

Council Chambers
City Hall
Moncton, N.B.
November 6, 2023
4 p.m.

MINUTES – REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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

Councillor Charles Léger
Councillor Daniel Bourgeois (via Webex)
Councillor Dave Steeves
Councillor Susan Edgett
Councillor Paul Richard

ABSENT

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, General Manager, Community Services
C. Savoie, Director of Policing Support Services and Acting General Manager, Protective Services
F. Levesque-Ouellette, Director of Legal Services
I. LeBlanc, Director, Corporate Communications
B. Jollette, Superintendent Benoit Jollette, interim Officer-In-Charge (OIC) of the Codiac RCMP
D. Geldart, Urban Planner
M. Tucker, Community Development Officer – Community Recreation
V. Merola, Community Development Officer-Social Inclusion
S. Anderson, Manager Development Planning
A. Jardine, Manager Strategic Communications

DELEGATES

2.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: That the agenda for the regular public Council meeting dated November 6, 2023, be approved with the following changes:

- The removal of item 10.2 Launch of Electronic Bidding Platform to be postponed to a future meeting.
- The addition of one 2-minute presentations from Suzanne Trites on the Jewish Community

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 August 21, 2023, September 5, 2023, September 18, 2023, October 3, 2023 regular public Council minutes be approved as circulated.

Moved by Councillor Léger
Seconded by Councillor Steeves

MOTION CARRIED

5.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS

6.1 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

5 minutes

- 6.1.1 **Presentation:** Seniors Community Program Path Forward – Winston Pearce, President and Joanne Richard, Executive Director of Moncton Lions Community Centre

Mr. Pearce provided a presentation on the Senior Centre's current situation, challenges they are facing and path forward for a centre for the senior's community. Their vision encompasses activities for the senior population that would better serve the community.

In 2022, The Seniors were asked to move from the St. George Street location to 77 Foundry. At the end of 2023, the Senior's Community Centre lease at 77 Foundry will expire; the City is recommending a pilot project that would see a satellite concept that would move senior programming to the Crossman Centre and the North End YMCA.

Their membership has increased to 491 members. Both Members and the Board are concerned that:

- The new service will not meet the Membership's expectations.
- There will be no Centre
- There will be inadequate funding to operate.
- There will be no provision for accommodation of staff or Member interaction

Looking ahead, the group has had ongoing discussions with Community Partners and Government Agencies to secure a location downtown, to act as a hub for their programs, staff and members.

Given the pilot project's limitations, the Board recommends the City place more emphasis on a plan leading to long-term solutions, including the replacement of a senior centre. The Board is also requesting the City's support and suggested they stay at 77 Foundry St. until there is a concrete solution.

- 6.1.2 **Presentation:** Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Systems for Crime Deterrence in apartment buildings – Justerini Villaflor

Mr. Villaflor was not present for the meeting.

Other Presentation

2 minutes

Suzanne Trites spoke on current world issues and this time of calamity for the Jewish Community. These issues have been very distressing for Jews all over the world and in Moncton as hate and anti-semitic acts are on the rise. Ms. Trites requested that Supt. Jollette report to the Jewish Community any anti-semitic incidents in Moncton and how they are dealing with these incidents.

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:

Officers have continued Mountain Bike training. An additional four officers have been trained and all members of the Community Policing Unit are now trained. Mountain Bike patrols will be able to access difficult to reach areas that would be impossible by car.

Community Policing Unit

The Codiac RCMP initiated a targeted Downtown patrol initiative through the Community Policing Unit specifically related to complaints from businesses in the areas of Main, St George, Queen Streets, and Vaughan Harvey Blvd. Officers are working daily to remain visible in these areas and do regular property checks.

On October 24, officers assisted the Moncton By-Law team to disassemble an encampment behind Mod Choc and relocate the individuals to proper shelters/housing.

