

Council Chambers
Moncton City Hall
Moncton, N.B.
April 3, 2023
4 :00 p.m.

M I N U T E S - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

MEMBERS OF MONCTON CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Dawn Arnold	
Councillor Marty Kingston (Webex)	Councillor Monique LeBlanc
Councillor Paulette Thériault	Councillor Shawn Crossman
Councillor Charles Leger	Councillor Daniel Bourgeois (Webex)
Deputy Mayor Bryan Butler	Councillor Dave Steeves
Councillor Susan Edgett	Councillor Paul Richard

ALSO PRESENT

Nick Robichaud, General Manager, Legal and Legislative Services
Karyann Ostroski, Deputy City Clerk
Jacques Doucet, Chief Financial Officer and General Manager, Finance Services
Elaine Aucoin, General Manager, Sustainable Growth and Development Services
Alexandre Binette, General Manager, Operations Services
Laurann Hanson, General Manager, Corporate Services
Gregg Houser, Deputy Treasurer, Controller
Jocelyn Cohoon, Director, Recreation
Conrad Landry, Fire Chief and Director, Community Safety
Bill Budd, Director, Planning and Development
Benoit Jollette, Superintendent, Codiac RCMP
Isabelle LeBlanc, Director, Corporate Communications
Joanne LaMarche, Community Development Officer, Active Living
Monica Tucker, Community Development Officer, CSD

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: That the Agenda for the Public Meeting of April 3, 2023, be adopted as circulated with the addition of a notice of Motion from Councillor Crossman regarding a Downtown Centre-Ville Inc. Business Improvement Area - Cleaning Program Pilot Project and presentation from Dr. Alain Girouard regarding Covid-19 Vaccines and presentation by Robert McKay concerning policing.

*Moved by Councillor Richard
Seconded by Councillor Leger*

MOTION CARRIED

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

None declared.

4.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Minutes of the Regular Public Council Meeting of January 16, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

*Moved by Councillor Richard
Seconded by Councillor Edgett*

MOTION CARRIED

5.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items

6.

PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS

6.1 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None registered

6.2 Other Presentations

6.2.1 – Policing – Robert McKay

Robert McKay appeared before Council regarding the Mass Casualty Commission Report, released last week. He felt this was an important reminder for all of Canada, adding that it should be noted on the municipal records. He encouraged all citizens and stakeholders (including CRPA, RCMP, Municipal council and citizens), to become more engaged and united in their stance to address social issues.

In reply to Mr. McKay's question as to an estimated time of arrival for the policing study, Mr. Robichaud replied that it was expected this summer.

6.2.2 - Covid Restrictions and Injections

Dr. Allain Girouard gave a verbal presentation concerning misinformation regarding Covid-19 vaccines. He noted that further information is emerging and urged citizens to educate themselves on the Covid vaccines given potential health risks.

6.2 ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS

6.2.1 Update – RCMP – Superintendent (Supt.) Benoit Jollette, Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the Codiac Regional RCMP

City Council received an update from Officer-in-Charge Jollette regarding the mass casualty commission report which will have resounding effects for policing in Canada. The Codiac RCMP will be reviewing the recommendations coming forward.

Officer Jollette provided the following highlights subsequent to the last Council meeting:

Community Policing – 150th anniversary of RCMP - Will be challenging local schools in the area for an art project mosaic – Edith Cavell (EC) School has been selected to participate this year. On March 23, ten (10) members of the RCMP and Inspector Farrah met with Grade 5 students at Edith Cavell. The group presented a mural and were served pizza and 150th anniversary swag. Many students shared their personal stories.

Partnerships – The RCMP continues to work with partners to prepare for outdoor encampments this summer. Meetings have been held with By-Law Enforcement and efforts are being made to ensure patrols are ready and visible. The RCMP have participated in meetings with DMCI and other partners to organize resources and work towards specific solutions.

CPTED Requests – Three have been received from businesses.

