

MINUTES

Minutes of the Village de Memramcook Municipal Council Regular Meeting, held on Tuesday, September 20th, 2022, at 7 p.m., at the Municipal Building.

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

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Maxime O. Bourgeois calls the meeting to order at 7:04 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 Yanic Vautour

Seconded by Carole Duguay

That the agenda be adopted with the proposed modification, to add item 12. h) *Mountain Bike Trail – Jeux de l'Acadie 2023*. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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6. **Presentations, Request and Petitions**

a) **Presentation – Pickleball Memramcook**

Kevin Shea, President of the Memramcook Picklball Association, makes a presentation to Council. He explains the concept of the sport, gives statistics on its growing popularity and highlights some of its benefits. The outdoor facilities currently being used are deteriorating. The club is requesting that Council redevelop the existing courts located at the Abbey-Landry School in collaboration with the school and the tennis and pickleball clubs in order to create permanent pickleball and tennis courts. Council members ask questions and share comments.

7. **Adoption of Minutes**

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a) **Adoption of Minutes of the June 21st, 2022 Regular Meeting**

Moved by Mariane Cullen

Seconded by Normand Dupuis

That the minutes and motions contained in the minutes of the June 21st Regular Meeting, held on June 21st, 2022, at 7 p.m., at the Municipal Building, be approved as circulated. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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b) **Adoption of Minutes of the July 12th, 2022 Special Meeting**

Moved by Mariane Cullen

Seconded by Carole Duguay

That the minutes and motions contained in the minutes of the July 12th Special Meeting, held on July 12th, 2022, at 7 p.m., at the Municipal Building, be approved as circulated. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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c) **Adoption of Minutes of the July 26th, 2022 Special Meeting**

Moved by Yanic Vautour

Seconded by Carole Duguay

That the minutes and motions contained in the minutes of the July 26th Special Meeting, held on July 26th, 2022, at 5 p.m., at the Municipal Building, be approved as circulated. **Motion carried unanimously.**

8. **Follow-up on Minutes**

a) **Items Arising from Minutes of the June 21st, 2022 Regular Meeting**

None

b) **Items Arising from Minutes of the July 12th, 2022 Special Meeting**

None

c) **Items Arising from Minutes of the July 26th, 2022 Special Meeting**

None

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

The mayor presents his report.

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

a) Marc Boudreau (absent)

No report.

Brian Cormier (absent)

No report.

b) Mariane Cullen

Councilor Cullen presents her report.

c) Carole Duguay

Fire Chief Gérald Boudreau presents the Fire Department Emergency Reports for the months of June, July and August 2022. Councilor Duguay continues by presenting her report.

e) Normand Dupuis

Councilor Dupuis presents his report.

f) Yanic Vautour

Councilor Vautour presents his report.

11. **General Management's Reports**

Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Finance

The Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Finance presents her report.

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk presents her report.

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

a) **Cynthia Doucet Subdivision – Land for Public Purposes**

Moved by Mariane Cullen

Seconded by Carole Duguay

That Council accepts the recommendation of the Southeast Regional Service Commission regarding land for public purposes for the Cynthia Doucet Subdivision and that the owner pay the municipality 6% of the market value of lot 22-1, that is 6% of \$17,750, for a total amount of \$1,065.

Motioned carried unanimously.

b) **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30th**

Moved by Mariane Cullen

Seconded by Carole Duguay

That Council recognizes September 30th, 2022, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, as a holiday, and that the administration returns to Council at a future meeting with more information for future years.

Motioned carried unanimously.

c) **Applications for Grants and Donations from Organizations – September 2022**

Moved by Mariane Cullen

Seconded by Carole Duguay

That Council agrees to award the grants and donations to community organizations as proposed by the administration.

Motioned carried unanimously.

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P22 – 09 – 141 d) **Advertising Partnership Agreement**
Moved by Normand Dupuis
Seconded by Yanic Vautour

That Council accepts the Pré-d'en-Haut Golden Age Club offer in the amount of \$5,000 for a period of 3 years in order for the municipality to have access to a digital sign for advertisements and that the administration negotiates an agreement concerning the parameters of the advertisements.
Motioned carried unanimously.