Crime Reduction Unit (CRU)

On October 19th, a known drug dealer was seen doing hand to hand exchanges in the area. Surveillance was conducted and officers were able to seize the drugs, an imitation firearm and charges were given to the individuals involved.

On October 24th, officers executed a search warrant at residence on Elmwood Drive which led to the arrest of a male and a seizure of a large quantity of cocaine, crack cocaine, cash and other drugs.

The Crime Reduction Unit along with the Integrated Enforcement Unit worked with the Miramichi Police Department to locate individuals who were travelling to our area in order to conduct illegal drug transactions. The coordinated effort from both forces led to the seizure of a large quantity of crystal methamphetamine and other drugs.

The unit, also partnered with the Provincial Crime Reduction Unit to execute five search warrants for the seizure of drugs, firearms and high-end vehicles used for these activities.

Patrols

On October 25th, members responded to a call of a potential shooting incident on Weldon Street. Members secured the scene, no one was hurt and 5 people were taken into custody.

On Halloween night in the North End, members responded to calls of candies were possibly laced with an illegal substance. This incident is still under investigation. Supt. Jollette took a moment to remind parents to check candies and to report anything suspicious.

The NB Tactical Traffic Enforcement unit

On October 20th, the unit conducted a traffic blitz on the Salisbury Road area which is a notorious area for complaints of speeding and loud vehicles. Within the one day blitz, 108 traffic tickets were issued, several warrants for arrests and 26 vehicles were towed. as they were deemed unsafe.

Councillor Léger requested the number of vehicles that were found with modified mufflers made by regular patrols.

6.2.2 Presentation – 2024 Budget Presentation – Jacques Doucet

Mr. Doucet provided a presentation with an overview of the 2024 to 2026 General Operating and Utility budgets as well as the 2024 to 2028 Capital budgets. The Budget will be deliberated on November 7 and November 8, 2023 during a special Committee of the Whole Meeting with final recommendations and resolutions being presented at a Special Public Council Meeting on November 9, 2023.

7.

PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Introduction – Zoning By-Law Amendment – Integrated Development Zones

Mr. Budd provided a presentation on the purpose to amend the Zoning By-Law to allow Integrated Development (ID) zones to be established by an agreement or resolution when adopted by City Council.

Subsection 53(3) of the Community Planning Act, SNB 2017, c. 19 (the “Act”) enables the Zoning By-law to include provisions to permit developments consisting of a combination of uses of land, buildings, and structures in an ID zone if (i) the combination of uses are contained in a specific proposal described in a resolution or agreement adopted or entered into under section 59, and (ii) the land to be developed is rezoned for purposes of the development. However, the corresponding sections in the City of Moncton Zoning By-law restrict ID zones to be established by agreements only. To harmonize the City’s Zoning By-law with the Act, administration is recommending a minor amendment to the Zoning By-law that would allow ID zones to be established by either agreement or resolution. This approach will allow administration to expedite the registration process for ID zones in a way that is already permitted by the Act.

Motion: That Moncton City Council proceed with the proposed Zoning By-Law amendment Z-222.22 by:

1. Giving first 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 p.m., December 4, 2023, in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Moved by: Councillor Kingston
Seconded by: Councillor Edgett

MOTION CARRIED

7.2 Introduction – Rezoning at Moncton East Business Park

Mr. Budd provided a presentation on an application from Moncton Industrial Development Ltd. (MID) to rezone a portion of the Moncton East Business Park (Business Park) from HC (Highway Commercial) to ID (Integrated Development) and P2 (Open Space and Conservation). The purpose of the rezoning application is to expand the range of commercial uses permitted within the Business Park by creating an ID zone, as well as to rezone three properties owned by the City of Moncton (City) for conservation purposes.

Motion: That Moncton City Council proceed with proposed Zoning By-law amendment Z-222.17 by:

1. Giving first 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 December 4, 2023, at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

The Zoning By-law amendment, if approved, shall be subject to terms and conditions of a Moncton City Council resolution, the draft of which is included as Schedule B to this Council Report dated November 6, 2023.

