

Town of Riverview
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT



To: Mayor & Council

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Date: January 27, 2025

Month & Year: November and December 2024

Departmental Objectives Update

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES		
Objectives	Actions	Strategic Themes
<i>By the Numbers (Year to Date) up to December 31st</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenders Procurements Awarded – 22 • Events attended by Mayor & Council – 119 • Donation & Sponsorship Grants Awarded – 37 • Annual Grants Awarded – 19 • Presentations to Council – 19 • Public Hearings/Presentations – 3 • Concerns Reported – 915 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ By-law Enforcement – 404 ○ Fire – 6 ○ Parks & Recreation – 233 ○ Public Works – 242 ○ Administration – 1 ○ Zoning – 29 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Excellence
<i>Privacy & Requests for Information</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four RTIPPA Requests have been received for 2024. All files were completed and closed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Excellence
<i>Improved Operational Processes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Clerk has completed Policy for Code of Conduct in Town Facilities and is with Directors for final review. The By-Law R300-20 relating to Recreational areas will have minor changes in connection with this policy. • Town Clerk working on improved process for eScribe utilization after the launch of eScribe 6 (date TBD). • Town Clerk working to make minor update to various By-Laws to reflect the Local Governance Act instead of the Municipalities Act. • A draft By-Law is currently in the works that will combine the Mobile Vending Policy and the Pedlars By-Law into one. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Excellence

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<i>Service Excellence</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Clerk attended “Working with Council effectively” workshop on November 19th as part of the Municipal Management Training Program. • Town Clerk attended “Municipal Money Matters” workshop on November 19th as part of the Municipal Management Training Program. • Deputy Clerk involved with the planning of Budget Deliberation timeline and Executive Assistant assisted with combining and formatting the Budget Binder for Council Budget Deliberations. • Councillor Blackstock elected as new councillor for Ward 1 on December 9, 2024. • Deputy Clerk worked on orientation package and schedule for new councillor and planning of Oath of Office ceremony • Town Clerk working with Engineering on drainage issues on Rosebank Crescent. • Town Clerk planning for professional development/ Code of Conduct training for Council in 2025. • A full review of all By-Laws on our website is currently under review to ensure they are up to date and improve viewing experience on website. • During 2024 Budget Deliberations, Council requested information on the history on Fluoridation of the water supply provided by the City of Moncton. Mr. Smith acknowledged that staff would investigate the history and provide an update through the monthly reporting to Council. See Appendix A attached to this report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Excellence • Thriving Community
<i>Employee Relations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q4 check-ins with staff completed. • The Safety Talk for December was presented by Shauna McGraw on Holiday Safety tips. • Sam Reed, By-Law Officer with Maritime Enforcement Services (MES), left for new career opportunity. New By-Law Enforcement Officer with MES, Jacob Bolton now appointed and started on December 18th. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Excellence

By-law Enforcement

ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTICS November 2024				
	Current Month	Previous Month	Annual Total	Monthly Trend
Animal Control Issues	16	7	141	↑9
Animal Control Licences	71	58	1011	↑13
PARK PATROL				
Number of Patrols	No. of Hours	No. of Dogs Seen	No. of Dogs Unleashed	
43	31.09	81	1	

ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTICS December 2024				
	Current Month	Previous Month	Annual Total	Monthly Trend
Animal Control Issues	2	16	143	↓14
Animal Control Licences	89	71	1100	↑18
PARK PATROL				
Number of Patrols	No. of Hours	No. of Dogs Seen	No. of Dogs Unleashed	
37	26.86	114	4	

BY-LAW CITATION November & December 2024	Number Issued	Total Fines
Overnight Winter Parking Ban warnings	90	0
Overnight Winter Parking Ban citations	73	\$3,650.00
No Parking/No Stopping Zone	4	\$200.00
Excessive Noise Violation	0	0
Commercial Vehicle/Trailer on Street	0	0
No Parking – Fire Lane	0	0
No Parking – Disabled Parking	0	0
No Parking-Snow Removal Operations	0	0
Owner Failed to Remove Animal Feces	0	0
Fines issued for Dog infractions	2	100.00
TOTALS	167	\$3,950.00

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT –November & December 2024		
	Number of Files Open this Period	Number of Files Closed this Period
Animal Control	0	0
By-law Enforcement General	1	9
Commercial Vehicle	0	0
Dangerous or Unsightly Premises	3	4