P22 – 09 – 142 e) **Electoral Boundaries and Representation Commission – New Electoral Map - Motion**
Moved by Mariane Cullen
Seconded by Carole Duguay

WHEREAS the municipality participated in a public consultation meeting with the Electoral Boundaries Commission to present its arguments concerning the redrawing of a new electoral riding by the Commission;

WHEREAS our children leave Abbey-Landry School to attend high schools and the community college in Dieppe or the Université de Moncton;

WHEREAS for health care, the citizens of Memramcook go to Dieppe or Moncton to see their doctors or to go to the hospital or nursing homes (when the Memramcook one cannot accommodate them);

WHEREAS when people from Memramcook go to work, it is obvious that the cars make the Memramcook-Dieppe route and back;

WHEREAS when people want to shop, they go to Dieppe-Moncton;

WHEREAS for sports and recreation, the people of Memramcook use their own facilities first. For interscholastic and community sports, exchanges are usually done in the Memramcook-Dieppe-Moncton region;

WHEREAS many lawyers consider that the Memramcook situation deserves the status of “exceptional circumstances” based on the principle of the community of interest with Dieppe and the effective representation preserved in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. If these principles are not respected in the context of the electoral boundaries involving Memramcook, this Acadian community could make a legitimate appeal to the Court to have its constitutional right of “effective representation” respected.

WHEREAS the *Association francophone des municipalités du Nouveau-Brunswick (AFMNB)* supports the constitutional legitimacy of Memramcook’s request to be part of a Memramcook-Dieppe type riding;

WHEREAS discussions with the community of Sackville indicate that they are sympathetic to Memramcook’s position while wanting to pursue to maintain an exceptional circumstance status for the Tantramar riding;

WHEREAS the mayor of Dieppe is in full agreement with the principal of the community of interest between the municipalities of Dieppe and Memramcook;

WHEREAS the Village de Memramcook wishes to maintain the Acadian and Francophone identity of the riding and respect the right to effective representation of the Acadians and Francophones of the region; and

BE IT MOTIONED THAT the community and the municipality of Memramcook submit the following recommendations to the Commission:

- To ensure that the Village de Memramcook is not divided into parts and that it remains integral within the future riding.
- To ensure that the new riding respects the community of interest (linguistic, cultural, educational, social, medical, sports, economic) with the Dieppe community.
- To find the means for a more just and fair delimitation of the electoral riding that respects the realities of the communities of Memramcook and Sackville.
- Maintain a mainly Acadian and Francophone constituency to allow voters to have effective representation and to elect a member of the Legislative Assembly who represents the culture and community of interests of the people who elected him/her.

BE IT FURTHER MOTIONED that the community and municipality of Memramcook respectfully request from the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Commission a return to the Dieppe-Memramcook formula to ensure the future and sustainability of the Village de Memramcook.

Motioned carried unanimously.

f) **Mayor's Indemnities**

Moved by Yanic Vautour

Seconded by Carole Duguay

That Council agrees to increase the Mayor's expense allowance by \$3,000 for 2022 for a total annual expense not to exceed \$10,500.

Motioned carried unanimously.

g) **2021 Census – Impacts on the Municipality**

According to the results of the last population census, the municipality has an English-speaking population exceeding 20%, which requires the municipality to offer certain services in both official languages. A discussion follows.

h) **Mountain Bike Trail – Jeux de l'Acadie 2023**

The organizing committee is requesting that a mountain bike trail be built for the 2023 games. A discussion follows.

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13. **Adjournment**


Moved by Yanic Vautour

Seconded by Carole Duguay

That Council agrees to adjourn the meeting and the meeting is adjourned at 9:57 p.m. **Motioned carried unanimously.**



Maxime O. Bourgeois
Mayor



Monique Bourque
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

Question Period

Mr. Donald Poirier congratulates the Council members for their attentive work on several matters. He also asks Council to send a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure asking that the causeway gates be opened. The mayor suggests a meeting with the stakeholders to discuss the matter.

The question period ends at 10:01 p.m.