



BATHURST
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES

Unadopted

July 20, 2026
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall

Recording of Attendance Mayor K. Chamberlain
Deputy Mayor M. Willett
Councillor E. L. Scott
Councillor S. Brunet
Councillor R. Hondas
Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc
Councillor J. Boudreau
Councillor M. Skerry

Absent Councillor P. Anderson

Appointed Officials M. A. LaPlante, Senior Director of Legislative
Services
A. Parker, City Clerk
J. Dickie, Assistant Clerk
L. Foulem, Director of Corporate Communications
M. Bouffard, Director of Municipal Planning

1. MOMENT OF REFLECTION / TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor E. L. Scott

Seconded by Deputy Mayor M. Willett

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Deputy Mayor M. Willett and Councillor E.L. Scott declared a conflict of interest with item 9.2.3
Economic Development Advisory Committee – Members Updated, Michel Doucet.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Public Meeting Held on July 6, 2026

Moved by Councillor M. Skerry

Seconded by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

THAT the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting dated July 6, 2026, be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. CONSENT AGENDA

No items under this category.

6. PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Scholarship Presentations

Four students were awarded \$500.00 scholarships: James Jessop and Takayla Lavigne from Bathurst High School and Chloé Bétournay and Jolène Harvey from École Secondaire Népisiguit. Chloé Bétournay was present to receive her scholarship during the meeting.

7. FINANCE

No items under this category.

8. MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS

8.1 A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 2024-01 Entitled "A By-Law Respecting Water and Sewer Services and Charges in the City of Bathurst"

8.1.1 First Reading By-Law 2026-07

Moved by Councillor J. Boudreau

Seconded by Councillor R. Hondas

THAT the proposed By-Law 2026-07 entitled "A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 2024-01 Entitled "A By-Law Respecting Water and Sewer Services and Charges in the City of Bathurst"" 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 By-Law amendment is to establish requirements for the separation and metering of commercial water services in multi-use buildings, provide for the flat-rate billing of residential units within such buildings, and clarify the responsibilities of property owners for compliance and associated costs; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT proposed By-Law 2026-07 entitled "A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 2024-01 Entitled "A By-Law Respecting Water and Sewer Services and Charges in the City of Bathurst"" be read for the first time, by title.

MOTION CARRIED

9. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

9.1 Rezoning Application - 145 Dumaresq Street

Moved by Deputy Mayor M. Willett

Seconded by Councillor E. L. Scott

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 145 Dumaresq Street and bearing PIDs 20002259 and 20404646. For the purposes of the municipal plan, the land use designation is changed from “Residential” and “Recreational” to “Integrated Development”.

The purpose of this rezoning is to allow the development of a residential complex involving the addition of two new apartment buildings to the two existing one.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Council request in writing the 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 August 4, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers
3. The City Clerk, acting on behalf of the Council, shall 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

9.2 Economic Development Advisory Committee – Members Update

9.2.1 Grant Erb

Moved by Councillor J.-F. LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor J. Boudreau

THAT Grant Erb be removed from the Economic Development Advisory Committee, as they no longer meet the eligibility requirements established under Policy P2025-03 – Committee Policy.

MOTION CARRIED

9.2.2 Regan Riordon

Moved by Councillor R. Hondas
Seconded by Deputy Mayor M. Willett

THAT Regan Riordon be appointed to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for a first term, with the term duration to be in accordance with Policy P2025-03 – Committee Policy.

MOTION CARRIED

9.2.3 Michel Doucet

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

THAT Michel Doucet be appointed to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for a first term, with the term duration to be in accordance with Policy P2025-03 – Committee Policy.

MOTION CARRIED

9.3 2026 Donations Distribution

9.3.1 Chaleur Music Festival

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

THAT the donation distribution, as recommended at the Committee of the Whole meeting held July 13, 2026, be approved as follows:

Chaleur Music Festival in the amount of \$4,500.

MOTION CARRIED

9.4 Items Discussed In-Camera

9.4.1 Lease Agreement Renewal - Care-A-Lot Early Learning Center

Moved by Councillor J. Boudreau
Seconded by Councillor E. L. Scott

THAT Council members approve the lease agreement between Care-A-Lot Early Learning Center and the City of Bathurst as discussed in camera on July 13, 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

No items under this category.

10.3 Report from the Mayor

Mayor Chamberlain extended her sincere thanks to City of Bathurst employees, subcommittees, and the many volunteers who contributed to the success of Hospitality Days. The action-packed week featured a variety of activities throughout the downtown core, as well as a spectacular fireworks display enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

FlexGo also played an important role in the festivities by helping attendees travel home safely. In addition, the organization announced plans to expand its services with the addition of a second barrier-free van to meet growing community demand.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor R. Hondas

Seconded by Councillor J. Boudreau

THAT the Regular Public Meeting be adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Kim Chamberlain, MAYOR

Amy-Lynn Parker, CITY CLERK