

May 5, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

Mayor
Councillor Marty Kingston,
Councillor Monique LeBlanc
Deputy Mayor Paulette Thériault
Councillor Shawn Crossman

Councillor Daniel Bourgeois,
Councillor Charles Léger,
Councillor Bryan Butler,
Councillor Dave Steeves,
Councillor Susan Edgett
Councillor Paul Richard

Absent Councillor

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, Chief Financial Officer
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
M. Tucker Manager Recreation
E. Jefferies, Community Development Officer-Senior & Youth

**1.
CALL TO ORDER**

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order.

**2.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion: That the agenda for the regular public Council meeting dated May 5, 2025, be approved with the following changes:

That item 7.2 Public Hearing Zoning By-Law Amendment 1430-1450 Elmwood Drive be postponed to the next Regular Public meeting of May 20, 2025.

Moved by Councillor Leblanc
Seconded by Councillor Leger

MOTION CARRIED

**3.
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

Non declared

**4.
ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Regular Public Council Meetings – September 3, 2024, January 20, 2025, and February 2, 2025

Moved by Councillor Leger
Seconded by Councillor Kingston

MOTION CARRIED

5. CONSENT AGENDA

6. PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS

6.1 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

5 minutes

6.1.1 **Presentation** – Moncton Kyokushin Team – Recognition (Certificate)

The Deputy Mayor presented a certificate

6.1.2 **Presentation** – Veterans in Focus – Maurice Henri

Maurice Henri presented to council with Roselba (teacher from McKenzie College) and Stacy (student at McKenzie College) photographed 3 veterans which is a legacy project the vision is every veteran has a story. We help them share it with dignity, creativity and truth the purpose is to honor and document the lives of veterans the end exhibit will be at Delta Beasejour November 1.

6.1.3 **Presentation** – Results of the Moncton Transit Survey – Université de Moncton (2024) – Mark LeBlanc

Mark LBlanc and Réda Benhima presented to Council on the public transit survey that was completed. Mr. LeBlanc indicated that 378 people filed out the survey and only 32% are able to use public transit.

Councillor Bourgeois indicated that approximately 10 years ago, a survey was completed by students at Université de Moncton asking if students were interested in adding funds to their tuition for bus passes.. Students at the time were not interested, as approximately half had access to a vehicle. Councillor Bourgeois questioned if they had added a similar question to their survey. He requested a copy of the survey.

Councillor Richard wondered which transit lines would better serve these areas. He indicated that currently, North Moncton is only serviced by one bus route, which results in ride times exceeding 50 minutes.

Mr. LeBlanc added that there is a need for more information on which destinations are currently not being serviced. Students, in particular, are seeking more affordable housing options, which could lead them to consider areas like Dieppe or Riverview.

6.2 ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS

6.2.1 **Presentation** – Senior Programming Review Update – Aloma Jardine & Ellen Jeffries

Aloma Jardine presented an update on the public engagement process, which took place from January 13 to February 10 in regards to Senior programming within the City The engagement included interested and affected parties. The public engagement identified several common challenges, including:

- Limited facilities and space
- Gaps in promotion and outreach
- Funding constraints
- Staffing and volunteer shortages
- Issues with accessibility and transportation

Ms. Jardine advised Council that over 500 individuals participated in the in-person sessions. Participants cited several barriers to participation in programs, including:

- Lack of awareness about where and when activities are offered
- Program costs
- Inconvenient locations or scheduling
- Difficulty accessing bilingual programming
- Long waitlists

Ellen Jeffries noted that the City will improve communication efforts by enhancing promotion on the municipal website. A sign-up for the newsletter was launched on May 20 to help residents stay informed.

Looking ahead to upcoming programming:

- June is Seniors Month, and the City will celebrate with events throughout the month.
- Free summer fitness classes will be offered, or at a cost of \$3 or less.
- Outdoor pool programming will also be available.

Councillor Bourgeois asked whether there is a long-term plan in place for the next few years. As this is just the beginning, he emphasized that these early steps are important and expressed hope that public involvement will continue to grow.

One topic that didn't emerge directly from the survey was public safety. While it wasn't a formal survey question, it did appear in the comments section. In response, guided walks were organized to help participants feel more secure in public spaces.

6.2.2 **Presentation** – Heritage Board Annual report – Jean-Pierre Charron, Linda Maillet (Chair)

Jean-Pierre Charron presented to council the 2024 annual report from the Heritage Board. He advised the heritage conservation grants had 11 properties awarded assistance. He mentioned that this year 5 heritage awards were presented at the 4th annual Heritage Conservation awards ceremony.

The Board's 5-year strategic plan includes:

- review and update of the board communication plan,
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- New interactive designated heritage property map
- Update to statement of significance reference documents for most designated property
- More media coverage and public interactive activities.

7.

PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 **Public Hearing** – Zoning By-Law Amendment 2 McLaughlin Drive – Objections

Sarah Anderson presented an application to amend the permitted use in the Neighbourhood Convenience zone to permit residential units on the main floor. A proposed three-story apartment building with 10 residential units and one commercial unit.

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve Zoning By-law Amendment Z-222.45 and Schedule A-45 for the property located at 2 McLaughlin Drive and bearing PID 70655873, subject to a resolution with the following conditions:

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 notwithstanding Section 129(1) of the Zoning By-law, the height of the main building is permitted to increase from two storeys to three storeys;
3. That notwithstanding Table 13.2 of the Zoning By-law, residential uses are permitted to be located on the ground floor as per the plans attached as Schedule B;
4. That notwithstanding Section 108(1)(b) of the Zoning By-law, the front yard setback for the main building is permitted to be reduced as per plans attached as Schedule B;
5. That notwithstanding Table 13.3 of the Zoning By-law, the rear yard setback for the main building is permitted to be reduced as per plans attached as Schedule B;
6. That notwithstanding Section 47(1)(g) of the Zoning By-law, the driveway and driveway aisle is permitted to be located within 3 metres of the rear and side lot lines;
7. That notwithstanding Section 42(1)(e) of the Zoning By-law, parking is permitted to be located in the rear yard setback as per the plans attached as Schedule B;
8. 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;
9. 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;

10. The 2-metre opaque fence be made of wood, PVC, or other similar quality material, but shall not include chain link fencing;
11. That the existing mature tree located at 3 Cross Street (PID 00771931) remain undisturbed as a result of the development;
12. The applicant shall provide unit numbers for the main building prior to the issuance of a development permit;
13. The development shall be in general conformance with the site plan attached as Schedule B.

The Deputy Mayor declared public hearing over.

Moved by Councillor Crossman
Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

MOTION CARRIED

7.2 **Public Hearing** – Zoning By-Law Amendments 1430-1450 Elmwood Drive – Objections

Postponed until May 20, 2025.

8.
STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Léger concerned about the significant amount of litter, especially around Wheeler Boulevard, Home Depot, Trinity, and Elwood areas. He suggested that a strategy involving the municipality, province, and regional service commission be evaluated for litter collection in 2026. It is his opinion that relying on volunteers is insufficient. This topic will be reviewed by administration and the CAO.

9.
REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

9.1 Recommendation(s) – Committee of the Whole - April 28, 2025

Motion: That Moncton City Council approve the updated Urban Work Area Traffic Control Manual (WATCM) Supplement.

Moved by Councillor Richard
Seconded by Councillor Kingston

Councillor Bourgeois asked Mr. Lagacé about the standard for high-visibility apparel and whether it should be prescribed in policy. Mr. Lagacé responded that, without the document on hand, he was unable to provide an accurate answer at that moment but would follow up via email. Councillor Bourgeois also noted that it would be worthwhile to review the applicable national standard and consider adopting it, with potential modifications.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Butler was not present for the vote.

10.
REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

10.1 City Contract No. W25D 04BC - Street Resurfacing No 2

MOTION: That City Contract No. W25D 04BC, Street Resurfacing No. 2, be awarded to MacDonald Paving and Construction in the amount of \$3,350,077.65 including HST (\$3,037,966.94 net HST), and that the budget for the project be set at \$3,250,000 including net HST, engineering and contingency.

It is also recommended 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 Steeves

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Butler was not present for the vote.

10.2 City Contract No. W25C 01AB – Street Reconstruction No.1

MOTION: That City Contract No. W25C 01AB, Street Reconstruction No. 1, be awarded to Foulem Construction Ltd in the amount of \$5,800,945 including HST (\$5,260,498.70 net HST), and that the budget for the project be set at \$5,700,000 including net HST, engineering and contingency.

It is also recommended 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 Richard
Seconded by Councillor Bourgeois

Councillor Crossman, notice the works starts in June until November want to make sure we will have access to the pool it not be affected all at the same time make sure always access.

MOTION CARRIED

10.3 Procedural By-Law Mayor/Mayor – Councillor Bourgeois Notice of Motion

Nick Robichaud advised we have a report regarding the CRF advising administration would go with the alternative 1.

