

MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mayor D. Arnold, in the Chair
Deputy Mayor P. Thériault
Councillor M. Kingston
Councillor M. LeBlanc
Councillor S. Crossman
Councillor C. Leger

Councillor D. Bourgeois
Councillor S. Crossman, via web ex
Councillor C. Leger
Councillor D. Bourgeois, via web ex
Councillor P. Richard

ALSO PRESENT:

S. Doucet, CAO
N. Robichaud, Deputy CAO
S. Morton, City Clerk & Director, Legislative Services
N. Robichaud, General Manager, Finance Services
E. Aucoin, General Manager, Sustainable Growth and Development Services
A. Binette, General Manager, Operations
L. Hanson, General Manager, Corporate Services
J. Cohoon, General Manager, Community Services
I. LeBlanc, Director, Corporate Communications
J. Preston, Acting General Manager, Protective Services
J. Doucet, General Manager, Finance Services
B. Budd, Director, Planning and Development
R. Lagacé, Director, Engineering
F. Levesque-Ouellette, Director, Legal Department
D. Geldart, Urban Planner
B. Boetang, Urban Planner
S. Anderson, Manager, Development Planning

1.

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order and thanked Dusty Tower and Information Systems for setting up the logistics for today's meeting at the Avenir Centre. Councillor Edgett entered the meeting.

2.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: That the Agenda for the Public Meeting of this date be adopted with the following changes:

- Two-minute presentation by Mark LeBlanc, Active Transportation
- Two-minute presentation by Robert Dupuis regarding Seniors

Moved by Councillor Richard
Seconded by Councillor Kingston

MOTION CARRIED.

3.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS/DÉCLARATIONS DE CONFLITS D'INTÉRÊTS

None declared

4.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES/ADOPTION DU PROCÈS-VERBAL

Motion : That the minutes for the Public Meeting of June 3, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Councillor Butler

Seconded by Councillor Edgett

MOTION CARRIED.

5.

CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Exemption Noise By-Law – Université de Moncton – September 7, 2024

Motion: That an exemption to By-Law # H-102, be granted by Council in favour of the Université de Moncton, from 9:00 p.m. on Saturday September 7, 2024, ending at 1:00 a.m. on Sunday September 8, 2024; for concert event to be held on the Université de Moncton campus near the Centre Étudiant, located at 18 Antonine-Maillet Avenue.

Moved by Councillor Leger

Seconded by Councillor Bourgeois

MOTION CARRIED.

6.

PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS

6.1 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

6.1.1 Mark LeBlanc – Active Transportation

Mark LeBlanc reported that the construction zone along University Avenue is located in an Active Transportation corridor and has become a danger to the AT population. He noted that pedestrians walk along a one-meter wide sidewalk bordered by a car lane with no boulevard and two industrial gates on the other sidewalk. Motorists are entering and exiting at an increasing rate. He believed the unused space on Université Avenue on the west side could provide a 4 meter AT lane for pedestrians, mobility challenged with walkers, e-chairs, as well as other vehicles such as scooters, etc. He noted new pavement near the site and street lines that have yet to be painted. He requested consideration to an AT street allowance, repainting, parking and snow clearing with Engineering, Operations and the Mayor and Members of Council.

6.1.2 Robert Dupuis - Royal Legion 6

Robert Dupuis, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 6, presented an overview of activities for seniors at their facility on War Veterans Avenue. He reported that the branch has supported 345 seniors per week since January and is currently experiencing a waiting list.

Discussion ensued around the costs to seniors for the services provided, with Mr. Dupuis explaining that seniors pay \$30 per class (not per person). No fee is charged for rent, however, a cost is associated with maintenance expenses. He sought financial assistance from the City in the amount of \$70 per hour to offset the costs of some of these activities.

In response to queries by Council, Nick Robichaud noted that motions are not made during the public presentation portion of the agenda. To his knowledge Administration has not seen the proposal from Mr. Dupuis but agreed to review upon receipt. Councillor Leger agreed to recirculate the letter he received, adding that other organizations were also delivering valuable services which warranted consideration.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Dupuis for his presentation.

6.1 Update – RCMP – Insp. Jonathan White, Officer in Charge (OIC) of Operations, Codiac Regional RCMP

Inspector Jonathan White presented an update regarding the Codiac Regional RCMP as follows:

- Crime Reduction Unit –
 - Deployed in the downtown area and continue to focus on open air drug use
 - June 18 – St. George Street – An individual consuming drugs was intercepted; 15 glass smoking pipes were seized and destroyed; the individual was referred to addiction services and warned about drug use in public.
 - June 27 – Two individuals, engaged in hand-to-hand exchange for drugs, were detained and illegal drugs and fire arms were seized – several charges are pending before the courts
 - Nine individuals with outstanding warrants were charged including two in connection with an armed robbery at the Cannabis location in Riverview.
 - Assisted Nova Scotia RCMP in locating a female suspected of being trafficked. The RCMP is also involved in the investigation of three other sex trafficking operations in the Codiac area
- GIS Section – Responded to a total of 11 complaints from the Moncton Predator Watch Group which is aimed at sex offenders who target under aged children. While the intent is appreciated, this activity is not encouraged by the RCMP who have specialized services in place to monitor such activities, however, citizens are encouraged to report such incidents.
- July 17 – Patrols responded to report of stabbing near an encampment. – Male was arrested on July 19 and remanded into custody.
- July 7 – A patrol was deployed to Magic Mountain where a male was allegedly touching individuals – 12 victims have come forward regarding this incident – the individual has been arrested.
- Dedicated command team continues to prepare for the YQM festival in Dieppe in August
- Four employee recognition events were held in June, which included staff BBQs
- Constable Picard organized a water gun event with a daycare on Ryan Road with over 50 children participating
- Community Policing officers have been involved with the following activities:
 - Participated in Touch-a-truck events at Edith Cavell and Wee College allowing children to interact with first responders and visit their vehicles
 - Met with youth group at Hillside Baptist Church to discuss internet safety
 - Several members joined Sergeant Dwayne Campbell Vancouver Police Department during his journey across Canada to raise awareness of cancer
 - Community Police Officers gave bike safety sessions to schools in the area and how to follow the rules of the road
- Red surge attended graduation ceremonies in Moncton, Riverview and Dieppe
- Atlantic National Street party – community police officers were out with the police cruiser; children had chance to sit in the vehicle. The event met with great success.
- Welcomed 22 young women from across the country to the Codiac Detachment for the Annual Young Women Safety Event which provided female high school students information on women who provide safety services with the goal of inspiring young women to explore career paths in the RCMP.

Councillor Thériault expressed her thanks to Superintendent Jollette at his professionalism in addressing a situation that occurred at an event last evening.

In reply to Councillor Crossman regarding how to encourage more parents to be involved in Active Transportation, Inspector White suggested they could play a role by leading by example in following the rules of the road. He agreed to explore the possibility of increasing the number of events through the Community Policing Unit and Garage 529 initiative by commencing sessions earlier in the spring.

Councillor Leger noted that several officers attended the graduation ceremonies in Quebec and explained the effects of driving under the influence. Inspector White agreed to explore such a possibility for schools in this area.

In reply to Councillor Leger regarding measures for compassionate leave, Inspector White noted that when members are given time off, steps are taken to ensure resources are in place to manage the workload and avoid members being asked to work overtime.

Councillor Butler suggested that the RCMP liaise with U de M security to control the noise at the September 7th event at Stade Moncton. Inspector White advised that he will advise the officer in charge of the event and safety coordinator to address this issue in advance.

6.2 ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS/EXPOSÉS DE L'ADMINISTRATION

7. PLANNING MATTERS/QUESTIONS D'URBANISME

7.1 Introduction – Amending conditional rezoning resolution for Eastgate

Sarah Anderson introduced this subject noting that an application has been received from ELCE Developments to amend the approved zoning to accommodate adjustments to the street layout and adjustments to the location of Land for Public Purposes in the northern section of PID 70573126, being Phase I of the development of Eastgate Village. The application involves rezoning lands from R2 (Two Unit Dwelling) and R3 (Multiple Unit Dwelling) to P1 (Community Use) and from P1 to R1B (Single Unit Dwelling), R2, and RM, (Residential Mix). It also involves rezoning lands from RM to R2 to R3, from R2 to RM and from P2 (Conservation) to P1. This development is located in Ward 1 north of Granite Drive.

The proposal is to use some of the lands for public purposes temporarily until the southern portion is built out. The landowner is seeking to proceed with Phase I on the northern section of the overall site. Through the design for Phase I, a new street layout is proposed for a more efficient grid network. The new layout does not align with the zoning layers, however, the proposed zoning is expected to address these conflicts. As the developer is only proposing to proceed with Phase I in the northern section, a second access is needed. The proposal calls for temporary use of the lands for public purposes until the southern portion builds out and connects the northern portion to the public street. It would be used as an emergency route and would discourage regular use by vehicles. Once no longer required, the landowner must reinstate the access as a public trail to the specifications of the City's Parks and Engineering departments (to be paid for by the developer). This would be included in the subdivision agreement.

Ms. Anderson noted that following further discussion, minor modifications were made to the proposed location of the LFPP for a more efficient trail network and connection to the Irishtown Nature Park. A change is proposed to the street classification of Street A from a local street to a collector, where higher density dwellings are more ideally suited. The proposed zone change will permit town houses to be constructed on both sides of the street and will help provide the missing middle housing required in the City. A new condition requires a signalized pedestrian crossing across Elmwood Drive to Irishtown Park prior to the construction of 100 residential units.

Motion: That Moncton City Council proceed with the Zoning By-law amendment being By-law Z-222.6.1 and

1. That Council give 1st reading to Zoning By-law amendment By-law Z-222.6.1;
2. That a public hearing be set for August 19, 2024; and
3. That By-law Z-222.6.1 be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for its written views; and

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

1. That prior to the issuance of a building and/or development permit, the landowner shall enter into a subdivision agreement with the City;
2. That prior to the issuance of a building and/or development permit, the landowner shall provide a drainage agreement with the property owner of PID 70636923 that acknowledges surface water from the development will be draining onto PID 70636923;

