

## MINUTES

Minutes of the Village de Memramcook's Municipal Council Regular Meeting, held on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7 p.m., at the Memramcook Golden Age Club (*Berveau*).

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Present:	Maxime O. Bourgeois	- Mayor
	Mariane Cullen	- Councillor/Deputy Mayor
	Marc Boudreau	- Councillor
	Carole Duguay	- Councillor
	Normand Dupuis	- Councillor
	Yanic Vautour	- Councillor
	Gilles Belleau	- Chief Administrative Officer
	Monique Bourque	- Clerk
	Caroline LeBlanc	- Director of Finance
	Daniel Chiasson	- Director of Public Works
	Maryse LeBlanc	- Program and Recreation Director
	Philippe Vachon	- Golf Course and Arena Manager
	Gérald Boudreau	- Fire Chief
Absent:	Brian Cormier	- Councillor

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Maxime O. Bourgeois calls the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. **Acknowledgement of Unceded Traditional Territory**

The Mayor recognizes the unceded traditional territory.

3. **Confirmation of Quorum by the Clerk**

The Clerk confirms that a quorum has been established.

4. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No conflict is declared.

5. **Adoption of the Agenda**

**Moved by Mariane Cullen**  
**Seconded by Carole Duguay**

That the agenda be adopted with the proposed amendments, namely to add item 12. n) *Changes to the Representation of Council Members on Various Committees, Organizations and Associations* and that item 12. a) *Request from Bistro l'Angélique Inc. to Modify Zoning Provisions of Property Bearing PID 70688007 to the Institutional Services (IS) Zone in Order to Permit a Restaurant* be moved to item 6. b). **Motion carried unanimously.**

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6. **Presentations, Request and Petitions**a) **Presentation – Handi-Bus**

Mr. Charles LeBlanc makes a presentation to Council. The *Handi-bus de la Vallée de Memramcook Inc.* has been providing free transportation services to Memramcook residents since 1989. Many residents with reduced mobility depend on these reliable, safe and courteous services to go to appointments or social outings. Mr. LeBlanc explains that operational costs continue to increase due to the rising cost of living. The organization is asking a contribution of \$15,000 from the municipality to continue providing these essential services in the community.

Council members ask questions and share comments.

b) **Request from Bistro l'Angélique Inc. to Modify Zoning Provisions of Property Bearing PID 70688007 to the Institutional Services (IS) Zone in Order to Permit a Restaurant**

**Moved by Mariane Cullen**

**Seconded by Yanic Vautour**

CONSIDERING THAT Council has received a request to rezone the property bearing PID 70688007 located on Principale Street in Memramcook to the Institutional Services (IS) zone in order to permit a restaurant;

CONSIDERING THAT Council wishes to consider the above-mentioned rezoning request;

CONSIDERING THAT Section 111 of the said *Act* requires the publication of public notices relating to the adoption of such by-laws;

CONSIDERING THAT it is also necessary to request the opinion of the Southeast Regional Service Commission pursuant to Section 110 of said *Act*;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT :

- a) a by-law amending the Village de Memramcook Rural Plan be prepared;
- b) the Clerk shall, on behalf and for the benefit of Council, cause public notices to be published in accordance with the requirements of subsection 111(1) of the *Community Planning Act*;
- c) the consideration of objections for the proposed by-law be set for June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Memramcook Golden Age Club (Berceau) in Memramcook NB at 7:00 p.m.;
- d) the Clerk shall, on behalf and for the benefit of Council, seek the advice of the Southeast Planning Review Committee for the Southeast Regional Service Commission on the proposed by-law with an extension to May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in accordance to Section 110 of the *Community Planning Act*; and

- e) the proposed by-law be made available for public consultation at the municipal office during business hours starting on the day the first public notice is published.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

7. **Adoption of Minutes**

- P23 – 04 – 050 a) **Adoption of Minutes of the March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting**  
**Moved by Marc Boudreau**  
**Seconded by Carole Duguay**

That the minutes and motions contained in the minutes of the Regular Meeting, held on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 7 p.m., at the Memramcook Golden Age Club (*Bercean*), be approved as circulated. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- P23 – 04 – 051 b) **Adoption of Minutes of the March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Special Meeting**  
**Moved by Yanic Vautour**  
**Seconded by Normand Dupuis**

That the minutes and motions contained in the minutes of the Special Meeting, held on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5 p.m., at the Memramcook Golden Age Club (*Bercean*), be approved as circulated. **Motion carried unanimously.**

8. **Follow-up on Minutes**

- a) **Items Arising from Minutes of the March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting**  
Following a question, changes to the emergency system will be addressed later on during this meeting.
- b) **Items Arising from Minutes of the March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Special Meeting**  
None.

9. **Mayor's Report and Information Requests**

The Mayor presents his report.

