councillor Steeves

Councillor Bourgeois noted a number of unknown factors, especially in regards to the four year limitation. He inquired if this is imposed by the province, whether it would prevent the City from petitioning them for further changes. Mr. Robichaud noted that in the CRF, the province's response was that once these ward boundaries are approved, if Council wishes to amend them again within the election period, they would have to petition the Minister to seek approval and provide the rationale for the request.

Councillor Bourgeois suggested that when council sends the letter that the Province be informed that it is a result of their request that the City's by-law is being modified and that there could be a possibility further requests from the City to change the boundaries. The City Manager agreed to prepare a draft letter and reference this issue.

MOTION CARRIED.

11.

READING OF BY-LAWS

- 11.1 A By-Law in Amendment of the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law, being By-Law Z-222.4 – Lewisville/Shediac Rd. – First Reading subject to approval of item 7.1

Item 7.1 was approved and the City Clerk gave first reading.

- 11.2 A By-Law in Amendment of the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law, being By-Law Z-222.5 – 921 Ryan Street – First Reading subject to approval of item 7.2

Item 7.2 was approved and the City Clerk gave first reading.

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.

Social Needs Working Group

- Mary O'Donnell
- Mel Kennah
- Greg Bishop
- Stephanie Basque
- Amanda Hachey
- Frances LeBlanc
- Susan Plewes

Moved by Councillor Butler
Seconded by Councillor Edgett

MOTION ADOPTED

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

That the meeting of this date adjourn.

Moved by Councillor Richard

MOTION CARRIED.

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Mayor Dawn Arnold

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Shelley Morton, Deputy City Clerk

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