

Council Minutes October 30th

Absent: Rep Cole, Councillor Toner, Senator Orozco, Senator McGrath

1. Call to Order

Council is called to order at 7:05pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Mover: Councillor Doucet

Second: Councillor Whelan

VP MacLean to present before reports to council

Councillor Cameron to report

Residence Representative Wilson to report

3. Chair's Remarks

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

Councillor Cormier's office hours are Tuesday not Thursday, Mackenzie house caber toss, not caper toss.

5. Presentation on the Center for Healthy Living from VP MacLean

Thanks council for the opportunity to speak, offers to visit anytime. Nothing formal to present re: Kin building, but will review background and take questions. Tuesday at Alumni Memorial Hall, university will hold press conference to present to the community and university the Center for Healthy Living plans, etc. Lady Beaverbrook gym is past end life, conversation to replace for 10 years. Federal government instigated infrastructure funds, many universities applied and were successful, put forward 5 projects and were prioritized, Kin got greenlight for federal funding. To be eligible for funding, needed proof of concept, design. New building itself is undergoing significant changes to design due to bedrock, engineering reports, optimization. Concept: high performance training, research, academic building. Two floors research and teaching, one floor academic and admin floor, 2nd floor "student's floor". Will be west of Currie, "living" roof, park area on top, new building meant to face city as welcoming space, accessible. Most facilities at LB Gym will be moving up, questions regarding pool. When

presented, pool wasn't included, would practically double cost of the project. Long term concept to add third building on other side of the Currie, new aquatic center. University faces many infrastructure concerns: teaching space, research space, academic vs. athletic facilities. University moving ahead on different ideas: expanding engineering facility, aquatic center. City sees LB pool as significant community feature, but is out of date. Have been in discussion for 8-9 years regarding pool, 60% is non UNB use. City moving ahead with performing arts facility and would like to work with them to prioritize new pool. CHL to open late spring of 2018. Parts of LB Gym will be decommissioned, will keep pool open through 2018/19. Hundreds of thousands spent on maintenance on pool per year. If LB gym was shut down today, long term costs would see savings of 7mil. Planned processes to shut down certain parts of buildings as new ones come into use. MacLean believes this can be part of something bigger: healthy campus environment. Welcomes how to focus on UNB campus as healthier environment suggestions in coming weeks. Talk of trying to make Fredericton one of the healthiest communities in Canada, conversation doesn't end with Center for Healthy Living. Encourages questions.

Senator Renaud comments kin is a faculty at capacity, will it increase kin cap?

Maclean yes, teaching space is much larger in than current space in LB, more office space, admin space, lecture space, will be accessible through pedways. Unsure exact numbers of capacity increase.

Senator Reid asks about rock wall.

MacLean replies there is no plan for a rock wall.

Senator Renaud asks about squash courts as well.

MacLean believes there is space for the courts.

Councillor Banks asks how this new construction will affect the Currie Center?

MacLean replies the plans will affect students as little as possible, avoiding shutting it down as much as possible. More limited access, but parking lot will stay open. At strategic times construction will be in quiet mode (during exams).

Councillor Whelan comments there have been questions about Leadership in Energy and Design system.

MacLean should be Gold rated building, 10th building in province with LEED certification, should be one of the most sustainable buildings in the province.

Councillor Whelan adds there must be extra costs for this?

MacLean replies the costs are built in to the projections, includes all of that designation, will greatly reduce maintenance costs long term.

VP Beers asks if parking will be expanded.

MacLean replies parking lot beside LB will be shut down during construction; plan will change as construction changes. LB Rink parking to be used as overflow, driving drop off loop, long term parking will have LB parking maintained.

Councillor Doucet asks if LEED platinum looked into?

MacLean doesn't know what stopped it, but yes. Would be only one in province, were considerations with design of building that limited it.

Councillor Cameron spoke with dean of engineering re: eng building capacity, 15 years ago there was push for kin building, why hasn't there been more thought to plans?

MacLean replies at the same time plans for kin building and wing were being put forward, this is the one the federal/provincial government were willing to put money into. Ongoing plans for engineering, was put forward as well. Doesn't want it to sound like there wasn't adequate planning, a lot had to do with capacity of funding. At the point both plans were put forward they were at same level of development.

Councillor Whelan comments that needs also change over 15 years.

Councillor Doucet comments that "design build" is also faster.

Councillor Hebert asks if Currie was supposed to be kin facility?

MacLean replies the original design included a pool, would've housed CHL.

Senator Renaud asks how "center" is being spelled.

MacLean replies on all mock ups it is Centre.

Senator Reid asks for date of presentation again.

MacLean replies it will be this Tuesday at Alumni Memorial Hall in the President's Room at 4pm.

Renaud clarifies that plans don't include pool, and the LB Pool will operate until approximately 2019.

MacLean confirms this, and depends on city priorities moving forward and keeping the pool open is very expensive.