10. **Councillors' Reports and Information Requests**

- a) Marc Boudreau  
Councillor Boudreau presents his report.
- b) Brian Cormier (absent)  
No report.
- c) Mariane Cullen  
Councillor Cullen presents her report.
- d) Carole Duguay  
Fire Chief Gérald Boudreau presents the Fire Department's Emergency Report for the month of March 2023. Councillor Duguay proceeds with her report.
- e) Normand Dupuis  
Councillor Dupuis presents his report.

- f) Yanic Vautour  
Councillor Vautour presents his report.

11. **General Management's Reports**

The Chief Administrative Officer presents his report.

12. **By-Laws, Procedures, Guidelines and Administrative Tools**

- a) **Request from Bistro l'Angélique Inc. to Modify Zoning Provisions of Property Bearing PID 70688007 to the Institutional Services (IS) Zone in Order to Permit a Restaurant**

See item 6. b).

- b) **Matthew Major Subdivision – Land for Public Purposes**

**Moved by Mariane Cullen**

**Seconded by Marc Boudreau**

That Council accepts the recommendation of the Southeast Regional Service Commission regarding the land for public purposes for Matthew Major Subdivision and that the owner pays the municipality 6% of the market value of lot 23-1, that is 6% of \$22,500 for the amount of \$1,350.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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- c) **Dangerous or Unightly Premises – Property Bearing PID 00915264**

**Moved by Marc Boudreau**

**Seconded by Carole Duguay**

That Council authorizes the municipal staff and by-law enforcement officers to take the necessary steps to carry out the clean-up of the property identified by PID 00915264, located at 432 La Vallée Road and that Council authorizes the reasonable costs to bring the property into compliance with municipal by-law no. 48 *A By-Law of the Village de Memramcook Relating to Dangerous or Unightly Premises* and the *Local Governance Act*. That Council further authorizes the municipal staff to undertake the necessary steps for the reimbursement of related expenses. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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- d) **Dangerous or Unightly Premises – Property Bearing PID 00912550**

**Moved by Mariane Cullen**

**Seconded by Marc Boudreau**

That Council authorizes the municipal staff and by-law enforcement officers to take the necessary steps to carry out the clean-up of the property identified by PID 00912550, located at 1054 Centrale Street and that Council authorizes the reasonable costs to bring the property into compliance with municipal by-law no. 48 *A By-Law of the Village de Memramcook Relating to Dangerous or Unightly Premises* and the *Local Governance Act*. That Council further authorizes the municipal staff to undertake the necessary steps for the reimbursement of related expenses. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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- P23 – 04 – 055
- e) **Dangerous or Unsightly Premises – Properties Bearing PID 00907113 and PID 70035514**  
**Moved by Mariane Cullen**  
**Seconded by Carole Duguay**  
That Council authorizes the municipal staff and by-law enforcement officers to take the necessary steps to carry out the demolition of properties identified by PID 00907113 and PID 70035514, located at 1023 Royal Road and that Council authorizes the reasonable costs to bring the properties into compliance with municipal by-law no. 48 *A By-Law of the Village de Memramcook Relating to Dangerous or Unsightly Premises* and the *Local Governance Act*. That Council further authorizes the municipal staff to undertake the necessary steps for the reimbursement of related expenses. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- P23 – 04 – 056
- f) **Dangerous or Unsightly Premises – Property Bearing PID 70326483**  
**Moved by Mariane Cullen**  
**Seconded by Normand Dupuis**  
That Council authorizes the municipal staff and by-law enforcement officers to take the necessary steps to carry out the clean-up of the property identified by PID 70326483, located at 824 Royal Road and that Council authorizes the reasonable costs to bring the property into compliance with municipal by-law no. 48 *A By-Law of the Village de Memramcook Relating to Dangerous or Unsightly Premises* and the *Local Governance Act*. That Council further authorizes the municipal staff to undertake the necessary steps for the reimbursement of related expenses. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- P23 – 04 – 057
- g) **Dangerous or Unsightly Premises – Property Bearing PID 00906867**  
**Moved by Carole Duguay**  
**Seconded by Marc Boudreau**  
That Council authorizes the municipal staff and by-law enforcement officers to take the necessary steps to carry out the clean-up of the property identified by PID 00906867, located at 1009 Royal Road and that Council authorizes the reasonable costs to bring the property into compliance with municipal by-law no. 48 *A By-Law of the Village de Memramcook Relating to Dangerous or Unsightly Premises* and the *Local Governance Act*. That Council further authorizes the municipal staff to undertake the necessary steps for the reimbursement of related expenses. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- P23 – 04 – 058
- h) **Dangerous or Unsightly Premises – Properties Bearing PID 00910216 and PID 00909929**  
**Moved by Carole Duguay**  
**Seconded by Mariane Cullen**  
That Council authorizes the municipal staff and by-law enforcement officers to take the necessary steps to carry out the clean-up of properties identified by PID 00910216 and PID 00909929, located on Royal Road and La Vallée Route and that Council authorizes the reasonable costs to bring the properties into compliance with municipal by-law no. 48 *A By-Law of the Village de Memramcook Relating to Dangerous or Unsightly Premises* and the *Local Governance Act*. That Council further authorizes the municipal staff to undertake the necessary steps for the reimbursement of related expenses. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- P23 – 04 – 059
- i) **Seasonal and Casual Employees Policy (P25)**  
**Moved by Carole Duguay**  
**Seconded by Mariane Cullen**  
That Council accepts the *Village de Memramcook Seasonal and Casual Employees Policy (P25)* with the proposed changes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- j) **Changes to the 911 Dispatch System - Upgrade**  
The Director of Finance shares an update. A letter was sent on March 24<sup>th</sup> to several recipients in an attempt to resolve the issue. The Department of Health has yet to answer. Discussions were held with Ambulance NB to try to find a solution, but without success. The Mayor will consult with the Director of Finance to develop a strategy to move forward.
- P23 – 04 – 060
- k) **2023 Municipal Designated Highway Program**  
**Moved by Carole Duguay**  
**Seconded by Yanic Vautour**  
That Council authorizes the administration to apply for a project change for 2023 under the *Municipal Designated Highway Program* in order to continue asphalt repairs on Royal Road from the intersection of Lac/Royal Roads (end of 2021 project) to the intersection of Royal Road/Butte des Richard and that this work includes paving, storm sewers, culverts and road shoulders.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**
- P23 – 04 – 061
- l) **Essential Consultation with Municipalities in All Future Decisions Regarding Contractual RCMP Policing Services - Motion**  
**Moved by Marc Boudreau**  
**Seconded by Carole Duguay**
- WHEREAS the Government of Canada announced in its 2023 Federal Budget that it has decided to transfer the burden of all retroactive costs resulting from the new RCMP collective agreement to municipalities;
- WHEREAS these extraordinary costs, amounting to millions of dollars for certain municipal governments, will result in major hardships for the affected communities and population across the country, and the decision that affected municipalities will be responsible for paying these costs was made without consulting or including them in discussions;
- WHEREAS that municipal governments already bear an increasing share of policing costs and that, unlike other levels of government, they are not authorized to adopt deficit budgets to spread the impact over time of such extraordinary and one-time sums, and have only limited financial tools at their disposal;
- WHEREAS municipal governments will now be forced to make difficult decisions that will impact their populations, such as cutting essential services, reducing police services, significantly increasing property taxes and/or cancelling planned infrastructure work, at a time when Canadians' concerns about public safety and the cost of living are already high;

