



**BATHURST
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**April 7, 2026
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall**

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

Absent Councillor P. Anderson

Appointed Officials A. Parker, City Clerk
 J.-S. Chiasson, Communications Project Manager
 M. A. LaPlante, Senior Director of Legislative
 Services
 C. Legacy, Director of Economic Development
 C. Roy, Executive Administrator
 M. Bouffard, Director of Municipal Planning
 A. MacLaggan, Director of Engineering

1. MOMENT OF REFLECTION / TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

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 16, 2026

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting dated March 16, 2026, be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. CONSENT AGENDA

No items under this category.

6. PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Repurposing St Anne Recreation Center by Austin Comeau

A presentation was made proposing the reopening and repurposing of the St. Anne Recreation Centre as a multi-purpose community facility for residents of all ages. The initiative aims to create an inclusive gathering space offering recreational, social, and community-based activities.

The proposed facility, tentatively named the “Bathurst City Dart Hall”, would host regular dart leagues, tournaments, card games, dances for various age groups, seasonal events, and private rentals. The project is expected to support community engagement while also generating economic benefits through increased local activity and tourism.

The group intends to operate as a non-profit organization, reinvesting revenues into community initiatives, building maintenance, and accessible programming. Start-up costs are estimated at approximately \$14,475, with additional fundraising efforts planned.

The proponents are requesting a no-cost lease of the building from the City, with responsibility for maintenance, operations, and required renovations, including upgrades to meet fire code. Various licenses and insurance would also be required.

Overall, the project seeks to revitalize the facility into a vibrant community hub that fosters social connection, inclusion, and local pride.

6.2 Flexgo Parking by the Chaleur Regional Service Commission

The Chaleur Regional Service Commission is requesting a waiver of parking fees for Flexgo buses within the City of Bathurst. This request is made in the context of the public transit service offered to residents, which helps improve mobility, accessibility, and overall quality of life in the community. Given that this service is implemented for the direct benefit of local citizens, the Commission believes it would be appropriate to exempt these buses from parking fees in order to support and facilitate its operation.

7. FINANCE

No items under this category.

8. MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS

8.1 Receipt of the Planning Advisory Committee Recommendations

8.1.1 1005 St. Anne Street

On March 31, the Planning Advisory Committee studied the application to rezone the land bearing the civic number 1005 St-Anne Street and the PID 20759379. For the purposes of the

Municipal Plan, the land use designation is changed from "Commercial" to "Integrated Development". For the purposes of the zoning by-law, the zoning is changed from Highway Commercial - HC to Integrated Development Zone – ID Zone. The purpose of this rezoning is to allow for the development of a residential complex consisting of multiple townhouse dwellings.

The committee has reviewed and agrees with the conditions recommended by the Planning Department in its rezoning report already submitted to City Council and which were presented at the public meeting on February 17.

The committee raised some concerns about the storage of snow coming from the streets in the residential complex. The committee recommends that the City takes the necessary precautions to ensure that this snow that can be stored near the ravine that is part of the City's watershed does not affect the quality of drinking water. The committee reinforces the need to include a surface water management plan as a condition of this rezoning.

8.2 Hearing of Objections or Support Regarding the Proposed Municipal Plan Amendments

8.2.1 1005 St. Anne Street

For the property located at 1005 St. Anne Street, a public notice, as required under Section 111 of the *Community Planning Act*, regarding the draft amendment to the Municipal and Zoning By-Law was published. No written objections were received.

The public is invited to express their opinions to the proposed Municipal and Zoning By-Law amendments for the property located at 1005 St. Anne Street three (3) times. No objections were received.

8.3 Proposed Municipal and Zoning By-Law Amendments

8.3.1 First Reading By-Law 2026-01M

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

THAT the proposed By-Law 2026-01M entitled "A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 2006-01 Entitled "The City of Bathurst Municipal Plan By-Law"" shall be read three (3) times by title as per requirements specified in the *Local Governance Act*, subsection 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*, paragraph 70(1)(c); and

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT proposed By-Law 2026-01M entitled "A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 2006-01 Entitled "The City of Bathurst Municipal Plan By-Law"" be read for the first time, by title.

MOTION CARRIED

8.3.2 First Reading By-Law 2026-01Z

Moved by Councillor S. Legacy
Seconded by Councillor M. Skerry

THAT the proposed By-Law 2026-01Z entitled "A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 2008-01 Entitled "The City of Bathurst Zoning By-Law"" shall be read three (3) times by title as per requirements specified in the *Local Governance Act*, subsection 15(3); and

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MOTION CARRIED

8.3.3 Second Reading By-Law 2026-01M

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

THAT By-Law 2026-01M, entitled "A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 2006-01 entitled "The City of Bathurst Municipal Plan By-Law"" be read for the second time (by title).

MOTION CARRIED

8.3.4 Second Reading By-Law 2026-01Z

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

THAT By-Law 2026-01Z, entitled "A By-Law to Amend By-Law 2008-01 entitled "The City of Bathurst Zoning By-Law" be read for the second time (by title).

MOTION CARRIED

9. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

9.1 Appointment to Assistant City Clerk Position

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

THAT Jana Dickie be appointed Assistant City Clerk for the City of Bathurst, pursuant to section 71(2) of the *Local Governance Act*, effective April 13, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 Five-Year Capital Investment Plan for the Federal Gas Tax Fund Administrative Agreement

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

THAT the document entitled "Bathurst Five-Year Capital Investment Plan for the GTF Administrative Agreement 2019-2023" be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

9.3 Rezoning Application - 2321 Rough Waters Drive

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

Change the land use designation of lots bearing civic number 2321 Rough Waters Drive and bearing PID 20571790, 20571808, 20194809 and 20036612. For the purposes of the municipal plan, the land use designation is changed from "Rural" to "Industrial".

The purpose of this rezoning is to allow the establishment and operation of a wood pallet production and distribution business.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Council requests 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 April 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers,
3. The City Clerk, acting on behalf of the Council, sees 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

9.4 T001-26 Miramichi Avenue & Bridge Street

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

THAT tender T001-26 Miramichi Avenue & Bridge Street 2026 be awarded to RH Frenette Trucking of Petit-Rocher, New Brunswick for a total of \$6,807,615.00 plus tax.

MOTION CARRIED

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Reports from Administration

No items under this category.

10.2 Reports from Committees

No items under this category.

10.3 Report from the Mayor

No items under this category.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor D. Branch

Seconded by Councillor M. Skerry

THAT the Regular Public Meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Kim Chamberlain / MAYOR

Amy-Lynn Parker / CITY CLERK