

**TOWN OF SHEDIAC**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**

February 20, 2024  
6 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present: Roger Caissie, Mayor  
Sylvie Collette-Boudreau  
Patricia Bourque-Chevarie  
Paul Boudreau  
Jean-Claude Bertin  
Germaine Gallant  
Émile O'Brien  
Peter Breau  
Janice Cormier  
Roland Cormier  
Joël Despres  
Harry McInroy  
Murray Lloyd

Non-voting Members Present: Victor Boudreau, CAO  
Sylvain Montreuil, Clerk  
Julie Bélanger  
Robert McEwen  
Danny Pellerin  
Carole Laneuville

**1. Call to Order**

The Chairman Mayor Roger Caissie called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Councillor Paul Boudreau mentions that a former Shediac town councillor and a great friend to all in the region, Mr. Yvon Gautreau, passed away recently. Mayor Roger Caissie asked everyone in the room to take a moment of silence.

**1.1 Reflection and recognition of the territory**

The mayor Roger Caissie mentions that we are gathered on the traditional and unceded territory of the Micmac and Maliseet nations.

**2. Confirmation of Quorum by clerk**

The Clerk confirms that a quorum has been established.

**3. Conflict of interests**

No conflict of interests are declared.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved By:** Sylvie Collette-Boudreau

**Seconded By:** Joël Despres

THAT the agenda be approved as submitted.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**5.1 Minutes of the meeting held on February 5, 2024**

**Moved By:** Roland Cormier

**Seconded By:** Germaine Gallant

**THAT** the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 5, 2024 be adopted.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Public Presentations/Petitions/Delegations**

**6.1 Presentation from Luc Bujold (Wellness Centre)**

Luc Bujold, who is acting as a consultant with the Town of Shediac in the development of a plan for the possible construction of a new recreation center, presents the phases and timetables required to realize such a project.

Councillor Émile O'Brien asks if Mr. Bujold will be involved for the duration of the project. Mr. Bujold clarifies that he has explained to the administration that he can certainly help with several phases of the project, but perhaps not with the entire project. Mr. O'Brien wonders if the survey carried out over the past few years among residents to find out their expectations of a new center could be used in this project. Mr. Bujold says yes, but that the process needs to be continued to complete this phase.

Councillor Paul Boudreau wonders if the municipality has earmarked funds for further development of the project. The CAO Victor Boudreau says yes, but should Mr. Bujold's plan be recommended by Council, additional funds may be required. The councillor also asked whether the plan was intended to be carried out with a view to the next rounds of federal government funding. Victor Boudreau points out that the next federal election is in October 2025, so yes, it is.

Councillor Harry McInroy points out that synergies with the private sector and other organizations could be envisaged. For example, the library

could be housed within the center, and clinics such as physiotherapists could be integrated into the center. Mr. Bujold agrees, but points out that it's important to plan carefully for this type of integration.

Councillor Roland Cormier asks how a center like this will be financed. Mr. Bujold explains that donors are part of the process, and that it all depends of course on the fund-raising campaigns that are put in place. One of the biggest parts, for example, is the naming of the complex. If a sponsor is chosen to own the rights to place his or her name on the complex, this represents a significant amount of money.

Councillor Murray Lloyd suggests that the municipality should consider hiring a person to coordinate this project, given its scope and duration.

Councillor Jean-Claude Bertin believes that such a project must also be well thought out and planned. The center is important, but citizens are also wondering what's going to happen with the tax rate. They'd like to see lower taxes over the next few years. So we have to keep that in mind.

**Moved By:** Joël Despres

**Seconded By:** Germaine Gallant

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council accepts the plan presented and that the administration of the Town of Shediac be mandated to initiate the steps required to implement this plan.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **6.2 Greater Shediac Community Garden**

Sherry Bland, Treasurer of the Shediac Community Garden, and François Sormany, teacher at LJR High School, present the latest developments at the Community Garden. Among other things, the organization had to move the garden over the past year, and all the work has been completed. Also, they were able to obtain funding from the Regional Development Commission. The aim of this application is to set up a permanent greenhouse that would enable work to be carried out throughout the 12 months of the year. LJR High School is also keen to incorporate the use of the greenhouse into its classes and committees. Representatives of the garden thank the municipal council for their continued support over the years. The community garden is requesting additional funding of \$6850 to pursue the development of the greenhouse project.

Councillor Roland Cormier tells everyone that the community garden team is working very hard. They have carried out two fund-raising campaigns and are careful and efficient with the money they raise. He wishes to thank Robert McEwen and his team, as well as Julie Bélanger and her team for the municipality's support of the garden's projects.

