

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF FREDERICTON CITY COUNCIL

Date: Monday, October 24, 2022, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chamber and Via Web Conferencing

Members of Council Present: Mayor Kate Rogers
Deputy Mayor Greg Ericson
Councillor Margo Sheppard
Councillor Mark Peters
Councillor Bruce Grandy
Councillor Jocelyn Pike
Councillor Steven Hicks
Councillor Eric Megarity
Councillor Kevin Darrah
Councillor Ruth Breen (Zoom)
Councillor Cassandra LeBlanc
Councillor Jason LeJeune
Councillor Henri Mallet

Staff Participating in the Meeting: Steven Hart, Chief Administrative Officer
Sara DeGrace, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Lawson, City Clerk/Assist. Dir., Legal, City Clerk & HR
Michelle Brzak, City Solicitor
Jane Blakely, Dir., Legal City Clerk & HR (Zoom)
Ken Forrest, Director, Planning & Development (Zoom)
Dylan Gamble, Director, Engineering & Operations
Michael Baldwin, Director, Corporate Services (Zoom)
David Seabrook, Dir., Rec., Tourism & Community Eng. (Zoom)
Dwayne Killingbeck, Fire Chief
Melanie MacDonald, Assistant Deputy Fire Chief
Scott Patterson, Deputy Police Chief
Alicia Keating, Ass. Director, Corporate Services/City Treasurer
Sean Lee, Assistant Director, Engineering & Operations
Marcello Battilana, Manager, Community Planning
Ryan Seymour, Manager, Real Estate
Wayne Knorr, Manager, Communications
Calvin Thompson, Manager, First Nation Relations & Special Projects
Giselle Goguen, Mgr, Strategic Comms & Community Eng. (Zoom)
Jessica Sharpe, Intermediate Clerk
Elizabeth Murray, City Marshal
Shasta Stairs, Communications Strategist & Media Relations (Zoom)
Doreen Nakhle, Recording Secretary

Guests: Chief Allen Polchies
Elder Maggie Paul
Tim Yerxa, Executive Director, Fredericton Playhouse
Murray Jamer, President, Fredericton Playhouse

CALL TO ORDER

Her Worship, Mayor Kate Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Her Worship, Mayor Kate Rogers read the following territorial acknowledgment during the Moment of Reflection:

I acknowledge that this meeting of Fredericton City Council is taking place on traditional Wolastoqey territory. The territory of the Wolastoqiyik people are recognized in the Peace and Friendship Treaties to establish an ongoing relationship of peace, friendship and mutual respect between equal nations. The river that runs through our City is known as the Wolastoq, along which lived the Wolastoqiyik, “the people of the beautiful and bountiful river.”

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The City Clerk, Jennifer Lawson read out the changes to the Agenda.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Greg Ericson

Seconded by: Councillor Steven Hicks

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby approves the October 24, 2022, City Council agenda with the following amendments:

- The revision to the title of agenda item 5.4 to “*Public Hearing Date – 63 Brunswick Street and 219-231 Smythe Street*”;
- The reorder of agenda item 6.1 titled “*St. Mary’s First Nations Flag Presentation*” to be considered following agenda item 4. titled “*Conflict of Interest Declarations*”;
- The reorder of agenda item 8.4 titled “*Agency Agreement & By-law – Fire Marque Inc.*” to be considered prior to agenda item 7. titled “*First and Second Reading of By-laws*”; and
- The addition of agenda item 8.5.1 titled “*Corporate Camera Policy*” under the Committee Reports Section.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

St. Mary's First Nations Flag Presentation

Elder Maggie Paul spoke a few words while Chief Polchies performed a ceremony with sweet grass for the Sitansisk Flag Presentation.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflicts of interest declared by members of Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Eric Megarity

Seconded by: Councillor Jason LeJeune

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby approves collectively the recommendations set out under the consent agenda.

OTHER MATTERS

Indigenous Disability Awareness Month Proclamation (November 2022)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Indigenous Disability Awareness Month Proclamation be received and placed on file.

Medical Radiation Technologist Week Proclamation (November 6-12, 2022)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Medical Radiation Technologist Week Proclamation be received and placed on file.

YMCA Peace Week Proclamation (November 12-19, 2022)

BE IT RESOLVED that the YMCA Peace Week Proclamation be received and placed on file.

Public Hearing Date – 63 Brunswick Street and 219-231 Smythe Street (Revised)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby directs that the Development Applications for 63 Brunswick Street and 219-231 Smythe Street be referred to the November 16, 2022, meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee for

the views of the advisory committee; that the public notice requirements of Section 111 of the Community Planning Act be fulfilled; that the appropriate by-laws to amend By-law No. Z-5, A Zoning By-law for the City of Fredericton, be prepared; and that the regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 28, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., at the Council Chamber, City Hall, be set as the time and place for the consideration of objections/support to the proposed by-laws.