3. That stormwater runoff is permitted to be directed into the pond fronting on Elmwood Drive and discharged at a controlled rate to the existing ditches on the west side of Elmwood Drive for only the first 142 residential units in the development;
4. That notwithstanding condition #3, stormwater can alternatively be connected to a stormwater system in Elmwood Drive when Elmwood Drive is upgraded and a stormwater system becomes available;
5. That the development shall occur in phases as identified on the attached map in Schedule B;
6. That an emergency / secondary access road is permitted to be constructed on a portion of the LFPP (Land for Public Purposes) in phase one for a temporary period until phase one connects with phase two, as identified on the tentative subdivision plan. The details around the construction and timing of the emergency access road is to be laid out in a subdivision agreement;
7. That once phase 1 connects with phase 2 and two accesses intersect with Elmwood Drive, the emergency / secondary access road will no longer be required. The developer shall re-instate the LFPP, complete with trees and landscaping along the edge of the emergency/secondary access road, to a state determined acceptable by the Engineering Department;
8. That no commercial use or educational use shall be permitted until the sanitary sewer system along Elmwood Drive is upgraded as identified in the serviceability study completed by WSP and dated July 15, 2022;
9. That no more than 100 residential dwelling units are permitted until the access into the site from Elmwood Drive has a dedicated left-hand turn lane built to City of Moncton Engineering specifications, as identified in the Traffic Impact Study completed by WSP and dated July 2022;
10. That no more than 142 residential units shall be constructed until the sanitary sewer system along Elmwood Drive is upgraded as identified in the serviceability study completed by WSP and dated July 15, 2022;
11. That no development beyond construction of 142 units shall occur until the developer enters into a cost-sharing agreement with the City to upgrade the sanitary sewer on Elmwood Drive, as identified in the serviceability study completed by WSP and dated July 15, 2022;
12. That prior to the issuance of a development permit for more than 100 residential units, the developer shall install pedestrian signals at the crossing to the Irishtown Nature Park. The details around the construction and type of crossing infrastructure are to be determined by the City of Moncton Engineering department and laid out in a subdivision agreement and in the detailed engineering construction drawings;
13. That no development in Phase 3 shall occur until traffic signals are installed at the northern access on Elmwood Drive as identified in the Traffic Impact Study completed by WSP and dated July 2022;
14. That tree-clearing on the site must be done in phases and only limited to those areas that are required for immediate development. Prior to any tree-clearing, the landowner must submit a tree-clearing plan to the City for approval;
15. That all uses of land pursuant to this resolution shall conform with the provisions of the City of Moncton Zoning By-law, as amended from time to time, except as otherwise provided herein;
16. 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
17. The development shall be carried out in substantial conformance with the plans and drawings submitted as Schedule C.
18. That prior to the issuance of a building and/or development permit, the landowner shall pay \$39,400 to the City of Moncton for the purposes of hiring a consultant to undertake a development charge study.

*Moved by Councillor Crossman
Seconded by Councillor Bourgeois*

Councillor Crossman expressed concern at the limitations imposed by the federal and provincial governments who are responsible to widen Elmwood Drive to create a safer corridor. He stressed the need for the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) to be aware of

those obligations when reviewing the details of the project. Ms. Anderson noted that the current infrastructure cannot accommodate more than 142 units.

In reply to Councillor Bourgeois, Ms. Anderson advised that the pond will continue to act as a stormwater pond for the 142 units.

In response to Councillor Leger regarding the future of Eastgate School, Ms. Anderson noted that the focus on the residential homes, but agreed to provide further information at the public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED.

7.2 Introduction – New Rezoning Application - 4 Curry Street

Bill Budd introduced an application from Warner Properties Inc. landowner, to rezone 4 Curry Street (PIDs 00770073 & 00770586) from R2U (Urban Dwelling) to R3 (Multiple Unit Dwelling). The purpose is to accommodate a three-storey, eighteen-unit apartment building. The rezoning is located in Ward I in the Sunny Brae area. It consists of two properties on the south side of Donald Avenue. The applicant is proposing to consolidate the two properties to accommodate the apartment building. The building is located on the southeast corner of the lot with the primary entrance to front Curry Street. Vehicle access is planned through a two-laned driveway entrance on Curry Street. The development plan includes 20 parking spaces and detailed landscaping plan with trees around the perimeter along with a two-meter fence.

Motion: That Moncton City Council proceed with the proposed Zoning By-law amendment Z-222.33 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 August 19, 2024.
The rezoning, if approved, should be subject to a resolution with conditions including but not limited to:
 1. The apartment building be limited to three-stories;
 2. The 2m opaque fence be made of wood, PVC, or other similar quality material, but shall not include chain link fencing;
 3. The landscaping be completed, as per the site plan attached as Schedule B, no later than one year following the issuance of a development permit;
 4. The two properties, being PIDs 00770073 and 00770586, be consolidated prior to the issuance of a development permit;
 5. Prior to the issuance of a development permit, a private service easement be registered on 1 Curry Street (PID 70636113) for the purposes of the sewer connection;
 6. That the development conforms with the Watercourse and Wetland Alteration (WAWA) permit issued by the Department of Environment and Local Government on June 17, 2024;
 7. 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;
 8. That notwithstanding Schedule D of the Zoning By-law, the number of surface parking spaces is permitted to be reduced from 21 spaces to 20 spaces;
 9. That notwithstanding Section 46(5) of the Zoning By-law, the width of the driveway entrance be permitted to increase from 5.5m to 6.7m;
 10. That notwithstanding Section 50 of the Zoning By-law, 9 bicycle parking spaces are required;
 11. 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;
 12. The applicant shall provide unit numbers for the main building prior to the issuance of a development permit; and
 13. The development shall be carried out in general conformance with the plans and drawings submitted as Schedule B.

*Moved by Councillor Thériault
Seconded by Councillor Crossman*

Councillor Thériault expressed concern at the close proximity of the development to a property owned by a couple of artists with a beautiful garden. Mr. Budd advised that a three-meter wide landscaped tree buffer will be installed which will also include a fence. He added that a sign will be installed on the property with notices to all properties within 100 meters which will be advertised in the newspaper.