WHEREAS it is critical that municipalities be proactively mobilized in any future contract policing cost issues, and integrated into any subsequent process on this issue, to ensure that this does not happen again;

FOR THESE REASONS, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village de Memramcook unites with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the federal government to ensure that municipal governments are properly consulted, fully informed and included in discussions related to the cost of policing, given the role of municipalities in keeping communities safe across the country;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village de Memramcook demonstrates this commitment by writing directly to the local Member of Parliament (MP).

**Motion carried unanimously.**

P23 – 04 – 062

- m) **Community Center – Service Offer for Feasibility and Programming Study**  
**Moved by Marc Boudreau**  
**Seconded by Yanic Vautour**

WHEREAS Municipal Council mandated the administration to initiate the process with a consultant for the development of a plan for a community centre during its March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, regular meeting;

WHEREAS a proposal has been submitted by Design Plus Architecture for a feasibility and programming study;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the offer and authorizes the expenditure of \$18,500 plus HST and that the funds be drawn from the Community Centre Fund.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

P23 – 04 – 063

- n) **Changes to the Representation of Council Members on Various Committees, Organizations and Associations**  
**Proposé par Mariane Cullen**  
**Appuyé de Marc Boudreau**

WHEREAS Council passed a motion during its June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting appointing Council members to serve on various committees, organizations and associations;

WHEREAS Council wishes to revise the representation formula for each Council member serving on various committees, organizations and associations in order to be more consistent with the priorities set out in the municipality's Strategic Plan;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Memramcook Municipal Council abolishes certain committees/issues, namely, *Environment, Tourism, Community Centre,*

*Economic Development, Recreational Facilities and Sentier de l'Étoile Trail, Golf and Arena and Protection;*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Village de Memramcook will no longer serve on the following committees, organizations and associations as an official municipal representative; *Rendez-vous d'hiver/Rendez-vous d'automne, Sports Wall of Fame, Age-Friendly Community, Cultural Policy, Comité Handi-bus Vallée de Memramcook Inc., Eco Vision Memramcook, Abbey-Landry School (Parents' Committee), JMEM Committee, Memramcook Historical Society, Memramcook Cultural Society.*

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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13. **Adjournment**

**Moved by Marc Boudreau**

**Seconded by Yanic Vautour**

That Council agrees to adjourn the meeting and the meeting is adjourned at 9:07 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**



Maxime O. Bourgeois  
Mayor



Monique Bourque  
Clerk

**Question Period**

Several members of the audience ask questions and share comments.

The question period ends at 9:18 p.m.