

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF FREDERICTON CITY COUNCIL

Date: Monday, September 13, 2021, 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
Councillor Cassandra Blackmore
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. Director, Legal, City Clerk & HR
Michelle Brzak, City Solicitor
Jane Blakely, Director, Legal City Clerk & Human Resources
Mike Walker, Assistant Director, Engineering & Operations
Alicia Keating, Assistant Director, Corporate Services/City Treasurer
Sean Lee, Assistant Director, Engineering & Operations
Marcello Battilana, Manager, Community Planning
Wayne Knorr, Manager, Communications
Carolyn Baldwin, Senior Records Clerk
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 7:36 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.”

Following the acknowledgement, Her Worship, Mayor Kate Rogers invited Jordan Trethewey, the City’s newly appointed Poet Laureate to share a poem for the Moment of Reflection. The poem was titled "*The Wolastoqiyik River’s Council*".

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Bruce Grandy

Seconded by: Councillor Jason LeJeune

BE IT RESOLVED that the September 13, 2021, City Council agenda be approved with the addition of agenda item 8.1 titled "*Memorandum of Understanding – Installation of Public Water Fountain at 912 Union Street*", item 8.2 titled "*Disposal of Vacant Land at Corner of Canada/Bridge Street*" and item 8.3 titled "*Disposal of Vacant Lot at Harold Doherty Court*" under the committee reports section and the removal of agenda item 5.6 titled "*Welcome to the Jungle 2021*" under the consent agenda.

CARRIED

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Darrah

Seconded by: Councillor Cassandra Blackmore

BE IT RESOLVED that the recommendations set out in the consent agenda items outlined below, be approved respectively:

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation: Arthritis Awareness Month - September 2021

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

Proclamation: Maritime Kids Health Day - September 14, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED that the Maritime Kids Health Day Proclamation be received and placed on file.

Proclamation: National Forest Week - September 19-25, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Forest Week Proclamation be received and placed on file.

SPECIAL EVENT REQUESTS

Battle of Britain Commemoration Ceremony and Fly-Past 2021

BE IT RESOLVED that approval be given to the 403 Helicopter Operational and Training Squadron to hold their Battle of Britain Ceremony and Helicopter Fly Past at the Fredericton Cenotaph at 500 feet above ground level on Sunday, September 19, 2021 starting at 12:30 p.m. subject to staff recommendations being met.

Garrison Sk8fest - 2021

BE IT RESOLVED that an exemption be granted to the Fredericton Recreation, Tourism & Community Engagement Department pursuant to Subsection 5.01(6) of By-law No. S-17, A By-law Respecting Disturbance by Noise, for events occurring as part of the Garrison Sk8fest on Thursday, September 23, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.; Friday, September 24, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.; Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.; and on Sunday, September 26, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an exemption be granted to the Fredericton Recreation, Tourism & Community Engagement Department pursuant to Subsection 16.05 of By-law No. T-1, A By-Law to Regulate Traffic, to allow set up of vendors for events occurring as part of the Garrison Sk8fest from Thursday, September 23 to Sunday, September 26, 2021.

Welcome to the Jungle 2021

This item was removed from the agenda and will be considered at a future meeting.

Harvest Music Festival 2021

BE IT RESOLVED that an exemption be granted to Harvest Music Festival pursuant to Subsection 5.01(6) of By-law No. S-17, A By-law Respecting Disturbance by Noise, for events occurring as part of the Harvest Music Festival from Thursday, September 16, 2021 until Sunday, September 19, 2021 inclusive, in adherence to the hours and locations listed below:

Blues Tent, City Hall Parking Lot:

- Wednesday to 12:30 a.m.
- Thursday to 1:30 a.m.
- Friday to 2:30 a.m.
- Saturday to 2:30 a.m.

Fredericton City Stage, Phoenix Square:

- Thursday to 10:30 p.m.
- Friday to 10:30 p.m.
- Saturday to 10:30 p.m.

Officers' Square Stage, Officers' Square:

- Saturday to 2:30 a.m.
- Sunday to 2:30 p.m.

Harvest Garden (beer garden in Officers' Square):

- Thursday to 1:00 a.m.
- Friday to 1:00 a.m.
- Saturday to 1:00 a.m.

OTHER MATTERS

Appointment of Chair and Alternate to the the 2022 Council-in-Committee Budget Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby appoints Councillor Henri Mallet, Chair of the Municipal Finance & Corporate Administration Committee, as the Chairperson for the Council-in-Committee (Budget) meetings during the 2022 budget deliberations, commencing September 20, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Councillor Jocelyn Pike, Vice Chair of the Municipal Finance & Corporate Administration Committee, be appointed as an alternate Chairperson in Councillor Henri Mallet's absence.