Whereas a Mayor may resign his or her position after the provincial deadline to hold a byelection one year before the completion of the existing council's mandate;

Whereas the City's procedural bylaw A-418 is silent on the matter of a vacant Mayor position after the provincial deadline for a byelection in the year before general elections;

Whereas the present situation of an unelected Mayor assuming the position for 15 months by default is considered less democratic than an elected Mayor voted for by a majority of duly elected council members acting on behalf of the citizens of Moncton they all serve;

And whereas Council elects a Deputy Mayor each year during the second meeting in May

Be it resolved that bylaw A-418 be amended so that the Mayor elected henceforth by Council in these extraordinary circumstances will be called 'Mayor' rather than 'Acting Mayor', and be afforded the same powers as the Mayor elected by citizens;

Be it further resolved that the bylaw be amended so that the Mayor elected by council in these extraordinary circumstances will receive the same salary and benefits as the Mayor elected by the citizens because he or she will be assuming the same responsibilities as a Mayor that is elected by citizens during a general election or a byelection;

Be it further resolved that the bylaw be amended so that the Deputy Mayor elected by Council in these extraordinary circumstances will be called 'Deputy Mayor' rather than 'Acting Deputy Mayor' and receive the same salary and benefits as the Deputy Mayor.

Be it finally resolved that Council ask the Province permission to amend Bylaw A-418 to eliminate the void in which council presently operates and future councils may operate in similar circumstances, in order to allow Council to hold an election for Mayor during the same meeting in May it elects a Deputy Mayor, whenever the position of Mayor cannot be filled by a byelection, both positions to be held until the next general elections.

Councillor Bourgeois, when councillor butler and I sat down it wasn't clear 60% could be withdrawn from consideration one example of salary mayor was making 95K a year the CAO its not on staff to decide she would be paid a per diem day its up to Council. Will withdrawal the motion and come back at the committee of the whole meeting with Butlers agreement. Wanted it in place prior to the May 20th re election of Deputy Mayor.

With the additional information provided, and clarification, the mover and seconder withdrew the resolution. Councillor Bourgeois will bring it back to future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councillor Leger brought the following motion to the floor:

Motion That Council continue to apply the existing By-law provisions regarding the election of a Deputy Mayor, in accordance with the Local Governance Act, even in circumstances where the office of the Mayor becomes vacant after the deadline for a by-election.

Moved by Councillor Léger
Seconded by Councillor Kingston

MOTION CARRIED

11.

READING OF BY-LAWS

11.1 By-Law in Amendment of a By-Law Relating to the Adoption of the City of Moncton Zoning By-law, being Bylaw Z-222.45– 2 McLaughlin Drive– Second and Third Readings (subject to approval of item 7.1)

Motion: That the Clerk give second reading to By-Law Z-222.45

Moved by Councillor Leger
Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Crossman was not present for the vote.

The Clerk gave second reading to By-Law Z-222.45

Motion: That a By-Law Relating to the City of Moncton’s By-Laws, being Z-222.45, be given third reading and that it be ordained and passed and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal of the City of Moncton thereto.

Moved by: Councillor Richard
Seconded by: Councillor LeBlanc

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Crossman was not present for the vote.

The Clerk gave third reading to By-Law Z-222.45

12.

NOTICES MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

12.1 **Notice of Motion** – Procedural By-Law Councillor Bourgeois

This item was withdrawn by the mover and seconder during item 10.3

12.2 **Resolution** – Appointment as Building Inspector – Caroline Roy

BUILDING INSPECTOR

WHEREAS by virtue of the *Local Governance Act*, S.N.B. 2017, c. 18, and all applicable regulations adopted under it, the *Building Code Administration Act*, S.N.B. 2020, c. 8, and all applicable regulations adopted under it, and the *Building By-Law*, Council may appoint building inspectors for the local government.

INSPECTION, NOTICE AND ORDER

AND WHEREAS a building inspector appointed by Council, may perform inspections, enforcement of by-laws or other laws with respect to building and construction and any other duties or powers, including but not limited to issuing Notices, Demands, and Orders, as prescribed and provided for in the *Building Code Administration Act*, the *Local Governance Act*, the *Building By-Law*, the *Residential Properties By-Law*, and all applicable regulations adopted by virtue of the *Building Code Administration Act* and the *Local Governance Act*.

PROCEEDINGS

AND WHEREAS by virtue of the *Local Governance Act*, Council may designate any person in whose name proceedings for an offence under a by-law, including but not limited to Information’s, may be laid or commenced.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Caroline Roy(Building Inspector) is hereby authorized and appointed to act for and on Council's behalf pursuant to Acts, regulations and By-Laws referenced above, to conduct inspections for the purposes of administering or enforcing applicable Acts, regulations and By-Laws referenced above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Caroline Roy(Building Inspector) is hereby authorized and appointed to act for and on Council’s behalf pursuant to the Acts, regulations and By-Laws referenced above, to issue Notices, Demands or Orders and lay Informations with the Provincial Court of New Brunswick, to insure compliance with Acts, regulations and By-Laws referenced above.

Moved by Councillor Leger
Seconded by Councillor Richard

MOTION CARRIED

13.
APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

14.
ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the Public Council meeting of this date adjourn.

Moved by Councillor Richard

MOTION CARRIED

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Paulette Thériault
DEPUTY MAYOR

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Shelley M. Morton
CITY CLERK & DIRECTOR OF
LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

/6:13p.m.

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