With Planning Advisory Committee meetings online, Mr. Budd advised that instructions will be provided to residents on how to participate. They can also register in advance.

In reply to Councillor Richard regarding the wetlands, Mr. Budd noted that the site plan contains a 30 meter-wide wetland buffer and that the developer has received a WAWA certificate. As long the conditions of the certificates are followed, the wetlands should not be affected.

MOTION CARRIED.

7.3 Public Hearing – Rezoning Application at 1187 Shediac Road

The City Clerk advised that no objections have been received.

Mr. Budd advised of a rezoning application received to develop a four-unit townhouse at the above location. The development is located in Ward I on the north side of Shediac Road. A single-unit dwelling will be removed from the property. The recommendation is to proceed with the development subject to the conditions listed in the recommendation. He acknowledged the presence of the applicant who did not wish to speak but was available to respond to any questions Council may have.

In reply to Councillor Kingston, Mr. Budd advised that Planning staff consulted with the Transportation Engineer and no significant concerns were expressed with respect to traffic.

Councillor Leger inquired if the set back was sufficient to safely accommodate pedestrians given the lack of sidewalks and the busyness on Shediac Road. Mr. Budd responded that the right-of-way is being widened from Shediac Road towards the new MID business park. A sidewalk will be located on one side and multi-purpose trail on the other.

The Mayor declared the public hearing adjourned.

Motion: That Moncton City Council proceed with the proposed Zoning By-Law amendment Z-222.34 for 1187 Shediac Road (PID 00929752).

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 the property owner pays in full the development charge amount owing for the Shediac Road Charge Area (DC07) and the Harrisville Boulevard Charge Area (DC04), prior to the issuance of a development permit. The charge area amount shall be calculated at the time of building permit application;
3. That the existing single-unit dwelling be removed from the site prior to the issuance of a development permit;
4. That the existing driveway entrance and culvert be relocated as per the Site Plan attached as Schedule B, prior to the issuance of a development permit;
5. The landscaping be completed, as per the site plan attached as Schedule B, no later than one year following the issuance of a development permit;
6. 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;
7. The development shall be carried out in general conformance with the plans and drawings submitted as Schedule B.

*Moved by Councillor Thériault
Seconded by Councillor Kingston*

MOTION CARRIED

7.4 Public Hearing – Rezoning 54 Maplewood Drive Avenue (Objections Received)

The City Clerk advised that objections have been received with respect to this rezoning.

Bill Budd advised that Administration received an application from Landrik Properties Inc., on behalf of the landowner, to rezone a portion of 54 Maplewood Drive (PID 70304720) from R2 (Two-Unit Dwelling) to R3 (Multiple Unit Dwelling). The property is located in Ward I between Shediac Road and Veterans Memorial Highway. The property in question falls in between two zone boundaries and is currently designated R2 (Two Unit Dwelling) and R3 (Multiple Unit Dwelling). It is currently vacant and forms an irregular 'L' shaped lot. The lot is relatively narrow at the street level and significantly widens as it approaches the rear yard. While residential uses are permitted in both zones, Administration is recommending that the remaining R2 lands be rezoned to R3 to accommodate the apartment building which will be limited to 3 meters in height.

A line of mature trees exists along the southern edge of the lot abutting Veteran's Memorial Highway. The applicant intends to retain these trees as part of their development, in addition to installing a new fence and landscaped area next to the residential properties on Foresthill Drive. Public transit and other amenities are nearby.

Notation was made that the objector was present but did not wish to speak. The Mayor confirmed that the objections from those opposed were received for the record.

At the request of Councillor Leger, Mr. Budd reviewed the objections as follows:

- Cecile and Reginald Leger, Foresthill Drive, who were concerned with the parking lot in their backyard, increase in traffic and infringement on their privacy. Mr. Budd noted that the height of the building is lower than what is permitted. He believed that the landscape buffer and fencing should mitigate some of their concerns. No significant traffic increase is expected.
- Gregory Shapiro, Foresthill Drive – Had questions concerning fence material and maintenance as they have a slope in their backyard as well as trees which they did not want impacted.

Mr. Budd believed that staff could work with the developer to allay these concerns.

Councillor Leger encouraged discussion with the objectors to ensure their concerns are met.

Councillor Bourgeois inquired if parking could be relocated to the west side of the property to minimize the impact on the property owner. Mr. Budd noted that a change was not recommended and believed the screening and trees would mitigate the parking issues but suggested tabling this matter and postponing the public hearing.

Motion : That the development be tabled be postponed to review the possibility of relocating the parking lot.

*Moved by Councillor Bourgeois
Seconded by Councillor Thériault*

MOTION DEFEATED.

The Mayor declared the public hearing adjourned hearing no further comments.

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve the Zoning By-law amendment, being By-law Z-222.35, subject to a resolution with conditions including, but not limited to the following:

1. The apartment building be limited to three-stories;
2. The 2m opaque fence be made of wood, PVC, or other similar quality material, but shall not include chain link fencing;
3. The landscaping be completed, as per the site plan attached as Schedule B, no later than one year following the issuance of a development permit;
4. The existing vegetation remain undisturbed as shown on the site plan attached as Schedule B;
5. That the property owner pays in full the development charge amount owing for the Harrisville Boulevard Charge Area (DC04) prior to the issuance of a building and/or development permit. The charge area amount shall be calculated at the time of the building permit application;
6. 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;
7. 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;
8. The applicant shall provide unit numbers for the main building prior to the issuance of a development permit; and
9. The development shall be carried out in general conformance with the plans and drawings submitted as Schedule B.

*Moved by Councillor LeBlanc
Seconded by Councillor Crossman*

MOTION CARRIED.

8.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL/EXPOSÉS DES MEMBRES DU CONSEIL

Councillor Bourgeois thanked staff for organizing the meeting in this venue and adapting accordingly. He commended efforts to ensure the process of public hearings were as democratic as possible.

9.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

9.1 Recommendation(s) – Private Session – September 13, 2021

Motion: That Moncton City Council authorize and direct administration to negotiate the acquisition of trail easements with the property owners of PIDs 00998880, 00998898, 70426341, 70628953 and 70370408 to the amount authorized by Council as supported by the appraisal, and to authorize Administration to prepare Easement Agreements with each property owner upon successful negotiation and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute all documents necessary to give effect to the required Easements and to affix the Corporate Seal of the City of Moncton thereto.

*Moved by Councillor LeBlanc
Seconded by Councillor Kingston*

MOTION CARRIED.

9.2 Recommendation(s) – Committee of the Whole – June 24, 2024

City Council received a PowerPoint presentation from Tanya Carter regarding the City of Moncton's Corporate Procurement Policy and proposed revisions. The policy has not been updated since 2018 and requires a number of amendments to comply with Provincial regulations. The dollar thresholds outlined in the current policy do not reflect current costs for goods and services required by the City on a daily basis. Efforts have also been made to reduce the number of routine procurements brought to Council. The major changes in the NB Procurement Act are as follows;

- Goods exceeding \$133,800 must be publicly tendered.

- Services exceeding \$133,800 must be publicly tendered.
- Construction exceeding \$334,400 must be publicly tendered.

Ms. Carter reviewed the approval limits for Administration and the CAO. In establishing these limits, Administration liaised with other municipalities who have undertaken a similar exercise. The new amendments will expedite the process and better align with market costs. She highlighted the main changes to the proposed revisions to Schedule B – Expenditure Approval Authority. Purchases exceeding these budgetary allowances would be presented to Council for approval. Council will also continue to receive regular updates from the CFO as well as the Purchasing Acquisition report.

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve the proposed changes to the City of Moncton’s Corporate Procurement Policy, dated June 2024.

Moved by Councillor Thériault
Seconded by Councillor Steeves

Councillor Bourgeois inquired how the public will be informed of these expenses; with Jacques Doucet advising that when the Financial Statements are presented, a report is included outlining the expenses approved.

MOTION CARRIED.

9.3 Recommendation(s) – Private Session – July 8, 2024

Motion: That Moncton City Council agree to contribute \$620,000 for the City’s contribution of the Marriott Drive roundabout.

Moved by Councillor Leger
Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

In reply to Councillor Crossman, Mr. Lagacé advised that the contractor is ready to move forward but is awaiting approval for a subdivision development. The development plans will be submitted to the Planning Advisory Committee and subsequently City Council. The intent is to have the construction of a roundabout and street extension completed in 2024 and to have traffic coming from Harrisville Blvd. use Marriot Drive instead of Camelot Drive. Councillor Crossman asked that when the dates with PAC are known that they be shared with the ward councillors to share with the residents.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: That Moncton City Council authorize the City to enter into a new formal 5-year contract with People for Animal Wellbeing, with an option for either party to terminate on 6-month prior written notice, for the continued provision of animal shelter and control services, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documents and to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Moved by Councillor Butler
Seconded by Councillor Steeves

In reply to Councillor Leger’s concern at the cost per capita being high and entering into a five year contract, Mr. Houser explained that the cost per capita is compatible with other communities at \$4.50 per capita. He added that a six-month opt out is contained in the contract to ensure service levels are maintained which would be managed by By-Law Enforcement. The five-year agreement offers stability to both parties, however, a six month opt out is available. Councillor Leger suggested an update with an explanation at the six-month point.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: That Moncton City Council authorize and direct the City to repurchase PID 70628276 from Galco Atlantic Investments Network Ltd. per the terms of Amendment to Option to Purchase of February 8, 2023, and Notice of Intent to Exercise Option of May 30, 2024; and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documents to give effect to the purchase transaction and to the affix the Corporate Seal of the City of Moncton thereto.

*Moved by Councillor Butler
Seconded by Councillor Edgett*

Councillor Crossman expressed concern at this lot being undeveloped for a number of years which he felt could have been developed for MAGMA for a campus vision or support to the immigrant population. Ms. Aucoin advised that currently the land is owned by Galco who has indicated they could not meet the current development conditions and timeline set by the City. She added that if Council decides to repurchase the property, discussions could be held with MAGMA or other opportunities explored when developing an RFP for the land.

MOTION CARRIED. *Councillors Thériault and Crossman registered nay votes.*

10. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION/RAPPORTS DE L'ADMINISTRATION

10.1 Seniors Programing

City Council received a presentation from Monica Tucker providing an update on the senior programming file as well as the status of the Moncton Lions Community Centre building, St. George Street. The Moncton Lions Community Board ceased all activities in December 2023. She acknowledged that despite efforts made, gaps remain in recreation services for seniors, especially in terms social activities. The presentation featured additional resources, including the hiring of a seniors/youth coordinator, additional programming undertaken, i.e. seniors' aquatic class and swim. A dedicated page has been created on the website with the assistance of Corporate Communications. Social media has also been used. In addition to the current senior programming, further resources and programming for 2025 have been added including the purchase of two adult skating aids at the Kay Crossman centre.

