

Council Chambers
City Hall
Moncton, N.B.
June 5, 2023
4 p.m.

MINUTES – REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Bryan Butler
Councillor Monique LeBlanc
Councillor Marty Kingston
Councillor Paulette Thériault
Councillor Shawn Crossman

Councillor Charles Leger
Councillor Daniel Bourgeois
Councillor Dave Steeves
Councillor Susan Edgett
Councillor Paul Richard

ABSENT

N. Robichaud, Acting City Manager

ALSO PRESENT

S. Morton, City Clerk, Director of Legislative Support
L. Hanson, Interim City Manager & General Manager of Corporate Services
E. Aucoin, General Manager, Sustainable Growth and Development Services
A. Binette, General Manager, Operations Services
J. Cohoon, Director of Recreation & Acting General Manager Community Services
C. Savoie, Acting General Manager, Protective Services
I. LeBlanc, Director, Corporate Communications
A. Richard, Director of Facilities
B. Jollette, Superintendent, Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the Codiac Regional RCMP
T. Carter, Purchasing Manager
D. Morehouse, Director of Public Works
M. Tucker, Community Development Officer – Community Recreation
B. Budd, Director of Planning and Building Services
J. Adams, Urban Planner
D. Geldart, Urban Planner
K. Williamson, Solicitor
V. Merola, Community Development Officer – Social Inclusion

1.

CALL TO ORDER

2.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: That the agenda for the regular public Council meeting dated March 20, 2023, be approved with the following changes:

- The removal of item 10.12 Motion – Moncton Short Term Rental Fire Safety By-law – Councillor Charles Léger

Moved by: Councillor Richard

Seconded by: Councillor Edgett

MOTION CARRIED

3.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

None declared

4.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion: That the minutes for the regular public Council of October 17, 2022, February 21, 2023 and the Special Public Meeting of November 10, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Moved by: Councillor Léger

Seconded by: Councillor Kingston

MOTION CARRIED

5.
CONSENT AGENDA

6.
PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS

6.1 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

5 minutes

6.1.1 Presentation: NB Common Front for Social Justice in the Community – Robert McKay

Mr. McKay took the opportunity to inform the community of an upcoming event planned by the NB Common Front for Social Justice. Their goal is to raise awareness for the Common Front's work, obtain donations and demystify and destigmatize poverty, social assistance, employment standards, and people's living and lived experience.

The first event is set to occur on Saturday, July 1st from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Gazebo in the Assomption Place Courtyard. The alternate rain date is Saturday July 8th and their group hopes to have tables at future downtown Festivals/ Special Events

Additionally, their Annual General Meeting will be held on June 17, 2023 on ZOOM and anyone can attend and must register through Facebook.

6.1.2 Presentation: Moncton Cares Community Work Report to Council – Jack Stewart

Mr. Stewart provided a PowerPoint presentation to Council on their work in the community in providing newcomer integration and retention programs in Moncton.

Moncton Cares provide online pre-arrival sessions to newcomers each month to help them prepare for their arrival through virtual sessions, guest speakers, Q&A Session. They have welcomed over 1100 newcomers at the Greater Moncton Airport in the last year.

Mr. Stewart invited a few of their volunteers to speak on their experience with Moncton Cares and their group continues to receive applications for new volunteers.

Councillor Bourgeois requested clarification on the statistics related to the immigration retention rate, specifically if Moncton retains 64.3% of their total immigrant population versus the Canadian average of 70%.

Mr. Stewart will get back to Councillor Bourgeois on these statistics to clarify the information.

6.1.3 Presentation: MAGMA, Alison Frise, Managing Director

Ms. Frise, MAGMA Managing Director provided a PowerPoint presentation with information on the current status of asylum seekers within Greater Moncton and their current settlement-related needs.

At a glance, the current number of claims for asylum seekers stands at 101. Most families range from 2-6 members and the majority are Spanish speaking, followed by French and Persian. There is a great demand for access to English classes and childcare.

MAGMA

must prepare to welcome people in ways they haven't historically and despite their 40 years of settlement experience, situations such as the Ukrainian influx and increased asylum claimants have forced them to pivot and stretch their services further.

Their group looks forward to strategizing with municipalities and creating proactive plans for the future.

Other Presentation

2 minutes

6.2 ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS

15 minutes

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

Superintendent Jollette introduced Karissa Herkins, a first year Policing Foundations student at NBCC who is currently doing her practicum at the RCMP office.