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT –November & December 2024		
	Number of Files Open this Period	Number of Files Closed this Period
Encampment	1	4
Flyer Distribution	1	1
Garbage Sorting	1	1
Illegal Dumping	0	0
Improper Water Usage	0	1
Maintenance and Occupancy	0	0
Mobile Vendors & Pedlars	0	0
Noise Complaints	0	2
Off Road Vehicles	0	0
Parking Violations	0	14
Portable Signs	1	1
Rodent Sightings	13	0
Speeding	0	0
Sports on Streets	0	0
Streets-Traffic By-law	1	7
Syringes and Needles	0	1
Tall Grass	0	0
Zoning	0	0
TOTALS	0	0

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT – OUTSTANDING FILES REPORT		
File Type	Update (new updates are highlighted)	Status
Dangerous or Unsightly – Dickey Blvd	Dumpsters and debris on empty lot, letters to comply sent	Ongoing
Encampment – Irving Road area	Resident reports large encampment on private property to the South of Irving Road. The Town is exploring legal and enforcement options to resolve this issue.	Ongoing
Rodents - Deerwood	Residents having issues with numerous amounts of rats on property since April. Baiting of manholes in area done by Orkin in December. Investigation concluded that rodents were not present or coming through Town infrastructure. Residents notified that removal of rodent infestations on private property is the responsibility of the property owner.	File Closed

Appendix A

Research on Fluoride in Town water systems

During 2024 Budget Deliberations, Councillor Johnson requested information on the history on Fluoridation of the water supply provided by the City of Moncton. Mr. Smith acknowledged that staff would investigate the history and provide an update through the monthly reporting to Council.

The addition of Fluoride in water in Greater Moncton has been a topic of debate for many years. On June 8, 2011, a public consultation session on Fluoride was held and jointly hosted by Moncton's Legal and administrative Affairs Committee and Environment Committee. Groups and individuals on both sides of the debate presented their positions regarding Fluoridation of the water supply, both at the meeting and through written submissions.

Professionals from the Dental Association presented in support of Fluoridation of the water supply and it's claims to be a safe and effective means of reducing and preventing tooth decay. However, other professionals and researchers present at the meeting argued that it does not prevent cavities and is toxic and harmful to human health and should not be imposed on all residents.

A large number of written submissions from the public were also collected on the issue, including emails, letters, research studies, links to websites and photos, PowerPoint presentations.

The municipal councils of both Dieppe and Riverview were consulted as we are the two largest water customers. Initially, both Dieppe and Riverview were in favour of continuing to add Fluoride to the municipal water supply. On October 24, 2011, Riverview voted in favour to support the addition of Fluoride to the water supply but agreed that more information on the topic was necessary. Dieppe Council however, reversed its initial decision on October 24, 2011, and recommended to the City of Moncton discontinue the fluoridation of the water supply.

On December 19, 2011, after much debate, Moncton City Council made the decision to cease the introduction of Fluoride into the Greater Moncton water supply for a period of **five years** at which time it would be reviewed and give the Department of Health and NB Dental Society time to collect appropriate data over this period using valid statistical research methods in order that the issue may be appropriately assessed.

The item was reintroduced 5 years later at a Committee of the Whole meeting on January 20, 2017. Although no decision was made at this meeting, two hours

were dedicated for presentations, one hour for representatives of the Department of Health and Dental Associations and one hour for “Citizens for Safe Water”. Input from citizens was also received through an online survey. At the Regular Public meeting of Moncton Council on February 27, 2017, it was determined that the date of the decision to maintain the current practice of not adding Fluoride to its water source be set for September 18, 2017. Members of Moncton City Council continued to receive information from stakeholders over the spring and summer months on this issue.

Prior to the final decision made by Moncton City Council. Riverview Town Council passed the following resolution on September 11, 2017:

WHEREAS water Fluoridation is a technical and complex issue;

WHEREAS municipalities do not have the expertise required to assess the impacts of adding or not adding Fluoride to the drinking water they provide;

WHEREAS it is imperative to be aware of all the issues related to water Fluoridation in order to make an informed decision;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Riverview urges the other New Brunswick municipalities to ask the municipal associations of NB and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) that a comprehensive study be conducted by the Federal Government with regards to water Fluoridation, including both positive and negative aspects of Fluoridation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Government with a copy to our members of Parliament representing the 10 New Brunswick constituencies.

At the Moncton City Council meeting of September 18, 2017, a final decision was made and the following motion was carried:

THAT Moncton City Council maintain the status quo of not adding Fluoride to the Greater Moncton water supply until such time as directed to do otherwise by the Federal or Provincial Government.

Moncton Councillors still stressed the need to support education campaigns and Fluoride programs to reinforce the importance of oral care for citizens.

The full research documents on this issue (including minutes, Council report forms, decisions/resolutions) can be accessed upon request to the Town Clerk.