Motion: That Moncton City Council direct Administration to include a new Community Development Officer position responsible for developing, coordinating, and implementing programs and services aimed at improving the quality of life for senior citizens in the community, along with programming funding, in the 2025 Operating Budget.

*Moved by Councillor Bourgeois
Seconded by Councillor Leger*

Considerable discussion ensued with concerns being expressed at the lapse since last fall and the time taken to present today's motion. Ms. Tucker explained that challenges existed at the time as administration did not want to interfere with the plans of Moncton Lions Community Centre board who was still meeting on a regular basis. As the board is dissolving, planning has commenced.

Councillor Bourgeois advised that while he supported hiring a new resource, the budget is not approved until November which could result in another three months before the job is posted, thus postponing new programming until next summer. He questioned what would be done in the meantime. He indicated his support for the motion but asked that an action plan be implemented prior to that timing. Ms. Tucker noted that smaller measures have been taken, however, no funds have been budgeted for 2024.

Discussion ensued on the \$100,000 approved for seniors' activities for the Moncton Lions Community Centre with J. Doucet confirming those funds were available for programming.

Councillor Leger suggested that the City consider funding agencies that provide programs for seniors. He also noted the need to enhance the website to provide further information, including activities that meet seniors where they are and take into account the francophone

demographic. He felt that the agencies should be offered assistance with the dissemination of their information. Ms. Tucker noted that not all of the information is placed on the website due to a lack of resources, adding that the City does not have partnerships with all agencies.

The suggestion was made to incorporate the activities at the Legion and Centre Aberdeen to ensure seniors are aware of the availability of activities in various venues to meet with the seniors where they are, taking into consideration:

- Seniors with mobility issues
- We could further to provide activities for French speaking activities. He felt it was important to move forward with planning.
- Some organizations do not require support but use assistance with distributing their information.

Councillor Butler recalled that Councillor Crossman was holding round table discussions with the seniors and that administration was awaiting the outcome of that meeting. Councillor Crossman reported that the round table meeting was initiated as the Province wished to use the building on St. George Street as an emergency shelter which is no longer the case. He felt that consideration should be given to returning its use for senior activities. He suggested that the new resource work with the Advisory Committee to ensure a permanent central location for the seniors where they can meet as a gathering place. Ms. Tucker noted a two-fold issue – implement as many activities in existing facilities as possible across the city and work with the Seniors Advisory committee and consult with the general public on a central location for a seniors centre. She expressed a willingness to partner with agencies, if funding permits.

Jeff Preston noted that currently the building is being used to provide 30 overnight beds. The Mayor added that Council approved the new use as a shelter.

Councillor Thériault supported a new position and concurred with the need for partnerships with existing groups and stressed the need for sufficient funding for seniors' activities and wished to see the City develop a budget that properly reflects the senior population. She suggested a detailed analysis of how to address the needs of seniors as well as an inventory of the various groups/agencies that work with seniors. Ms. Tucker noted that the new community officer would provide such research. She added that the intent is to engage the greatest number of citizens as possible.

J. Doucet advised \$130,000 plus currently exists in the budget adding that Council will have opportunity to determine if the budget needs to be increased during budget deliberations.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Tucker and her team and the seniors for their patience during this challenging time. She noted the need for more social infrastructure in the community and more community gathering spaces is needed for all members of the community which needs to be a priority in planning.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve funding for the seniors' activities at the Branch 6 Royal Canadian Legion Veterans Avenue at a cost \$70/hour for 24 hours per week x 50 weeks for the total amount of \$84,000.

Moved by Councillor Leger
Seconded by Councillor Butler

In reply to Councillor Crossman, Mr. Dupuis advised that the Legion could offer activities for up to five days a week with a grant of \$100,000 from Monday to Friday.

Amendment: That the funding be increased to \$100,000

Moved by Councillor Crossman
Seconded by Councillor Richard

The amendment was not put to a vote and questions were raised on the number of organizations providing services to seniors and whether any had applied for funding. Ms. Tucker confirmed that three proposals have been submitted since January and she anticipated other requests could be forthcoming following this meeting. The Mayor commended the Legion for their initiative but wished to staff conduct review of this issue and return to Council with the other proposals that have been submitted as well as respond to questions raised today.

In reply to Councillor Bourgeois as to whether seniors pay for activities, Mr. Dupuis, Legion representative, noted that a session is \$30 per session is charged to the instructor who charges the seniors a fee. The \$84,000 would be used to cover heating and maintenance costs.

Councillor Leger concurred with the need to consider other proposals, however, he noted that the Legion was before Council today with a request, adding that they have been providing services to seniors since February at a cost of \$7,000 per month. He felt some compensation was in order, specifically from February to July, with further discussion in August on the proper direction going forward.

Considerable discussion ensued on the motion with changes being made with the agreement of mover and seconder. The meeting recessed for 5 minutes to allow the City Clerk to prepare the revised motion for Council's consideration as follows.

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve funding in the amount of \$49,0000 for operational costs incurred by the Branch 6 Royal Canadian Legion Veterans Avenue for the provision of senior activities from February - August 2024, and that Administration return to Council at the September 19 Regular Public Meeting with other options for future programming partnerships.

