

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF FREDERICTON CITY COUNCIL

Date: Monday, February 23, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chamber and Via Web Conferencing

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

Members of Council Absent: Councillor Ruth Breen

Staff Participating in the Meeting: Steven Hart, Chief Administrative Officer
Sara DeGrace, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Lawson, City Clerk/Assist. Director, Governance & Inclusion
Michelle Brzak, City Solicitor
Ken Forrest, Director, Planning & Development
Dylan Gamble, Director, Engineering & Operations
Michael Baldwin, Director, Corporate Services
David Seabrook, Director, Recreation, Tourism & Culture
Gary Forward, Police Chief
Alicia Keating, Assistant Director, Corporate Services/City Treasurer
Sean Lee, Assistant Director, Engineering & Operations
Deborah Nobes, Managing Director, Communications & Engagement
Meredith Cooper, Manager, Policy & Strategic Planning
Matthew Killam, Tech Support Specialist
Elizabeth Murray, City Marshal
Alexa Donovan, Meeting Technician
Doreen Nakhle, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Her Worship, Mayor Kate Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 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 23, 2026, City Council Agenda with the addition of the following agenda items under the Consent Agenda:

- **Item 5.9 titled "Agreement with Ducks Unlimited and WAWA Permit";**
- **Item 5.10 titled "Transfer of Conductive Energy Weapons Agreement";**
- **Item 5.11 titled “Appointment of Councillor Bruce Grandy to Ignite Board”;**
and

Under the Committee Reports Section:

- **Item 7.3 titled "Oracle Licensing Agreement".**

CARRIED

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Councillor Bruce Grandy declared a conflict for agenda item 5.11 Appointment of Councillor Bruce Grandy to Ignite Board (Additional Item) and Councillor Greg Ericson declared a conflict for agenda item 5.8 Extension of Appointee Term to the City of Fredericton Shared Risk Plan Board of Trustees.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councillor Kevin Darrah pulled items 5.8 Extension of Appointee Term to the City of Fredericton Shared Risk Plan Board of Trustees and 5.11 Appointment of Councillor Bruce Grandy to Ignite Board (Additional Item)

Moved by: Councillor Jason LeJeune

Seconded by: Councillor Eric Megarity

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 items 5.8 and 5.11.

On the question

Deputy Mayor Jocelyn Pike spoke to agenda item 5.2 Girl Guide Cookies Spring Door-to-Door Campaign 2026.

Baden Powell Service Association (Scouts) Door-to- Door Food Drive

BE IT RESOLVED THAT approval be given to Dale Wilson with the BPSA Group to collect items in the area bound by Regent and Smythe Streets, and Dundonald and Priestman Streets in the City of Fredericton for the Fredericton Community Kitchen on Saturday, April 25, from 10am to 12pm.

Girl Guide Cookies Spring Door-to-Door Campaign 2026

BE IT RESOLVED THAT approval be given to Girl Guides of Canada to canvass door-to-door in the City of Fredericton to sell Girl Guide Cookies from March 27 – May 3, 2026.

By-law Officer Appointment - Ataya Marie Rose Neilson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes, appoints, and designates Ataya Marie Rose NEILSON as a By-law Enforcement Officer 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. S-15, A Fire Lane By-law for the City of Fredericton, and amendments thereto;
- By-law No. T-1, A By-law to Regulate Traffic, and amendments thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this appointment shall continue until Ataya Marie Rose NEILSON ceases to be employed as a security officer at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital; or until the appointment under this resolution is rescinded by City Council, whichever comes first.

Public Hearing Date - 314-316, 348 & 402 Saint Mary's Street & 50-70 Liverpool Street

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby directs that the Development Applications for 314-316, 348 & 402 Saint Mary's Street (PIDs: 01424233, 01488345, 01424258, 01424241, 75529065, 01422369, 01422419, 75549550) and 50-70 Liverpool Street be referred to the March 18, 2026 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee for the views of the Planning 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 City Council meeting of Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, be set as the time and place for the public hearing and consideration of objections/support for the proposed by-laws.

Budget Transfer Request and Approval for Anti-Racism Youth Microgrants

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby approves, authorizes and directs the City Treasurer to allocate \$10,000 from the Inclusion Initiatives and Social Inclusion Committee Actions budget to the Anti-racism Youth Microgrants line for the 2026 budget; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby approves and provides a grant of money for the Anti-Racism Youth Microgrants to the organizations outlined in the attached Appendix A.

