



CITY OF BATHURST
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES

Monday, February 9, 2026
6:30 pm
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
L. Foulem, Corporate Communications Manager
M. A. LaPlante, Senior Director of Legislative Services
S. Morton, Senior Director of Corporate Services
C. Roy, Executive Administrator

1. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest declared.

2. MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS

2.1 A By-Law Regulating Proceedings of Municipal Council for the City Of Bathurst

Members of Council considered a Request for Decision seeking approval to amend the by-law regulating the proceedings of Municipal Council. The proposed administrative and procedural amendments aim to improve clarity, efficiency, consistency, and transparency in Council operations, in accordance with the *Local Governance Act*. It will take effect following the election this spring.

The amendments include:

- Adopting Robert's Rules of Order as the governing procedural authority: *Council agreed.*

- Authorizing the Mayor to vote in accordance with legislation: *The majority agreed that the mayor should vote.*
- Changing the start time of regular Council meetings: *Council agreed to leave as is at 6:30 p.m.*
- Clarifying that public hearings will be held as separate meetings prior to public Council meetings: *Council agreed.*
- Clarifying procedures related to the passing of by-laws and the handling of motions: *Council agreed.*

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Amy-Lynn Parker, CITY CLERK