**Moved By:** Roland Cormier  
**Seconded By:** Germaine Gallant

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we accept the Grant request of \$10,000 for 2024 to help the Shediac Community Garden to settle their project on their new land. The fund will be taken from the Subvention account 1-21033, which \$3150 was already approved at the 2024 Budget deliberation and the balance of \$6850 will also come from the same account. Please note that the amount presented to the Shediac Community Garden will revert to \$3,150 for future years.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6.3 Allain Girouard (increased tax rate for Pointe-du-Chêne residents)**

Allain Girouard, a resident of Pointe-du-Chêne, appeared before the municipal council to voice his concerns about the level of taxation within the municipality, especially following the increase of \$0.05 per \$100 of assessment imposed on residents of LSDs amalgamated in 2023 within the Town of Shediac.

**7. Reading of correspondence**

**7.1 Tantramar Seniors College**

Town Clerk Sylvain Montreuil explains that in the past, the Town of Shediac has reimbursed the rental costs of the Shediac Multi-Purpose Centre, as this is an activity that allows people aged 50 and over to continue their learning.

**Moved By:** Jean-Claude Bertin  
**Seconded By:** Paul Boudreau

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Municipal Council agrees to cover the rental costs of \$1293.37 for the Multifunctional Centre. The funds will be taken from the account Commandites d'activités communautaires 1-27171.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7.2 Legion Shediac #33**

Sylvain Montreuil explains that the municipality has received a request from Shediac Legion #33 to purchase an advertisement in the program for a cribbage tournament.

**Moved By:** Roland Cormier  
**Seconded By:** Sylvie Collette-Boudreau

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Shediac proceed with the purchase of a full-page advertisement in the Shediac Legion #33 event pamphlet at a cost of \$500 (plus HST).

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7.3 Crosswalk on Main St.**

The CAO Victor Boudreau explains that the municipality received a request in May 2023 and another request in October 2023 from the owner of Moque-Tortue on Main Street, Sébastien Després, for a pedestrian crossing to be added on Main Street in front of the business up to the Maison Pascal-Poirier. The administration was awaiting the engineers' analysis before presenting the file to the council. According to the study, it is not recommended to place this additional crosswalk since there are two other crosswalks in the vicinity of the site.

**8. Reports from Standing and Special Committees**

**8.1 Various Financial Reports**

**8.2 Protective Services**

**8.2.1 Police**

**8.2.2 Fire**

The monthly statistics report for ( ) 2023 is distributed for information purposes.

**8.3 Building Permits Reports**

The building permits report for January 2024 is distributed for information purposes. These reports compare the permits issued to date.

**9. Report from the Chief Administrative Officer**

Mr. Boudreau presents his report. He began by mentioning that the land on Lino Road now belongs to the municipality, and the team is continuing its work on land transfers for the joint project with the Shediac Legion #33 on St-Joseph Street and the project with Habitat for Humanity at 42 King Street. Several committee meetings are scheduled in the near future, including the protection committee, which is meeting to discuss the emergency measures plan. Ability NB has visited the municipality to check that the municipal building, the multipurpose center and the library meet accessibility requirements. We expect a report in the next few weeks. The administration has met with the businesses that will be affected by the Main Street upgrade project over the coming months. The same presentation will be given at the next meeting. This is a very promising plan, since the intention is always to keep two lanes open during all work, and to minimize the impact during busy periods. In closing, it's worth remembering that the leap year festivities will take place on February 29 in the area around Pascal-Poirier Park,

Hotel Shediac, and the multipurpose center, and Belliveau Street will be closed to traffic during the event from 6pm to 9pm.

**10. Recommendations from Plan 360**

**10.1 Local government service easement (Webster)**

The owners of the Webster house wanted to divide a lot at the back of the house and in the process a fire hydrant was discovered requiring the addition of an easement for the passage of water pipes. This agreement is simply to ensure that the process is properly followed.

**Moved By:** Roland Cormier

**Seconded By:** Joël Despres

**WHEREAS** Plan 360 staff recommends that Council give approval to the Local Government Service Easement as presented on the General Financial Corporation Ltd. Subdivision.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the Local Government Services Easement as shown on the General Financial Corporation Ltd. Subdivision.

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**MOTION CARRIED**

**11. Unfinished Business**

**12. Introduction of new Business**

**12.1 Shediac Cape Crossing Guard**

The CAO Victor Boudreau explains that in recent weeks we have received a request from the Shediac Cape school administration to add a crossing guard on Route 134 in front of the school. Given that we offer the same service in Shediac, it is only natural that we offer the same service in the Shediac Cape region. The administration therefore recommends that a crossing guard be hired to ensure the safety of schoolchildren at Shediac Cape.

Councillor Roland Cormier believes that there are several places in the province where the speed limit on provincial roads is lowered in the school zone. He would like the municipality to approach the provincial government to find out why this is not possible in the case of Shediac Cape.