Housing Accelerator Fund Grants – First Time Homebuyers Grant Revision

WHEREAS the City of Fredericton entered into a Housing Accelerator Fund Contribution Agreement with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation dated December 12, 2023 (the “Agreement”) with respect to funding to address housing shortages in the City of Fredericton:

AND WHEREAS the Agreement contained an Approved Action Plan outlining eight initiatives that the City committed to undertake; **AND WHEREAS** the Council of the City of Fredericton adopted a resolution on November 25, 2024 establishing the Housing Accelerator Fund First Time Homebuyers Grant (the “Grant”);

AND WHEREAS the City previously confirmed moving forward with Part 2 of Initiative #4 – “Modest Home Ownership Initiative;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fredericton pursuant to Section 104 of the *Local Governance Act* hereby establishes the revised Housing Accelerator Fund First Time Homebuyers Grant, as outlined in the attached

description, dated February 17, 2026, as Part 2 of the Modest Home Ownership Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to enter into the Grant Agreement (Appendix B) to the revised Housing Accelerator Fund First Time Homebuyers Grant with qualified applicants as determined by the Affordable Housing Development Coordinator or the Director of Planning and Development and such further legal documents as may be required to facilitate the Grant and this resolution.

GOVERNANCE & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Amendments to By-law No. A-22 A By-law Establishing a Code of Conduct for Members of City Council of the City of Fredericton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes and directs staff of the Legal Division to draft the appropriate by-law amendments for By-Law No. A-22, A By-law Establishing a Code of Conduct for Members of City Council of the City of Fredericton to reflect the requirements of New Brunswick Regulation 2024-48 and effect the following changes:

- (1) Add a definition for “Reasonable Grounds”,**
- (2) Update the Values in section 5,**
- (3) Add ‘or make defamatory Comments’ to section 7.8,**
- (4) Clarify that the Informal Complaint process is optional,**
- (5) Clarify who can make a complaint under the by-law,**
- (6) Add time limits to responses,**
- (7) Clarify the appeal process AND any additional recommended amendments identified during the drafting process.**

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Agreement with Ducks Unlimited and WAWA Permit (Additional Item)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes and approves the Professional Services Agreement between Ducks Unlimited Canada and the City of Fredericton with respect to providing professional services in relation to wetland offsetting for a Watercourse and Wetland Alternation permit (No. 8947125); and that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the local government and such further legal documents as may be required to facilitate this resolution.

WHEREAS the City of Fredericton may require a wetland and watercourse alternation permit for construction and delivery of municipal services;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby approves and authorizes the attached services agreement between a contractor (or service provider) and the City of Fredericton when wetland conservation and offsetting services associated with wetland and watercourse alteration permits are required (“Agreement”) acknowledging that the size of a restored wetland and cost per square meter of restored wetland will vary but shall be outlined in the agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the local government containing identical terms and conditions and in a form substantially the same or similar to the attached Agreement, the content of same being satisfactory to the Director of Engineering and Operations, or designate, AND in a form and content approved by the City Solicitor, or designate, and such further legal documents as may be required to facilitate the Agreement and this resolution.

Transfer of Conductive Energy Weapons Agreement (Additional Item)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes and approves a Transfer of Conductive Energy Weapons Agreement between the City of Fredericton and the Town of Woodstock enabling the transfer of seven tasers and related equipment from the Fredericton Police Force to the Woodstock Police Force (the “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

Councillors Bruce Grandy and Greg Ericson retired from Council Chambers at 7:41 p.m. as per their declaration of conflict of interest.

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Extension of Appointee Term to the City of Fredericton Shared Risk Plan Board of Trustees

Moved by: Councillor Eric Megarity

Seconded by: Councillor Steven Hicks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fredericton extends Councillor Greg Ericson’s appointment to the City of Fredericton Shared Risk Plan Board of Trustees until such time the new Council is formed in May 2026 and have had the opportunity to review and administer the appointments under their authority.

CARRIED

(Councillors Greg Ericson and Bruce Grandy were absent for the vote)

Appointment of Councillor Bruce Grandy to Ignite Board (Additional Item)

Moved by: Councillor Eric Megarity

Seconded by: Councillor Steven Hicks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Fredericton recommends to the Capital Region Service Commission, Councillor Bruce Grandy to serve on the Ignite Board as the City of Fredericton representative for a one year period commencing April 29, 2026 and ending the day of the 2027 Annual General Meeting of the Board.

CARRIED

(Councillors Greg Ericson and Bruce Grandy were absent for the vote)

Councillors Bruce Grandy and Greg Ericson returned to Council Chambers at 7:43 p.m.

Councillor Cassandra LeBlanc retired from the meeting online at 7:43 p.m. as she was not present during the Hearing of Objections/Support held on February 9, 2026.

THIRD 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

- Adoption of Terms & Conditions
- Reading by Summary
- Third Reading of By-law No. Z-5.358, by title

Moved by: Councillor Mark Peters

Seconded by: Councillor Eric Megarity

BE IT RESOLVED THAT with respect to an application submitted by Eric Price on behalf of Gibson Gardens to rezone a portion of property located at 501 Gibson Street (PID 01427780) 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); as outlined in

proposed By-law No. Z-5.358, the Council of the City of Fredericton, pursuant to Section 59(1) of the *Community Planning Act* hereby imposes the attached Terms and Conditions.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Mark Peters
Seconded by: Councillor Eric Megarity

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes that 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, be read by summary pursuant to Section 15(4) of the *Local Governance Act*.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Mark Peters
Seconded by: Councillor Eric Megarity

WHEREAS municipalities may make by-laws pursuant to the *Local Governance Act* and the *Community Planning Act*; and City Council has authorized the reading of By-law No. Z-5.358, 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. Z-5.358, is to amend By-law No. Z-5, A Zoning By-law for the City of Fredericton by rezoning a portion of property located at 501 Gibson Street (PID 01427780) 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 drive way to the multi-residential component and of the R-1 lot, subject to terms and conditions; and THAT the said by-law be given third reading by title.

