

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF FREDERICTON CITY COUNCIL

Date: Monday, March 27, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Council Chamber and Via Web Conferencing

Members of Council Present: Mayor Kate Rogers
Deputy Mayor Greg Ericson
Councillor Mark Peters
Councillor Eric Megarity
Councillor Kevin Darrah
Councillor Jason LeJeune
Councillor Steven Hicks

Members of Council Participating Virtually: Councillor Ruth Breen
Councillor Jocelyn Pike
Councillor Cassandra LeBlanc

Members of Council Absent: Councillor Margo Sheppard
Councillor Bruce Grandy
Councillor Henri Mallet

Staff Participating in the Meeting: Steven Hart, Chief Administrative Officer
Sara DeGrace, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Lawson, City Clerk/Assist. Director, Legal, City Clerk & HR
Michelle Brzak, City Solicitor
Michael Baldwin, Director, Corporate Services
Ken Forrest, Director, Planning & Development
Jane Blakely, Director, Legal, City Clerk & Human Resources
Dave Seabrook, Director, Rec., Tourism & Community Engagement
Dylan Gamble, Director, Engineering & Operations
Scott Patterson, Deputy Police Chief
Sean Lee, Assistant Director, Engineering & Operations
Alicia Keating, Assistant Director, Corporate Services/City Treasurer
Wayne Knorr, Manager, Communications
Jillian Hudgins, Environmental Strategist & Program Manager
Jessica Sharpe, Meeting Technician
Elizabeth Murray, City Marshal
Amy Cronkhite, Recording Secretary/Assistant City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Her Worship, Mayor Kate Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:35 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

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 March 27, 2023 City Council Agenda with the addition of agenda item 5.5 titled "*Appointment of Two Police Officers*" under the Consent Agenda and item 8.5 titled "*Municipal Capital Borrowing Board Application - Fire Services*" under the Committee Reports section.

CARRIED

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 Kevin Darrah

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

Freddy Beach Ribfest 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that approval be given to the Capital Exhibit Centre to hold Ribfest 2023 at the Capital Exhibit Centre on Thursday, June 8, 2023 from the hours of 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., and Friday June 9 and Saturday June 10 from 11:00 a.m. until 11:30 p.m., and Sunday, June 12 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., subject to all recommendations from City staff being met; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an exemption be granted to Capital Exhibit Centre from the provision of Section 1 of By-Law S-17, being A By-Law Respecting Disturbance by Noise for events occurring as part of Ribfest being held at the Capital Exhibit Centre grounds from Thursday, June 8, 2023 to Sunday June 11, 2023 inclusive in adherence to the hours listed below:

- Thursday, June 9 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 10 11:00 a.m. until 11:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 11 11:00 a.m. until 11:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 12 11:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Heron Drive - Assent of Council

BE IT RESOLVED that the street name “Donmac Court” be approved and the final plan of subdivision prepared by Eastern Land Surveys (1993) Ltd., titled “SUBDIVISION PLAN BROOKSIDE WEST SUBDIVISION 2022-2 Phase 8B showing Lots 22-15, 22-16, 22-19, 22-20, 22-127 to 22-134 & Lot 23-02, LANDS for PUBLIC PURPOSES, DONMAC COURT, HERON DRIVE, CITY OF FREDERICTON, COUNTY OF YORK, PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK” receive the Assent of Council pursuant to Section 88(1) of the *Community Planning Act*.

Appointment of Councillor LeJeune to the Administration Committee for the Superannuation Plan for Certain Employees of the City of Fredericton

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby appoints Councillor Jason LeJeune as a member of the Administration Committee for the Superannuation Plan for Certain Employees of the City of Fredericton for a term commencing March 28, 2023 and expiring June 12, 2023.