Supt. Jollette continued by providing a few highlights of RCMP activities:

The RCMP is working on a recruiting strategy for NB residents interested in becoming officers are guaranteed they can return to New Brunswick. Historically, people have been hesitant to apply as there has been no guarantee they can come back home to their families.

Community Policing Unit

- On May 19 the RCMP were honoured to assist in welcoming Princess Anne to Moncton and participate in the activities surrounding the RCMP monuments on the Riverfront.
- Supt. Jolette also took a moment to remind the public on the upcoming “Three Fathers Memorial run” scheduled for June 18th.

Crime Reduction Unit

- On January 13 officers intercepted a vehicle in Moncton and performed a search of a residence and found various firearms and drugs. On May 17, the offender was sentenced and received a 3-year prison sentence for these charges.
- On May 31, Codiac RCMP along with the Provincial Crime Reduction Unit were working on a specific network of drug importers in Moncton. Members were called to a disruption in Salisbury which led to a search warrant in Dieppe and 3 people being arrested and 3 kilograms (approx. 100,000 drug portions) of various drugs seized.

General Investigations section and Major Crime Unit

- On May 19, a sexual assault offender from 2021 was sentenced to 8 years for sexual assault of children.
- On May 24, a dangerous offender was sentenced for attempted murder, currently awaiting a court date.
- Last week, members were called to a shooting incident and as a result arrested the three individuals in connection with the incident.

Patrols Section

- Further to a high volume of traffic complaints, the Provincial Tactical Traffic Enforcement team and the Codiac RCMP partnered on May 24 & 25 to perform a targeted enforcement initiative. Two hundred and fifty six (256) violations were issued (including by not limited to uninsured vehicles, unsafe vehicles, loud mufflers, and cell phone use)

Additionally, on April 28, 5 members of the Codiac RCMP were awarded with 20-year long service and good standing medal, 3 members received the St. John Ambulance life saving medal in connection with a victim of a gun shot wound last year. Another member was award with an accommodation for bravery for saving an elderly female from a burning building and 3 Codiac members received the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee medal for various activities they have done to advance policing in New Brunswick.

In response to a question from Deputy Mayor Crossman, Supt Jolette indicated that the RCMP was not contacted or invited to the Town Hall meeting held May 30 where discussion on safety and social issues occurred.

6.2.2 2023 Housing Needs Assessment Update – Vincent Merola and Dalton Wudrich

Mr. Merola introduced Mr. Dalton Wudrich, Senior Consultant of SHS Consulting, to provide highlights on the report on Housing Needs Assessment.

The purpose of Moncton’s 2023 Housing Needs Assessment is an update to Moncton’s previous Housing Needs Assessment completed in 2017. The report reflects the current housing conditions in the City of Moncton using the most up-to-date data and information available. The results of this study provide the City of Moncton with a better understanding of the current emerging housing market in preparation for anticipated changes in provincial legislation.

The goal of the study identifies the housing requirements in the City of Moncton based on current housing supply and demand and estimate future housing supply and demand, with a focus on housing gaps across the housing continuum.

Mr. Wudrich expanded on the key housing gaps:

Gap 1: The need to continue to diversify the housing stock, particularly to include more smaller dwelling types suitable for seniors aged 65+ years to age in appropriate homes as well as large sized dwellings to accommodate larger households to settle in Moncton.

Gap 2: The need to increase the stock of purpose-built rental housing in the primary rental market in Moncton.

Gap 3: There is a need to increase the supply of accessible and supportive housing options for households with a disability or mental health issues by collaborating with the Province of New Brunswick and local stakeholders.

The construction of new housing provides an opportunity to address Gap 1 by increasing the diversity of the housing stock by adding more smaller dwelling units, while at the same time growing the number of larger units.

The forecasted growth can also increase the total stock of purpose-built rental housing, responding to the needs identified in Gap 2 for more rental housing and more diversity in the rental housing stock in Moncton.

Addressing Gap 3, which identifies a need for more supply of accessible and supportive housing options for households with a disability or mental health issues will require collaboration between the City, Province, and local stakeholders.

Councillor Richard questioned when they will receive the final results of the survey. Mr. Merola advised corrected version of the of the report will be provided to council.