By-law Officer Appointment - Keith Dennis Millership

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes, appoints, and designates Keith Dennis Millership 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. R-6, A By-law to Regulate Taxi Owners and Operators of the City of Fredericton, and amendments thereto;**
- **By-law No. S-9, A By-law to Prevent Nuisances, and amendments thereto;**
- **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;**
- **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-8, A By-law Relating to Loitering and Begging in the City of Fredericton, and amendments thereto; and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment shall continue until Keith Dennis Millership ceases to be employed on detail 1231 of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires or until his appointment under this resolution is rescinded by City Council, whichever comes first.

Application for Financing through Municipal Finance Corp for King Street Property

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue and sell to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation a Municipality of Fredericton debenture in the amount of \$5,964,000 on such terms and conditions as are recommended by the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of Fredericton agree to issue post-dated cheques payable to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation as and when they are requested in payment of principal and interest charges on the above debenture.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council - July 12, 2021

Moved by: Councillor Eric Megarity

Seconded by: Councillor Jocelyn Pike

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 12, 2021.

CARRIED

PRESENTATION

Fredericton Public Library 2020 Annual Report

Julia Stewart, Library Director of the Fredericton Public Library and Stacey Pineau, Chair of the Fredericton Public Library Board presented the 2020 annual report.

Highlights of the presentation included comparative statistics from 2019 to April 2021 outlining the decrease in circulation, traffic and programs as a result of the Covid pandemic from March 2020 to date. Highlights also touched on the path forward to recovery, reconnecting and reviving the library programs, partnerships and operational hours.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Memorandum of Understanding – Installation of Public Water Fountain at 912 Union Street (Additional Item)

Moved by: Councillor Eric Megarity

Seconded by: Councillor Jocelyn Pike

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby approves and authorizes the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Fredericton and 673334 N.B. Ltd. with respect to the installation of a publicly accessible water fountain on property located at 912 Union Street, Fredericton, NB, PID 7549989 for a term of ten (10) years from

the date of the Memorandum of Understanding with an option to extend the term for an additional five (5) years upon mutual written agreement of the parties; and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to facilitate this transaction.

CARRIED

Disposal of Vacant Lot at Corner of Canada/Bridge Street (Additional Item)

Moved by: Councillor Steven Hicks

Seconded by: Councillor Mark Peters

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton declares surplus the property located at the corner of Canada Street and Bridge Street and authorizes and approves the sale of the property located at the corner of Canada Street and Bridge Street (SNB PID 75373332) to 725921 N.B. Inc. for the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) plus any applicable taxes and adjustments, title in fee simple to a ± 25.1 m² portion of property located at the corner of Bridge Street and Mill Street (SNB PID 01550839), and a Local Government Services Easement over a portion the same property located at the corner of Bridge Street and Mill Street and also over a portion of the property located at 7 Mill Street (SNB PID 75376004); and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to facilitate this transaction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton directs the Manager of Real Estate to consent as landowner to the PAC/planning application required by 725921 N.B. Inc. to facilitate its proposed redevelopment of the site.

CARRIED

Disposal of Vacant Lot at Harold Doherty Court (Additional Item)

Moved by: Councillor Jocelyn Pike

Seconded by: Councillor Bruce Grandy

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton declares surplus the property located on Harold Doherty Court, Fredericton, NB, being PID 75501130, and authorizes and approves the sale of the property to CHBA-NB Centre for Residential Construction Excellence, Inc. for the sum of One Hundred Fifty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$156,350.00) plus any applicable taxes and adjustments,); and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to facilitate this transaction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton directs the Manager of Real Estate to consent as landowner to the planning application required by

CHBA-NB Centre for Residential Construction Excellence Inc to facilitate its proposed redevelopment of the site pending closing.

CARRIED

OTHER MATTERS

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30th

Jane Blakely, Director of Legal, City Clerk & Human Resources reviewed with Council an administrative report dated September 8, 2021 and titled “*National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30th*”. The administrative report was in response to the Government of Canada’s recent decision to pass legislation making September 30th a federal statutory holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This holiday was created in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s 80th Call to Action that states:

- “We call upon the Federal Government, in collaboration with the Aboriginal Peoples to establish, as a statutory holiday, a Nations Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.”

As part of the City of Fredericton’s acknowledgment and commitment to Reconciliation, as well as developing a stronger relationship with Indigenous Peoples, the City of Fredericton supports this statutory holiday and encourages staff to take this opportunity to learn more about the residential school system.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Greg Ericson

Seconded by: Councillor Ruth Breen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the City of Fredericton hereby declares the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th a municipal holiday.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Jason LeJeune

Seconded by: Councillor Ruth Breen

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

CARRIED

Kate Rogers,
Mayor

Jennifer Lawson,
City Clerk