Moved by: Councillor Thériault
Seconded by: Councillor Crossman

MOTION CARRIED

7.3 Street Name Change – Aulne Street

In accordance with Moncton City Council’s Naming Policy for Streets, Trails and Civic Facilities (POL-CSS-UP-001), all proposed names to be added or changed from the City of Moncton Streets are to be approved by City Council.

Administration has received a request from future residents of Aulne Street to change the street name to something easier to pronounce. The Street Naming committee contacted Emergency services personnel and NB 911 operators to determine if they would have an issue with the existing street name. All reports back from the two groups were clear that Aulne is not easy to pronounce and could lead to issues in emergency situations.

A proposal to change the street name to Rhéal-Comier, as selected by Developer from the name bank, was taken to the Public Council meeting of October 3rd, 2023. However, City Council postponed the recommendation on using Rhéal-Cormier for this street as they felt it was better suited for a local ball field or park.

As such, administration from the Street Naming committee contacted the Developer responsible for building the street for further input on selecting another name.

The Developer has selected three names from the name bank, in order of his preference for the street name change

Motion: That Moncton City Council assent to changing rue Aulne Street to rue Rachel Street.

Moved by: Councillor Steeves
Seconded by: Councillor Kingston

MOTION CARRIED

7.4 Street Name Change – Vision Drive

In accordance with the City’s Naming Policy for Streets, Trails and Civic Facilities (POL-CSSUP-001) [Naming Policy], all proposed names to be added or changed from the City of Moncton Streets shall be forwarded to City Council for approval.

Vision Drive was chosen by the Developer as the name for their new street in the Century II Holdings Subdivision located off Leopold F. Belliveau Drive. Council assented to the street location and street name on April 6, 2020. The first phase of this subdivision was built to provide school bus and vehicular access to the new École Claudette-Bradshaw K to 5 and Mascaret 6 to 8 Francophone schools which recently opened on McLaughlin Drive.

Motion: That Moncton City Council assent to changing promenade Vision Drive to promenade Galerie Drive.

Moved by: Councillor Richard
Seconded by: Councillor Edgett

MOTION CARRIED

8. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Richard took the opportunity to recognize and congratulate the new members of the Sports Wall of Fame in Moncton. Councillor Richard had the honour of attending the ceremony on behalf of City Council and thanked the committee and the organizers of the event, notably Joanne Lamarche who made the evening very special. The inductees include Genevieve Lalonde, Travis Jayner, Peter Stuart, Sensei Raymond Cormier

Councillor Thériault took a moment to recognize and thank the people, especially youth of our community, that take the time to reflect on peace, justice, and compassion in these difficult times of conflict in the world.

Councillor Bourgeois wanted to remind members of the public that Remembrance Day is fast approaching on November 11th and to commemorate the sacrifices that many men and women have made in times of war.

9.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

9.1 **Recommendation(s)** – Committee of the Whole – October 23, 2023

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve the Sidewalk Snow Clearing Plan for 2023-2024.

Moved by: Councillor Butler
Seconded by: Councillor Richard

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 **Recommendation(s)** – Special Private Session – November 6, 2023 (if necessary)

Motion: That Moncton City Council accept the updated operational plan as presented by the New Brunswick Department of Social Development for the operation of a Homeless Hub at 473 St. George Street.

It is further recommended that a one-year term lease agreement be entered into with the Province of New Brunswick, with options for renewal of up to two (2) 12-month terms, for the operation of a Bridge to Home Hub at the facility located at 473 St. George Street, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign said lease agreement, together with all documents necessary to give effect to the lease agreement, and affix the Corporate Seal of the City of Moncton thereto.

Moved by: Councillor Thériault
Seconded by: Councillor LeBlanc

MOTION CARRIED

10.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

10.1 **Presentation** – Social Inclusion Plan/ Helpseekers – Jocelyn Cohoon, Vincent Merola and Jessie Donaldson

Ms. Donaldson, Executive Vice President of Strategic Services of Helpseeker provided a presentation on the new 2023 -2027 Social Inclusion Plan.