Renaud asks about what the pool would've cost.

MacLean clarifies it wouldn't exactly double the costs, but would be millions.

Councillor Doucet asks if winner of the contract will be at the presentation on Tuesday.

MacLean is not sure, hoping presentation will be about half an hour.

6. Reports to Council

6.1 VP Student Services- VP Tozer

Services committee met, starting to plan Stress Fest. Toni Lee is on Thursday, will push this week. Meeting with UREc for Frost week. Started some Safe Ride driver approval to fill in shifts.

6.2 VP Finance and Operations- VP Beirsto

Busy week with midterms so mostly did operational activities. Finance committee met, sent more emails for Red Shirt Reunion. Spoke with VP Bempah re: HR matters, new Cultural Café coordinator.

6.3 VP Internal- VP Bempah

Cultural café coordinator had to resign but have found great replacement, will offer position to Councillor Cuizon. Met with Wellness Week coordinator. Prepared documents for council transition. Met with media services to discuss Breaking Stereotypes project, will send more details to participants this week. Plebiscite results are in, will reach out to registrar and VP Maclean this week. Discussed election efficiency with President Daley. Has been preparing for East Coast Student Leadership Conference coming up this weekend.

6.4 VP External- VP Beers

Was prepped to announce changes to sexual assault policy. Sexual Assault Campaign committee met, have solid plans for campaign to come out in January. External committee met re: expanding statements. Working on press release re: fall reading week results, meeting with eng and science faculties re: Text Broke.

6.5 President- President Daley

Attended smoking policy review committee, thinks they deserve another in person meeting. Met with Councillor Banks re: councillor project. Met with Financial Services re: financial aid. Attended tree blessing ceremony Friday, Saturday attended Fredericton Youth Summit to discuss Imagine Fredericton. Prepped for NBSA Advocacy week.

6.6 Kinesiology Representative- Councillor Whelan

Submitted proposal for councillor project for Cellar event (karaoke, trivia). Spoke with many students/faculty re: Kind building. Has been attending Kin Society meetings, going well. Partnering with SU to promote AUS soccer championship, will have pre game event at Cellar, pizza event for underage students, dance team doing halftime show.

6.7 Resident Representative- Councillor Wilson

Office hours Wed 2:30pm-3:30pm in SUB. Working on project to collaborate with Safe Ride to do bottle drive.

6.8 Engineering Representative- Councillor Cameron

Helped VP Bempah pushing plebiscite, people had trouble finding where to vote. Councillor project to get Minty Synth for maker space. Addressing concerns that UNB email will be down Nov 11th-13th.

7. Announcements

Councillor Banks is currently looking for one person to sit on Arts faculty council as well as Arts Teaching Awards Committee, will have input to new dean.

Senator Reid: PSAC is Oct. 31st, 9-10pm.

President Daley explains that the plebiscite wording that ended up on website was “Do you support the student union advocating for a mid-term break in the fall pending adjustments to the academic calendar?”, wording that was in advocacy plan was “Do you support a mid-term break in the fall pending adjustments to the academic calendar?”...explains there is a difference but it doesn’t change the content or results. An error happened to occur, just wanted to address it.

Senator Kalu: African Society meet and greet Friday at Alumni Hall at 6:30pm.

VP Tozer: Toni Lee is on Thursday, needs volunteers, 7-9pm.

Councillor Doucet: Inclusion Committee will meet Wednesday at 6pm.

8. Question Period

Senator Reid clarifies that there will be free pizza in SUB room 103 and cellar before AUS game?

Councillor Whelan replies there will pizza up here (103), kin society member is in process of determining deals with the Cellar and depends on whether or not UNB is in championship. Pizza 5-7pm on Thursday.

9. Substantive Business

9.1 By Election Results- Deputy Chief Returning Officer Nick Williams

Nomination period had to be extended, every position had a runner. Had candidate meeting Oct. 14, timeline for voting was from Oct. 21 at 12 am to Oct, 28 at 12 am, education, nursing, inclusion, accessibility are now filled.

President Daley asks what the voter turnout was.

DCRO Williams responds it was 23%.

Councillor Whelan asks how many students voted for the plebiscite.

Williams replies 1178 people voted for plebiscite, campus is about 6000.

Motion to adopt by election results as presented.

Mover: President Daley

Second: Councillor Quintal

Representative Payne asks if that include plebiscite results.

Chairman asks if councils ok with separate adoption of by-election and plebiscite results.

Vote passes to accept by election results.

President Daley comments that Representative Payne brings a good point considering the post ended up reading differently.

Representative Payne adds that he will vote to accept, but would just like minutes to reflect there was an error (item 7), but plebiscite is not binding and was in same spirit of the question.

President Daley agrees it was a mistake, and goes to show different methods could be investigated

Vote to accept plebiscite results passes unanimously

9.2 Councillor of the Month- VP Bempah

For contribution to council and helping at events, councillor of the month goes to Councillor Cameron.