*Moved by Councillor Leger
Seconded by Councillor Butler*

MOTION CARRIED. *Councillor Thériault registered a nay vote.*

10.2 Community Grant Policy

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve the Community Grant Administration and Evaluation Policy as presented during Committee of the Whole on December 18, 2023.

*Moved by Councillor LeBlanc
Seconded by Councillor Kingston*

MOTION CARRIED.

10.3 Dangerous or Unsightly Premises and Property By-law Z-824 (to repeal and replace of By-law Z-819)

Motion: That Moncton City Council give first reading to the proposed By-law # Z-824 A By-law Relating to Dangerous or Unsightly Premises and Property in the City of Moncton.

*Moved by Councillor LeBlanc
Seconded by Councillor Steeves*

In reply to Councillor Leger, Mr. Robichaud advised that with the reform to local governance the City must amend its by-laws to apply to newly annexed areas. Administration is currently conducting a review of the by-laws with more to come in the future.

Councillor Bourgeois noted the need for the City to review its by-laws on a regular basis and suggested that Administration submit a plan/schedule to Council on a process to conduct such a review over the next five years.

MOTION CARRIED.

10.4 Request for Proposal RFP24-035 – St. George Street Improvement Plan

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve Administration’s recommendation to award Request for Proposal #RFP24-035 – St. George Street Improvement Plan to the highest-scoring Proponent, being Alta Planning + Design Canada, Inc. in the amount of \$164,835.64, including H.S.T. @ 15%, and

That the funding required for this consulting engagement be withdrawn from Moncton City Council’s Contingency Fund, in the amount of \$150,000.00, as this public engagement and consultation process is being actioned by Administration at the request of City Council, and was not included as part of the City’s 2024 budgeting process; and

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a professional services agreement between the City and the successful Proponent and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Moved by Councillor Bourgeois

Seconded by Councillor Leger

Councillor Bourgeois inquired on the possibility of using capital borrowing authority that has not been used to pay this expenditure rather than withdrawing from the contingency account. Mr. Doucet indicated he would have to verify with other departments, noting that difficulty had been experienced in funding three items this evening which were not budgeted.

Councillor Leger stressed the need to take into consideration the concerns of the Active Transportation Committee which staff acknowledged. He also suggested gaining feedback from businesses and the impact on them. Mr. Lagacé clarified that the engagement piece pertains to how St. George Street will look in the future. Councillor Leger suggested considering another type of engagement regarding the impact on the businesses, perhaps through the Economic Development Department.

In response to Councillor Steeves regarding the 1% difference in the score, Mr. Robichaud noted that Administration relies on the Procurement Act and case law which are considered when computing the final score.

Councillor Richard requested that Council be provided clarification on the intent of the City’s contingency fund.

MOTION CARRIED.

10.5 Request for Proposal #RFP24-070 – Property Management Services (Moncton City Hall)

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve Administration’s recommendation to award Request for Proposal #RFP24-070 – Property Management Services (Moncton City Hall) to the highest-scoring Proponent, being Brookfield Global Integrated Solutions Canada LP (BGIS), for a Two (2) Year Term, at an approximate contract value of \$621,395.35, including H.S.T. @ 15%, with options to extend the agreement for up to eight (8) additional twelve (12) month periods; and

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a Legal Agreement between the City and the successful Proponent and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Moved by Councillor Richard

Seconded by Councillor Kingston

Councillor Richard requested that the accounts be identified as to where funding will be withdrawn for this tender. Mr. Doucet advised this item was over budget and would be absorbed as an over expenditure over the next six months in the operating budget.

In reply to Councillor Bourgeois, Mr. Doucet believed that this company would identify any major renovations for which the City would be responsible while they would address smaller issues. In terms of monitoring the building for repairs, J. Doucet noted that the Facilities Section would monitor the building through asset management.

Councillor Leger inquired on the possibility of having a full-time employee carry out the work with Mr. Binette noting this was a two-year contract, however, administration will be reviewing the service to determine if it could be carried out internally.

MOTION CARRIED.

10.6 Tender TC24-058 – New Cold Storage Dome – Operations Centre

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve the award of Tender #TC24-058 – New Cold Storage Dome – Operations Centre to the lowest Bidder meeting all Terms and Conditions and Specification, being Quantum Construction Maritimes Ltd., in the amount of \$1,473,150.00 including H.S.T. @ 15%, and

Further that a Contingency Allowance in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), including H.S.T. @ 15%, be established for this project to address any unknown or unforeseen conditions which may require a Construction Change Order.

*Moved by Councillor Leger
Seconded by Councillor Butler*

MOTION CARRIED.

10.7 Tender TCS24-066 – Supply and Delivery of Crushed Stone, Sand and Aggregate

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve the award of Tender #TCS24-066 - Supply and Delivery of Crushed Stone, Sand and Aggregates to the lowest Bidder meeting the Terms and Conditions and Specifications set out in the Tender, being Grey Rock Materials Inc. for the Total Estimated Annual Contract Value of \$192,264.48, including H.S.T. @ 15%, for a one (1) year period, with options to extend the agreement up to a maximum of four (4) additional twelve (12) month periods, if it is in the City's best interest to do so.

*Moved by Councillor Steeves
Seconded by Councillor Kingston*

MOTION CARRIED.

