

**Regular Council Meeting
January 28, 2021**

7:00 p.m.

**Council Chamber
Miramichi Place**

Present: Mayor Adam Lordon; Deputy Mayor Brian King; Councillors: Chad Duplessie, Billy Fleiger, Tara Ross-Robinson, Ryan Somers, Tom King, Tony Walsh and Shelly Williams (via teleconference)

Staff: City Manager Mike Noel, City Clerk Rhonda Ripley, Treasurer Nancy Gorman, Police Chief Paul Fiander, Fire Chief Tony Lloyd, Director of Human Resources Mary Savage, Director of Community Wellness & Recreation Jason Walsh, Director of Economic Development & Tourism Jeff MacTavish, Director of Engineering Darren Row, Director of Public Works Jay Shanahan, and Executive Assistant Peggy Doyle

Press: Nathan Delong, Larry Lynch

Prayerful Reflection –Mayor Lordon requested that all those present, stand for a moment of prayerful reflection.

1. Call Meeting to Order –Mayor Lordon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. Recording of Attendance – The Executive Assistant recorded the attendance.

3. Approval of Agenda – **It was moved by Deputy Mayor King and seconded by Councillor Duplessie that the agenda be approved as presented.**

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest – There was no conflict of interest declared.

5. Delegations/Presentations

a) Presentation by Mellor Murray Consultants, re: Economic Development & Tourism Strategic Plan

David Campbell, Rebecca Godfrey and Aileen Murray presented a previously circulated PowerPoint slide to Council, explaining Vision and mission statements, goals and objectives and implementation plan. They fielded various questions from Council. Mayor Lordon thanked them for their informative presentation.

6. Adoption of Minutes

a) Special Council Meeting, December 17, 2020 – **It was moved by Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Ross-Robinson that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held December 17, 2020, be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.**

b) Committee of Council Meeting, January 12, 2021 – **It was moved by Councillor Somers and seconded by Councillor Ross-Robinson that the Committee of Council Meeting held January 12, 2021, be adopted as circulated. CARRIED**

c) Special Council Meeting, January 19, 2021 – **It was moved by Councillor Fleiger and seconded by Deputy Mayor King that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held January 19, 2021, be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.**

d) Committee of Council Meeting, January 19, 2021 – **It was moved by Councillor Ross-Robinson and seconded by Councillor Fleiger that the minutes of the Committee of Council Meeting held January 19, 2021 be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.**

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7. Committee Reports – There were no committee reports.
8. Department Reports
- a) Police Department – **It was moved by Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Walsh that the Police Department Report for December 2020 be accepted as presented. CARRIED.**
 - b) Community Wellness & Recreation Department – **It was moved by Councillor Duplessie and seconded by Deputy Mayor King that the Community Wellness & Recreation Department Report for November 24th, 2020 – January 25th, 2021, be accepted as presented. CARRIED.**
 - c) Engineering Department - **It was moved by Councillor Fleiger and seconded by Councillor Somers that the Engineering Department monthly update to January 22nd, 2021 be accepted as presented. CARRIED.**
 - d) Economic Development & Tourism Department – **It was moved by Councillor Ross-Robinson and seconded by Councillor Walsh that the Economic Development & Tourism report dated January 26, 2021 be accepted as presented. CARRIED.**
 - e) Fire Department – **It was moved by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor King that the Fire Department Report for December 2020 be accepted as presented. CARRIED.**
 - f) Public Works Department – **It was moved by Deputy Mayor King and seconded by Councillor Fleiger that the Public Works Department Progress Update for January 2021 be accepted as presented. CARRIED.**
9. Other Reports
- a) Monthly Variance Report/Operational Function Report – **It was moved by Councillor Somers and seconded by Councillor Ross-Robinson that the monthly Budget Variance Report and Operational Function Report for the month of December 2020 be accepted as presented. CARRIED.**
 - b) Statements by Members of Council
 - Councillor King – recently had a dryer fire at my home, lot of smoke damage, thank you to the Fire Department for their quick action; remind everyone to clean out their dryer vents
 - Councillor Somers – gets excited as a citizen too see all the great things we are trying to do for the City; we are the hub, must continue to push the City as a central location.
 - Councillor Fleiger – looking forward to all the motions coming up later the agenda
 - Councillor Ross-Robinson – pleased with the Consultants report, happy to have had the opportunity to work on projects with the one-year extension, pleased with all upcoming motions; everyone stay well and stay safe
 - Councillor Walsh – be mindful that his is mental health awareness week; thank you to the public for continuing to follow public health guidelines.
 - Councillor Duplessie – send condolences to the Ryan family on the loss of son Joey, good friend of mine; congratulations to Blake Lynch on the arrival of baby girl in the near future

