



**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
of the EDMUNDSTON City Council**

**Tuesday, January 20th, 2009
Council chamber, City hall**

Present: Jacques P. Martin, Mayor Me Marc Michaud, Assistant CAO
Doreen Banville, Ass. Clerk Daniel Gagné, Assistant CAO

Councillors

Ward 1:	Aldéo Nadeau	André Lang
Ward 2:	Denis M. Pelletier	Ben Beaulieu
Ward 3:	Gerald Morneault	Martin Albert
Ward 4:	Jean Guy Marquis	Michel Dubé

The Mayor requests a minute of silence for the decease of former councilor Robert Cyr and proceeds with the following recognitions: Red nose operations

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

It was moved by Gerald Morneault and seconded by Denis M. Pelletier that the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

Disclosure of interest: none

2009 - 001 Mr. André Lang moves that the following minutes be received for adoption as presented:
 ➤ **December 16th, 2008 Regular public meeting**
 Seconded by Ben Beaulieu. Carried

MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS:

ZONING - AMENDMENT NO. 33.3, VICTORIA STREET PROPERTY

The following motion was brought:

2009 – 002 Mr Aldéo Nadeau moves that the municipal Council consider the adoption of the municipal by-laws being and amendment to the Edmundston Zoning By-law No. 33 for the following property:

Change the use on a portion of the land belonging to Edmundston, located on Victoria street, Edmundston, N.-B., PID #35293760 from Road and railroad network to Commercial megastores zones

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Council is calling a public meeting to examine the objections and comments regarding this amendment on February 17, 2009, in the Edmundston N.B. council chambers at 8 p.m., and the Clerk be responsible, on behalf and for the interest of the Council, for advertising the public notice prescribed in section 68 of the Community Planning Act in *Le Madawaska* newspaper, indicating the Council's intention, the date and the location of this public meeting.

Seconded by André Lang.

Carried

BY-LAW RESPECTING THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE

The Clerk, Me Marc Michaud, proceeds with the 3rd reading by title of By-law No.4R2009 and the following motion was brought:

2009 – 003 Mr. Michel Dubé moves that the Edmundston municipal by-law, entitled: *By-Law respecting the collection and disposal of garbage*, be adopt.

Seconded by Martin Albert.

Carried

BY-LAW RESPECTING APPROVAL OF THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE EDMUNDSTON CENTRAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION INC.

The Clerk, Me Marc Michaud, proceeds with the 3rd reading by title of By-law No. 11-2009 and the following motion was brought:

2009 – 004 Mr Martin Albert moves that the Edmundston municipal by-law No. 11-2009 entitled: *By-Law respecting approval of the operating budget for the Edmundston Central business development corporation Inc.*, be adopt.

Seconded by Denis M. Pelletier.

Carried

MUNICIPAL ISSUES:

ADMINISTRATIVE

EASEMENT, 134 SAINT JOSEPH STREET, SAINT-JACQUES

2009 – 005 Mr. André Lang moves that the Municipal Clerk be authorized, pursuant to section 56 of the Community Planning Act, to certify the development plan No. 06-04, regarding the municipal services easement of the property of Roger and Aline Levesque located at 134, Saint Joseph street in Saint Jacques, PID #35262237.
Seconded by Aldéo Nadeau. Carried

FINANCES

LINE OF CREDIT (OPERATIONS) – ROYAL BANK

2009 - 006 Mr. Gerald Morneau moves that the motion No. 2005-046 as of February 28, 2005 be cancelled and that the Municipality’s Finance Department be authorized to acquire lines of credit in an amount not to exceed the following maximum from the RBC Financial Group for the temporary financing of its current operations:

- Energy utility fund 3,500,000\$
- Water and sewer utility fund 2,000,000\$
- General administration fund 900,000\$

Seconded by Michel Dubé Carried.

EDMUNDSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT (DIST 1)

AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION, VILLAGE OF ST HILAIRE

2009 – 007 Mr. Denis M. Pelletier moves that the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign the documents between Edmundston and the Village of St Hilaire, regarding the Fire protection effective as of January 1st, 2009.
Seconded by Ben Beaulieu. Carried

ST JACQUES FIRE DEPARTMENT (DIST 2)

NEW AUXILIARY FIREFIGHTERS

2009 – 008 Mr. Aldéo Nadeau moves that the following persons be appointed as auxiliary firefighters for the St Jacques (District 2) Fire department: Mr. Roderic Robichaud, 1st Avenue and Eric Albert of Three miles road.
Seconded by André Lang. Carried

2009 MUNICIPAL OPERATION BUDGETS

The treasurer, Mr. Jeannot Raymond, proceeds with the presentation of the operation budgets for 2009 and the following motions were brought:

GENERAL FUNDS

2009 - 009 Mr Gerald Morneault moves that the Edmundston Council accept the amount of \$24,003,831 to be the total municipal budget for the year 2009, that the amount of \$17,746,738 be the municipal mandate, and that the taxation rates be as follows:

- \$1.6150 per \$100 of assessment for Zone 1/Edmundston**
- \$1.2587 per \$100 of assessment for Zone 2/Saint-Jacques**
- \$1.5207 per \$100 of assessment for Zone 3/Saint-Basile**
- \$1.5190 per \$100 of assessment for Zone 4/Verret**
- \$1.2208 per \$100 of assessment for Zone 5/ Mad. LSD**

The Council orders and states that the mandate be levied by the Minister of Local Government on the real estate property appraisal that are taxable under the provisions of the *Assessment Act* and that are on the territory of the municipality of Edmundston.

Seconded by Michel Dubé. Carried.

WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FUND

2009 – 010 Mr. Denis M. Pelletier moves that the Edmundston Council decide that pursuant to section 189(4) of the *Municipalities Act*, the total operating budget for the Water and Sewer department for the year 2009 includes revenues of \$5,609,829 and expenses of \$5,609,829 and that \$598 be the annual fee for the entire territory.

Seconded by André Lang. Carried.

ENERGY UTILITY FUND

2009 – 011 Mr. Jean Guy Marquis moves that the Edmundston Council decide that pursuant to section 189(4) of the *Municipalities Act*, the total operating budget for the Energy Department for the year 2009 includes revenues of \$21,385,219 and expenses of \$21,385,219.

Seconded by Martin Albert. Carried.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Next regular public meeting – February 17th, 2009 at 8: p.m.
- January, month of Crime stopper
- 5 years agreement, SCFP, local 60/Fire dept. – a press release is submit.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS :

Questions and comments were brought regarding the following issues:

- The Councilor Martin Albert mentions that he has been approached regarding the prospector trail and the persons are invited to explain their requests.
- Concerns regarding the garbage collection by night.
- Concerns regarding the security, the access and the location of the parking for the prospector trail and request to put in place a committee of citizen and to continue the efforts to make the rock mountain greener.
- Disagreement with the amendment for interdiction of removing garbage that are placed for collection by persons other then allowed by the municipality.

Adjournment moved by Denis M. Pelletier at 9.19 p.m.

Jacques P. Martin, Mayor

Doreen Banville, Assistant Clerk