

MINUTES – REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor /Mairesse Dawn Arnold	Councillor/Conseiller Charles Léger
Deputy Mayor/Maire adjoint Bryan Butler	Councillor/Conseiller Daniel Bourgeois
Councillor/Conseillère Monique LeBlanc	Councillor/Conseiller Dave Steeves
Councillor/Conseiller Marty Kingston	Councillor/Conseiller Susan Edgett
Councillor/Conseiller Shawn Crossman	Councillor/Conseiller Paul Richard

ABSENT

Councillor/Conseillère Paulette Thériault

ALSO PRESENT

N. Robichaud, City Solicitor/ Acting City Manager
S. Morton, City Clerk, Director of Legislative Support
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, Director of Policing Support Services and Acting General Manager, Protective Services
F. Levesque-Ouellette, Director, Legal Services
B. Jollette, Superintendent Benoit Jollette, interim Officer-In-Charge (OIC) of the Codiac RCMP
J. Adams, Senior Planner, Long Range Policy Planning
C. Landry, Fire Chief and Director, Community Safety
A. Jardine, Manager of Strategic Communications

DELEGATES

Jim Scott, Trace Design

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: That the Agenda for the Public Meeting of this date be adopted with the addition of the recommendations from the Special Private meeting of this date.

Moved by Councillor Richard

Seconded by Councillor Butler

MOTION CARRIED.

3.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

None declared.

4.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion: That the minutes of Regular Public Council Meeting of July 17, 2023 and the Special Public Session of June 22, 2023 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

Other Presentation/Autres présentations

6.2 ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS

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

Mise à jour – GRC – Benoit Jollette, surintendant du Service régional de Codiac de la GRC

City Council received an update from Superintendent Benoit Jollette regarding RCMP activities since the last meeting. The following is a summary:

- Community Policing – joined members of the unit and Fire Department at a community event entitled “Coffee with a Cop” and provided an opportunity for the public to meet with first responders to speak on issues and learn about career opportunities and ongoing issues in their area. Additional events are planned in the coming year.
- September 27, 2023 -Members of Community Policing Unit attended St. Bernadette School to participate in the bike to school program. Safety tips regarding bike riding were shared and students were encouraged to practice obey traffic rules, wear helmets and be mindful of other bikers and vehicles.
- Crime Reduction Unit and integrated enforcement unit partnered with the Miramichi Police Integrated Enforcement Unit on September 20, 2023, and arrested a suspect transporting a large quantity of drugs and was travelling to the Moncton area. The NB Provincial Integrated Enforcement unit includes members of the RCMP, municipal police forces and peace officers of justice and public safety. Teams are located across NB and are targeting the illegal drug trade. The RCMP has four members dedicated to this activity..
- Update on robbery at store located at corner of Botsford and St. George Blvd. - Two men were arrested and charged. One suspect plead guilty and will return to Court on October 13th for sentencing. The other suspect will also be appearing before the court at this time.
- Increase witnessed in 3D printed firearms – The RCMP continues to work with law enforcement partners on this issue. In the last year 64 search warrants executed across Canada with 45 arrests and over 400 guns and fifty-two (52) 3D printers seized.
- Patrol section – Increase in thefts in vehicles. Reminded citizens to not leave valuables visible in vehicles and ensure cars are locked and d turned off when vacant.

7.

PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 **Vision Lands Project Update**

No recommendation at this time, for information purposes only.

Josh Adams introduced this subject advising that City Council awarded a contract in June to Fathom Consultants, Halifax, Nova Scotia, to undertake a review of the Vision Lands.

City Council received a detailed presentation from Jim Scott, part of the consulting team, regarding the master planning process for the Vision Lands. His presentation touched upon the following:

Structure of the planning process

- Showed maps of the Vision Lands - specifically 1,000 acres in the centre of the site
- Will also be working neighboring master plans with Halls Creek and U de M.
- Working with landowners during the planning process to find creative ways to develop the lands to achieve positive outcomes in terms of what they would like to see developed in this area, in particular ensuring connectivity, active transportation networks, climate change, residential and commercial development, etc.
- These findings will also be incorporated in the next Municipal Plan update.
- A three-step public consultation process has been established to work with residents and hold table discussions with stakeholders.
- Four components of action plan:
 - A) Baseline platform built for the site – understanding the wetlands and delineation for the site, etc.
 - B) Schedule –baseline work to be completed by end of October, consultation pieces by end of January. Various review processes are currently underway with residents
 - C) Consultation to be completed by end of next year
 - D) Review processes – includes wetlands study
- Consultation - extensive community engagement, including
 - working with schools to discuss what students would like to see built into a neighborhood
 - City’s advisory committees, i.e. Youth, Seniors, Planning Advisory Committee, to discuss basic components that need to be built into the plan
 - 26 stakeholder sessions planned with economic development transportation groups, etc.
 - conducting a regional park workshop
 - working collectively with residents to review academic and recreational environments and how they interact with the transportation network, in particular active transportation.

- Reviewing connections to various assets in the neighborhoods and how these components relate to daily life.
- Looking at residential assets and how they connect within neighborhoods.
- Reviewing components, how they relate to each other to consider various vegetation networks, wetlands, etc.

In conclusion the information gathered will be used to create the master plan and secondary plan which will be presented to Council for adoption and subsequently form part of the Municipal Plan.

Discussion ensued with the following points noted:

In reply to Councillor Bourgeois, Mr. Scott advised that the eastern portion will be included in the process.

Councillor Butler noted that land ownership often changes and inquired as to how this would be monitored. Mr. Scott noted that the group remain in contact with landowners on a daily basis. The secondary plan to be incorporated in a Municipal Plan will provide for new landowners to work with the plan developed and adopted.

The Mayor noted that Council will have further opportunities to submit their comments and she encouraged citizens to participate in the public consultation process. She requested assurances that the creek and wetlands will be protected in this area. Mr. Scott noted that the requirements will be followed adding that storm water management models to capture runoff will be created.

7.2 **Street Name Change** – Aulne Street to Rhéal-Cormier Street

Bill Budd advised of a request has received for a street name change in Ward III given the difficulty in pronouncing the current name which could present problems in cases of emergencies. The Street Name Committee contacted Emergency Services and they agreed that Aulne was difficult to pronounce. The Street Name Committee contacted the developer responsible for development of the street and he proposed the name Rheal Cormier if Council is in agreement. The Street Name committee is recommending the suggested street name change.

Councillor Butler noted that this name has been discussed for use at ball parks and felt that it would be better appointed to another venue such as a ballfield to give greater recognition to Mr. Cormier.

Motion: that the recommendation to rename Aulne Street To Rhéal Cormier Street be postponed.

Moved by Councillor Butler
Seconded by Councillor Leger

MOTION CARRIED

8. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL/EXPOSÉS DES MEMBRES DU CONSEIL

Councillor Bourgeois

Indicated that public safety was his #1 priority during his campaign. He subsequently proposed a motion to tackle public safety which was defeated by Council. \$1.5M was invested in additional RCMP and community safety officers to reduce crimes of opportunity. Public meetings on public safety have been held with the task force following presentations by Kim Gallant. A public meeting will be held with Council, Thursday, from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., on policing services, specifically whether to retain the RCMP or consider an alternate police service. He has scheduled a town hall meeting for residents on October 12th, 7 p.m. at the YMCA, Vaughan Harvey Blvd., regarding crime and policing services.

9. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve the design alteration to the proposed plans and renderings received September 27, 2023, as submitted, and that an extension of the deadline for commencement of construction and substantial completion be granted to December 31, 2023, and December 31, 2025, respectively, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documents to give effect to this approval, and to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Moved by Councillor Leger
Seconded by Councillor Steeves

Councillor Leger requested up to date renderings be shown to the public. Bill Budd agreed to provide.

MOTION CARRIED.

10.
REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

10.1 Short-Term rental update from Administration

No recommendation at this time, for information purposes only

Mr. Robichaud noted that we were awaiting information from the province and the file has been transferred to the Department of Tourism who are in the process of undertaking a study.

Councillor Leger requested an update next month into November and hoped that a more detailed report could be provided in the spring. If no progress is made, the original resolution could be revisited.

11.
READING OF BY-LAWS

12.
NOTICES MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

13.
APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

14.
ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the Public meeting of this date adjourn.

Moved by Councillor Richard

MOTION CARRIED

4:50 p.m.