Crime Reduction Unit –Targets individuals causing the most harm to residents –

- March 31st - arrested suspect on property crime spree targeting 30 locations, primarily, shoplifting in stores in the area. The leader of the operation has been arrested and incarcerated.

General Investigation Section – Continues to work on the most complex and time-consuming files, some of which include:

- Three-day trial regarding 40 year-old man in sexual assault - individual in custody and awaiting sentencing on April 21st.
- Stabbing incident – female in custody and will be appearing in Court.

Patrol Section – All four patrol teams are now deployed and gaining momentum. Urged citizens to drive more safely as the RCMP will be throughout the community.

In reply to Councillor Bourgeois regarding the development of a plan for the 5 new police officers provided in this year’s budget, Officer-in-Charge Jollette reiterated his statement at the last public meeting that they would be deployed to the Special investigation unit and drug enforcement to address complex crimes and community policing.

In response to Councillor Bourgeois regarding measurable outcomes relating to the progress made, Officer-in-Charge Jollette noted the intent is to have concrete results. He added that the original request was for 25 officers with only five provided, therefore, the expected results may not be attained to the degree originally planned. The complement increased from 147 – 152 officers. 147 is required on the ground which has increased to 152.

In reply to Councillor Bourgeois regarding the percentage of major crime related to homelessness, Officer-in-Charge Jollette noted the status of the individuals is not tracked. He mentioned, however, that organized crime is involved in many thefts. Analysts indicate that 10-20% of service calls are related to problems in society. Councillor Bourgeois noted that many citizens feel the unhoused are responsible for much of the crime and stressed the need to convey the message regarding the involvement of organized crime.

Councillor Butler referenced CPRA stats from October 16th – February 11, 2023, noting that the crime rate in general was very high. He inquired if a process was in place for self-generated files to determine whether patrols are proactive or reactive. Officer-in-Charge Jollette noted that KPI indicators will be part of the plan. In terms of individuals with warrants from other provinces, he confirmed this occurred fairly frequently. Depending on the nature of the crime, arrangements are made to pick them up and inform the agency.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

8. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Butler:

- Wished to assure citizens in the north end that the City is working to rectify the odor issue, especially in the Jonathan Park area. If no action is taken, he will be presenting a motion to Council.
- Requested that the Finance Department schedule a meeting to discuss different levels of taxation for the city especially with the Councillors of Ward III.

9. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

None to present

10. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

10.1 Recreation Master Plan

City Council received a presentation from Jim Scott, consultant, Trace Planning & Design, regarding Phase II of the Recreation Master Plan which largely focused on facilities. The presentation provided benchmarks and programming, taking into consideration population and cultural changes, recreational and activity changes as well as emerging trends within cities. The information is used to determine the types of facilities required, reflecting the values and needs of the citizens. Extensive community consultation was held with the results of the feedback and discussions reflected in the document along with current and emerging demographic and cultural trends. The presentation was submitted in three parts:

- 1) Background regarding the establishment of benchmarks and facility models
- 2) population and cultural evolution feeding into the model
- 3) implementation

The intent of the plan is to act as a guide with benchmarks at the community and regional level for providing amenities to the tri-community, however, it mainly focuses on Moncton. It is recognized, however, that some facilities serve all three levels. Five key components were taken into consideration: Active living, inclusion and access, connecting people to nature, supportive environments and recreation capacity.

The areas have been divided into districts. The model analyses the population and the types of services required to ensure the needs of the population are met, operating within the tax base for each area of the City. The goal is to create inclusive and accessible facilities that serve a broad population. Four statements emanated from the Vision.

- 1) Pull families together
- 2) want them to be accessible and inclusive
- 3) be intergenerational
- 4) be community focused

It will serve as a guide for City Council and administration in future, when making decisions with respect to the sustainability and future development of recreational programs and facilities for the citizens of Moncton. Sixty-four (64) tasks have been listed as guidance for administration. A review of the facilities in Moncton shows a requirement for another ice surface.