CARRIED

Councillor Cassandra LeBlanc returned to the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance & Civic Engagement Committee Update (February 12, 2026)

Deputy Mayor Jocelyn Pike, Chair of the Governance & Civic Engagement Committee, provided an overview of the highlights from the February 12, 2026 meeting.

Agenda items included:

- Annual Fredericton Public Library Report
- Council Dashboard Update
- Public Engagement Quarterly Report
- Policy Framework Review

- Amendments to Code of Conduct for Members of City Council of the City of Fredericton

For information purposes only

Environmental Stewardship Committee Update (February 19, 2026)

Councillor Kevin Darrah, Chair of the Environmental Stewardship Committee, provided an overview of the highlights from the February 19, 2026 meeting.

Agenda items included:

- 2026 Annual Urban Forest Management Strategy Implementation Plan
- 2025 Climate Action Progress Update
- Optimize Residential Waste Collection

For information purposes only

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE REPORT

Oracle Licensing Agreement (Additional Item)

Moved by: Councillor Greg Ericson

Seconded by: Councillor Cassandra LeBlanc

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes and approves the ordering document with Oracle Canada ULC that moves the licensing of Oracle Cloud Services to be licensed directly from Oracle Canada ULC with respect to ERP and HRM services for a term of 49.84 months; at a cost of \$1,434,743.93; and

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

CARRIED

OTHER MATTERS

11 Carleton Street

Moved by: Councillor Margo Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Greg Ericson

WHEREAS Fredericton City Council has waited two years for a decision from the Department of National Defence (DND) on the future of the damaged Militia Arms Store at 11 Carleton St, part of Fredericton's National Historic Garrison District, and

WHEREAS Her Worship Mayor Kate Rogers wrote to the Minister of Parks Canada (responsible for historic sites) and DND on September 9, 2024 expressing Council’s desire to see the building at 11 Carleton St., Fredericton not demolished but to have alternate conservation options considered, and

WHEREAS no work has been done to improve the safety or viability of the building despite outreach to the DND from local groups and demonstrations of public support for restoring this nearly 200-year-old historic site that is a valued streetscape element to the Garrison District Outdoor Market.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Fredericton City Council directs the Chief Administrative Officer to forward a letter to the Department of National Defence requesting that they take immediate action to restore the structure at 11 Carleton Street, with emphasis on maintaining the original façade and original roofline in the reconstruction of the building.

CARRIED ON DIVISION

(Councillors Jocelyn Pike, Steven Hicks, Mark Peters and Bruce Grandy voted 'nay')

Renaming the ‘Arts Plan’ to ‘Creative City Strategy’

Moved by: Councillor Bruce Grandy

Seconded by: Councillor Jason LeJeune

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the City of Fredericton hereby directs the Director of Tourism, Recreation and Culture to rename the ‘Arts Plan’ project from ‘Arts Plan’ to ‘Creative City Strategy’ and to update any branding and communication materials associated with the arts plan project to reflect the updated ‘Creative City Strategy’ naming.

CARRIED

**Housing Accelerator Fund Missing Middle Intensification Grant – Habitat for Humanity
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Moved by: Councillor Jason LeJeune

Seconded by: Councillor Greg Ericson

WHEREAS the City of Fredericton entered into a Housing Accelerator Fund Contribution Agreement with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation dated December 12, 2023 with respect to funding to address housing shortages in the City of Fredericton.

AND WHEREAS the Housing Accelerator Fund Contribution Agreement contained an Approved Action Plan outlining eight initiatives that the City of Fredericton committed to undertake;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Fredericton adopted a resolution on April 22, 2024 establishing the Housing Accelerator Fund Missing Middle Intensification (Infill and ADU) Grant;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Fredericton adopted a resolution on November 24, 2025 establishing the revised Housing Accelerator Fund Missing Middle Intensification (Infill and ADU) Grant;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fredericton direct staff to approve funding for Habitat for Humanity New Brunswick from the Housing Accelerator Fund Missing Middle Intensification (Infill and ADU) Grant in conjunction with the Housing Accelerator Fund Non-Profit Pre-Development Funding Grant, the Housing Accelerator Fund Non-Profit Modest Homeownership Grant, and the Affordable Housing Permit and Community Planning Fees Grant.

CARRIED

MOTION TO EXCUSE

Moved by: Councillor Greg Ericson

Seconded by: Councillor Eric Megarity

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Ruth Breen be excused from the February 23, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Mark Peters

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Jocelyn Pike

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

CARRIED

Kate Rogers,
Mayor

Jennifer Lawson,
City Clerk