



**CITY OF BATHURST**  
**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**April 7, 2025**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers - City Hall**

**Recording of Attendance**

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

**Absent**

Mayor K. Chamberlain

**Appointed Officials**

Todd Pettigrew, CAO  
A. Parker, City Clerk  
L. Foulem, Corporate Communications Manager  
S. Gauvin, Treasurer  
N. R. Rabé Harou, Junior Urban Planner  
C. Roy, Executive Administrator  
Ryan Wilbur, Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism  
Marc Bouffard, Director of Municipal Planning

- 1. MOMENT OF REFLECTION / TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT**
- 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Moved by** Councillor R. Hondas

**Seconded by** Councillor M. Skerry

**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 March 17, 2025**

**Moved by** Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

**Seconded by** Councillor D. Branch

**THAT** the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting dated March 17, 2025, be approved as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

None

### 6. **PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

#### 6.1 **Doucet Hennessy House by Melynda Jarratt**

The Maison Doucet Hennessy House is the only finalist representing New Brunswick in the National Trust for Canada Next Great Save 2025 contest. Melynda Jarratt president of the Maison Doucet Hennessy House Association invited the public to cast their vote. This house was built by Acadian refugee Charles Doucet on land granted by King George III in 1807. For nearly two centuries, it served as home to the Acadian Doucet and the Irish Scottish Hennessy's families who helped shape this community. In 2010, they established a charitable organization to preserve and restored the Doucet Hennessy House. They've repaired the stone foundation, straighten the attic, repaired windows and so much more. They are creating space for art, culture and housing in a restored heritage building where history and community meets. Today, they are at a critical moment in the history of this house. Winning the Next Great Save would let them finish the job. People can vote for the Maison Doucet Hennessy House from March 31 to April 17 at [NextGreatSave.ca](http://NextGreatSave.ca).

### 7. **FINANCE**

#### 7.1 **Application for Financing**

**Moved by** Councillor D. Branch

**Seconded by** Councillor S. Brunet

**WHEREAS** the City of Bathurst has received authorization by the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board to obtain funding for capital expenses by way of a loan or by the issue or sale of debentures to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation for an amount not exceeding \$1,277,000;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Treasurer and Mayor be authorized to issue and sell to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation a Municipality of the City of Bathurst debenture in the principal amount of \$1,277,000 on such terms and conditions as are recommended by the New Brunswick Finance Corporation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipality of the City of Bathurst agrees to issue post-dated cheques payable to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation as and when they are requested in payment of principal and interest charges on the above debenture, as authorized by vote of the Council of said Municipality of the City of Bathurst at the Regular Public Meeting of April 7, 2025.

*See Schedule A*

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **8. MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS**

### **8.1 Submitted Written Objections or Support Regarding the Proposed Municipal Plan Amendments**

No written objections were received.

## **9. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS**

### **9.1 Amendment to the Municipal Plan and the Zoning By-Law Pursuant to Section 111 of the Community Planning Act**

**Moved by** Councillor D. Branch

**Seconded by** Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

**WHEREAS** the City of Bathurst proposes to amend By-Law No. 2006-01 entitled “The City of Bathurst Municipal Plan By-Law” and By-Law 2008-01 entitled “The City of Bathurst Zoning By-Law” to allow the designation and use of the following lands as follows:

Change the zoning of lots bearing civic numbers 1270 to 1296 Daniel Drive and 1330 Vanier Boulevard and bearing PIDs 20027793, 20027785, 20027769, 20027744, 20349247 and 20348231. For the purposes of the municipal plan, the land use designation shall be changed from “Residential” to “Integrated Development”. For the purpose of the zoning by-law, the zoning is changed from “Low density residential type « 1 » - R2-1 Zone to “Integrated development – ID Zone”.

The purpose of this rezoning is to allow the development of a residential complex comprising several multi-unit rowhouses.

### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

1. By-laws amending the Municipal Plan and Zoning By-law be drafted for this purpose,
2. The City Clerk, acting on behalf of the Council, see that the public notice prescribed in section 111 of the *Community Planning Act* is posted on the municipality’s website to announce the Council’s intention, the day and place for the consideration of objections to the proposed by-laws, and
3. Consideration of objections to the proposed by-laws take place at 6:30 p.m. on May 5, 2025, in the Council Chambers.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 9.2 Economic Development Advisory Committee

**Moved by** Councillor M. Skerry

**Seconded by** Councillor R. Hondas

**WHEREAS** economic development is vital to the growth and sustainability of the City of Bathurst; and

**WHEREAS** a dedicated advisory committee will provide recommendations, insights, and expertise to promote, support, and enhance economic activity within the city; and

**WHEREAS** the Terms of Reference outline the Committee's mandate, goals, reporting structure, and operational framework in alignment with municipal policies and bylaws;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** members of council hereby establish the Economic Development Advisory Committee to provide strategic guidance on economic development matters and accepts the Committee's Terms of Reference.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 9.3 Renewal of Appointments to the Bathurst Aquatic Centre Commission

**Moved by** Councillor D. Knowles

**Seconded by** Councillor R. Hondas

**THAT** Joanie Chalifour, Nina Harris, Catherine Eve Mallet, and Kevin Benoit be appointed to the Aquatic Centre Commission for a second term of office expiring April 2026.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 9.4 License Agreement - East Coast Adventure Co.

