



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on April 3, 2012 at 4:15 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Randy Simms
Deputy Mayor Jim Locke
Councillor Lucy Stoyles
Councillor John Walsh
Councillor Paula Tessier
Councillor Dave Aker
Councillor Andrew Ledwell

STAFF PRESENT

Michele Peach, Chief Administrative Officer
Stephen Jewczyk, Director, Planning & Development
Jason Silver, Director, Corporate Services
Mona Lewis, Deputy City Clerk

The Director, Infrastructure & Public Works was absent.

Mayor Simms chaired the meeting.

12-04-205 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-04-206 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on March 20, 2012 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

12-04-207 Schedule – Mount Carson Avenue Project

Council was advised that the contractor for the above noted project has confirmed that it is on schedule and will begin on either April 16 or 23. The anticipated completion date was requested to be obtained.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

12-04-208 Parkinson's Awareness Month

Mayor Simms signed a proclamation declaring April as Parkinson's Awareness Month in the City of Mount Pearl.

Alice Lake, a volunteer with the Parkinson's Society, was welcomed. Ms. Lake shared some information on the illness.

12-04-209 Daffodil Month

Mayor Simms signed a proclamation declaring April as Daffodil Month in the City of Mount Pearl. Representatives (Maria Callahan and Sarah Neil) from the Canadian Cancer Society were in attendance as well as Amanda Collier who is a guest of Daffodil Place. Ms. Callahan extended appreciation to Council and residents for their support.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

12-04-210 Tender for Turf Maintenance Material

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the tender for the supply and delivery of turf maintenance material for the 2012 summer season be awarded to Gaze Seed Company in the amount of \$32,275.62.

Discussion: It was agreed that the Central Purchasing Agency will be contacted for future purchases to determine if existing standing offers are in place for these items.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-04-211 Tender High Pressure Washer

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the tender for the supply of a high pressure washer for use at the City Depot be awarded to Aims Limited in the amount of \$8,234.87 (HST included).

Discussion: It was noted that the tender call stipulated supply and installation and that both the product and the installation would be under warranty.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-04-212 Public Works Update

The winter season is coming to a close which in turn will see the end of the night shift and all workers returning to the normal day shift.

When weather conditions permit, streets will be cleaned and properties damaged by snowclearing will be repaired when materials are available. Reference was made to sidewalks that were damaged by the wing blade equipment. It was noted that a review of the operations will be undertaken at the end of the season and where problem areas are identified, consideration will be given to using different equipment to avoid future damage.

12-04-213 Household Hazardous Waste

The public was advised that June 9 has been scheduled for the collection of hazardous waste – Municipal Depot, Clyde Avenue.

Council was advised that there are five similar collection days planned for the Avalon region that will be overseen by volunteer firefighters.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

12-04-214 Youth Bowling Council May 2012 Tournament

Motion – Councillor Tessier/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to provide a (one-time) donation to the YBC (Youth Bowling Council), in the amount of \$2,500, to help offset costs associated with the significant location setback for their tournament in May.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-04-215 Summer Student Access – Ross King Memorial Library

The public was informed that there are services available at the Ross King Memorial Public Library, such as 10 computers with free wireless internet access for use by the general public as well as other services that may be beneficial, with associated costs, such as faxing, color/laser printing, digital camera and photocopying.

The hours of operation for the Ross King Memorial Public Library are:

Monday and Wednesday - 10:00 am - 8:45 pm;
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday - 10:00 am - 4:45 pm

Beginning in mid June until early September the Library is closed on Saturdays.

12-04-216 Running Event – May 27, 2012

Motion – Councillor Tessier/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT a request from Athletics Northeast, in association with the NL Athletics Association, to hold a half marathon (21.1km) road running event on May 27, 2012 be approved in accordance with the specified route.