10.8 Award if City Contract No. W24H-07BD – Trail Upgrades No.1

Motion: That City Contract No. W24H 07BD, Trail Upgrades No. 1, be awarded to Modern Construction (1983) Ltd. in the amount of \$1,373,615.20 including HST (\$1,245,642.04 net HST), and that the budget for the project be set at \$1,400,000 including net HST, engineering and contingency, and 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 Leger
Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc*

Councillor Butler referenced item 10.9 and expressed concern at building trails and retaining walls before addressing traffic calming measures on Twin Oaks and Ryan Street. He cited two recent accidents on Twin Oaks. He felt that prior to building trails, addressing traffic issues and ensuring safety around schools should be a priority. Mr. Lagacé noted that this project was planned in the Active Transportation budget and provides a safety component for active transportation users. He added that the next project was not budgeted, however, Administration is making efforts to see it materialize.

MOTION CARRIED – Councillors Steeves and Butler registered nay votes.

10.9 City Contract No. W24H 07DX – Traffic Calming – Twin Oaks Drive

Councillor Leger proposed alternative 2 as follows:

Motion: That City Council award the original scope of work for City Contract No. W24H 07DX, Traffic Calming – Twin Oaks Drive as tendered to Modern Construction (1983) Ltd. in the amount of \$742,503.25 including HST and that the total budget for the project be set at \$740,000 including HST, engineering and contingency and 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 Leger
Seconded by Councillor Kingston*

Councillor Leger noted that other communities have placed devices in the middle of the street to advise motorists of a crosswalk. He noted a problematic crosswalk at the corner of Archibald and St. George Street. Mr. Lagacé responded that Engineering will be installing these devices on Shediac Road and St. George Street. It is hoped that this program will be expanded in the future. Councillor Leger requested that information be provided at a future meeting on the number of devices available.

Councillor Bourgeois inquired if borrowing authorities could be used to fund part of the project. Mr. Lagacé responded that the necessary checks would have to be carried out but he believed it was possible and remaining funds from contingency, following direction from Council. He asked if the motion could indicate if part of it could be used from existing authorities with the remainder from the contingency fund. Mr. Lagacé believed it was possible, however, assurances have to be taken that road building projects are complete prior to using the unused authority. Mr. Doucet noted that summary of unused authority could be forwarded to Council.

MOTION CARRIED.

11.

READING OF BY-LAWS

The City Clerk announced that the following by-laws for 1st reading will be posted on line at www.moncton.ca in lieu of reading them into the record at future meetings, pursuant to Section 15.3(a) ii (A&B) of the Local Governance Act, or same can be faxed, mailed or e-mailed to interested parties at their request.

- 11.1 A By-Law in Amendment of the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law, being By-Law Z-222.6.1 – Eastgate Village – First Reading (subject to approval of item 7.1)

The City Clerk gave first reading to By-Law Z-222.6.1.

- 11.2 A By-Law in Amendment of the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law, being By-Law Z-222.33 – 4 Curry Street– First Reading (subject to approval of item 7.2)

The City Clerk gave first reading to By-Law 222.33.

- 11.3 A By-Law relating to dangerous or unsightly premises and property in the City of Moncton, being By-Law Z-824 – Unsightly Premises – First Reading (subject to approval of item 10.3)

The City Clerk gave first reading to By-Law Z-824.

Pursuant to Section 15.3(a) ii (A&B) of the Local Governance Act the following by-laws for 2nd and 3rd reading were posted on the City of Moncton Internet site for the required time period specified in the Act. The by-laws receive second and third readings by title only.

- 11.4 A By-Law in Amendment of the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law, being By-Law Z-222.34 – Rezoning at 1187 Shediac Rd – Second and Third Readings (subject to approval of item 7.3)

Motion: That the City Clerk give second reading to A By-Law in Amendment of the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law, being By-Law Z-222.34.

Moved by Councillor Leger

Seconded by Councillor Kingston

MOTION CARRIED.

The City Clerk gave second reading to the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law, being By-Law Z-222.34.

Motion: That A By-Law in Amendment of the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law, being By-Law Z-222.34 be given third reading and that it be ordained and passed and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk with the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

*Moved by Councillor Leger
Seconded by Councillor Richard*

MOTION CARRIED.

The City Clerk gave third reading to the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law, being By-Law Z-222.34.

- 11.5 A By-Law in Amendment of the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law, being By-Law Z-222.35 – Rezoning 54 Maplewood Drive– Second and Third Readings (subject to approval of item 7.4)

Motion: That the City Clerk give second reading to A By-Law in Amendment of the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law, being By-Law Z-222.35.

*Moved by Councillor Richard
Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc*

MOTION CARRIED.

The City Clerk gave second reading to the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law, being By-Law Z-222.35.

Motion: That A By-Law in Amendment of the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law, being By-Law Z-222.35 be given third reading and that it be ordained and passed and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk with the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

*Moved by Councillor Butler
Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc*

MOTION CARRIED.

The City Clerk gave third reading to the City of Moncton Zoning By-Law being By-Law Z-222.35.

**12.
NOTICES MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**13.
APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES**

No appointments

The Mayor congratulated Laurann Hanson on her retirement after 34 years of service with the City, noting this was the last meeting. Ms. Hanson thanked Council for their support during the last 34 years, adding that it has been a pleasure working with the City.

**14.
ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: That the meeting adjourn.

Moved by Councillor Richard.

MOTION CARRIED.

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Mayor D. Arnold, in the Chair

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Shelley M. Morton, City Clerk &
Director, Legislative Services