Motion: That Moncton City Council adopt the Recreation Master Plan – Phase 2 Facilities and Programs as presented.

*Moved by Councillor Thériault
Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc*

Discussion ensued with the following points noted:

- The map should be updated to reflect the municipal reform boundaries.
- The suggestion was made that going forward, the plan be considered in terms of wards. Mr. Scott cautioned that in reviewing the wards, the demographic profile might not be captured nor as inclusive as possible.
- In reply to Councillor Bourgeois regarding fair and equitable distribution of facilities in the City, in particular for the Salisbury Road area residents who do not have such services, Mr. Scott replied that the focus of the Recreational Master Plan II is where to place facilities and works in conjunction with Plan I which includes Salisbury Road as well as nature park distribution in those areas.

Councillor Butler cited a number of issues:

- The map needs to be updated to reflect the change in boundaries
- He noted the importance to have community participation and accessibility
- Consideration should be given to a piece of land which would provide multiple facilities i.e. one stop location such as the facility in Woodstock
- The plan does not take into consideration the growth factor and where facilities should be placed.
- The catchments should be modified to determine where the City should be considering facilities.

Mr. Scott explained that the plan does not recommend the location of actual facilities, but rather suggests areas that should be reviewed in terms of facilities needed given population growth in that area. The implementation plan considers numeric benchmarks in order to support the facility. The inclusive nature of facilities was addressed carefully in the report. The report does not specify whether to build on city-owned land; rather it recommends moving forward and evaluating various components through a feasibility study to determine the best location based on accessibility, trails, transportation networks, inclusivity, population etc.

Considerable discussion ensued with other points noted:

- Councillor LeBlanc noted the need for more tennis facilities as well as ensuring that facilities are gender friendly.
- Councillor Thériault suggested greater collaboration with Université de Moncton
- Councillor Crossman noted challenged areas in Ward I, i.e. Drummond Street. He suggested partnering with developers to develop these establishments, i.e. arenas, indoor and outdoor pools. Mr. Scott responded that discussion is held with private developers/partners and existing academic/activity facilities. Jocelyn Cohoon noted that the feasibility study for outdoor pools is currently underway and address aquatic needs in the City.
- Councillor Crossman requested consideration to the East End Boys Club including the demographic and clients.
- Councillor Richard noted the importance of the affordability factor to ensure accessibility for all citizens to facilities with Ms. Cohoon advising of such programs as MyRap.
- In terms of the U de M Stade Moncton track, Councillor Richard suggested better communication with the public to advise of the times as to when the facility can be used.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Scott. She advised that she visited four schools with grade 4 children and noted that schools such as the Beaverbrook School have no opportunity to play on teams nor do they have access to facilities. She noted 5,000 residents from India in Moncton who do not have a center large enough to accommodate their celebrations.

Councillor Bourgeois noted the need to ensure that each community has a recreational facility. and put forward the following motion.

Motion: That in future that the City will provide at least one indoor facility in each recreation community to ensure adequate indoor facilities for all Monctonians.

Moved by Councillor Bourgeois

Seconded by Councillor Leger

Councillor Crossman requested that the plan reflect the boundary changes implemented by the Province which Administration agreed to incorporate.

Voting in favor were Councillors Crossman, Leger, Bourgeois

AMENDMENT DEFEATED

Voting on original motion - *Voting against: Councillors Butler, Steeves and Bourgeois*

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 Quotation QP23-018 – Supply and Delivery of Paper Towels and Bathroom Tissue

Motion : That Moncton City Council approve Administration's recommendation to award Quotation #QP23-018 – Supply & Delivery of Paper Towels and Bathroom Tissue to the lowest Bidder meeting Specifications, being Capital Paper, for a twelve (12) month period, with options to renew the agreement for up to four (4) additional twelve (12) month periods, in accordance with the Unit Bid Prices submitted by the successful Bidder in response to Quotation #QP23-018.