In response to Councillor Richard's question as to the number or percentage of the immigrant population that go unsheltered, Mr. and will follow up and provide the stats to Council.

6.2.3 **Social Inclusion Plan Working Group Progress Report** – Vincent Merola, Frances Leblanc and Amanda Hachey

Mr. Merola introduced the two co-chairs of the Social Inclusion Working Group: Frances LeBlanc and Amanda Hachey who will provide an update on progress made to develop the new Social Inclusion Plan and highlight themes and priorities identified thus far.

Ms. LeBlanc highlighted the groups key priority areas:

- Homelessness, housing, and affordability
- Diversity and inclusion
- Accessibility

Over the past several months, the working group has completed a needs assessment and conducted nine one-on-one interviews with partner organizations and individuals with lived experience. Additionally, the group has hosted community engagement sessions and three focus group discussions and will work with a consultant Helpseeker to further its engagement with stakeholders including youth, first nations, and newcomers

Members of the community want to see more opportunities to:

- Engage the community in decision-making.
- Coordinate services with community sector organizations.
- Build strong leadership and look at comprehensive long-term solutions.
- Break down silos.
- Improve the flow and sharing of information.

The plan is expected to be completed and provided to City Council for consideration by August 2023.

Once the 2023 - 2026 Social Inclusion Plan is finalized, the group is looking to host a public Social Inclusion Summit in the Fall of 2023 that would feature:

- A presentation of the plan for public consumption.
- Workshops and panel discussions on social inclusion.
- Tabling/kiosks that would feature profit and not-for-profit vendors and agencies to network and to inform the general community of the services they provide.
- Non-profit recognition.

7. **PLANNING MATTERS**

7.1 Introduction – Rezoning at 1383 Ryan Street – Bill Budd

Mr. Budd provided a PowerPoint presentation on an application received from Avant Garde Construction and Management Inc., on behalf of Alkarain Investment Corporation, landowner, to rezone 1383 Ryan Street (PID 70183173) from R2 (Two-Unit Dwelling) to R3 (Multiple-Unit Dwelling).

The purpose of the rezoning application is to accommodate a four-storey, 52-unit apartment building. The applicant is proposing to purchase the subject property to construct a four-storey, 52-unit apartment building.

Councillor Thériault left the meeting

Motion: that Moncton City Council proceed with proposed Zoning By-law amendment Z-222.14 by:

1. Giving 1st reading of the by-law.
2. Referring the by-law to the Planning Advisory Committee for its written views and approval of the conditional use; and
3. Setting a Public Hearing for July 17, 2023, at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

1. That the property owner pays in full the development charge amount owing for the Jonathan Creek Trunk Sewer Charge Area (ECAO1) prior to the issuance of a building and/or development permit. The charge area amount shall be calculated at the time of building permit application;
2. That the applicant shall provide unit numbers for the main building prior to the issuance of a building and/or development permit;
3. 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;
4. That notwithstanding Section 55(d) of the Zoning By-law, the landscaping buffer in the rear yard of the main building be reduced from 4 m to 2.1 m as per the plans attached in Schedule B;
5. 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
6. The development shall be carried out in substantial conformance with the plans and drawings submitted as Schedule B.

Moved by: Councillor Butler

Seconded by: Councillor Steeves

MOTION CARRIED

7.2 Introduction – Rezoning at 38 Killam Drive

Mr. Budd provided a PowerPoint presentation on an application received from Maximin Nwogu, landowner, to rezone 38 Killam Drive (PID 00727263) from R2 (Two-Unit Dwelling) to R2U (Urban Dwelling Zone).

The purpose of the rezoning application is to accommodate a three-unit residential dwelling within the existing building currently located on the property. The applicant will be converting the basement of the existing two-unit dwelling to an additional, third unit.

Motion: that Moncton City Council proceed with proposed Zoning By-law amendment Z-222.15 by:

1. Giving 1st reading of the By-Law;
2. Referring the by-law to the Planning Advisory Committee for its written views; and
3. Setting a Public Hearing for 4:00 PM, July 17, 2023, in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

1. 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;
2. 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
3. The development shall be carried out in substantial conformance with the plans and drawings submitted as Schedule B.

