

Council Chambers
City Hall
Moncton, N.B.
February 18, 2025
4 p.m.

MINUTES – REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor /Mairesse Dawn Arnold
Councillor/Conseiller Marty Kingston,
Councillor/Conseillère Monique LeBlanc
Deputy Mayor /Mairesse adjointe Paulette Thériault
Councillor/Conseiller Shawn Crossman, (confero)

Councillor/Conseiller Daniel Bourgeois,
Councillor/Conseiller Charles Léger,
Councillor/Conseiller Bryan Butler,
Councillor/Conseiller Dave Steeves,
Councillor/Conseiller Paul Richard,

Absent/Absents Councillor/ Conseillère 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
Gregg Houser Deputy Treasurer-Controller
E. Aucoin, General Manager, Sustainable Growth and Development Services
A. Binette, General Manager, Operations Services
J. Preston, General Manager, Protective Services
I. LeBlanc, General Manager of Community Services
K. Silliker General Manager of Corporate Services
R.Lagace, Director of Engineering
A. Jardine, Acting Director, Corporate Communications
S. Anderson, Manager of Development Planning
D. Geldart, Urban Planner
J. Davis Manager, Long Range Policy Planning

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

1.

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

A memorial was held for Bill Budd, who served as Moncton's Director of Planning and Development since 2013. Bill was a humble and dedicated leader known for his expertise, kindness, and calm presence. He made a lasting impact on the city's growth and was respected across North America. A devoted family man and mentor, Bill never sought recognition, but his legacy endures in both the city he helped shape and the lives he touched.

2.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: That the agenda for the February 18, 2025 Regular Public Council meeting **be approved** as circulated.

Moved by Councillor Richard

Seconded by Councillor Kingston

MOTION CARRIED.

3.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Done declared

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5. CONSENT AGENDA

6. PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS

6.1 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

5 minutes

6.1.1 **Presentation** – New Brunswick Medical Education Foundation – Mission – Alyssa Long, Executive Director

Alyssa Long presented to Council an update on the Foundation's success in addressing New Brunswick's physician and nurse practitioner shortages. Founded in 2010 by retiring physicians concerned about patient care gaps, the Foundation raises funds to support local medical and nurse practitioner students who commit to returning to practice in New Brunswick.

6.1.2 **Presentation** – Project 1010 Seniors Centre – Dennis Cochrane, Committee Chair

Dennis Cochrane presented a proposal to Council from a volunteer committee of seniors. The plan suggests transforming the ground floor of 1010 St. George Boulevard (the former Wawanesa Insurance building) into a 10,000 sq. ft. senior wellness and activity center. Meanwhile, Rising Tide would develop the upper floors into 30 units of affordable senior housing.

6.1.3 **Presentation** – RECAP Health Services – Daniel Pike Pharmacist, Director

Daniel Pike presented an overview of his organization's mission and upcoming expansion into Moncton. Drawing from his experience opening a downtown pharmacy in Fredericton in 2018, he shared how working with vulnerable populations, particularly those facing homelessness and substance use challenges, has shaped his career and passion.

Q&A from Councils with presenters:

Before opening the floor for questions, the CAO mentioned that item #2 might be on people's minds. He noted that the group would be invited back in the coming weeks to address detailed questions and provide clarity before the end of March.

NB Medical Health Foundation:

Councillor Steeves had two questions for Ms. Long. The first inquired about any barriers the organization is currently facing, and questioned Dr. Donald Craig's involvement. Ms. Long mentioned that they had to turn away 20 applicants. She also discussed the intergenerational aspect, with 30% of their clientele being under 18.

Councillor LeBlanc asked Ms. Long about educational opportunities for newcomers whose credentials are not valid in Canada and if international qualifications could be considered.

Deputy Mayor Thériault asked Miss Long about preventative medicine, especially increasing access to primary care and promoting a healthy lifestyle, to reduce strain on the healthcare system.

Seniors:

Councillor Bourgeois raised several questions with Mr. Cochrane regarding the proposed senior wellness center. He first asked whether 10,000 sq. ft. is necessary, suggesting that 5,000 sq. ft. might be sufficient, citing Fredericton's smaller 3,000 sq. ft. facility. Mr. Cochrane responded that more space is needed for the proposed activities. Councillor Bourgeois also inquired about whether the center would be a dedicated senior facility for the entire city or if it could serve other purposes. Mr. Cochrane explained that socialization is a primary goal, with loneliness being a key concern for seniors. He highlighted that new activities, such as a bridge club, computer room, yoga, and a linguistic club, would be offered, particularly for seniors who have lost spaces like the Riverview Bridge Club.

Councillor Crossman questioned Mr. Cochrane regarding fees and funding. Mr. Cochrane explained that fees are an annual cost to use the facility, which would be managed by the board of management. He noted that the city's grant would decrease over three years. He also mentioned that the facility could serve more than just seniors, potentially benefiting youth through programs like Moncton Cares.

Deputy Mayor Thériault inquired about the specific programs that would be offered, given that seniors make up 25% of Moncton's population. He also asked about the budget, snow clearing, and how the project would address these needs.

Councillor Leger asked Mr. Cochrane if the facility would include a bilingual component, to which Dennis confirmed that volunteers would play a key role. The facility would have 30 apartments and great interaction with people living in the building, making it more than just a financial exercise but a partnership. He noted that most apartments have social rooms.

Councillor Richard emphasized the need for outdoor spaces and mentioned Centennial Park as a possible location for a walking club.

Councillor Butler inquired about the impact of the \$450,000 funding, asking how many more students could be supported. Dennis replied that it could help accommodate 30-40 more students annually.

Councillor Butler also expressed concern about the reliance on rentals for the center, stating that it shouldn't be the primary focus. He emphasized the importance of volunteers and questioned how the costs would be managed for taxpayers. Mr. Cochrane mentioned a slightly higher fee for outsiders and promised to consider all areas when looking at the project's funding.

RECAP Health Services

Additionally, Councillor Bourgeois asked about complaints from citizens regarding the presence of individuals around the proposed location. Mr. Pike clarified that the facility would not serve as a drop-in space but as a mental health clinic, where clients receive treatment by appointment and leave afterward. Security measures are in place to ensure staff safety.

6.2 ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS

15 minutes

7.

PLANNING MATTERS

the meeting recessed for a 4 minute break at 5:48 p..

7.1 Introduction – Rezoning Application – 195-225 Leopold F. Belliveau Drive

Dylan Geldart presented an application to rezone a property from Integrated Development and Multiple Unit Dwelling to Integrated Development and Open Space and Conservation. The 2012 master plan, designed to accommodate higher density, also added daycare to the list of uses. The development will occur in two phases: Phase 1 will add 47 units and reduce the commercial space on-site, while Phase 2 will increase the unit count by 198, but only after a street connection is completed.

Motion: That Moncton City Council proceed with the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Z-222.43 by:

1. Giving first reading to the by-law;
2. Referring the by-laws to the Planning Advisory Committee for its written views; and
3. Setting a Public Hearing for March 17, 2025, at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

The rezoning, if approved, should be subject to a conditional zoning agreement attached as Schedule B.

Moved by: Councillor Richard
Seconded by: Councillor Bourgeois

Councillor Richard asked if the traffic signal would only be installed upon receiving a permit. René Legacy confirmed that the signal is planned for the summer of 2025, and the installation of a crosswalk will depend on traffic and demand, with an analysis to be done beforehand.

Councillor Bourgeois raised concerns about parking arrangements, to which it was explained that the parking was intentionally planned to be located behind the building as part of the design.

MOTION CARRIED

8.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Bourgeois highlighted that in 2021, Moncton had the third-worst crime rate in Canada, but by 2023, the city had improved to 10th place, with severity ranked 12th. He pointed out that the reasons for the improvement weren't clearly explained and thanked the citizens of Ward 2 for prioritizing safety. He raised concerns about the lack of a federal prevention plan for family violence and the absence of specific targets, noting that Moncton has higher rates of family violence than other Maritime cities. He stressed the need to lead by example and make public safety a priority, stating that after four years of lip service and neglect, the city must take the issue seriously.

9.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

10.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

11.

READING OF BY-LAWS

The following by-laws 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-222.43— Rezoning at 195-225 Leopold F. Belliveau – **First Reading (subject to approval of item 7.1)**

12.

NOTICES MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

13.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

14.

ADJOURNMENT

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

/ 6:13p.m.

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