9.3 Recording of Council- VP Tozer

WHEREAS Council is recorded through minutes and posted on the website, and

WHEREAS it is difficult to film council due to the set up and lack of equipment, and

WHEREAS council is open to all,

BE IT RESOLVED that council rescinds the motion to film council found in item 12 of the meeting of council held on September 27th, 2015, as amended by the meeting of council held October 4th 2015.

Mover: VP Tozer

Second: VP Beers

Representative Payne asks if audio recordings are considered.

President Daley replies that council is currently recorded and can be accessed. Filming equipment is all borrowed, more difficult to use. Council is recorded, minutes are posted online.

Councillor Banks agrees minutes are sufficient and it takes less time to read than to listen to a lengthy recording.

Councillor Cameron proposes motion to get rid of video and post minutes.
Chairman Whitney replies minutes are currently posted. No motion needed.

Senator Reid agrees audio could be posted too.

Representative Payne wonders if this will pose any technical difficulties, or recordings could be made available upon request.

Council Secretary adds the past two weeks of council's audio is saved, but will have to investigate distributing the files.

Councillor Cameron adds a certain size of file won't email.

Councillor Hebert agrees upon request is better.

Councillor Whelan moves amendment to item 9.3 - add a clause which reads:

BE IT RESOLVED audio recordings of council are posted.

Mover: Whelan

Second: Banks

Councillor Whelan moves amendment to amendment to item 9.3

BE IT RESOLVED that audio recordings of council ~~are posted~~ **be made available upon request**

Vote to amend amendment to item 9.3 passes unanimously.

Councillor Quintal adds link of minutes could be included in email from President Daley?

President Daley replies a link to website where minutes are housed can be included if council wishes.

Councillor Hebert calls question.

Vote to call the question passes unanimously.

Vote to amend item 9.3 passes unanimously.

Vote on main motion passes unanimously.

9.4 UNB Emails- VP Beers

As Councillor Cameron mentioned UNB email will be down over the long weekend, has had many complaints from students and profs. Would like to ask council if action should be taken to express the inconvenience for students.

Councillor Cormier asks if it would be more convenient if it was not over long weekend. Cameron replies through work experience updates are done in two hour sections overnight, very uncharacteristic.

VP Beers comments it will be difficult to reach profs regarding projects due after the long weekend.

VP Beairsto agrees a letter should be sent; inquire on reasons for this method of update.

Councillor Whelan wonders if three days is definite or accounts for any issues that may come up.

Councillor Cameron believes that the method should not take days.

BE IT RESOLVED investigate further and draft a response with concerns.

Mover: President Daley

Second: Cameron

Vote passes unanimously

9.5 Council Dates and Effectiveness of Council- President Daley

Brought to attention by Chairman Whitney. Has been an increase of council meetings for consistency and ability to reduce dates if needed, point was raised that increased amount of dates puts pressure on council. Wondering if council time is being used efficiently or interest in reducing council dates.

Councillor Ward comments there was confusion upon receiving council dates, but council had had sufficient business to cover.

Councillor Whelan personally finds it difficult when the evening is split up.

Councillor Banks wasn't surprised by amount of meetings upon her first year of council, longer lengths of meetings would be a concern for attention span.

Representative Payne agrees effectiveness could be increased; items could be pushed to committees. At council at Memorial, insignificant issues were done at committee level; bigger items were brought to council. Moving towards a similar model would increase efficiency.

VP Beers comments reports are supposed to be two weeks than every week. Would recommend written reports rather than verbal.

Councillor Hebert doesn't think an hour and a half every week is significant considering two-three hours every few weeks.

Councillor Banks is curious how written reports would function?

VP Beers suggests council accepting reports, circulating them with council documents.

Chairman Whitney comments reports have been circulated with council documents before.

Councillor Whelan agrees time length has never gone three hours, believes every few weeks council still wouldn't go that long.

Councillor McLaughlin agrees with weekly meetings for consistency and scheduling.

VP Beers also likes weekly council; in terms of business at meetings we have had guest speakers for past few weeks. Business brought forward has been substantive, hasn't been fillers but business of importance.

Councillor Banks like idea of written reports to council to save time and provide detail.

VP Beers asks to defer this to advancement committee.

BE IT RESOLVED this issue is referred to advancement committee.

Mover: VP Beers

Second: Banks

Representative Payne asks for clarification on exact issue being referred.

President Daley suggests efficiency of council dates?

Chairman Whitney suggests simply this agenda item.

Vote passes unanimously.

9.6 Plebiscite for the Fall Reading Week- VP Bempah

Results came out positive for Fall Reading week, wanted to let council know he is reaching out to VP MacLean and the Registrar this week. Thanks council for help on his project.

10 Other business arising

None.

11 Adjournment

Mover: Councillor Cameron

Second: Councillor Quintal

Council is adjourned at 8:24pm.