Moved by: Councillor Léger

Seconded by: Councillor Kingston

MOTION CARRIED

8. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

9. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

10. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

10.1 All Wheels Park – YMCA North End Update – Jocelyn Cohoon & Monica Tucker

Ms. Cohoon provided a backgrounder on the request. Administration is seeking City Council's approval for additional funding in the amount of \$50,000 for development of the All Wheels Park YMCA (Moncton North location) to ensure sufficient lighting and security cameras are in place

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve the addition of \$50,000 for the All Wheels park project at the YMCA North location for the provision of additional lighting and security cameras on the site, and that the required funds be allocated from the existing capital budget for Youth Amenities.

Moved by: Councillor Butler
Seconded by: Councillor Steeves

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Thériault returned to the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

10.2 **Award of Tender TCS23-044** – Utility Cuts

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve Administration's recommendation to award Tender #TCS23-044 – Utility Cuts to the lowest Bidder meeting the Terms and Conditions and Specifications set out in the Tender, being Birch Hill Construction Ltd., for the Total Estimated Bid Price of \$338,042.50, including H.S.T. @ 15%.

Moved by: Councillor Richard
Seconded by: Councillor Butler

MOTION CARRIED

10.3 **Award of Tender TCS23-045** – Concrete – Asphalt Pavement Crack Sealing

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve Administration's recommendation to award Tender #TCS23-045 – Concrete-Asphalt Pavement Crack Sealing to the lowest Bidder meeting the Terms and Conditions and Specifications set out in the Tender, being AVL Construction Group Inc., for the Total Estimated Bid Price of \$195,787.50, including H.S.T. @ 15%.

Moved by: Councillor LeBlanc
Seconded by: Councillor Kingston

MOTION CARRIED

10.4 **Award of Tender TCS23-024** – Centennial Park – Monument Refurbishments

Motion: That Moncton City Council not award this tender at this time as it came in over budget by 42%, and direct staff to add the appropriate additional funding required in the 2024 Capital Budget and to re-tender the project in 2024 having the appropriate authority in place.

Moved by: Councillor Léger
Seconded by: Councillor LeBlanc

MOTION CARRIED

10.5 **Award of Request for Proposal RFP23-006** – Planning Services – Vision Lands

Mr. Josh Adams provided a PowerPoint presentation with details on the Request for Proposal. This RFP was issued to solicit proposals from experienced Consultants to assist with the development of the Vision Lands West Master Plan, complete a review and update to the Vision Lands Secondary Municipal Plan, and the creation of a new Regional Park.

Additionally, Mr. Adams provided the following highlights:

- Master Plan is to be developed using 'Complete Communities' framework
- Form-Based Codes are to be explored for implementation
- Innovative engagement sessions are to be conducted using Community Participatory Design
- Wetland Delineation of site will be used to inform Master Plan and inform long-term protection of sensitive natural assets.
- The projected project schedule of 16 months (completion by Q4, 2024)

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve Administration's recommendation to award Request for Proposal #RFP23-006 – Planning Services – Vision Lands to the highest-scoring Proponent, being Fathom Studio, for the Total Bid Price of \$366,068.00, including H.S.T. @ 15%.

Furthermore, it is recommended that a Professional Consulting Services Agreement between the City of Moncton and the successful Proponent be prepared by Legal and Legislative Services, and

that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign said agreement and to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Moved by: Councillor Edgett
Seconded by: Councillor Richard

MOTION CARRIED

10.6 **Award of Request for Proposal RFP23-007** – Employee and Family Assistance Program

Deputy Mayor Crossman left the meeting

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve the award of Request for Proposal #RFP23-007 – Employee and Family Assistance Program to the highest-scoring Proponent, being Inkblot Technologies, for a three (3) year period, 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; and

That 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.

Moved by: Councillor Butler
Seconded by: Councillor Kingston

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Crossman returned to the meeting

10.7 **Award of Quotation QP23-035** – Security Services (Centennial Park)

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve the award of Quotation #QP23-035 – Security Services (Centennial Park) to the lowest Bidder meeting all Terms and Conditions, Specifications, and Requirements, being EL Expert Investigation & Security Services Inc, for the 2023 operating season, at the Hourly Labour Rates provided by the Supplier, representing a Total Estimated Annual Contract Value of \$40,834.20, including H.S.T. @15%, with options to renew the agreement for up to four (4) additional operational seasons, if it is deemed to be in the City’s best interest to do so.