**Moved By:** Roland Cormier

**Seconded By:** Murray Lloyd

**WHEREAS** Council has received a request from the Shediac Cape School dated January 19, 2024 for a crossing guard position in front of the school during rush hour for youth who must cross Route 134 to get to school.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accepts the administration's recommendation to create a crossing guard position for the Shediac Cape School and that the budget required for this position, estimated to be \$10,000, be drawn from account **1-28253 Special Projects of Council**.

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**MOTION CARRIED**

### **13. Inquiries by members of Council**

Councillor Peter Breau asked the administration if the municipality's lawyers had been approached to evaluate the title search following the letter received from the Friends of Riverside Park. CAO Victor Boudreau indicated that the lawyers had indeed been mandated the day after the motion was presented to Council. He points out that the title search is being carried out by another company and that the lawyers have not specified a date by which a response is expected. Mr. Breau asked about the status of the multisport surface project. Mr. Boudreau explains that the plan is underway and that all work will begin in the spring. Julie Bélanger also points out that programming will be put in place and that equipment has been purchased for pickleball, basketball, fitness training, etc. Councillor Breau asks if all sponsors have been notified. Mrs. Bélanger states that she is in contact with the main sponsor, Home Hardware, and that the others will be notified thereafter.

Councillor Paul Boudreau asked the administration if the list of all capital projects would soon be available. CAO Victor Boudreau indicated that, yes, the list would soon be distributed to Council members. On the question of roads in Pointe-du-Chêne, Councillor Boudreau wanted to know what the next steps would be. Victor Boudreau states that the analysis has begun and that the first step will be to seek the advice of our lawyers. Councillor Boudreau wanted to know how far the city had come in supporting the municipality of Moncton in hosting the Canada Games. Mayor Roger Caissie says that, for the moment, no formal steps have been taken, but that he has discussed the matter with the Mayor of the City of Moncton, Dawn Arnold. Councillor Boudreau asked if a plan would be presented for the municipality's sidewalks. The CAO clarified that the administration must submit a plan at the March 4, 2024 meeting.

Councillor Joël Després wonders if the town has received a response from the province regarding the highway exit for Scoudouc. He points out that several citizens in the area have spoken to him about it again. He asks that a follow-up be done.

### **14. Introduction and reading of By-Laws**

#### **14.1 1st reading By-law No. 59 Tall Grasses in the Town of Shediac**

CAO Victor Boudreau indicates that the main reason we want to amend the municipal by-law on tall grass is to allow the "No Mow May" campaign to go ahead without having to ask the municipal council for special permission. So, the effective date of the by-law would be June 1 each year to allow for this increasingly popular campaign.

Mayor Roger Caissie would like the by-law to specify the territory in which the by-law will take effect. He feels that, for the time being, the by-law should apply to the former territory of Shediac. Councillor Roland Cormier points out that it would be preferable to consult the citizens of these areas before including the four new territories.

**Moved By:** Janice Cormier

**Seconded By:** Germaine Gallant

THAT a by-law entitled "By-Law NO. 59", a by-law on TALL GRASSES IN THE TOWN OF SHEDIAC be authorized and that this by-law be given first reading by its title.

The Clerk gave the first reading of By-Law NO. 59 by title only.

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**MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Janice Cormier

**Seconded By:** Germaine Gallant

**THAT WE** accept the first reading by its title of By-law No. 59.

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**MOTION CARRIED**

## **15. Motions and Resolutions**

### **15.1 Hiring of Consultants - Pointe-du-Chêne Waterline Extension Study - Fire**

Councillor Roland Cormier sees a problem with the idea of taking \$5,000 from the council's special projects funds to pay for services in a former LSD, Pointe-du-Chêne, whose citizens don't pay taxes in this budget. Citizens of the former Shediac territory contribute to the municipality's public works, but new residents of LSDs that are now part of Shediac don't pay for these services. He feels he cannot vote in favor of the motion as it stands. He would like the motion to be tabled.

Councillors Harry McInroy and Émile O'Brien vote against the motion. The remaining 10 councillors vote in favour.



**Moved By:** Harry McInroy  
**Seconded By:** Émile O'Brien

**WHERE** At the Ordinary Council Meeting of November 6, 2023, Council mandated the Town Administration to study the possibility of extending the "FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE" to the Pointe-du-Chêne wharf.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** to award the engineering study for the extension of the water line to Pointe-du-Chêne for fire protection service (addition of fire hydrants) to EXP Services Inc. for a value of \$5,000.00 plus Net HST. Funds will be drawn from account 1-28253 Special projects of Council.

**Moved By:** Roland Cormier  
**Seconded By:** Janice Cormier

**THAT THE MOTION** be tabled until the next meeting.

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**MOTION CARRIED**

**16. Appointments to Committees**

**17. Adjournment**

Councillor Germaine Gallant moves to adjourn the meeting around 8:23 pm.

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Roger Caissie, Mayor

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Sylvain Montreuil, Clerk