

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF FREDERICTON CITY COUNCIL

Date: Monday, February 9, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chamber and Via Web Conferencing

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

Members of Council absent: Councillor Cassandra LeBlanc

Staff Participating in the Meeting: Steve Hart, Chief Administrative Officer
Sara DeGrace, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Lawson, City Clerk/Assist. Director, Governance & Inclusion
Dylan Gamble, Director, Engineering & Operations
Ken Forrest, Director, Planning & Development
Michael Baldwin, Director, Corporate Services
Gary Forward, Police Chief
Sean Lee, Assistant Director, Engineering & Operations
Mike Walker, Assistant Director, Engineering & Operations
Alicia Keating, Assistant Director, Corporate Services/City Treasurer
Chantal Gauthier, Staff Solicitor
Deborah Nobes, Managing Director, Communications & Engagement
Alexa Donovan, Meeting Technician
Amy Cronkhite, Recording Secretary/Assistant City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Her Worship, Mayor Kate Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

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 live the Wolastoqiyik, “the people of the beautiful and bountiful river.”

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Jocelyn Pike

Seconded by: Councillor Kevin Darrah

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby approves the February 9, 2026, City Council Agenda with the addition of agenda item 10.4 titled "*Fredericton Police Force Disposal of P320 Firearms*" 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 Greg Ericson

Seconded by: Councillor Steven Hicks

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby approves collectively the recommendations set out under the consent agenda with the removal of agenda item 5.3, titled "*Draft for New Heritage Conservation Area By-law*", to be considered separately.

26 Gilbert Street - Tentative Plan of Subdivision (City of Fredericton)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby receives the Report of the Planning Advisory Committee, dated January 22, 2026, in relation to an application submitted by Ryan Seymour, on behalf of the City of Fredericton, for a tentative plan of subdivision to create one new Multi-Residential Zone Two (MR-2)

lot from property located at 26 Gilbert Street with a recommendation that the public land dedication be taken as cash.

By-law Officer Appointments - Jacob Robert Lowther & Azeem Hassan

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes, appoints, and designates Jacob Robert LOWTHER and Azeem HASSAN as By-law Enforcement Officers effective immediately, pursuant to Section 72 of the Local Governance Act and subsection 14(3) of the Police Act, in order to administer and enforce the following by-laws within the territorial boundary of the City of Fredericton:

- **By-law No. R-6, A By-law to Regulate Taxi Owners and Operators of the City of Fredericton, and amendments thereto;**
- **By-law No. S-15, A Fire Lane By-law for the City of Fredericton, and amendments thereto;**
- **By-law No. S-19, A Nuisance By-law, and amendments thereto;**
- **By-law No. T-1, A By-law to Regulate Traffic, and amendments thereto;**
- **By-law No. T-6, A By-law Respecting Public Motor Buses, and amendments thereto;**
- **By-law No. T-7, A By-law Relating to Parking Meters, Parking Zones, and Pay and Display Machines, and amendments thereto;**
- **By-law No. T-9, A By-law Respecting Fredericton Transit, and amendments thereto; and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these appointments shall continue until Jacob Robert LOWTHER and Azeem HASSAN cease to be employed on the Garda Canada Security Corporation's City of Fredericton Parking Enforcement detail; or until the appointments under this resolution are rescinded by City Council, whichever comes first.

LIVABLE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Adoption of Parks & Trees Service Levels - Trails

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the City of Fredericton hereby adopts the updated Fredericton Parks & Trees Service Level Standards – Trails for the purpose of providing a guideline that will be used to plan, construct, maintain, monitor, adjust and evaluate Trail Service Standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff use these Service Level Standards to provide measured service changes and bring forward concepts for future discussion and consideration by Council.

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Acquisition of a Portion of 22 Eatman Avenue

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes and approves the acquisition of a ± 8 m² portion of 22 Eatman Avenue, known as SNB PID 01558584, from D&L Property Management Ltd. for the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) plus applicable taxes and adjustments, subject to terms and conditions; and hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any legal documentation required to facilitate this transaction.

Naming of the Main Hall in the New Performing Arts Center

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Fredericton directs the Chief Administrative Officer to advise the Fredericton Playhouse Inc. Board of Directors that the Main Hall of the new Performing Arts Center (Hawkes Centre for the Arts) remain unnamed in order to have the opportunity in the future to receive additional donations.

