



CITY OF BATHURST

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Date: January 15, 2024
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers - City Hall

Present

Mayor K. Chamberlain
Deputy Mayor P. Anderson
Councillor D. Branch
Councillor S. Brunet
Councillor R. Hondas
Councillor D. Knowles
Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc
Councillor S. Legacy
Councillor M. Skerry
Councillor M. Willett

Appointed Officials

T. Pettigrew, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Parker, City Clerk
M. Abernethy, City Engineer
J.-S. Chiasson, Communications Officer
C. Roy, Executive Administrator

1. MOMENT OF REFLECTION / TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor R. Hondas

Seconded by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Public Meeting Held on December 18, 2023

Moved by Councillor M. Willett
Seconded by Councillor D. Branch

THAT the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting dated December 18, 2023, be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. CONSENT AGENDA

None

6. PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

6.1 2024 Bathurst Harvest Festival Corvette Event by Evelyne Valotaire and Marc Willett

Marc Willett and Evelyne Valotaire are members of the Moncton, Nova Scotia and Saint John Corvette Clubs. They participate in municipal festivals that have antique car shows with a corvette display element. Two years ago, they attended the Bathurst Harvest Festival car show with three Corvettes. The following year, they decided to incorporate a corvette section into the festival's car show, as other Maritime towns do. Their small group promoted it throughout the year, resulting in one of the largest gatherings of corvette enthusiasts in the Maritimes.

On Friday evening, a get-together was held at 13 Barrels for around 100 participants, catered by Pizza Delight, which was a great success for showcasing the waterfront. On Saturday, 72 corvettes registered for the car show and over 100 people discovered Bathurst, shopped downtown, and ate at local restaurants. After the car show, they paraded from downtown to Petit-Rocher and back to Bathurst. Their plan to attract people to Bathurst turned out to be bigger and better than they had imagined. As it turns out, Bathurst has set a new standard for Maritime Corvette Club events. This resulted in revenue to the local bars and restaurants, and over 40 hotel rooms were booked for two nights. After all expenses paid, the club was able to donate \$925 to the Bathurst homeless shelter.

Many of the club members had never been to the region, but they will be coming back and promoting it. At the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Corvette Club in December, the president announced that the Bathurst event in September is the must-attend event of 2024. They expect to welcome groups not only from the Maritimes, but from Quebec and Bar Harbor, Maine. To date, they are expecting between 70 and 80 cars. The Best Western is already fully booked, and further reservations are being made at the Quality Inn.

This year's meet-and-greet will take place on Friday, September 20. The group would like to reserve 13 Barrels for a private event from 6 pm to 9:30 pm. The car show will take place on Saturday, followed by dinner at the marina, and the group would like to offer bus service in the evening.

The group is asking for \$3,550 to cover the cost of the bus and 13 Barrels for a private event. Other costs will be covered by sponsors, registration fees and individual participants. They would also like the Tourist Office to donate bags containing brochures, pins, pens and other gifts.

Council members stated that the purpose of the Tourism Levy Fund is to encourage these types of tourism events. The request will be added to a future council meeting agenda for discussion.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Accounts Payable Totals for December 2023

Moved by Councillor S. Brunet

Seconded by Councillor M. Skerry

That the accounts payable totals, including payroll, for the month of December 2023 be approved as follows:

Operating - \$2,186,294

Capital - \$453,416

Total - \$3,817,814

MOTION CARRIED

8. MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS

8.1 2024-03 A By-Law Designating Portions of Roads within the City of Bathurst as Accessible to Off-Road Vehicles

8.1.1 First Reading of By-Law 2024-03

Moved by Councillor D. Knowles

Seconded by Councillor D. Branch

THAT the proposed By-Law 2024-03 entitled “A By-Law Designating Portions of Roads within the City of Bathurst as Accessible to Off-Road Vehicles” shall be read 3 times by title as per requirements specified in the *Local Governance Act*, section 15 (3); and

THAT the above mentioned proposed By-Law may be examined by contacting the City Clerk during regular office hours; and

THAT the above mentioned proposed By-Law shall be posted to the City of Bathurst Website and Facebook page, as per the *Local Governance Act*, section 70 (1) c; and

THAT the purpose of the aforementioned proposed by-law is to designate more city roads allowing off-road vehicles more access within the city.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed By-Law 2024-03 entitled “A By-Law Designating Portions of Roads within the City of Bathurst as Accessible to Off-Road Vehicles” be read for the first time, by title.

MOTION CARRIED

8.1.2 Second Reading of By-Law 2024-03

Moved by Councillor R. Hondas
Seconded by Councillor M. Skerry

THAT By-Law 2024-03, entitled "A By-Law Designating Portions of Roads within the City of Bathurst as Accessible to Off-Road Vehicles" be read for the second time (by title).

MOTION CARRIED

9. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

9.1 Huplaso Provincial Curling Club Championship

Moved by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc
Seconded by Councillor M. Skerry

THAT members of Council approve a grant of \$1,000 to the Huplaso Provincial Curling Club Championship from the Tourism Accommodation Levy collected as discussed during the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on December 11, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 P2023-02 - Policy on Attending Municipal Related Conferences, Boards, Committees and Commissions, Professional Development, and Social Activities

Moved by Councillor D. Branch
Seconded by Councillor M. Willett

WHEREAS City Council wishes to ensure adequate representation and provide all Council members an equal opportunity; and

WHEREAS it is the policy of the City of Bathurst to reimburse elected officials who are required to travel on City business.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that members of Council approve the modification of policy P2023-02 entitled Policy on Attending Municipal Related Conferences, Boards, Committees, and Commissions, Professional Development, and Social Activities, as attached hereto.

MOTION CARRIED

9.3 Lift Station #15 - Pump Repair

Moved by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc
Seconded by Councillor D. Knowles

THAT the quote for repairing a pump at Lift Station #15 be awarded to Modern Pumps and Metals for the amount of \$11,610.82 plus tax to be paid from the Utility Capital Reserve Fund.

MOTION CARRIED

9.4 Item Discussed In-Camera

9.4.1 Cities of New Brunswick Association and Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick Merger

Moved by Councillor D. Branch
Seconded by Councillor S. Legacy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT members of council of the City of Bathurst support the proposed merger between CNBA and UMNb as outlined in the UMNb "Cities Proposal 2023" document as discussed in camera on December 11, 2023, pursuant to Section 68 of *the Local Governance Act*.

MOTION CARRIED

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Reports from Administration

There were no administration reports.

10.2 Reports from Committees

There were no committee reports.

10.3 Report from the Mayor

There was no mayor report.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor R. Hondas
Seconded by Councillor D. Branch

That the Regular Public Meeting be adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Kim Chamberlain / MAYOR

Amy-Lynn Parker / CITY CLERK