**Moved by** Councillor D. Branch

**Seconded by** Councillor P. Anderson

**THAT** Council members approve the license agreement between East Coast Adventure Co. and the City of Bathurst and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign all related documents on behalf of the City.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 9.5 Items Discussed In-Camera

### 9.5.1 Amendment to the Housing Accelerator Fund Contribution Agreement

**Moved by** Councillor S. Legacy

**Seconded by** Councillor D. Knowles

**THAT** Council members approve the amendment of the agreement between the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and the City of Bathurst and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign all related documents on behalf of the City as discussed In-Camera on March 24, 2025, pursuant to section 68 of the *Local Governance Act*.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **9.5.2 Purchase of Property - 345 and 355 King Avenue**

**Moved by** Councillor D. Branch

**Seconded by** Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

**THAT** members of Council approve the purchase of the properties located at 345 and 355 King Avenue, having PID numbers 20782926 and 20004560, from J.D. Irving, Limited, in the amount of \$75,000 plus applicable taxes; as discussed In-Camera on March 17, 2025, pursuant to section 68 of the *Local Governance Act* and that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign all related documents on behalf of the City.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **10.1 Reports from Administration**

None

### **10.2 Reports from Committees**

None

### **10.3 Report from the Mayor**

In March, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and CAO attended the UMNb Advocacy Days event. The event provided opportunities for discussions with various ministers, and they were able to secure one-on-one meetings with the Department of Transportation and Housing NB.

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillors LeBlanc and Hondas met with a group of parents to discuss the announced closure of Académie Assomption. Although the Minister has expressed support for the school board's decision to close the French elementary school, efforts are still underway to keep it open.

The Bay Breakfast, organized by Co-Action, our Bathurst Youth Council, will take place on the morning of May 2, 2025. You'll have the opportunity to visit various restaurants in the region to enjoy a breakfast for \$12. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Co-Action to support the organization of inclusive activities for young people in our community. For more information, visit their Facebook page: Bay Breakfast - Déjeuner de la Baie.

On March 17, it was announced that the members of the Gloucester Chapter of the IODE have retired their chapter after 78 years of service. The City extends its heartfelt thanks for their dedication and longstanding commitment to the Chaleur region.

#### **10.3.1 Proclamation - Earth Day**

Deputy Mayor Willett proceeded to read the proclamation for Earth Day for April 22, 2025.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by** Councillor R. Hondas

**Seconded by** Councillor M. Skerry

**THAT** the Regular Public Meeting be adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Michael Willett / DEPUTY MAYOR

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Amy-Lynn Parker / CITY CLERK

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCING***Schedule A***General Fund**

<u>Ministerial Order Number</u>	<u>Date of Ministerial Order</u>	<u>Date of Council's Resolution authorizing Application to the MCBB</u>	<u>Purpose by Function</u>	<u>Amount in Dollars</u>	<u>Term for each Amount</u>
MO19-0083	Nov-12-2019	Sept-16-2019	General Governmental	250,000	5
MO24-0015	Feb-12-2024	Dec-18-2023	Transportation Services	165,000	10
MO24-0015	Feb-12-2024	Dec-18-2023	Transportation Services	187,000	10
				<b>602,000</b>	

**Utility Fund**

<u>Ministerial Order Number</u>	<u>Date of Ministerial Order</u>	<u>Date of Council's Resolution authorizing Application to the MCBB</u>	<u>Purpose by Function</u>	<u>Amount in Dollars</u>	<u>Term for each Amount</u>
MO22-0006	Jan-10-2022	Nov-15-2021	Environmental Health Services (Utility)	150,000	10
MO22-0006	Jan-10-2022	Nov-22-2021	Environmental Health Services (Utility)	405,000	10
MO24-0015	Feb-12-2024	Dec-18-2023	Environmental Health Services (Utility)	60,000	7
MO24-0015	Feb-12-2024	Dec-18-2023	Environmental Health Services (Utility)	60,000	7
				<b>675,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL DEBENTURE REQUEST</b>				<b>1,277,000</b>	