A Social Inclusion Working Group of community stakeholders was formed in May of 2022 to assist with the development of the City's next municipal Social Inclusion Plan. The working group included eight members representative of the community sector, engaged citizens, equality seeking groups and others. Councillors Bourgeois and Richard, along with assigned staff members serve on the working group as well.

The new Moncton Social Inclusion Plan is a compass for municipal decision-making and a versatile tool for many community stakeholders. Whether one is engaged in policy development, advocacy, education, or healthcare, this document is designed to inform and guide efforts.

The "Better, Together: Moncton's Social Inclusion Plan" aspires to be more than just a set of recommendations. It seeks to serve as a living document that drives action, innovation, and continuous improvement. Built on the foundation of an extensive needs assessment, this strategy incorporates a wealth of data, community input, and expert insights. Each section is organized around 16 foundational pillars, providing specific outcomes and actionable steps designed to address Moncton's most pressing social issues.

The Vision of the first Social Inclusion Plan (2016-2021) was that all citizens enjoy a great quality of life. The Mission was that the City will work strategically with community and government partners to improve the quality of life of its most vulnerable citizens. Several noteworthy successes have been achieved further to the initial Social Inclusion Plan, such as:

- The permanent creation of the affordable transit pass program
- The creation of Helpseeker.org's interactive online database for the City
- The creation of the Downtown Ambassador Program
- The creation of the Social Inclusion Grant Program
- The creation of the 2017 Housing Needs Assessment
- The commissioning of an updated Housing Needs Assessment in 2023
- The creation of Moncton's 2019 - 2029 Affordable Housing Implementation Plan
- The creation of Rising Tide
- The creation of various City policies geared to spur affordable housing development
- The creation of and funding for community gardens

- Support for the centralized food distribution system hosted through the Food Depot Alimentaire
- The creation of the Student Nutrition Program that provides breakfast to all 22 schools within Moncton
- Supporting learning opportunities through community-based workshops
- Installation of public water fountains
- Funding various mental health initiatives

As part of the development of the new Social Inclusion Plan, the working group completed a needs assessment and conducted nine one-on-one interviews with partner organizations and individuals with life experience. The group also hosted three focus group discussions, each with five to ten participants attending.

With funding from Council, the working group drafted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a consultant to work with the City to further its engagement with other stakeholders, including youth, first nations, and newcomers, as well as to event plan a Social Inclusion Summit in the Fall of 2023. At the beginning of May 2023, Helpseeker was awarded the RFP and the Working Group worked with the consultant throughout the creation of the new plan.

Structure of the New Plan:

The updated plan is structured to provide a clear and actionable roadmap for social inclusion in Moncton. This approach recognizes that the City is not solely responsible for social inclusion and has limits within its municipal mandate. The goal is to create a detailed plan that highlights the needs and gaps, as informed by data, community partners, and feedback from residents through various channels. By crafting an inspiring vision, the plan aims to encourage others in the community to take part in promoting social inclusion.

Vision of the New Plan:

In Moncton, the fastest-growing urban region in Canada and a cornerstone of Atlantic Canada, we celebrate our dynamic growth and diversity. United under the theme of "Better, Together," working collectively toward a future where everyone belongs, thrives, and contributes. With a shared commitment to breaking down barriers and ensuring equitable opportunities, there is an aim to be a model community of well-being and vibrant inclusivity. Key components include:

- Needs Assessment: Identifying current gaps and opportunities in social inclusion.
- Community Vision: An inspiring and guiding vision for social inclusion.
- Multi-Sectoral Call to Action: Tangible recommendations for other sectors.

Motion: That Moncton City Council direct administration to bring forward the suggested initiatives in the 2023 – 2027 Better, Together Social Inclusion Plan as resources permit for consideration in future budget deliberations.

