

Council Chambers
City Hall
Moncton, N.B.
June 19, 2023
4 p.m.

MINUTES – REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

N. Robichaud, Acting City Manager
S. Morton, City Clerk, Director of Legislative Support
E. Aucoin, General Manager, Sustainable Growth and Development Services
L. Hanson, General Manager of Corporate Services
A. Binette, General Manager, Operations Services
J. Doucet, General Manager, Finances, CFO
J. Cohoon, Director of Recreation & Acting General Manager Community Services
C. Savoie, Director of Policing Support Services and Acting General Manager, Protective Services
I. LeBlanc, Director, Corporate Communications
A. Richard, Director of Facilities
B. Jollette, Superintendent Benoit Jollette, Officer-In-Charge (OIC) of the Codiac RCMP
C. Landry, Fire Chief
B. Budd, Director of Planning and Development
R. Lagace, Director of Engineering
S. Anderson, Manager, Development Planning
N. Poirier, Executive Assistant, Mayor's office
S. Cormier, Director of Culture and Heritage
S. Auffrey, Heritage and Development Officer, Community Relations
S. Trenholm, Director of Special Projects
M. Tucker, Community Development Officer, Community Recreation

DELEGATES

Chantale Bellemare, Library Director
M'hamed Belkhodja, Vice-Chair of the Moncton Library Board
Jacquelyn Stephen, Trustee of the Moncton Library Board
Maurice Henri, Founder of Camera's for Healing
Sarah Short, representative of Elbowroom Properties
John Pepper, RPL Architects

1.

CALL TO ORDER

2.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: That the agenda for the regular public Council meeting dated June 19, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Moved by: Councillor Richard
Seconded by: Councillor Kingston

MOTION CARRIED

3.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

4.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Minutes of the Regular Public Council Meeting of April 3, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Councillor Léger

Seconded by Councillor Richard

MOTION CARRIED

5.

CONSENT AGENDA

6.

PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS

6.1 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

5 minutes

- 6.1.2 **Presentation:** Moncton Public Library Board Highlights of 2022-23 – M’hamed Belkhodja, Vice-Chair & Jacquelyn Stephen, Trustee

Mr. Belkhodja and Ms. Stephen provided a PowerPoint presentation providing a few highlights of the 2022-2023 fiscal year and programs available to the public. The group thanked Council for the ongoing support provided to the library.

- 6.1.1 **Presentation:** Cameras for Healing – Maurice Henri

Mr. Henri provided a verbal presentation with an update on the Cameras for Healing program and details on a new project aimed at supporting and helping women.

Additionally, Mr. Henri invited Lydia Barga, a former student of Cameras for Healing to speak on her experience with this program and how it has improved her life and the impact it has on all the children who participate.

- 6.1.3 **Presentation:** Striking a Balance: Furnished Rentals, Regulatory Reforms, and an Industry Perspective – Sarah Short, Elbowroom Properties

Ms. Short provided a verbal presentation to provide information on the short-term rental landscape, showcasing the unique practice and value of responsible rental managers.

Short term rentals accommodate a variety of housing needs. They offer affordable, compact, long- and short-term housing, and furnished rentals such as Airbnb. They house many people needing temporary housing such as nurses, people travelling for work, newcomers, and locals needing a place to stay while dealing with repairs to their home.

Ms. Short concluded by emphasizing the need for informed, balanced regulatory decision-making to foster growth and protect all stakeholders.

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

Supt. Benoit Jollette provided an update on RCMP activities:

Supt. Jollette started by thanking everyone who participated in and supported the Three Father’s Memorial Run.

Additionally, a few communities’ activity updates include Community Policing members participated in fundraiser for Big Brother’s Big Sisters and “Coffee with a Cop” a great opportunity for residents to have a coffee and chat with members of the police force and first responders.

Crime Reduction Unit

- Members worked on open air drug enforcement for 3 full days with foot patrols that led to dozens of people stopped, 3 drug seizures and 1 warrant of arrest was executed. Although no criminal charges were initiated, this was a good opportunity to educate and point people towards the services available.

Several ongoing drug investigations include:

- On June 6, members were called to a stabbing incident in the Elmwood area, A youth was arrested and will face various charges.
- On June 7, members responded to a robbery incident at Wilson’s gas station. The file was transferred to the GIS team and is considered an “inside job”. Two men were arrested on June 8 in connection with this incident.

- On June 12, officers responded to two robbery incidents, one at OMISTA Credit Union and the investigation is still ongoing. Another unrelated robbery occurred within 15 minutes of the first Alcohol New Brunswick Liquor on Mountain Road..
- On June 14, a youth appeared in Court in connection to a home robbery. During the robbery, the owner of the property intervened and was injured. Supt. Jollette reminded individuals to not put themselves at risk to stop these types of incidents and to call the RCMP immediately.
- On June 15, a dangerous offender guilty of a stabbing incident was taken to court and has been charged.
- On June 14 on Hennessy Road, officers responded to a report of a person in distress in a residence. The surrounding residences were evacuated and the male within the residence was taken into custody. This event occurred as a result of “swatting” which by definition is a harassment technique in the form of a prank call, usually perpetrated by members of the gaming community. Perpetrators will initiate an emergency law response against a victim under false pretenses. Investigation is ongoing to determine the responsible party, but, proves difficult as they use sophisticated technology to mask their IP address and voice.