Property Exchange and Acquisition – Reserve Road and St. Mary’s Street

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the City of Fredericton hereby declares “surplus” and authorizes and approves the disposal of a $\pm 1,801$ m² portion of a Reserved Road near Saint Mary’s Street to 601557 NB Ltd. in exchange for a ± 864 m² portion of land identified as portions SNB PIDs 1424233, 01424241 and 1424258, subject to terms and conditions; and hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any legal documentation required to facilitate this transaction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council for the City of Fredericton hereby directs the Legal Division to draft the appropriate By-law to stop-up and close a $\pm 1,801$ m² portion of a Reserved Road; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council for the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes and approves the acquisition of a ± 232 m² portion of 402 Saint Mary’s Street, Fredericton, NB, known as SNB PID 75549550, from 601557 NB Ltd. for the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000.00) plus applicable taxes and adjustments, subject to terms and conditions; and hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any legal documentation required to facilitate this transaction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council for the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes and approves the acquisition of land near Highland Avenue, known as SNB PID 1533231, from 601557 NB Ltd. for the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$116,170.00) plus applicable taxes and

adjustments, subject to terms and conditions; and hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any legal documentation required to facilitate this transaction.

CARRIED

AGENDA ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND GROWTH PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Draft for New Heritage Conservation Area By-law

Moved by: Councillor Margo Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Jason LeJeune

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the City of Fredericton authorizes and directs the City Solicitor to draft a new Heritage Conservation Area By-law based on the information contained in and attached to the Economic Prosperity and Growth Planning Committee report dated January 19, 2026.

CARRIED

Additional Motion

Moved by: Councillor Margo Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Jason LeJeune

BE IT RESOLVED that the draft design guidelines and draft Heritage Bylaw proceed together to public consultation currently scheduled for February 25th, subject to a recommendation from the Preservation Review Board.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council - November 24 and December 8, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Mark Peters

Seconded by: Councillor Ruth Breen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby approves the November 24 and December 8, 2025, City Council minutes, as circulated.

CARRIED

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BY-LAWS

By-law No. Z-5.358 – 501 Gibson Street – Rezoning (Gibson Gardens c/o Eric Price)

By-law No. Z-5.358, A By-law to Amend By-law No. Z-5, A Zoning By-law for the City of Fredericton

- Receipt of Planning Advisory Committee Report
- Hearing of Objections/Support
- First Reading of By-law No. Z-5.357, by title,
- Second Reading of By-law No. Z-5.357, by title

Moved by: Councillor Eric Megarity

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Jocelyn Pike

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby receives the Report of the Planning Advisory Committee, dated January 22, 2026, recommending approval of an application submitted by Eric Price on behalf of Gibson Gardens to rezone a portion of 501 Gibson Street from Multi-residential Zone Two (MR-2) to Residential Zone One (R-1) and from Residential Zone One (R-1) to Multi-residential Zone Two (MR-2) to permit the relocation of the driveway to the multi-residential component and of the R-1 lot, subject to terms and conditions.

CARRIED

Public Hearing

Her Worship, Mayor Kate Rogers opened the public hearing process.

The City Clerk, Jennifer Lawson advised that the City Clerk's Office received no letters of objection or support.

Mayor Rogers invited the Applicant to speak on behalf of the proposed by-law amendment.

- The Applicant, Eric Price was in attendance virtually to answer any questions of Council.

Mayor Rogers invited anyone wishing to speak in opposition or support to the proposed by-law to the podium.

- There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

Mayor Rogers closed the public hearing process.

Moved by: Councillor Eric Megarity

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Jocelyn Pike

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby gives By-law No. Z-5.358, 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 Eric Megarity
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Jocelyn Pike

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby gives By-law No. Z-5.358, A By-law to Amend By-law No. Z-5, A Zoning By-law for the City of Fredericton, second reading by title.

