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your quarterly citizen update from the City of Bathurst



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Building our municipality together.



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PUBLIC MEETINGS

● Committee of the whole
 ● Regular public meeting
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Please note: public meeting schedules are subject to change. Special Public Meetings may also be added to the schedule. Public meetings are also broadcasted live on our Facebook page.

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INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY



Running a municipal Government is no easy task. We take much pride in offering our services to our residents and our business community. Our dedicated employees work diligently to ensure just that, all by being financially responsible.

After all, we're not only giving our best efforts for the present. We are also working for our next generation.

This also means investing in our community, assisting with funding for a variety of social, cultural, sport and wellness initiatives on a yearly basis. In 2023, nearly \$300,000 was allocated in grants, donation requests, scholarships and Tourism Levy funds.

Cultural events are a beacon to our community, engaging the local population as well as generating strong tourism interest. That is why marquee events such as our Hospitality Days summer festival, the Old Post Office Restoration Project, the Bathurst Arts Society, the Bathurst Heritage Museum, the Bathurst Music Festival, Orchestra Stella and the Royal Canadian Legion were granted funding.

Contributions to sport and wellness initiatives were awarded to the Bathurst Curling Club, for the enhancement to tennis courts, to the Nepisiguit Sports Lodge for snowmobile trails in the city, the Victoria Park Enhancement Committee, and the Nepisiguit Mi'gmaq Trail.

Education is also an important focus, with the city offering four local graduates bursaries towards post-secondary education on a yearly basis.

Healthcare is an important topic in Bathurst, across the province and Canada, with several residents not having access to a family physician. To that end, we have also offered scholarship grants to medical students wishing to come back to Bathurst to establish their practice, securing future access to family physicians.

With labor shortages affecting many employers, who are finding it more and more difficult to successfully hire and retain staff, funding to the Multicultural Association Chaleur Region Inc. is also important and strategic. This service is important to new arrivals in our community, helping to ensure a stable workforce for the present and future.

With these investments, and the relentless work by our employees, we look to a bright future as we build our municipality together.

Kim Chamberlain
Mayor

BATHURST SUMMER CAMPS

(2023 IN REVIEW)



JACOB BUTTON
Recreation
Programmer

With laughter, play and a little mud mixed in, our summer camps 2023 have come to an end. Despite the at-times less-than-ideal rainy conditions, our superb counsellors were more than up for the task of keeping our campers, active and engaged all summer long!

We had 8 weeks of themed summer camps for age groups 6-8 and 8-12, throughout various locations around the city.

The summer started with a couple wilderness camps out at Daly Point Nature Reserve, where campers went on nature walks, critter dipping with Daly Point interpreters, learning to build shelters and much more.

There was a Drama camp at our beautiful Youghall Beach Park, where kids played many games around the theme of drama, as well as rehearsed and performed their own production by week's end. We had swim camps, collaborating with the Bathurst Aquatic Centre for lessons, multiple times a day, with some of the kids gaining many levels within the week due to the intensive swim program.

Finally, we also had an Art Camp at Youghall Beach Park, which had local artist Karla Branch guide the campers through the creation of some beautiful artwork and other crafts throughout their week.

Due to the popular demand of our camps this year, we are looking at ways to expand or change the format to accommodate a larger number of campers in 2024. It was a great summer with lots of crafts completed, challenges accomplished, and great memories had; we hope to see even more happy children at next year's camps in 2024!



A REWARDING LOCAL CAREER



**SARAH
MORTON**
Director of
Human Resources



As one of our region's major employers, we take immense pride in offering a workplace that fosters growth, well-being and job satisfaction while offering rewarding local careers that allow our employees to make a difference in the community in which we work, play and live.

The City of Bathurst proudly employs around 250 dedicated individuals across various sectors, including urban planning, tourism, public safety, administration, and public works, among others. In 2023, we've had approximately 39 exciting opportunities for new additions to our dynamic team. Our commitment to nurturing talent from within our organization has fostered this remarkable dedication among our workforce.

At the heart of our efforts lies our commitment to instill a workplace culture aligned with our core values: **Integrity, Resourcefulness, and Dedication**. We prioritize listening to our employees, conducting regular "pulse checks" that empower us to craft programs that truly resonate with our workforce. This year, we experimented with compressed workweeks and hybrid work models in some of our departments, aiming to bolster the balance between professional and personal life — an endeavor we hold dear. As a result, we are continually exploring fresh ways to enhance job satisfaction, improve retention rates, and fortify our recruitment initiatives.

Each day, our employees consistently go the extra mile, whether it's through small acts of kindness or as part of broader initiatives. We firmly believe that our employees form the core of our organization. At the City of Bathurst, we aspire to create a workplace where open and transparent communication thrives. We are committed to ongoing enhancements, where feedback is not only welcomed but also promptly acted upon to address the needs and concerns of our employees and citizens.



Keep an eye on upcoming job openings at www.bathurst.ca/jobs and take on a rewarding career with the City of Bathurst!

THE MUNICIPAL BYLAW OFFICER

What is a Bylaw Officer?