Councillor Richard requested more detail on the discussions brought forward by residents during the *Coffee with a Cop* activity. Supt. Jollette was not present for the activity and will gather more information on discussions and follow-up.

Councillor Butler suggested that the City of Moncton and Codiac RCMP have a plan in place for future wreath laying ceremonies in Moncton honouring fallen officers in Moncton. The plan should include those officers listed on the memorial at Victoria Park. Supt. Jollette will keep this in consideration for future events.

Deputy Mayor Crossman requested that the CRPA Chair and council representative, provide an update on to the cost of renovation at 795 Main Street. It is his understanding that CRPA will spend 75% of the \$400,000 on renovations at the location that is intended to be used as an outreach / community policing centre.

6.2.2 **Presentation:** 2023 Youthfest Report – Youth Advisory Committee – Olivia Mabey (HTHS), Isabelle Moore (HTHS), Chloé Ward (Odyssee) and Sahar Bahramali Panah (Odyssee)

Members of the Youth Advisory Committee provided a PowerPoint presentation and presented the 2023 YouthFest Report.

One of the committee’s mandate during the school year is to organize the annual YouthFest for High School students. The Youth Advisory Committee hosted the 2023 YouthFest which was held at City Hall on May 16, 2023. Approximately 90 high school students from the five local high schools Bernice MacNaughton High School, École l’Odyssee, Harrison Trimble High School, Moncton High School and Moncton Christian Academy were in attendance.

Committee members also played an active role in the event by introducing and thanking speakers, acting as facilitators and scribes during the breakout sessions, participating in the mock council meeting and facilitating the Q&A session.

The day included following activities:

- Presentations regarding diversity, equity & inclusion as well as United Way’s YOU Turns program.
- Breakout sessions on homelessness and diversity, equity & inclusion.
- A mock town hall meeting chaired by the mock mayor that was elected by participants earlier in the day. The topic of the mock council meeting included the possibility of closing a portion of Main Street from Canada Day to Labor Day.
- A Q&A Session with elected officials answering questions submitted by students throughout the day.

Mayor Arnold acknowledged all members and staff who worked to make this event possible and thanked those that participated.

6.2.3 **Presentation:** Moncton Museum 50th Anniversary Celebration – Sophie Cormier

Ms. Cormier provided a PowerPoint presentation to Council highlighting the Museum’s 50th Anniversary.

June 28, 2023 marks the 50th year of operation of the Moncton Museum. The museum opened in 1973 in a brand-new City building boasting the old City Hall façade, the civic museum has since been a key cultural element of the city. To mark the anniversary, the Culture and Heritage department has obtained a Provincial grant of \$12,000 which will be used to support the special fall exhibition as well as other activities throughout the year.

The 50th Anniversary activities will include:

- Colouring Book drawing contest
- On June 28th – those who are exactly 50 years of age can attend the museum for free from June 28-30th.
- A Participatory Exhibition where the public can vote. 5 decades of acquisitions that include 5 displays of 5 artifacts.
- The Fall Anniversary Exhibition will be a tribute to the museum's 50th Anniversary and will include a dinosaur named Albert.
- The Heritage Week Celebration of the museum's 50th anniversary.

6.2.4 **Update:** Codiac Regional Police Facility Project – Sherry Trenholm, Director of Special Projects

Ms. Trenholm provided an update on the progress of the Codiac Regional Policing Facility. Ms. Trenholm provided a project overview including the location, construction schedule and design, the project's successes & challenges. Additionally, information was provided on the budget and cost sharing between the three municipalities.

As the project is very significant to the Greater Moncton area, Councillor Bourgeois requested that City Council receive another update in a year or budget time to ensure everything is on track.

7.

PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 **Introduction** – Rezoning at Harper Street & Main Street – Bill Budd, Director

Mr. Budd provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining an application received from Icon Developments Inc., landowner of this development, requesting to repeal Zoning By-law Z-213.47 and rezone the lands located at Harper Street, Harper Lane, and Main Street bearing PID 70628888 to CBD (Central Business District).

The proposal will accommodate the construction of a multi-storey, mixed-use development with commercial and retail on the ground floor, approximately 258 underground and interior parking stalls, and residential uses at grade and in the tower facing Main Street for a total of approximately 288 residential units.

The building will be between two and five storeys at the back and the residential tower facing Main Street is proposed to be up to 30 storeys in height.