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10. By-Laws – There were no By-Laws
11. Other – New Business
 - a) Management Reports
 - i) ED&T-2021-01 – City of Miramichi – Economic Development and Tourism Strategic Plan (2021) - **It was moved by Deputy Mayor King and seconded by Councillor Ross-Robinson that the City of Miramichi adopt the City of Miramichi Economic Development and Tourism Strategic Plan as contained in Management Report ED&T 2021-01. CARRIED.**
 - ii) ED&T 2021-02 – Affordable Housing Incentive Program – **It was moved by Councillor Duplessie and seconded by Councillor Ross-Robinson that the City of Miramichi adopt the Affordable Housing Incentive Program as contained in Management Report ED&T 2021-02. CARRIED.**
 - iii) ED&T-2021-03 – Downtown Housing Incentive Program – **It was moved by Councillor King and seconded by Council Somers that the Schedule "A" in the current Downtown Housing Incentive Program be replaced with the areas recommended in Management Report ED&T 2021-03. CARRIED.**
 - iv) ED&T-2021-04 – Purchase & Sale Agreement – PID 40304198 and PID 40199978 – **It was moved by Councillor Somers and seconded by Councillor King that the Mayor & Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement of Purchase and Sale, for the transfer of the lands identified as PID # 40304198 and PID # 40199978, as well as any other documentation required to complete said transfer as set out in Management Report ED&T 2021-04. CARRIED.**
 - v) ED&T-2021-05 – Purchase and Sale Agreement – PID 40201188 and PID 40199903 - **It was moved by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Ross-Robinson that the Mayor & Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement of Purchase and Sale, for the transfer of the lands identified as PID # 40201188 and PID # 40199903, as well as any other documentation required to complete said transfer as set out in Management Report ED&T 2021-05. CARRIED.**
 - vi) ED&T 2021-06 – Travelodge Signage Request – PID 40178311 – **It was moved by Councillor Fleiger and seconded by Councillor Ross -Robinson that the City of Miramichi execute an agreement with Travelodge Miramichi to allow the erection of a sign on the property identified as PID # 40178311 as per the terms and conditions contained within Management Report ED&T 2021-06. CARRIED.**
 - vii) PW-2021-001 – RFP # 20-038 - Hybrid Electric Car – **It was moved by Deputy Mayor King and seconded by Councillor Fleiger that the RFP # 20-038 for the purchase of one (1) new not previously used Hybrid Electric Car be awarded to Miramichi Honda in the amount of \$40,468.38 (Forty thousand, four hundred sixty-eight dollars and thirty-eight cents) HST included, as per RFP specifications. CARRIED.**
 - viii) Pol-2021-01 – Hiring of One (1) Full-Time Police Constable – **It was moved by Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Walsh that Council approves the hiring of the individual named in Management Report Pol-2021-01 as a Full-time Police Constable with the Miramichi Police Force effective February 3, 2021 under the terms of the collective agreement between the City of Miramichi and M.A.P.P. CARRIED.**

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The individual hired as a full-time Police Officer is Geoffrey Smith.

ix) FIN-2021-01 – Application for Authorization to Borrow 2021– **It was moved by Councillor Somers and seconded by Councillor Fleiger that Be It Resolved that the Municipality of the City of Miramichi submits to the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board an application for authorization to borrow money (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 \$5,700,000 for a term not to exceed 20 years for the following purposes, terms and amounts:**

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>	<u>Term</u>
<u>Transportation Services</u>		
Street Upgrades	2,950,000	10 years
Bank Stabilization	150,000	10 years
<u>Recreation and Cultural Services</u>		
Multiplex-site preparation work	1,000,000	10 years
<u>Environment Health</u>		
Newcastle Water System upgrade	1,350,000	20 years
Sanitary System Renewal	250,000	10 years

CARRIED.

b) Mayor’s Updates

- Congratulations to Dr. Camille Haddad and Kathleen MacMillan who were recently thanked by the Premier for their leadership in support of healthcare workers since the beginning of the pandemic and to the Rotary Club of Chatham for their generosity and community leadership in donating to worthy causes in the Miramichi region since the pandemic.
- February is Black History Month and Miramichi will join communities around the Province to raise the Pan-African flag on Monday February 1st at noon.
- * Friday, February 12 is Mental Health Awareness Day, let’s end the stigma, don’t be afraid to reach out, there are lots of resources in the community.
- * February 20th is the Coldest Night of the year fundraiser for the Miramichi Youth House.

12. Adjournment – **It was moved by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Fleiger that the meeting adjourn, the time being 9:04 p.m. CARRIED.**

Adam Lordon
Mayor

Rhonda Ripley
City Clerk