Public Hearing Date – Hanwell Road (PID 75359612), 3532 Woodstock Road, 18 Talisman Crescent, 360 & 368 Forest Hill Road, 1015 Riverside Drive,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby directs that the Development Applications for Hanwell Road (PID 75359612), 3532 Woodstock Road,

18 Talisman Crescent, 360 and 368 Forest Hill Road, 1015 Riverside Drive, 63 Brunswick Street, 1823 Lincoln Road, and 200 Two Nations Crossing be referred to the April 19, 2023 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-law 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, May 8, 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-laws.

Appointment of Two Police Officers (Additional Item)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby appoints Andrew Savoy and Tyler Martin effective April 3, 2023, as police officers to the Fredericton Police Force for the City of Fredericton pursuant to Section 11(1)(c) of the *New Brunswick Police Act*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appointments shall continue until Andrew Savoy and Tyler Martin cease to be employees of the City of Fredericton.

CARRIED

PRESENTATION

2022 Audited Financial Statements

Alicia Keating, Assistant Director of Corporate Services/City Treasurer presented a PowerPoint presentation titled “*2022 City of Fredericton Audited Financial Report*”. Highlights of the presentation included an overview of the City’s 2022 Audited Financial results. Ms. Keating advised that the City received a clean audit opinion and is in good financial condition which indicates that:

- The City is executing on key strategies to mitigate risks and shows strategies are working
- City setting long-term goals allows for flexibility and adaptability
- Pressing forward with a vision for the community
- Shows prudent financial management
- Demonstrates the effectiveness of responsible governance by Mayor and Council

Moved by: Councillor Jocelyn Pike

Seconded by: Councillor Mark Peters

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby adopts the audited 2022 City of Fredericton Consolidated Financial Statements.

CARRIED

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BY-LAWS

By-law No. A-26 - Delegation of Authority to the CAO for Decision-making for Routine Business

By-law No. A-26, Delegation of Authority By-law for the City of Fredericton

- First Reading of By-law No. A-26, by title
- Second Reading of By-law No. A-26, by title

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Greg Ericson

Seconded by: Councillor Jason LeJeune

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby gives By-law No. A-26, Delegation of Authority By-law for the City of Fredericton, first reading by title.

CARRIED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Greg Ericson

Seconded by: Councillor Jason LeJeune

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby gives By-law No. A-26, Delegation of Authority By-law for the City of Fredericton, second reading by title.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environmental Stewardship Committee Update (March 16, 2023)

Councillor Kevin Darrah, Chair of the Environmental Stewardship Committee provided an overview of the highlights of the March 16, 2023 Environmental Stewardship Committee meeting.

Highlights included:

- A presentation by the Fredericton Chapter of the Council of Canadians pertaining to a Climate Emergency Declaration In Fredericton;
- A presentation by Jillian Hudgins, Environmental Strategist & Program Manager and Naomi Devine, Consultant, Sustainability Solutions Group pertaining to the Corporate and Community Climate Action Engagement Plans; and
- An update on the upcoming Earth Day activities by Jillian Hudgins, Environmental Strategist & Program Manager.

Livable Community Committee Update (March 23, 2023)

Councillor Eric Megarity, Chair of the Livable Community Committee provided an overview of the highlights of the March 23, 2023 Livable Community Committee meeting.

Highlights included:

- A presentation by the Greater Fredericton Social Innovation pertaining to the Community Prosperity Hub;
- A presentation by Constable Mike Bamford pertaining to the Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee;
- A presentation by Rich Hall, City Forester about the City of Fredericton being named Forestry Capital of Canada for 2023; and
- A presentation by Ben Griffin, Manager of Community Inclusion providing an update to upcoming events scheduled.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Climate Emergency Declaration in Fredericton

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Darrah

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Greg Ericson

WHEREAS it is well established that human activity is causing significant disruptions to the world's climatic systems with increased green house gas emissions which is increasing the frequency of extreme weather events, raising the global average temperature, and posing other significant risks, such as drought, forest fires, rising sea levels, ecosystem damage and loss of life posing immediate threats to our natural environment, our health, our jobs and economy, and

