

Moncton, N.B.
December 2, 2024
4 p.m.

M I N U T E S – REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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

ALSO PRESENT

S. Doucet, Chief Administration Officer (CAO)
N. Robichaud Deputy CAO and General Manager of Legal and Legislative Services
S. Morton, City Clerk, Director of Legislative Support
J. Doucet, General Manager, Finance Services
E. Aucoin, General Manager, Sustainable Growth and Development Services
A. Binette, General Manager, Operations Services
J. Preston, General Manager, Protective Services
A. Jardine, Manager, Strategic Communications
R. Lagacé, Director, Engineering
K. Sillicker, General Manager of Corporate Services
L. Babineau, Interim Director, Economic Development
G. Houser, Controller/Deputy Treasurer
F. Levesque-Ouellette, Director of Legal Services
B. Budd, Director, Planning and Development
J. Davies, Urban Planner, Planning and Development

**1.
CALL TO ORDER**

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: That the agenda for the Regular Public Council meeting dated December 2, 2024, be approved as circulated:

Moved by: Councillor Richard
Seconded by: Councillor Butler

MOTION CARRIED

**3.
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

None declared

**5.
CONSENT AGENDA**

**6.
PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS**

6.1 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

5 minutes

6.1.1 Presentation – Greater Moncton Homelessness Steering Committee (GMHSC) – Andrea Anne, Community Coordinator

Andrea Ann presented small review of the 30 members, community organizations and government agencies that make up the GMHSC. This committee's goal is to meet the needs of the community's most vulnerable. A 3-year strategic plan for 3 years advocacy communication and workforce development. Everyone counts is one of several tools to help understand homelessness, shared responsibility that no one is left behind.

Councillor Bourgeois, we have a city member sitting on the steering committee, if anything council or city can do obviously the message will be brought forth.

Councillor Edgett entered the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

In response to Councillor LeBlanc question, Ms. Anne advised that the number they work with the unhoused are the previous month's data. Staff work directly with Human Development to determine the number. There is an approximate number of 750 unhoused in Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John area. Staff will be worked on this number and once analyzed we will be able to breakdown of categories.

Councillor Steeves questioned Marc Belliveau, Harvest House, on their ability to keep up with the demand of the unhoused this winter. Mr. Belliveau indicated that they started filling bed in September, and are being proactive with their outreach program will allow them to identify who else may require indoors shelter

6.2 ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS

15 minutes

6.2.1 Presentation of International Economic Development Council 2024 Excellence Award – Luc Babineau, Interim Director, Economic Development, City of Moncton, and Clare Barnett, IEDC Canadian Representative, Director of Growth Services, Economic Development, City of Toronto

Mr. Babineau presented the opening of the Avenir Centre. Highlights of the submission included:

- A target of \$108 million in new downtown tax base by 2023;
- An outcome of exceeding the target and delivering \$192 million of new downtown tax base;
- \$333 million in new downtown building permits were issued;
- The construction of more than 1,000 new downtown residential units.

Clare Barnett presented the International Economic Development Council 2024 Excellence award on behalf of the Board of IEDC Canadian.

The International Economic Development Council is a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 4,500 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Economic developers typically work for cities, counties, states, public-private partnerships, and chambers of commerce and promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities, by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base. From public to private, rural to urban, and local to international, IEDC's members are engaged in the full range of economic development experiences.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

8. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Butler:

Mentioned the Everest senior curling event being held in Moncton. Every province has a team enrolled in the tournament. The event will be held all week.

He reminded the public that on December 13, 11:00 a.m. at Bore Park a memorial service will be held for two Moncton Police Force members who were killed in the line of duty 50 years ago.

Councillor Bourgeois:

Over the past decade, the number of immigrants has significantly increased, placing additional pressure on our education and healthcare systems. While the city has funded various support programs, more action is needed. Councillors should engage with immigrant communities to better understand their challenges, amplify their voices, and foster inclusivity. He will propose establishing a committee to collaborate with colleagues and develop more effective strategies for supporting immigrant integration.

Councillor Léger:

Thanked the committee and all the volunteers for organizing the Santa Claus Parade. With 20,000 people attending the static parade, it was an incredible success! It truly captured the spirit of the season, and it would be wonderful to see that same energy and coordination carried forward into future events.

9.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

9.1 Recommendation(s) – Committee of the Whole – November 25, 2024

MOTION: That Moncton City Council approve the Strategic Plan Pillars, including Vision, Mission and Goals for each pillar.

Nick Robichaud briefly highlighted the changes to the presentation that were made at council's request during the Committee of the Whole.