Motion: That Moncton City Council proceed with the Zoning By-law amendment being By-law Z-222.16 and take the necessary steps to repeal the Conditional Rezoning Agreement between the City of Moncton and Harper Building Inc., dated January 16, 2018, registered in the Westmorland County Registry Office as official number 37750768 on January 25, 2018, and repeal the accompanying by-law, being By-law Z-213.47, and

1. That Council give 1st reading to Zoning By-law amendment By-law # Z-222.16;
2. That a public hearing be set for July 17, 2023; and
3. That By-law Z-222.16 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 Developer shall employ additional flood mitigation measures to reduce the risk and impact of flooding in the lower level of the parking structure. These flood mitigation measures are to be prepared by a certified Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Province of New Brunswick, and may include, at the request of the City Engineer or their designate and subject to their acceptance, studies or designs prepared and stamped by said Professional Engineer;
2. That prior to the issuance of a Building and Development permit the landowner shall enter into an agreement with the City regarding the underground parking to ensure proper performance of any terms and conditions required herein;
3. That any impacted soil and/or groundwater must be managed in accordance with New Brunswick's Department of Environment and Local Government's Guidelines for the Management of Contaminated sites. If remedial actions are required, the Remedial Action Plan must be approved by the DELG and a Closure Report submitted to and acknowledged by the DELG once remedial activities are completed;
4. That flexibility regarding the height of the building is permitted without having to amend this resolution of Council, provided the tower height does not go below six storeys;
5. That despite section 123(1) of Zoning By-law Z-222 the façade step-back is permitted to be reduced in some areas, as per plans;
6. That despite section 117(d) of Zoning By-law Z-222 the spans between jogs and recesses are permitted to be increased in some areas, as per plans;
7. That despite section 51 of Zoning By-law Z-222 an off-street loading space is not required on the site;

8. 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;
9. 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,
10. The development shall be carried out in substantial conformance with the plans and drawings submitted as Schedule B.

Moved by: Councillor Thériault
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Crossman

MOTION CARRIED

8.
STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

9.
REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

9.1 **Recommendation(s)** – Private Meeting – June 12, 2023

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve \$16,000 in funding to the Multicultural Agency of the Greater Moncton Area (MAGMA) to assist asylum seekers and that this unbudgeted request be funded from the Council Contingency Reserve fund.

Moved by: Councillor Léger
Seconded by: Councillor Thériault

MOTION CARRIED

10.
REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

10.2 **Motion** – Equal Taxes for Equal Services – D. Bourgeois/B. Butler

Mr. Doucet, CFO, introduced the item and provided a brief backgrounder on the topic. René Lagacé, Director Engineering, and Bill Budd, Director Planning and Development provided a PowerPoint presentation explaining the differences between urban and rural subdivisions and the infrastructure required for both.

Based on the items identified in this report, Administration does not recommend moving forward with this initiative at this time.

Administration feels that this initiative goes against core planning principles of how to build a city as well, it does not support the environmental pillar objectives as it would promote urban sprawl. It would also have a negative impact on achieving corporate objectives, as outlined in the City's Strategic Plan and would increase the City's infrastructure deficit in future years.

Should City Council choose to move forward with this analysis, it will require internal resources from the following departments: planning, engineering, finance, information systems and operations. The project would have an impact on the availability of resources dedicated to other corporate projects included in the city's strategic plan.

Councillor Bourgeois was open to amending the motion by removing the following wording: that staff prepare a plan seeking to eliminate all gaps by 2040 that the plan be deliberated by Council before June 30, 2024.

Motion: 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.

Be it further resolved that the determination of service gaps be completed before December 31, 2023.

Moved by: Councillor Bourgeois
Seconded by: Councillor Butler

MOTION CARRIED

Nay: Mayor Arnold

*Councillor Kingston
Councillor Edgett
Councillor Leblanc
Councillor Léger*

**11.
READING OF BY-LAWS**

- 11.1 **A By-Law** in Amendment of the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law, being By-Law Z-222.16 – Harper & Main Street – **First Reading**

The Clerk gave first reading to By-Law Z-222.16

**12.
NOTICES MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

- 12.1 **Notice of Motion** – First Nations/Indigenous Peoples traffic circle painting, Deputy Mayor Crossman

Whereas the City of Moncton wants to build positive relations with the First Nations / Indigenous community.

Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation report shows all levels of government must find ways to understand the challenges, problems faced by the indigenous peoples, and they be included in government conversations and actions.

Whereas the City of Moncton 2016-2026 Cultural Plan's actions include the promotion of First Nations and Indigenous cultural initiatives, elevate awareness for indigenous arts and culture, and to communicate with First Nations/Indigenous representatives from the outset of any such initiatives.

Be it therefore resolved that the City of Moncton work with First Nation partners for guidance and input regarding the possibility of painting the sidewalk within the Collishaw Street, Killam Drive, Purdy Avenue and Russ Howard Drive in First Nations/Indigenous colours in time for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2023 and for future years.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Crossman
Seconded by: Councillor Richard

**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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