



CITY OF BATHURST
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES

March 16, 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. Willett

Absent

Councillor M. Skerry

Appointed Officials

T. Pettigrew, CAO
A. Parker, City Clerk
J.-S. Chiasson, Communications Officer
C. Roy, Executive Administrator

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

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

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented, with the removal of item 6.2 *2025 Year in Review - Bathurst Police Force, by Chief Thériault.*

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 2, 2026

Moved by Councillor S. Legacy
Seconded by Councillor R. Hondas

THAT the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting dated March 2, 2026, be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. CONSENT AGENDA

No items under this category.

6. PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Canadian Cadet Organization by Captain Craig Gaddess

Council received a presentation from representatives of the Canadian Cadet Organization – Chaleur Region Cadet Program regarding the local tri-service cadet program for youth aged 12 to 18. The program is a free community initiative that promotes leadership, self-confidence, and physical fitness through weekly training and monthly activities. It includes Sea, Army, and Air Cadets, each offering specialized training and experiences. The program also provides optional activities, summer training opportunities, leadership development, and potential scholarships. Opportunities for adult involvement as instructors, volunteers, and support committee members were also highlighted.

6.2 2025 Year in Review - Bathurst Police Force by Chief Thériault

Postponed to a later date.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Accounts Payable Totals for February 2026

Moved by Councillor D. Branch

Seconded by Councillor M. Willett

THAT the accounts payable totals, including payroll, for the month of February 2026, be approved as follows:

Operating - \$1,799,824

Capital - \$717,499

Total - \$3,912,166

MOTION CARRIED

8. MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS

8.1 2026-02 A By-Law to Designate and Establish a Business Improvement Area Within the Boundaries of the City of Bathurst

8.1.1 Second Reading of By-Law 2026-02

Moved by Deputy Mayor D. Knowles

Seconded by Councillor S. Legacy

THAT By-Law 2026-02, entitled "A By-Law to Designate and Establish a Business Improvement Area Within the Boundaries of the City of Bathurst" be read for the second time (by title).

MOTION CARRIED

8.1.2 Third Reading of By-Law 2026-02

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

THAT By-Law 2026-02, entitled "A By-Law to Designate and Establish a Business Improvement Area Within the Boundaries of the City of Bathurst" be read for the third time (by title) and that it be adopted and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk with the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

MOTION CARRIED

8.2 2026-03 A By-Law Regulating Proceedings of Municipal Council for the City of Bathurst

8.2.1 Second Reading of By-Law 2026-03

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

THAT By-Law 2026-03, entitled "A By-Law Regulating Proceedings of Municipal Council for the City of Bathurst" be read for the second time (by title).

MOTION CARRIED

8.2.2 Third Reading of By-Law 2026-03

Moved by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc
Seconded by Councillor S. Brunet

THAT By-Law 2026-03, entitled "A By-Law Regulating Proceedings of Municipal Council for the City of Bathurst" be read for the third time (by title) and that it be adopted and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk with the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

MOTION CARRIED

9. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

9.1 Weight Restrictions - Spring 2026

Moved by Councillor R. Hondas
Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. Knowles

WHEREAS the *Motor Vehicle Act* empowers a municipality to impose weight restrictions on highways under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS the Administration has reviewed a plan and recommends the designation of the 2026 weight restrictions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council designates the following weight restrictions, effective March 16, 2026, until further notice:

1. On all streets in the City of Bathurst except those exempted in Item 2, vehicles may operate with each axle weight not exceeding eighty percent (80%) of the maximum axle weight for which the particular vehicle may be operated in the Province of New Brunswick provided that each axle weight does not exceed that upon which the registered weight is based.

2. The following streets are exempt from these restrictions and are subject to the conditions below:

a) No spring weight restrictions:

All streets located within the Bathurst Industrial Park;
 Route 134 – Miramichi Avenue from the junction of Route 11 to Bridge Street;
 Route 134 – Bridge Street, from Miramichi Avenue to Murray Avenue;
 Route 134 – Murray Avenue from Bridge Street to Main Street;
 Route 134 – Main Street to St. Peter Avenue via Harbourview Blvd. North;
 Route 134 – St. Peter Avenue to Main/King, via Harbourview South to Murray Avenue;
 St. Peter Avenue to the Beresford City Limits;
 Route 180 – Vanier Boulevard from St. Peter Avenue to Route 11;
 Route 430 – King Avenue from the junction of Route 11 to Dumaresq Street, and Dumaresq Street from King Avenue to Murray Avenue;
 St. Anne Street – Route 11 to Evangeline Street;
 Route 315 – Sunset Drive from Vanier Boulevard to Brown’s Bridge;
 Route 315 - Sunset Drive from Civic address 2000 to city limits;
 Carron Drive – from Bridge Street to Sutherland Avenue.

In summary, the truck route through the City is now 100% of axle weight, without any tolerances over such weight.

b) Restricted to 90% of maximum licensed axle weight

Cape Road – Bridge Street from the City Limits to Miramichi Avenue

3. Passenger buses and City of Bathurst vehicles be exempt from the above restrictions.

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 Items Discussed In-Camera

9.2.1 Easement - Ferguson Drive

Moved by Councillor S. Legacy

Seconded by Councillor P. Anderson

THAT Council approve the easement agreement between the City of Bathurst and René St-Pierre, Jesse St-Pierre, and Cynthia St-Pierre for the properties located on PID 20018610 and PID 20931879, as discussed in-camera on March 2, 2026, pursuant to Section 68 of the *Local Governance Act*, and that the Mayor and 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

No items under this category.

10.2 Reports from Committees

10.2.1 Library Commission Update by Councillor Hondas

An overview of the Bathurst Public Library activities from August 2025 to February 2026 was presented. Summer and fall programming included the highly successful Summer Reading Club (129 registrations, 64 activities, 341 participants), a full French creative writing circle for adults and teens, a summer reading challenge, children's crafts, an English-language book club featuring Canadian authors, and the Bilingual Babies program.

Winter activities included weekly knitting and crochet sessions, a full English creative writing circle, bilingual storytimes and sensory sessions, a monthly Bilingual Babies program, a family literacy event in partnership with ReadNB, adult craft workshops, and the Readers Rendez-vous book club. The library also offered promotional initiatives such as free radon test kits, passes to Kings Landing, free healthy snacks, and an adult reading challenge. Upcoming events include Seedy Saturday and a Spring Poetry Recital.

10.3 Report from the Mayor

The mayor reported that over 700 residents participated in the municipal branding initiative launched last fall, with the new city brand and visual identity to be unveiled on March 18. The mayor also recently attended a women in business forum, where former councillor Katherine Lanteigne was recognized as a top entrepreneur. Additionally, the mayor will be travelling to Fredericton to participate in a two-day mayors' roundtable session.

10.3.1 Proclamation - Club Richelieu Bathurst Week

Mayor Chamberlain proceeded to read the proclamation for the Club Richelieu Bathurst Week of March 16 to 20, 2026.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor R. Hondas

Seconded by Councillor S. Legacy

THAT the Regular Public Meeting be adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Kim Chamberlain / MAYOR

Amy-Lynn Parker / CITY CLERK