Moved by: Councillor Butler

Seconded by: Councillor Kingston

MOTION CARRIED

10.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

10.1 Additional Rimini Street Information Systems Support

MOTION: That Moncton City Council authorize Administration to enter into a 3-year contract with Rimini Street Consulting Inc. in the amount of \$196,122 plus HST @ 15% for the provisioning of specialty connection services for email and browser to support the existing ERP system; and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign all related contract documentation and affix the Corporate seal thereto.

Moved by: Councillor Richard

Seconded by: Councillor Kingston

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor was not present for the vote

10.2 Notice of motion – Residential parking

Mr. Robichaud presented Council with Administration alternative recommendations

Administration is recommending that Council direct administration to complete a comprehensive review and analysis of residential on-street parking permit program, and no later than early June of 2025, provide Council with a draft new residential on-street parking permit program, drafted suggested changes to the Residential Parking By-Law and recommendations on an implementation strategy of changes to the residential on-street parking permit program.

The original notice of motion is as follows:

Whereas the City of Moncton has previously allowed, during its urban planning efforts, the presence of housing units that provide no parking space for its residents, notably 129-131 Dufferin Street;

Whereas some residents of the City do not have access to parking space on the lot they own or rent;

And whereas By-Law L-722 does not allow the issuance of on-street parking permits for residents who do not have access to parking space on the lot they own or rent;

It is therefore resolved that By-Law L-722 be modified to allow the issuance of on-street parking permits to residents who do not have access to a parking space on the lot they own or rent, except in specific circumstances, notably snow removal efforts.

Moved by Councillor Daniel Bourgeois
Seconded by Councillor Paul Richard

Councillor Edgett indicated she would vote against the motion as presented by Councillor Bourgeois. She feels that landlords will take advantage, especially in locations that don't offer parking. She feels there's a better way to address the issue than amending the bylaw

CAO Serge Doucet advised Council that administration will work with the residents of this particular address in order to find an interim solution.

Councillor Léger reiterated the need to make sure administration and Council have a clear understanding of the issue regarding parking permits.

Councillor Bourgeois highlighted similar issues faced in the hospital area, noting that every house there has a driveway. He appreciates the COA's approach and is willing to work with the administration to find a solution.

Previously, he reached out to the administration for a resolution but was told that nothing could be done, leading him to draft the current resolution. He is willing to withdraw it, but only if a viable solution can be reached. However, he remains concerned about whether a solution can be guaranteed.

CAO, Serge Doucet, advised Council that staff will work to find the one-time solution for this property, and will review the by-law to make appropriate amendments.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

10.3 Housing Accelerator Fund – Non-profit Development Grant Program

Josh Davies presented a proposed amendment to the non-profit development grant program. The City of Moncton has committed to a housing supply growth target of 2,529 permitted housing units over the three-year HAF term.

This overall commitment includes the following breakdown:

- 1,237 missing middle units (2 doors – 4 storeys)
- 1,072 other multiple unit (5 storeys and above)
- 76 affordable housing units (3% of housing supply growth target)
- Single dwellings or other
- Aim to incentivize 100 affordable housing units.
- The Grant program currently capped at 10 incentivized units, or \$200,000

MOTION: That Moncton City Council amend the following policy having an effective date of December 2, 2024:

Affordable Housing – HAF Non-profit Development Grant Program; and

That notwithstanding the amended grant policy, the program will be retroactively applied to the Housing for Life Inc. grant application.

Moved by: Councillor Léger
Seconded by: Councillor Edgett

Deputy Mayor Theriault, does this rising tides, yes non-profit would be available for this program. We could also prepare a ward map, identifying all the property in each ward, and share it with the Council.

MOTION CARRIED

10.4 2024-2028 Canada Community Building Fund Capital Investment Plan

Gregg Houser explained this used to be the Gas Tax Fund in previous years.

MOTION: That Moncton City Council adopt the City of Moncton Five-Year Capital Investment Plan for the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) 2024-2028.

Moved by: Councillor Richard
Seconded by: Councillor Bourgeois

Councillor Bourgeois questioned if the allocation was based on population and in the program has flexibility to adjust with last census data being used. Mr. Houser will advise Council accordingly.