CARRIED

THIRD READING OF BY-LAWS

By-law No. A-24.2 - Amendments to the Fredericton Police Force Organizational Chart

By-law No. A-24.2, A By-law to Amend By-law No. A-24, A By-law Respecting the Provision of Police Protection Service in the City of Fredericton

- Reading by Summary
- Third Reading of By-law No. A-24.2, by title

Moved by: Councillor Eric Megarity
Seconded by: Councillor Greg Ericson

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes that By-law No. A-24.2, A By-law to Amend By-law No. A-24, A By-law Respecting the Provision of Police Protection Service in the City of Fredericton, be read by summary pursuant to Section 15(4) of the *Local Governance Act*.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Eric Megarity
Seconded by: Councillor Greg Ericson

WHEREAS municipalities may make by-laws pursuant to the *Local Governance Act*; and City Council has authorized the reading of By-law No. A-24.2, by summary;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby reads a summary of the by-law as follows: The purpose of proposed By-law No. A-24.2 is to amend By-law No. A-24, A By-law Respecting the Provision of Police Protection Service in the City of Fredericton, by repealing Schedule A and replacing it with a new Schedule A in order to update the organizational structure of the Fredericton Police Force; and THAT the said by-law be given third reading by title.

CARRIED

PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF BY-LAWS

By-law No. Z-6.13 - Redesignate Land from Parks and Open Space to Major Institutional at 750 Prospect Street - Municipal Plan Amendment

A By-law to Amend By-law No. Z-6, A By-law to Adopt a Municipal Plan for the City of Fredericton

Jennifer Lawson, City Clerk, read out the Public Presentation for By-law No. Z-6.13 advising the public of the proposed municipal plan amendment to redesignate land from Parks and Open Space to Major Institutional on property located at 750 Prospect Street, and also that the by-law is available for public perusal on both the website and in person at the City Clerk's Office.

By-law No. Z-6.14 - Redesignate a Portion of PID 60202587 from Business and Industrial to Major Institutional on Blizzard Street - Municipal Plan Amendment

A By-law to Amend By-law No. Z-6, A By-law to Adopt a Municipal Plan for the City of Fredericton

Jennifer Lawson, City Clerk, read out the Public Presentation for By-law No. Z-6.14 advising the public of the proposed municipal plan amendment to redesignate a portion of PID 60202587 from Business and Industrial to Major Institutional on property located on Blizzard Street, and also that the by-law is available for public perusal on both the website and in person at the City Clerk's Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Prosperity and Growth Planning Committee (January 29, 2026)

Councillor Jason LeJeune, Chair of the Economic Prosperity and Growth Planning Committee, provided an overview of the highlights of the January 29, 2026, meeting.

Agenda items included:

1. 2025 Year-End Development Activity presentation by Melisa Tang Choy, Planner;
2. Secondary Dwelling Unit Activity 2025 Summary presentation by Marcello Battilana, Assistant Director of Planning.
3. Draft for the New Heritage Conservation Area By-law – Administrative Report presented by Ken Forrest, Director of Planning and Laura Acton, Urban Planner; and
4. Planning and Heritage Analysis of 373, 375, 401 and 411 University Avenue presentation by Juan Estepa, Manager of Urban Planning.

Public Safety Committee Update (February 5, 2026)

Councillor Eric Megarity, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, provided an overview of the highlights of the February 5, 2026, meeting.

Agenda items included:

1. Community Safety Recommendations Oversight Committee Update – presentation by Steven Hart, CAO;
2. Fredericton Police Force Scott Report Update presentation by Chief of Police Gary Forward.

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Disposal of 70 Liverpool Street to the Province of New Brunswick - Disposal of Land for New school

Moved by: Councillor Greg Ericson

Seconded by: Councillor Kevin Darrah

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the City of Fredericton hereby declares surplus and approves the conditional sale of 70 Liverpool Street (being PID 01482629) in Fredericton, New Brunswick, to the Province of New Brunswick as represented by the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure for the amount of \$1,490,000, subject to terms and conditions, and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any legal documentation required to facilitate this transaction.

CARRIED

Fredericton Police Force Disposal of P320 Firearms (Additional Item)

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Jocelyn Pike

Seconded by: Councillor Bruce Grandy

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes and approves the agreement between the City of Fredericton and the Saint John Board of Police Commissioners with respect to the sale and transfer of pistols (“Agreement”); and

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

CARRIED

MOTION TO EXCUSE

Moved by: Councillor Margo Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Steven Hicks

BE IT RESOLVED that Councillor Cassandra LeBlanc be excused from the February 9, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Margo Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Bruce Grandy

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Kate Rogers,
Mayor

Jennifer Lawson,
City Clerk