Public Presentation and Public Hearing Date – 825 Cliffe Street

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby directs that the appropriate by-law to amend By-law No. Z-6, A By-law to Adopt a Municipal Plan for the City of Fredericton be prepared; that the public notice requirements of Section 25 of the *Community Planning Act* be fulfilled; and that the regular City Council meeting of Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., at the Council Chamber, City Hall, be set as the time and place for the public presentation of the proposed by-law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Development Application for 825 Cliffe Street be referred to the December 14, 2022 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee for the views of the advisory committee pursuant to Section 110 of the *Community Planning Act*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby directs that the appropriate by-law to amend By-law No. Z-5, The Zoning By-law for the City of Fredericton, be prepared; that the public notice requirements of Section 111 of the *Community Planning Act* be fulfilled; and that the regular City Council meeting of Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., at the Council Chamber, City Hall, be set as the time and place for the consideration of objections/support to the proposed by-law.

MUNICIPAL FINANCE & CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Updates to the Human Resource Management Policy (COR-POL-064)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby approves and adopts the amended COR-POL-064, Human Resource Management Policy (2022 version).

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

Fredericton Playhouse Annual Report

Murray Jamer, President and Tim Yerxa, Executive Director of the Fredericton Playhouse, provided Council with a PowerPoint Presentation titled "*Fredericton Playhouse experience it live*". The presentation is attached hereto as an **Appendix**.

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Agency Agreement & By-law – Fire Marque Inc.

Moved by: Councillor Steven Hicks

Seconded by: Councillor Ruth Breen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes and approves the Agency Agreement between Fire Marque Inc. and the City of Fredericton with respect to submitting claims and recovering expenses incurred by the Fire Department as a result of attending an incident through property owner insurance policies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agency Agreement on behalf of the local government and such further legal documents as may be required to facilitate the Agreement and this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes and directs staff of the Legal Division to prepare a by-law to require the payment of fire protection service fees by property owners which will be recovered under an insurance policy as an insured peril by a designate or agent using indemnification technology on behalf of the local government.

CARRIED

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BY-LAWS

By-law No. S-18, A By-law Concerning Fire Protection Services Fees for The City of Fredericton (Recovery of Fire Department Response Costs)

By-law No. S-18, A By-law Concerning Fire Protection Services Fees for The City of Fredericton.

- First Reading of By-law No. S-18, by title
- Second Reading of By-law No. S-18, by title

Moved by: Councillor Steven Hicks

Seconded by: Councillor Ruth Breen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby gives By-law No. S-18, A By-law Concerning Fire Protection Services Fees for the City of Fredericton, first reading by title.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Steven Hicks

Seconded by: Councillor Ruth Breen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby gives By-law No. S-18, A By-law Concerning Fire Protection Services Fees for the City of Fredericton, second reading by title.

CARRIED

By-law No. Z-5.275 - 4 St. Pierre Drive - Zone Amendment (Matthew Briggs)

By-law No. Z-5.275, A By-law to Amend By-law No. Z-5, A Zoning By-law for the City of Fredericton

- Receipt of the Planning Advisory Committee Report
- Hearing of Objections/Support
- First Reading of By-law No. Z-5.275, by title
- Second Reading of By-law No. Z-5.275, by title

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Darrah

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Greg Ericson

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby receives the Report of the Planning Advisory Committee, dated October 20, 2022, recommending approval of an application from Matthew Briggs, for a zone amendment to permit a duplex dwelling in the Residential Zone Two (R-2) on property located at 4 St Pierre Drive, subject to terms and conditions.

CARRIED

Public Hearing

The City Clerk, Jennifer Lawson informed Council that there were no letters of objection or support received by the Office of the City Clerk.

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Darrah

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Greg Ericson

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby gives By-law No. Z-5.275, A By-law to Amend By-law No. Z-5, A Zoning By-law for the City of Fredericton, first reading by title.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Darrah

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Greg Ericson

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby gives By-law No. Z-5.275, A By-law to Amend By-law No. Z-5, A Zoning By-law for the City of Fredericton, second reading by title.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mobility Committee Update (October 13, 2022)

Councillor Bruce Grandy, Chair of the Mobility Committee provided an overview of the highlights of the October 13, 2022 Mobility Committee meeting.

Highlights included:

- Transit Update presented by Charlene Sharpe, Manager of Transit & Parking Services and Scott Brown, Manager of Building Services & Fleet Services.
- Crosstown Trail Update presented by Sean Lee, Assistant Director of Engineering & Operations.
- Transportation Study Update presented by Tyson Aubie, Traffic Engineer.
- Discussion on providing transit passes for not-for-profit organizations.

Direction to advance the implementation of the Cross Town Trail

Moved by: Councillor Cassandra LeBlanc

Seconded by: Councillor Bruce Grandy

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby accepts the conceptual design for the Cross-Town Trail as presented at the October 13, 2022 Mobility Committee Meeting and directs staff to advance the implementation of the Cross Town Trail following this approval.