WHEREAS 645 Canadian cities, towns, and local service districts, including three Atlantic provincial capital cities, have formally declared a Climate Emergency, and

WHEREAS a Climate Emergency declaration carries with it significant meaning, signalling to the public the City's acknowledgement of the seriousness and urgency of the climate crisis

and a deep commitment to urgently eliminate greenhouse gas emissions by empowering residents and city staff to dramatically lower their carbon footprints by increasing funding and mobilizing resources towards addressing the crisis, and

WHEREAS for the purposes of this declaration, the use of the word “Emergency” is to reinforce the urgent, critical seriousness of climate change impacts, and therefore does not imply or trigger “a state of emergency” which has its own legal definition, status, and implication, and

WHEREAS the City of Fredericton has adopted and is in the early stages of implementing three climate action plans, forming a critical foundation for action to meet the urgency of climate change impacts,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fredericton City Council declare a Climate Emergency and that Council recognizes the critical impacts of a changing climate on our natural environment, our community and our economy.

AND that Council direct staff:

- 1. To minimize the accumulation of greenhouse gases in the early years by making every effort to align staff resources to accelerate the implementation of the City’s three climate action plans, which are aligned with Federal and Provincial greenhouse gas reduction targets (50% reduction by 2030, 100% by 2050 and net negative carbon emissions thereafter); and**
- 2. To ensure that available city funding is adequate to attract and secure maximum funding from all other levels of government and third parties, in order to: gain capacity to ensure that measurable climate action within the City as a corporation continues, support efforts to show leadership and inspire action in the community, and ensure investment in climate plan items that provide a good return in cost savings; and**
- 3. To develop and deliver meaningful engagement strategies that empower the entire community to unite and take ownership of their part of the climate solution through behavioural changes and adoption of lower carbon lifestyles, consistent with receipt of the recent petition pressing the city for urgent implementation of the climate plans, signed by 500+ individuals and 12 civil society and faith groups, and businesses which represent many more people.**

CARRIED

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE REPORT

Performing Arts Centre Construction Management Firm Selection & Initial Funding

Moved by: Councillor Jason LeJeune

Seconded by: Councillor Steven Hicks

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton approve the selection of EllisDon as the construction management firm, to be engaged by Fredericton Playhouse Inc., for the Performing Arts Centre project and agree to an initial funding amount not to exceed \$300,000 to be paid to the Fredericton Playhouse Inc. to cover the fees associated with EllisDon being engaged as part of the design development phase with further fees and costs to come forward as part of design development review and approval of a final project budget by Council.

CARRIED

Municipal Capital Borrowing Board Application – Fire Services (Additional Item)

Moved by: Councillor Steven Hicks

Seconded by: Councillor Mark Peters

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby directs and authorizes the City Treasurer to submit an application to the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board for authorization to borrow money for a Quint Aerial Fire Truck (or to guarantee the repayment of money borrowed or to enter into a lease, lease-purchase or purchase arrangement) in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the Fire Services, Purpose: Protective Services, Term: 5 Years Amount: \$2,000,000.00. This application is made pursuant to Section 1.1 (or Subsection 4(1)) (or Section 1.1 and Subsection 4(1)) of the *Municipal Capital Borrowing Act* and a resolution of the Council of the City of Fredericton on March 27, 2023.

CARRIED

OTHER MATTERS

Capital Region Service Commission (RSC 11) Update

Deputy Mayor Greg Ericson, Council Representative for RSC 11 advised that there was no update at this time.

MOTION TO EXCUSE

Moved by: Councillor Steven Hicks

Seconded by: Councillor Kevin Darrah

BE IT RESOLVED that Councillors Bruce Grandy, Margo Sheppard and Henri Mallet be excused from the March 27, 2023 Regular City Council meeting.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Mark Peters

Seconded by: Councillor Eric Megarity

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

CARRIED

Kate Rogers,
Mayor

Jennifer Lawson,
City Clerk