



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

**February 2, 2026**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers - City Hall**

Recording of Attendance

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

Appointed Officials

T. Pettigrew, CAO  
A. Parker, City Clerk  
J.-S. Chiasson, Communications Officer  
M. A. LaPlante, Senior Director of Legislative Services  
J.-P. Oudin, Executive Director of Fire Services  
C. Roy, Executive Administrator  
R. Wilbur, Senior Director of Community Services  
M. Bouffard, Director of Municipal Planning  
Luc Dugas, Deputy Fire Chief

**1. MOMENT OF REFLECTION / TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Moved by** Councillor S. Legacy

**Seconded by** Councillor M. Skerry

**THAT** the Agenda be approved as presented, with the removal of Item 10.2.1, Bathurst Public Library Commission.

**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 January 19, 2026**

**Moved by** Councillor D. Branch  
**Seconded by** Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

**THAT** the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting dated January 19, 2026, be approved as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

No items under this category.

**6. PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

**6.1 2025 Year in Review - Bathurst Fire Department by Jean-Philippe Oudin**

The presentation provided an overview of Bathurst Fire Services and St. Anne Regional Fire Department activities, statistics, and priorities. It highlighted the continued follow-up on the fire services amalgamation and key operational improvements stemming from the April 2024 TSI report.

In 2025, the two departments responded to a combined total of 701 emergency calls, with 579 calls handled by the Bathurst Fire Department and 122 calls by the St. Anne Regional Fire Department. Operational highlights include joint training initiatives, standardized response models for weekdays, nights, and weekends, clarification of senior director responsibilities, and ongoing discussions regarding volunteer versus paid on-call staffing.

The presentation also outlined 2026 priorities, focusing on continuity of the TSI report recommendations, establishment of a Fire Prevention Officer position, standardization of services, equipment renewal, community risk assessment, development of a Level of Service policy, review of fire services by-laws, and the adoption of a new unified Fire Service name.

The new Deputy Chief was formally introduced to members of Council.

**6.2 Proposed Rezoning of 1005 St. Anne Street by Marc Bouffard**

Council will adopt a resolution under the *Community Planning Act* to initiate the rezoning process for the property located at 1005 St. Anne Street, to permit the development of a multi-family residential complex consisting of 47 housing units. The proposed project will be the subject of a detailed public presentation at the next public meeting on February 17, 2026, at which time interested parties will have the opportunity to learn more about the development through a full presentation.

**7. FINANCE**

No items under this category.

**8. MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS**

No items under this category.

**9. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS**

## 9.1 Rezoning Application - 1005 St. Anne Street

**Moved by** Councillor M. Willett

**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” to allow the designation and use of the following lands as follows:

Change the land use designation of lot bearing civic number 1005 St. Anne Street and bearing PID 20759379. For the purposes of the municipal plan, the land use designation is changed from “Commercial” to “Integrated Development”.

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

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

1. The council request in writing the written views of the Planning Advisory Committee on the proposed amendments,
2. The public presentation of the proposed amendment to the Municipal Plan takes place on February 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers,
3. The City Clerk, acting on behalf of the Council, see that the public notice prescribed in section 25 of the *Community Planning Act* is posted on the municipality’s website to announce the Council’s intention, the day and place of the public presentation, and
4. The opportunity to make objections to the Council regarding the proposed by-law within thirty (30) days of the date of the public presentation by forwarding them to the City Clerk at City Hall.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### 10.1 Reports from Administration

Nothing to report.

### 10.2 Reports from Committees

#### 10.2.1 Bathurst Public Library Commission by Councillor Hondas

Removed.

#### 10.2.2 Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick (UMNB) Update by Councillor LeBlanc

Members of Council received an overview of the role and mandate of the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick (UMNB). It was noted that the UMNB is a bilingual, member-driven organization representing 60 of 77 local governments in the province and over 80% of New Brunswick’s population. The UMNB advocates on behalf of municipalities at the provincial and federal levels on a wide range of issues, including fiscal reform, health care, power rates, environmental and land-use matters, policing and emergency services, homelessness, infrastructure, climate change, and municipal governance and capacity. The

overall objective of the UMNb's work is to strengthen the capacity of local governments to effectively serve their communities and build strong, sustainable municipalities.

### 10.3 Report from the Mayor

Public transportation through FlexGo continues to exceed expectations, with strong ridership and cost efficiencies achieved through the partnership with FlexGo in Edmundston, including shared systems and the addition of an extra bus to enhance service.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor travelled to Montreal on the final Air Canada flight on January 29, 2026, to meet with Propair representatives alongside Minister Legacy, MP Serge Cormier, the CEO of the Chaleur Regional Service Commission, and Board Members. The delegation returned to Bathurst on Propair's inaugural flight on January 30, 2026, followed by a networking event.

Members of Council were informed of the EL2ES evening, a fundraising event organized by Mind at Peace in support of women affected by violence or psychological abuse. Updates were also shared on the strong performance of the Chaleur Lightning hockey team, and residents were encouraged to attend the upcoming game.

Finally, the Mayor advised that a letter will be sent to NB Power regarding recent rate increases.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by** Councillor R. Hondas

**Seconded by** Councillor M. Skerry

**THAT** the Regular Public Meeting be adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Kim Chamberlain / MAYOR

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Amy-Lynn Parker / CITY CLERK