Bylaw officers are public servants responsible for enforcing local bylaws and regulations set by the municipal government. Their primary goal is to ensure that our city remains a safe, pleasant, and cohesive place to live.



Meet **Alain Levesque!**

He is your local Bylaw officer, here at the City of Bathurst. He's always on the move — on a day-to-day basis, he might be meeting with citizens, keeping an eye on property standards throughout the city, or promoting public safety and enforcing various bylaws.

Why their work matters

Bylaw officers contribute significantly to the overall quality of life in our city. By enforcing rules fairly and consistently, they ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a clean, safe, and pleasant environment. Their efforts help preserve property values, enhance community pride, and create a sense of security among residents.

Bylaw #2011-07

Did you know? Overnight parking between November 1st and April 30th each year is prohibited between 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and 7:00 a.m. This is meant to help with snow removal operations!

Building a home?

If you're building a new home in the City of Bathurst, contact the By-Law officer! Not only can they provide **your new civic address**, they can also help you with valuable information regarding local regulations.

Bylaw #2014-06

Did you know? The empty garbage or recycling bins, and any materials not collected, are to be removed by the owner of the dwelling by 8:00 pm in the evening of the day of collection.

As responsible citizens, it's essential for all of us to be aware of local bylaws and regulations. By understanding and following these rules, we contribute to a harmonious community where everyone can thrive.

If you have concerns or questions — whether it's about a specific bylaw or just a general inquiry — get in touch with Alain by dialing [506-548-0400, Ext. 284](tel:506-548-0400) or by email: alain.levesque@bathurst.ca

You can also access all our municipal bylaws on our website at www.bathurst.ca/bylaws

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES



**MATTHEW
ABERNETHY**
City Engineer

I am pleased to provide you with a summary of the operations conducted in Summer 2023 for our city.

Your municipality has been hard at work to enhance our community's infrastructure and services:

STREET PAVING

Basin Street: We successfully completed the revitalization of Basin Street, from King Avenue to the top of Basin.

This comprehensive project involved utility adjustments, drainage improvements, and the application of 700 metric tons of high-quality asphalt.



St Mary's Ave: Over 700 meters of St. Mary's Ave. underwent a similar transformation in June, with more than 1000 metric tons of asphalt expertly laid by our in-house paving crew.

The work included utility infrastructure adjustments, drainage work, excavation, pulverizing and paving.



Did you know? In preparation for the winter months, residents are asked to place their driveway markers at a minimum of 1.5 meters (5 feet) from the edge of the roadway. This will allow for better roadway cleaning, and help prevent damage to markers or snow removal equipment.

WATER / SEWER



Unidirectional Flushing (UDF): We are committed to continuing our UDF initiatives into the next year to properly maintain the City's water distribution system.

Training: Plans are underway to train a significant number of employees in water distribution fundamentals, ensuring the highest level of service.

Valve Replacement: Our major valve replacement program commenced this year and will be expanded next year to further enhance our water infrastructure.

Watershed Testing: We've increased our watershed testing and protection practices to safeguard our precious water resources.

TRADES

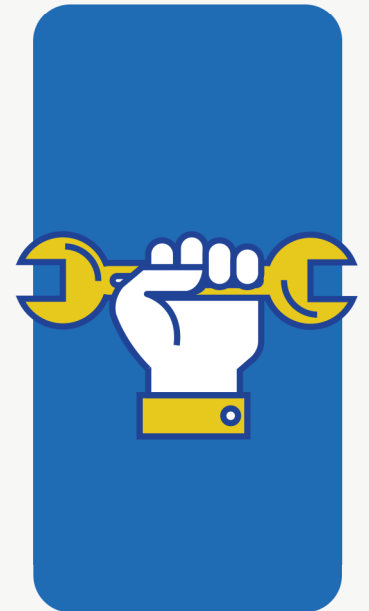
Coronation Park Electrical Upgrade: We successfully upgraded Coronation Park's electrical infrastructure to support the Hospitality Days Festival.

Water Treatment Plant (WTP): A new chlorine system has been installed at the WTP to maintain water quality.

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP): A major shutdown is planned for October/November to conduct essential maintenance.

Collaboration with Contractors: We continue to collaborate with contractors on various projects, allowing our workforce to gain valuable experience in technical work.

Aquatic Centre Maintenance: Plumbing and preventative maintenance in support of the Bathurst Aquatic Centre Commission.



Our team remains dedicated to enhancing our city's infrastructure and services, and we look forward to another year of productive efforts!

THE CORNER



This quarter, our police force is delighted to welcome our new Chief of Police, **Guy Theriault**.