Moved by: Councillor Léger
Seconded by: Councillor Steeves

MOTION CARRIED

10.8 **Award of Request for Proposal RFP23-013** – Professional Engineering Services (Standing Offer Agreements) – Civil/Mechanical/Electrical

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve the award of Request for Proposal #RFP23-013 – Standing Offer Agreements for Professional Engineering Services – Bid Package B – Mechanical Engineering Services, to the highest-scoring Proponent, being Englobe Corp., for a Total Estimated Three (3) Year Contract Value of \$79,391.40, including H.S.T. @ 15%, 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; and

That Moncton City Council approve the award of Request for Proposal #RFP23-013 – Standing Offer Agreements for Professional Engineering Services – Bid Package C – Electrical Engineering Services, to the highest-scoring Proponent, being Englobe Corp., for a Total Estimated Three (3) Year Contract Value of \$468,294.95, including H.S.T. @ 15%, 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; and

That Moncton City Council approve the award of Request for Proposal #RFP23-013 – Standing Offer Agreements for Professional Engineering Services – Bid Package D – Civil Engineering Services, to the highest-scoring Proponent, being Englobe Corp., for a Total Estimated Three (3) Year Contract Value of \$552,012.65, including H.S.T. @ 15%, 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 Léger
Seconded by: Councillor Kingston

MOTION CARRIED

10.9 **Award of Contract No. W23D 05HJ** – Street Microsurfacing

Councillor Butler left the meeting

Motion: That City Contract No. W23D 05HJ, Street Microsurfacing, be awarded to Industrial Cold Milling, a division of Miller Paving Limited in the amount of \$517,627.65 including HST

(\$469,402.75 net HST), and that the budget for the project be set at \$530,000.00 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 thereto.

Moved by: Councillor Kingston
Seconded by: Councillor Edgett

MOTION CARRIED

10.10 **Award of Contract No. W23A 01AB** - Sewer Renewal No. 1
Councillor Butler returned to the meeting

Motion: That City Contract No. W23A 01AB, Sewer Renewal No. 1, be awarded to Modern Construction (1983) Ltd. in the amount of \$1,567,789.25 including HST (\$1,421,725.82 net HST), and that the budget for the project be set at \$1,615,000.00 including net HST, engineering, utility relocations 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 Léger
Seconded by: Councillor Edgett

MOTION CARRIED

10.11 **Award of Contract No. W23G 06FJ** – Sidewalk Extension

Motion: That City Contract No. W23G 06FJ, Sidewalk Extension, be awarded to Modern Construction (1983) Ltd. in the amount of \$516,005.00 including HST (\$467,931.28 net HST), and that the budget for the project be set at \$575,000 including net HST, engineering, utility relocations, the purchase of a rapid flashing beacon system for pedestrian crossings 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 Richard
Seconded by: Councillor Butler

MOTION CARRIED

10.12 Motion – Moncton Short Term Rental Fire Safety By-law – Councillor Charles Léger (postponed from May 1, 2023)

Item removed from the agenda.

11.

READING OF BY-LAWS

11.1 **A By-Law** in Amendment of the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law, being By-Law Z-222.14 – 1383 Ryan Street – **First Reading**

11.2 **A By-Law** in Amendment of the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law, being By-Law Z-222.15 – 38 Killam Drive – **First Reading**

12.

NOTICES MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

12.1 **Notice of Motion** – Equal Taxes for Equal Services – D. Bourgeois/B. Butler

Councillor Bourgeois read the following notice of motion into the record. It will be brought back to council on July 18, 2023.

Whereas some citizens of Moncton do not receive the same number of city services yet pay the same city property tax rate;

And whereas the January 1, 2023 annexation of some areas previously outside city limits has increased the number of citizens who do not pay the same city property tax rate;

It is resolved that the City determine the service gaps between the various areas of the city, notably sidewalks and lights, and prepare a plan seeking to eliminate all gaps by 2040.

Be it further resolved that the determination of service gaps be completed before December 31, 2023, and that the plan be deliberated by Council before June 30, 2024.

Moved by: Councillor Bourgeois
Seconded by: Councillor Butler

13.
APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

14.
ADJOURNMENT

Motion : That the meeting **be adjourned.**

Moved by: Councillor Richard

MOTION CARRIED

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Dawn Arnold
MAYOR

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Shelley M. Morton
CITY CLERK & DIRECTOR OF
LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

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