

**Regular Council Meeting
February 25, 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

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 Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Fleiger that the agenda be approved as presented.**
4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest – There was no conflict of interest declared.
5. Delegations/Presentations – There were no delegations/presentations
6. Adoption of Minutes
 - a) Committee of Council Meeting, January 26, 2021 – **It was moved by Deputy Mayor King and seconded by Councillor Ross-Robinson that the minutes of the Committee of Council Meeting held January 26, 2021, be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.**
 - b) Regular Council Meeting, January 28, 2021 – **It was moved by Councillor Ross-Robinson and seconded by Deputy Mayor King that the Regular Council Meeting held January 28, 2021, be adopted as circulated. CARRIED**
 - c) Public Presentation – Applicant Vinta Beek, February 3, 2021 – **It was moved by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Ross-Robinson that the minutes of the Public Presentation held February 3, 2021, be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.**
 - d) Public Presentation – Applicant Michel Roussel (510756 N.B. Inc.), February 3, 2021 – **It was moved by Councillor Duplessie and seconded by Councillor Walsh that the minutes of the Public Presentation held February 3, 2021, be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.**
 - e) Public Presentation – Applicant Breakwater Consulting Ltd. OBO Northumberland Cooperative Ltd., February 3, 2021 – **It was moved by Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Williams that the minutes of the Public Presentation held February 3, 2021, be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.**
 - f) Public Presentation – Applicant Jesse Tucker (Prestige Building Solutions), February 3, 2021 – **It was moved by Councillor Somers and seconded by Councillor Williams that the minutes of the Public Presentation held February 3, 2021, be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.**

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- g) Public Presentation – Applicant John Terry on behalf of Jeffrey Weeks, February 3, 2021 – **It was moved by Councillor Fleiger and seconded by Councillor Ross-Robinson that the minutes of the Public Presentation held February 3, 2021, be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.**
 - h) Special Council Meeting, February 8, 2021 – **It was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Walsh that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held February 8, 2021 be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.**
 - i) Committee of Council Meeting, February 9, 2021 – **It was moved by Councillor Ross-Robinson and seconded by Councillor Walsh that the minutes of the Committee of Council Meeting held February 9, 2021 be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.**
 - j) Committee of Council Meeting, February 17, 2021 – **It was moved by Deputy Mayor King and seconded by Councillor Fleiger that the minutes of the Committee of Council Meeting held February 17, 2021 be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.**
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 January 2021 be accepted as presented. CARRIED.**
 - b) Community Wellness & Recreation Department – **It was moved by Councillor Duplessie and seconded by Councillor Ross-Robinson that the Community Wellness & Recreation Department Report for January 25th, 2021, - February 22nd, 2021 be accepted as presented. CARRIED.**
 - c) Engineering Department - **It was moved by Councillor Fleiger and seconded by Deputy Mayor King that the Engineering Department monthly update to February 19th, 2021 be accepted as presented. CARRIED.**
 - d) Economic Development & Tourism Department – **It was moved by Councillor Ross-Robinson and seconded by Councillor Fleiger that the Economic Development & Tourism report dated February 23rd, 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 January 2021 be accepted as presented. CARRIED.**
 - f) Public Works Department – **It was moved by Deputy Mayor King and seconded by Councillor Duplessie that the Public Works Department Progress Update for February 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 Williams that the monthly Budget Variance Report and Operational Function Report for the month of January 2021 be accepted as presented. CARRIED.**

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b) Statements by Members of Council

Councillor King – Highlight pink shirt day, great initiatives against cyber bullying, congratulations to Judy Losier with J Connection, Be a Buddy, Not a Bully

Councillor Somers – condolences to the family of the late Justice Jack Walsh

Councillor Fleiger – happy to have new apartments being built and investments in Miramichi

Councillor Williams – thank you to Councillor Somers for paying tribute to Justice Jack Walsh,; also would like to pay tribute to former Mayor Janice Morrison, first Mayor of Miramichi and first female Mayor, she did much good work for the community, keep her family and friends in our prayers

Councillor Ross-Robinson – excited about the upcoming developments in the Economic Development & Tourism Department, looking forward to spring

Councillor Walsh – condolences to the family of the first elected Mayor of the City of Miramichi

Councillor Duplessie – looking forward to spring, getting out in our own backyards, let's focus on what we have here; Have a Chat will be doing an interview with my 7-year old daughter Edie, it will be aired on Monday.