CARRIED

Environmental Stewardship Committee Update (October 20, 2022)

Councillor Kevin Darrah, Chair of the Environmental Stewardship Committee provided an overview of the highlights of the October 20, 2022 Environmental Stewardship Committee meeting.

Highlights included:

- City of Fredericton/MyHeat Solar Project presented by Gunjan Desai, Consultant with MyHeat and Jillian Hudgins, Environmental Strategist.
- Corporate & Community Net-Zero Engagement Strategy Update presented by Jillian Hudgins, Environmental Strategist

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sale of Land on Cliffe Street to Fredericton Christian Academy

Moved by: Councillor Jason LeJeune

Seconded by: Councillor Steven Hicks

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton:

- 1. declares surplus and authorizes and approves the sale of a ± 20 acre portion of PIDs 75418640 and 01541341, located off Upper Cliffe Street in Fredericton, NB to Fredericton Christian Academy Inc. for \$1,100,000 (plus tax) subject to terms and conditions, including planning approval and servicing of the subject land by constructing a public street prior to the end of 2023,**
- 2. consents as landowner and directs Staff to submit the application necessary to secure required land use approvals required from the Planning Advisory Committee and/or Fredericton City Council, including subdivision approval and rezoning the subject land and the land on the adjacent side of the future street;**
- 3. suspends the existing land disposal policy, Operating Procedure COR-OP-033, in order to permit the direct sale of the subject parcel to Fredericton Christian Academy Inc.; and**
- 4. authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the legal documents, including the Agreement of Purchase and Sale, required to complete the transaction.**

CARRIED

Corporate Camera Policy (Additional Item)

Moved by: Councillor Henri Mallet

Seconded by: Councillor Jocelyn Pike

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby approves and adopts the Corporate Camera Policy COR-POL-174 as attached.

CARRIED

GOVERNANCE & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Guaranteed Livable Basic Income

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Greg Ericson

Seconded by: Councillor Cassandra LeBlanc

WHEREAS the growing social crisis and impacts of poverty have downstream effects on our municipality, putting unsustainable pressure on our limited resources to deliver necessary

public services and social supports as we struggle to keep up with downloaded responsibilities; and

WHEREAS Basic Income addresses key social determinants of health, such as income and housing, it can alleviate pressures on municipalities to address poverty and fill gaps in social supports, such as shelter, housing, food security and mental health. Research and pilots show that when people have a sufficient and secure income their mental and physical health improves; they have the capacity to secure more affordable, suitable, and safe housing, childcare, healthy food, and transportation; and poverty rates decrease; and

WHEREAS the provision of a guaranteed livable basic income would benefit individuals, families and communities and protect the most vulnerable in society, it would also support community resilience by facilitating the transition to a local economy that responds to the climate crisis and other major challenges. Evidence shows that a federally funded basic income that improves people's financial stability is possible, as successful income transfer programs already exist in Canada for seniors (Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement) and for parents (Canada Child Benefit (CCB)).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Fredericton write a letter to the Prime Minister, New Brunswick Members of Parliament, and the Premier of New Brunswick, calling on these orders of government to work towards implementing a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income to eradicate poverty and homelessness, and ensure everyone has sufficient income to meet their basic needs."

CARRIED ON DIVISION

(Councillors Jocelyn Pike and Steven Hicks voted 'nay')

OTHER MATTERS

Capital Region Service Commission (RSC 11) Update

Deputy Mayor Greg Ericson provided the committee with an update on Capital Region Service Commission Finance Committee meeting.

Highlights included:

- It was a difficult 3rd fiscal quarter, but investments were balanced.
- There was an operating quarterly review against the annual operating budget.

Request for Blanket Authorization – Grantee of Easements

Moved by: Councillor Margo Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Mark Peters

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute documents to acquire, for municipal purposes, any easement

interest on land that is not City property, as prepared or reviewed by the Legal Division and/or the Real Estate Division, on a going forward basis.

CARRIED

Request for Blanket Authorization to Begin PAC Application Process as Property Owner

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Darrah
Seconded by: Councillor Jocelyn Pike

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes the Mayor and/or City Clerk to execute applications commencing the Application Process with the Planning Advisory Committee as property owner or consenting to an application by a third party acquiring municipal property, as prepared by the Legal Division and/or the Real Estate Division, on a go forward basis.

CARRIED

Councillor Steven Hicks congratulated the City of Fredericton Fire Fighters who won the Bronze FireFighter World Challenge in Utah.

Mayor Kate Rogers reminded Council that today was the first day of Diwali an Indian celebration that symbolizes the victory of light over darkness.

Councillor Eric Megarity spoke about the Easter Seals 100 years of raising funds for people with disabilities.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Mark Peters
Seconded by: Councillor Jocelyn Pike

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting adjourn at 9:19 p.m.

CARRIED

Kate Rogers,
Mayor

Jennifer Lawson,
City Clerk