Moved by: Councillor Richard
Seconded by: Councillor Bourgeois

Councillor Bourgeois mentioned that one of the recommendations included in the Social Inclusion plan was the implementation of a housing authority which was never established so Rising Tides stepped up in this role. Mr. Bourgeois asked Ms. Donaldson if there is an advantage in setting up a housing authority and if any research or references could be shared with Council.

Councillor Bourgeois also asked Mr. Merola and Ms. Cohoon if Council could have a follow up session on this report to re-evaluate and make adjustments to the Social Inclusion plan.

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 Launch of electronic bidding platform

This item was postponed to the next Council meeting.

10.3 DMCI Enviro Extension of Downtown Cleaning Project

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve a two-month extension of this program operated by DMCI for a cost of \$60,000.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Crossman
Seconded by: Councillor Léger

MOTION CARRIED

11.

READING OF BY-LAWS

11.1 **A By-Law** in Amendment of the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law being By-Law Z-222.22 – Integrated Development Zones – *First Reading*

The City Clerk gave first reading to By-Law Z-222.22

- 11.2 **A By-Law** in Amendment of the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law being By-Law Z-222.17 – Rezoning at Moncton East Business Park – **First Reading**

The City Clerk gave first reading to By-Law Z-222.17

12.
NOTICES MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

- 12.1 **Resolution** – Plumbing Inspector – Christopher (Chris) Williams

WHEREAS by virtue of the Local Governance Act, S.N.B. 2017, c. 18, and all applicable regulations adopted under it, and the Police Act, S.N.B., 1977, c. P-9.2, Council may appoint by-law enforcement officers for the local government, and a by-law enforcement officer has the powers and immunities of a police officer for the purposes of enforcing the by-laws of the municipality for which he or she is appointed as are stipulated in the appointment, but has in no other regard the powers or immunities of a police officer;

WHEREAS by virtue of Section 144 of the Local Governance Act, if the Local Governance Act, any other Act or a by-law of Council authorizes an inspection or requires anything to be inspected by a local government, a by-law enforcement officer may, after giving reasonable notice to the owner or occupant of the land, building or other structure, inter alia, enter the land, building or other structure at any reasonable time, and carry out the inspection;

WHEREAS by virtue of Section 9 of the Plumbing Installation and Inspection Act, S.N.B., Chap. C-126, Council may appoint and prescribed duties to local government plumbing inspectors;

WHEREAS by virtue of Section 150(1) of the Local Governance Act, Council may designate for the purposes of laying Informations in the Provincial Court, a person to act on its behalf for that purpose; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Christopher (Chris) Williams is hereby appointed Plumbing Inspector, and hereby authorized to act for and on Council’s behalf pursuant to the sections noted in the Acts referenced above, to conduct inspections for the purpose of administering or enforcing applicable City of Moncton By-laws, including but not limited to, the Supply of Water By-Law, the Water and Sewer Charges By-Law and the Plumbing By-Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Christopher (Chris) Williams is hereby authorized to act for and on Council’s behalf pursuant to the sections noted in the Acts referenced above, to issue Permits, Orders or Notices, make applications to the Court of Queen’s Bench and lay Informations with the Provincial Court to obtain Orders applicable to City of Moncton By-laws, including but not limited to, the Supply of Water By-Law, the Water and Sewer Charges By-Law and the Plumbing By-Law.

Moved by: Councillor Richard
 Seconded by: Councillor Butler

MOTION CARRIED

13.
APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Motion: That the following appointments be approved:

- Moncton Public Library**
- Binita Raval
 - Maha Dweik (re-appointment)

- Youth Advisory Committee**
- Nicholas Dwyer (Moncton Christian Academy)
 - Elizabeth Ogunade (Moncton Christian Academy)

Moved by Councillor Kingston
 Seconded by Councillor Steeves

MOTION CARRIED

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

/ 6:30 p.m.

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