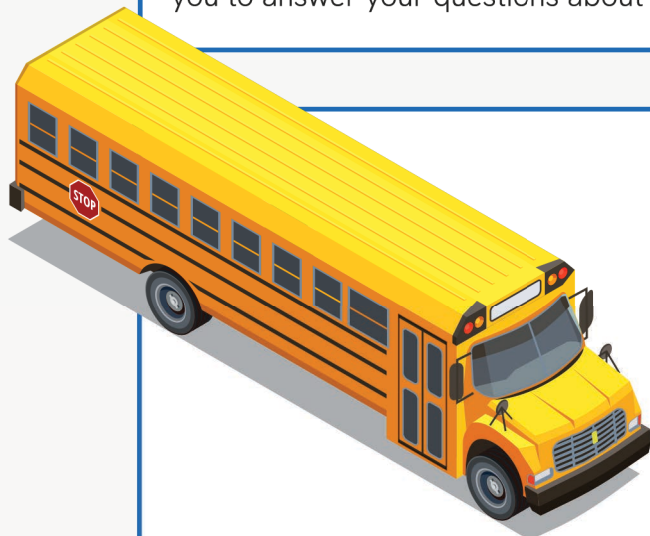
Chief Guy Theriault will be the new face of our organization and joins our team with a wealth of knowledge and experience, having served in various capacities over 25 years with the RCMP.

Overview — June to September 2023

Here are some statistics from June 15th to September 8th:

- Total calls for service: **2,479**
- Traffic citations issued: **283**
- DUI arrests: **5**
- Domestic violence incidents reported: **54**
- Property crimes reported: **120**
- Suspended drivers: **14**

We also want to take time to welcome all newcomers to our region! We look forward to holding a few meet & greets with you to answer your questions about Canadian laws.



On a final note — as summer takes its leave — we extend a hearty welcome back to all students from kindergarten to grade 12, as well as those pursuing higher education in college and university.

We urge all public to be vigilant with school buses and student pedestrians. As this new academic season begins, let us collectively prioritize the safety of our young learners, ensuring their daily commutes to and from school remain secure.

THE CORNER



Reminder: test your smoke and CO² alarms

Prioritize your safety and that of your loved ones by regularly testing your smoke and CO2 alarms.

Ensuring these alarms are functional can make a life-saving difference in the event of a fire or carbon monoxide leak.

Overview — June to August 2023

Here are some statistics from the summer:

- Total calls for service: **140**
- Electrical fire calls: **5**
- Accidental alarms: **28**
- Brush or grass fire: **6**
- Dwelling fire calls: **3**

Overall, our year-to-date total service calls — as of August 2023 — are at **298**.



Training at the Mobile Burn Unit (MBU)

In the month of August, the Mobile Burn Unit (MBU) operated by NBCC was deployed in the Chaleur region. Several fire departments took advantage of the trailer, which was stationed next to station 2 on Vanier Boulevard. Both full-time firefighters and volunteers participated.

During this period, the MBU, a vital traveling apparatus, served as a crucial training resource. It played a significant role in ensuring that firefighters maintained their skills and stayed up-to-date with the latest techniques.

CITY TALK



Did you know? The City of Bathurst offers a grant to parents (or legal guardians) for up to \$150 per child to encourage the use of washable diapers.

There's still time to apply for 2023; residents who qualify can fill out the application by visiting our website and searching for "**diaper grant**".

Every year, the City of Bathurst's elected officials receive a wide variety of requests from local community groups and organizations looking for grants.

Are you looking to apply for such a grant?

Contact the City Clerk (clerk@bathurst.ca) as soon as possible to fill out a request form!



Artists wanted! As part of its support for the arts community, the City of Bathurst hosts a continuous art exhibit at City Hall, located at 150 St George Street.

Local artists who would like to contribute and showcase their art are invited to contact us at clerk@bathurst.ca.

At the Regular Public Meeting on Monday September 18th, Bathurst City Council passed a resolution to repeal By-Law No. 2005-16 - "A BY-LAW RELATING TO HUNTING IN THE CITY OF BATHURST".

In New Brunswick, the provincial Fish and Wildlife Act covers all matters related to hunting and fishing within the province, covering the regulatory framework and defined permissions for hunters and fishers, but especially the protections afforded to New Brunswick citizens.

Learn more at www.bathurst.ca/hunting

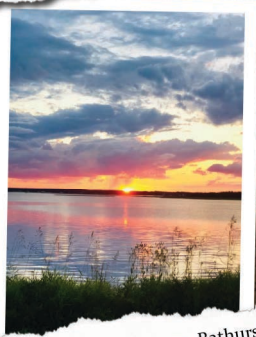


WHY BATHURST IS THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE

From September 18 to 22 — as a way to celebrate **Municipality Week NB 2023** — the City of Bathurst held a photo contest on its Facebook page. We asked participants to show us “one of the reasons why they felt that Bathurst was the best place to live.”

Congratulations to the five winners, and thank you to everyone who participated! Here are some of the many submissions we received.

IT'S AWESOME IN BATHURST!
C'EST SUPER À BATHURST!



Regardless of where you are, Bathurst has the most beautiful sunrises/sunsets. Getting to enjoy these moments, with a warm cup of coffee or sitting around a bonfire = nothing compares!
Melissa Thériault Ferron



Just so many reasons why!!!
Melanie Roy



We love Youghall Beach!
Paula Caroline Dobson



Not too many places can boast about having the ability to do something like this right in the heart of our downtown. Think about it. How incredibly lucky are we?
Floyd Raulleigh Ronalds



Love the parks!
Kathy Robertson