MOTION CARRIED

11.
READING OF BY-LAWS

12.
NOTICES MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

12.1 Withdrawal from Utility Capital Reserve Fund

WHEREAS section 117(7) of the Local Governance Act of New Brunswick confers power on City Council to create a Utility Capital Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS the said Act requires that withdrawals made from the Utility Capital Reserve Fund be authorized by resolution; and

WHEREAS the City Treasurer recommends a withdrawal for the 2024 Meter Replacement Program be made from the Utility Capital Reserve Fund by way of adopted decisions of Council with costs to date for 2024 totalling **\$135,000**

WHEREAS the City Treasurer recommends a withdrawal for sanitary sewer component costs relating to the Street Reconstruction No 1 capital project be made from the Utility Capital Reserve Fund by way of adopted decisions of Council with costs to date for 2024 totalling **\$78,824**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the sum of **\$213,824** be released from the Utility Capital Reserve Fund, this being the procedures dictated by way of Provincial Legislation

Moved by: Councillor Butler
Seconded by: Councillor LeBlanc

MOTION CARRIED

12.2 Withdrawal from General Capital Reserve Fund

WHEREAS section 101 of the Local Governance Act of New Brunswick confers power on City Council to create a General Capital Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS the said Act requires that withdrawals from the General Capital Reserve Fund be authorized by resolution; and

WHEREAS the City Treasurer recommends a withdrawal for the Avenir Centre Major Maintenance and Rehabilitation annual payment as per the operating and maintenance agreement be made from the General Capital Reserve Fund by way of adopted decisions of Council in the amount of **\$454,401.11**

WHEREAS the City Treasurer recommends a withdrawal for the 2024 City fleet purchases be made from the General Capital Reserve Fund by way of adopted decisions of Council with costs to date totalling **\$ 2,630,378**

WHEREAS the City Treasurer recommends a withdrawal for Codiac Transpo capital purchases be made from the General Capital Reserve Fund by way of adopted decisions of Council with costs to date totalling **\$907,438**

WHEREAS the City Treasurer recommends a withdrawal for interest mitigation and use the reserves as a funding mechanism against capital purchases be made from the General Capital Reserve Fund by way of adopted decisions of Council with costs to date totalling **\$3,413,700**

WHEREAS the City Treasurer recommends a withdrawal for the 2024 City lifecycle purchases be made from the General Capital Reserve Fund by way of adopted decisions of Council with costs to date totalling **\$1,784,499**

WHEREAS the City Treasurer recommends a withdrawal for 2024 City capital purchases be made from the General Capital Reserve Fund by way of adopted decisions of Council with costs to date totalling **\$773,326**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the sum of **\$9,963,742.11** be released from the General Capital Reserve Fund, this being the procedures dictated by way of Provincial Legislation

Moved by: Councillor Léger
Seconded by: Councillor Edgett

MOTION CARRIED

12.3 Deposit to General Capital Reserve

WHEREAS section 101 of the Local Governance Act of New Brunswick confers power on City Council to create a General Capital Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS the said Act requires that deposits made into the General Capital Reserve Fund be authorized by resolution; and

WHEREAS the City Treasurer recommends the deposit of **\$119,026.22**, be made to the General Capital Reserve Fund consisting of net proceeds from sale of fleet equipment; and

WHEREAS the City Treasurer recommends the deposit of **\$2,371,035**, be made to the General Capital Reserve Fund consisting of annual development charges for 2024; and

WHEREAS the City Treasurer recommends the deposit of **\$300,000**, be made to the General Capital Reserve Fund representing funding for salt-plow trucks

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that authorization be granted for a deposit in the amount of **\$2,790,061.22**, be made into the General Capital Reserve Fund.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Thériault
Seconded by: Councillor LeBlanc

MOTION CARRIED

12.4 Withdrawal from General Operating Reserve Fund

WHEREAS section 101 of the Local Governance Act of New Brunswick confers power on City Council to create a General Operating Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS the said Act requires that withdrawals be made from the General Operating Reserve Fund be authorized by resolution; and

WHEREAS the City Treasurer recommend a withdrawal from the General Operating Reserve Fund be made by way of adopted decisions of Council with costs to date totalling **\$192,231** for various city’s budgeted initiatives; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the sum of **\$192,231** be released from the General Operating Reserve Fund, this being the procedures dictated by way of Provincial Legislation

Moved by: Councillor Richard
Seconded by: Councillor Butler

MOTION CARRIED

13.
APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Events advisory committee

- Larry Nelson
- Bill Whalen
- Ray Roberge

Rising Tide Board of Directors

- Isabelle LeBlanc (replacing Jocelyn Cohoon)

Destination Moncton Dieppe Board

- Isabelle LeBlanc (replacing Jocelyn Cohoon)

Moved by: Councillor Kingston
Seconded by: Councillor LeBlanc

MOTION CARRIED

14.
ADJOURNMENT

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

Moved by: Councillor Richard

MOTION CARRIED

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Dawn Arnold

MAYOR

/ 6:14 p.m.

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Shelley M. Morton
CITY CLERK & DIRECTOR OF
LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT