

M I N U T E S – REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Dawn Arnold, in the Chair
Councillor Monique LeBlanc
Councillor Paulette Thériault
Councillor Charles Leger
Councillor Dave Steeves
Councillor Paul Richard

Deputy Mayor Bryan Butler
Councillor Marty Kingston
Councillor Shawn Crossman
Councillor Daniel Bourgeois (virtual)
Councillor Susan Edgett

ALSO PRESENT

M. Landry, City Manager
N. Robichaud, General Manager, Legal and Administrative Services
K. Ostroski, Deputy City Clerk
J. Doucet, CFO, General Manager, Finance Services
E. Aucoin, General Manager, Sustainable Growth and Development Services
A. Binette, General Manager, Operations Services
I. LeBlanc, Director, Corporate Communications
C. Landry, Fire Chief (virtual)
T. Carter, Purchasing Manager
J. P. Charron, Urban Planner
L. Hanson, General Manager, Corporate Services
J. Cohoon, Director, Recreation
M. McAloon, Landscape Project Coordinator
L. Babineau, Economic Development Officer
A. Jardine, Manager, Strategic Communications
G. Houser, Deputy Treasurer, Controller (via WebEx)

DELEGATES

Soeur Auria Cormier
Robert McKay
Joline Cyr, Big Brothers, Big Sisters

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

1.

CALL TO ORDER

2.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: That the Agenda for the Public Meeting of this date be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Councillor Richard

Seconded by Councillor Steeves

MOTION CARRIED

3.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

None declared.

4.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Minutes for the Public Meeting of September 6, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Councillor Kingston

Seconded by Councillor Edgett

MOTION CARRIED

5.

CONSENT AGENDA

6.

PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS**6.1 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS****6.1.1 Presentation – International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, Robert MacKay**

City Council received a presentation from Robert MacKay regarding International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on October 17, 2022. He extended an invitation to Southeastern New Brunswickers to participate in a global effort to eradicate poverty, in keeping with their slogan “Think Globally, Act Locally”. He thanked all who have supported the Moncton Chapter of the Common Front for Social Justice’s work over the past 20 years. This year’s theme is Dignity for all in Practice, The Commitment We Make Together. The itinerary for October 27th includes a march in the fight against poverty, remarks from guest speaker Nancy Hartling and those living in poverty will share their stories.

Councillor Thériault commended Mr. McKay on his efforts and acknowledged Sister Aurea Cormier’s presence at the meeting. In terms of Council’s participation, Mr. MacKay encouraged Council to continue to be engaged.

The Mayor noted that Council has passed a motion on a guaranteed livable income and felt that progress has been made. She added that a huge Council meeting is scheduled for October 17th, making it difficult for councillors to attend.

6.1.2 Presentation – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Moncton Update on Services, Joline Cyr

City Council received a PowerPoint presentation by Joline Cyr, Associate Director and Director of Programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Moncton. She reported that Big Brothers Big Sisters Month was celebrated in September with their 50th anniversary to be celebrated in 2023. Her presentation outlined the organization’s activities and its efforts to foster positive youth development and resiliency. It also featured the journey of clients Emma and Sarah and how the program has benefited their lives. The organization has experienced a 34% increase in the number of youth being served and has a waiting list of 87 due to lack of resources. Their staff will be increasing by one. She provided statistics showing that 79% of clients are exposed to mental illness, 75% have experienced divorce, 34% involved with child welfare and 66% are exposed financial stress. The program is aimed at helping children make sound decisions and also centers around relationships. Group mentoring training is provided in schools.

Ms. Cyr advised that in addition to fundraising events, peeler discount cards are being sold with over \$400 savings at local businesses. The cost of the card is \$10.

Councillor Thériault suggested a strategy to collaborate with all networks/organizations and present a report to Council. The City Manager noted that Moncton is ahead of other municipalities, adding that the City provides grants to such groups. Regular dialogue is held with the organizations. Ms. Cyr added that Big Brothers and Sisters organize activities in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Cyr and Big Brothers and Sisters for their continued efforts to improve the quality of life for youth in this area.

6.2 ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS

6.2.1 Heritage Conservation Board – Launch of Heritage Week 2022 & Heritage Plaques presentation

Jean Pierre Charron presented the Launch of Heritage Week 2022. He noted that full program information is available on the website. He reviewed the itinerary highlighting a series of events, including:

- October 5 – Culture and Heritage Scavenger Hunt
- October 6 and 7th – Heritage Awareness Ceremony – In person event – 6 awards to be presented
- Unveiling of new cultural marker for Jordin Bonet mural (720-730 Main Street) –City Hall
- Doors Open Event – October 8 - Eight properties are being featured.

Mr. Charron and the Mayor presented commemorative plaques recognizing two properties designated as heritage buildings, specifically:

- 10 Austin Street – 20th century Colonial Arts and Crafts residence - Peter Koricki, property owner, was not present to accept the plaque
- Higgins Block – Mario Caissie, property owner, received a plaque and had his photo taken with Jean Pierre Charron and the Mayor

Councillor Thériault thanked the Heritage Preservation Board and Joe Tippett for all his work in preserving heritage buildings in Moncton.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Caissie and his team for his work on the Higgins Block.

6.2.2 Update – RCMP – Superintendent Benoit Jollette, interim Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Codiac Regional RCMP

Benoit Jollette did not present given laryngitis and agreed to provide an update at the next meeting.

6.2.3 Presentation – CRPA Budget – Don Moore, Chair

Mr. Moore presented the CRPA Budget and strategic plan adding that a presentation will be made to Riverview and Dieppe in the coming weeks. The presentation covered the following:

Strategic Plan

- Priorities established under the Police Act and MOU with the three municipalities
 - Develop priorities of policing in community in conjunction with talking to the community and agencies

Detailed budget as it relates to policing priorities

- Feedback from numerous community meetings indicates a desire for greater presence of police officers to address traffic violations, crime and drugs
- Attended four community meetings on crime and noted feedback
- 25 new police officers are recommended
 - 10 dedicated to community policing
 - 10 dedicated to traffic unit
 - 5 to property and crime drug
 - 14 additional civilian personnel in courts, communications, etc.

3 Options:

- **Option 1** - achieve the above goal in one year – cost \$12M
- **Option 2** - spread over three years
- **Option 3** – spread out over five years – not recommended

Nagesh Jammula presented the CRPA budget based on 5 years. He projected a base increase of 10% at \$3.8M due to inflation. The total budget for the CRPA is \$43M. If no action is taken on the additional officers, a base 10% increase equating to \$3.8 would still apply.

Council deliberated on the presentation with particular focus around the suggestion for 25 additional officers, the associated cost of \$12M and whether this was the most effective means of managing resources. Several questions and points were raised:

- 1) Referenced recent article indicating that Moncton ranks third in Canada in terms of crime per capita –The question was raised as to what actions are being taken to address this concern.
- 2) Requested further information along with scientific and empirical data supporting the addition of 25 officers, including: what future policing should look like in Greater Moncton, key performance indicators, improvements expected as a result of the additional officers and what benchmarks and measurables are in place.
- 3) Adding officers should have accompanying rational of return on investment.
- 4) Stressed the need to inform the public of the costs associated with policing, specifically paying the J division \$45M over 5 years. The cost of \$12M, with the City paying 70%, represents an 8-cent tax increase.

Mr. Moore noted a 30-page report was provided based on the community feedback. 21 key performance indicators are in place to measure the results of the actions taken in the community for policing. The intent is to hire two additional analysts who will look at measurables moving forward. The CRPA, in accordance with Provincial legislation, sets the priorities of policing which is provided to the RCMP and as long as they do not conflict within RCMP services, they will generally deliver the additional service if the budget permits. Mr. Moore believed that with increased services, a significant stride could be made towards a safer community after one year of implementation. The \$400,000 is specifically for officers, who, when dispatched to a call relating safety and security issues, would have immediate access to refer clients to the proper resources, after safety concerns have been addressed.

Councillors Bougeois and Theriault indicated they would await the results of police study prior to making a decision on the recommendations submitted by the CRPA.

The Mayor thanked the CRPA and the entire team for obtaining input from the citizens. She noted that the policing study is an important component of gathering data to guide the City forward.

7.

PLANNING MATTERS

8.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Richard – thanked crews, firefighters, Codiac RCMP and City crews who and worked during Hurricane Fiona and NB Power to ensure that safety and power was restored to customers in a timely fashion. He thanked the citizens for their patience and cooperation.

Councillor Butler – noted that a meeting was held with Environment NB, MLAs, City Manager, and Elaine Aucoin regarding the smell in the north end. A subsequent meeting is scheduled for October 26th and once a location is established, citizens of the north end will be advised. He advised that the ward councillors and City Council will continue to work to resolve this issue before next summer.

Councillor Bourgeois – recalled a presentation by the Humanity Project last fall with a request to support their project between Moncton and Salisbury to assist those suffering from addictions. He inquired on the status of the analysis that administration had agreed to prepare in the new year. He requested a list of questions posed to Mr. Burrell and his responses. The City Manager noted the team had asked Mr. Burrell to provide further information which they are currently awaiting. It is considered a regional project and may be better addressed through the Regional Service Commission. He agreed to provide the summary of the questions raised with the Humanity Project to Councillor Bourgeois.

Mayor Arnold reported Building permits are up to \$309M almost \$100 M increase from last year

- Attended various immigration summits – welcoming 43% of the immigrants to the province
- Assessment report is a good indicator of the growth in the community
- Celebration of the announcement of the new Claudette Bradshaw School which will welcome 600 students – the event was attended by her husband Doug and sons

The Mayor left the meeting temporarily.

9.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

9.1 Recommendation(s) – Private Session – September 12, 2022

The Mayor left the meeting temporarily and Deputy Mayor Butler assumed the Chair.

City Council received a presentation from René Lagacé clarifying the City's role in relation to drainage issues on private property. The property line separating the city and private properties is located behind the curb. Issues occurring on private property are the responsibility of the private property owner and the cost of the work on the City right-of-way is borne by the City. The presentation outlined the process which is consistent with best practices in other communities, i.e. Riverview, Dieppe, Saint John and Fredericton.

The Mayor returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair.

Motion : That City Council adopt the Drainage Issues on Private Property Policy for the City of Moncton.

Moved by Councillor Leger

Seconded by Councillor Richard

In reply to Councillor Bourgeois regarding a situation on Salisbury Road with properties flooding due to work by CN We would inform the property owner brought from the right of way.

Mayor returned to the meeting.

Councillor Bourgeois inquired on the issues with CN on the Salisbury Road where residents are experiencing surface water with poor drainage. Mr. Lagacé noted that CN is managing the situation with the property owners with the City's role is to provide information. In the case of a neighbour flooding a neighbouring property, Mr. Lagacé noted this becomes a civil matter between the two property owners and the City's only involvement would be to provide information a drainage plan, if one existed.

MOTION CARRIED. *Councillors Crossman and Theriault registered nay votes.*

9.2 Recommendation(s) – Committee of the Whole – September 26, 2022

Motion: That Moncton City Council adopt the Workplace Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy for the City of Moncton and receive a Progress Report on the Action Plan on a periodic basis.

Moved by Councillor Butler

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

City Council received a PowerPoint presentation from Laurann Hanson concerning the proposed Workplace Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy. She acknowledged the work of the internal team. The policy takes into consideration the changing demographics in the community. The City is committed to maintaining a workforce and creating an inclusive and equitable workplace, by focusing on:

- Awareness and Education
- Employment and Recruitment
- Systemic and Structural Equity

Employment and recruitment objectives will be reflective of the community. The working team will be embarking upon a survey of employees. This initiative is being done in partnership with Saint John and Fredericton. She added that this was a collaborative effort with Dr. Manju Varma and expected a report from her this fall regarding improvements.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: That Moncton City Council direct Administration to implement the proposed Sidewalk Clearing Plan for the 2022-2023 season.

Moved by Councillor Butler

Seconded by Councillor Richard

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: That Council approve the updated Branch Service Laterals Policy and that the following proposed flat rate fees to be brought forward as part of the regular budget deliberation process through the Fees and Charges By-Law:

- \$5,000.00 for the first lateral
- \$1,500.00 for the second lateral
- \$1,500.00 for the third lateral

Moved by Councillor Kingston

Seconded by Councillor Butler

In reply to Councillor Crossman regarding the significant increase in fees, Mr. Lagacé noted that homes not connected to City services, with water and sewer lines running by their property, would pay a flat rate. In the case of Shediac Road, services currently exist. If an existing street does not have services, the City installs new laterals in such cases. If residents on private systems decide to connect to existing services, they would pay a private contractor to connect.

MOTION CARRIED

10.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

10.1 Request for Proposal #RFP22-051 – Architectural and Engineering Services (Operations Centre Expansion – Phases 1 and 2)

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve Administration’s recommendation to award Request for Proposal #RFP21-051 – Architectural and Engineering Services (Operations Centre Expansion – Phases 1 and 2), to the highest-scoring Proponent, being Stantec Inc., in association with RDHA Architects Inc at a rate of 9.79% of the “construction value” as defined in the Request for Proposal document, with H.S.T. @ 15%, disbursements and out-of-pocket expenses to be considered as “extra”, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a professional services agreement between the City and the successful Proponent, and to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

That a Contingency Allowance in the amount of \$50,000.00, plus H.S.T. @ 15%, be established for this professional engagement to address any unforeseen / unknown project requirements which may result in additional architectural, engineering, or specialized technical services being required in order to complete the project.

Moved by Councillor Butler

Seconded by Councillor Leger

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 Tender TCS22-077 – Snow Clearing – Avenir Centre Parking Lot, Plaza, Walkways and Exit Doors

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve Administration’s recommendation to award Tender #TCS22-077 – Snow Clearing – Avenir Centre Parking Lot, Plaza, Walkways and Exit Doors to the

lowest Bidder meeting the Terms and Conditions and General Specifications set out in the Tender, being Signature Landscape Ltd., for the Total Tendered Price of \$82,975.81, including H.S.T. @ 15% for a twelve (12) month period, with options to extend the agreement up to a maximum of four (4) additional twelve (12) month periods, if it is in the City's best interests to do so.

Moved by Councillor Leger

Seconded by Councillor Kingston

MOTION CARRIED

11.

READING OF BY-LAWS

12.

NOTICES MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

13.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

14.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion : That the meeting adjourn.

Moved by Councillor Leger

MOTION CARRIED

/6:42 p.m.