Moved by Councillor Butler

Seconded by Councillor Richard

In reply to Councillor Leger regarding the necessity of presenting ongoing required items to Council for approval, Mr. Doucet noted that the process is currently under review and that Administration will be presenting a recommendation to Council in sometime this year.

MOTION CARRIED

10.3 Quotation QP23-022 – Laboratory and Field-Testing Services

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve Administration's recommendation to award Quotation #QP23-022 – Laboratory and Field Testing Services to the lowest Bidder meeting the Specifications of the Quotation, being Englobe Corp., at the unit bid prices specified in the firm's Quotation submission, which represents a Total Estimated Annual Contract Value of \$342,902.69, including H.S.T. @ 15%.

*Moved by Councillor Richard
Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc*

MOTION CARRIED

11.

READING OF BY-LAWS

12.

NOTICES MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

12.1 Municipal Capital Borrowing Board application

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve the resolution for the Application to the New Brunswick Municipal Capital Borrowing Board for the remaining total authority of \$4,859,000 to support the recently announced Downtown Public Infrastructure project and funding.

*Moved by Councillor Leger
Seconded by Councillor Edgett*

MOTION CARRIED

12.2 Notice of Motion - Downtown Centre-Ville Inc. Business Improvement Area - Cleaning Program Pilot Project

WHEREAS during the December 2022 World Junior Hockey Tournament held in Moncton, the Business Improvement Area cleaning program ran by Downtown Moncton Centre-Ville Inc. was extremely successful in removing the garbage, used drug material, graffiti, stolen abandoned shopping carts, cleaning of the downtown parking garage, sidewalk cleaning of Main Street, St-George Street and side streets, and worked with many businesses for larger clean ups;

WHEREAS residents and business owners in Moncton's Business Improvement Area have express concerns about ongoing garbage, used drug material, graffiti, stolen abandoned shopping carts; and unkept areas;

WHEREAS the Business Improvement Area is the beating heart of our City and our mission is to work together to enhance the quality of life for all residents, businesses and visitors and a safe and clean environment is an objective that the City of Moncton must strive to provide

WHEREAS Downtown Moncton Centre-Ville Inc. is prepared to run a Business Improvement Area Cleaning program pilot project starting May 1st to October 31st 2023, 7 AM - 7 PM coverage, 7 days a week, four to five staff with Supervisors every day, to clean the Business Improvement Area of garbage, used drug material, graffiti, stolen abandoned shopping carts, clean the downtown parking garage, sidewalk cleaning of Main Street, St-George Street and side streets, and work with many businesses for larger clean ups.

WHEREAS Downtown Moncton Centre-Ville Inc. will report back to Moncton City Council in time

for 2024 City of Moncton Budget deliberations, with data showing the benefits and disadvantages associated to this Business Improvement Area Cleaning program pilot project for future considerations;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Moncton City Council approve funding of \$180,000 to be withdrawn from City of Moncton general reserve account for a Downtown Moncton Centre-Ville Inc. Business Improvement Area Cleaning Program pilot project, starting May 1st to October 31st, 2023.

*Moved by Councillor Shawn Crossman
Seconded by Councillor Paul Richard*

This item will be presented at the Public Meeting on April 17th, 2023.

13.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Motion: That the following appointments be approved:

Accessibility Committee

- Alain Desir (Neil Squire Foundation) - 1 year
- Melika Belliveau (Ability NB) - 1 year
- Debbie Jeffrey (re-appointment) - 1 year
- Sébastien LeBlanc (re-appointment) - 2 years
- Connie Melanson-Savoy (re-appointment) - 2 years
- Julie Mourneault (re-appointment) - 2 years
- Valda Pike (re-appointment) - 2 years

*Moved by Councillor Edgett
Seconded by Councillor Steeves*

MOTION CARRIED

14.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the Public Council meeting of this date adjourn.

Moved by Councillor Richard

MOTION CARRIED

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Mayor Dawn Arnold, in the Chair

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Karyann Ostroski, Deputy City Clerk

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The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.