- c) Update on Multiplex Project from Mayor Lordon – The following update was provided: the City has recently been advised by the Province to modify the city's plan for the multiplex project to incorporate a phased approach to development. There has been a significant change to the Integrated Bilateral Agreement for Federal and Provincial funding for municipal infrastructure projects and now it is possible for municipalities to access up to 40% federal dollars without a provincial contribution. The City will be issuing a Request for Proposal for an Owner's Engineer to engage outside expertise to begin exploring options for phased approach to the Project. A new centralized energy efficient recreation facility built with federal and provincial funding support continues to be the least expensive future option for Miramichi taxpayers and will also provide the best possible quality of life and quality of recreation facilities for all Miramichiers.

10. By-Laws – There were no By-Laws

11. Other – New Business

a) Management Reports

i) Man-2021-01 – Appointment of Police Officers under the New Brunswick Police Act – **It was moved by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Ross-Robinson that Police Chief Paul Fiander be authorized to appoint Police Officers for the City of Miramichi in accordance with the Police Act, R.S.N.B., and amendments thereto. CARRIED.**

ii) Pol-2021-02 – Tender 21-014 – Equipment Purchase – Police Department for Three (3) Patrol Sedans – **It was moved by Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Fleiger that Tender 21-014, Equipment Purchase – Police Department for the purchase of three (3) new, not previously used, All Wheel Drive patrol sedans, be awarded to Towne Chrysler in the amount of \$141,178.69 (One hundred forty-one thousand, one hundred seventy-eight dollars and sixty-nine cents) HST included. CARRIED.**

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iii) Eng- 2021-01 – Street Resurfacing Program 2021 – **It was moved by Councillor Fleiger and seconded by Councillor Ross-Robinson that the following streets be approved for the 2021 street resurfacing program: James Street, Old Line Avenue south of Route 126, Cassidy Lane north and south of King George Highway, Adams Avenue, Gorman Boulevard, St. Mark’s Street, Loggie Drive , King George Highway from Kingsway Avenue to McArthur Street, Beaverbrook Road from Turcotte Well to City limits, Warren Avenue from Wellington Street to Duke Street, Forest Street from Water Street to Wellington Street, Hickey Street, Aitken Avenue from Manny Drive to McWilliam Drive, Desmond Street, Century Drive from Route 11 to Sunrise Drive, Sutton Road and McCarthy Streets, McKinnon Road from Brook Street west 500 m, Harper Road 400 m from the CN tracks south, Water Street from Forest Street east 500 m, as per Management Report Eng-2021-01. CARRIED.**

iv) Eng-2021-02 – RFP 21-005-A- Engineering Design Services - Downtown Newcastle Upgrades – **It was moved by Councillor Fleiger and seconded by Councillor Duplessie that RFP 21-005-A-Engineering Design Services -Downtown Newcastle Upgrades be awarded to exp Services Inc. in the amount of \$51,883.40 (Fifty one thousand, eight hundred eighty-three dollars and forty cents) HST included and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a contract in furtherance of this award. CARRIED.**

v) HR-2021-01 – Ratification of Collective Agreement between the City of Miramichi and IAFF Local 5087 – **It was moved by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Deputy Mayor King that City Council ratify the negotiated tentative agreement between the City of Miramichi and IAFF Local 5087 for the period of January 2021 to December 31, 2024. CARRIED.**

vi) ED&T 2021-07 – Transfer of Industrial Park Property – PID 40206799 - **It was moved by Councillor Ross-Robinson and seconded by Councillor Walsh that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement of Purchase and Sale, for the transfer of the lands identified as PID # 40206799 for the price of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) as well as any other documentation required to complete said transfer, in accordance with the City of Miramichi’s Policy # 42 - Disposal of Surplus Property as set out in Management Report ED&T 2021-07. CARRIED.**

vii) MAN-2021–02 -Clear Cutting By-Law – **It was moved by Councillor King and seconded by Deputy Mayor King that staff draft and present a by-law regulating the clear cutting of trees within the City of Miramichi. CARRIED. Nay Councillors Ross-Robinson and Walsh.**

b) Mayor’s Updates

- March Break Snow Sculpture Contest is taking place week and single household bubbles are encouraged to get outside and get creative building a snow sculpture on your property by March 2nd. Judging will take place from March 3rd- 5th. Prizes will be awarded. Contest is open to all City of Miramichi residents. Register by calling 623-2300 or email miramichirecreation@miramichi.org. Registration deadline is Tuesday March 2nd.

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12. Adjournment – **It was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor King that the meeting adjourn, the time being 8:47 p.m. CARRIED.**

Adam Lordon
Mayor

Rhonda Ripley
City Clerk