Discussion: It was noted that the Association will be required to provide a certificate of insurance.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-04-217 St. John Ambulance
Mount Pearl Division
Annual Fee for Service 2012

Motion – Councillor Tessier/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to release the 2012 annual fee for service to the St. John Ambulance, Mount Pearl Division, in the amount of \$3,000 in accordance with their MOU with the City.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

12-04-218 Financial Support - Social Club

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to provide a \$2,000 donation in support of the City's social club.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-04-219 Professional Development - Deputy Mayor Locke
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – Annual Conference

Motion - Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted for Deputy Mayor Locke to attend the Annual FCM Conference being held in Saskatoon, June 1 – 4, 2012.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-04-220 Sponsorship Request
Professional Municipal Administrators (PMA) – Convention

Motion - Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to provide a \$300 donation in support of the PMA Annual Convention being held in Corner Brook from April 18 - 20, 2012.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-04-221 Financial Support
St. John's Regional Fire Department - Conference

Motion - Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to provide \$2,000 (\$1,000 – towards overall cost of conference and \$1,000 – lunch sponsorship) to the 2012 Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs' National Conference being held in St. John's from September 23 – 26, 2012.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-04-222 Invoices for Council Approval

Motion - Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	Cimco Refrigeration (Glacier Arena Expansion CP4 Pmt #6)	\$ 114,834.37
2.	City of St. John's (Water Consumption February 2012)	\$ 158,636.73
3.	City of St. John's (Water Consumption January 2012)	\$ 167,375.65
4.	Hay Group Limited (Consulting Fees - Job Evaluations)	\$ 7,459.36
5.	Kelloway Construction Ltd. (Cleaning Services January 2012)	\$ 11,959.16
6.	St. John's Transportation Commission (Metrobus Service February 2012)	\$ 74,956.06
7.	Newfoundland Construction (Commonwealth Ave North Waterline Progress Claim #2 -Final)	\$ 10,110.43
8.	Receiver General for Canada (Industry Canada - Radio Communications License - Admiralty House)	\$ 6,256.00
9.	Weir's Construction Ltd. (Mount Carson Upgrade CP1 - Progress Payment #8)	\$ 11,456.82
	Total	\$ 763,044.58

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE

No report.

PLANNING AND LAND USE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

12-04-223 Noise Regulations

Item deferred.

12-04-224 Application for Side-Yard Variance
Cardinal Properties Limited – 51 Simcoe Drive

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the application by Cardinal Properties Limited for a proposed 121 m² single dwelling at 51 Simcoe Drive and the related application for a 5% variance to the sideyard development be approved and a Development Permit issued subject to the City Inspector's conditions.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-04-225 Building Expansion (Over Height Building) and Consolidation of Lots
CMT Group Inc. (on behalf of Sea-Force Technologies Inc.)
44 and 46 Dundee Avenue

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT an application by CMT Group Inc., on behalf of Sea-Force Technologies Inc., to expand the existing building at 46 Dundee Avenue and consolidate 44 and 46 Dundee Avenue under a joint ownership be approved and a Development Permit be issued subject to the following conditions:

1. St. John's Regional Fire Department conditions;
2. Newfoundland Power's conditions;
3. City Inspector's conditions;
4. Engineering Services conditions; and,
5. The development meeting Mount Pearl Development Regulations, 1988.

Discussion: Council was advised that a landscape plan is required when it is a major redevelopment of the site.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-04-226 Development Permit List

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the Development Permit list for the period of March 19 - 30, 2012 be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-04-227 Building Permits

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of March 17 - 30, 2012, showing a total construction value of \$2,618,000.00, be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-04-228 Trout Place – Land Exchange & Easement

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to proceed with the execution by the Mayor and CAO of the conveyance and easement agreement in relation to the land exchange for 8 Trout Place.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

12-04-229 Central Purchasing Agency

In response to Councillor Aker, it was confirmed that the City does utilize the Central Purchasing Agency.

12-04-230 Mount Pearl Soccer Association (MPSA) – 40th Anniversary

Members of council extended congratulations to MPSA on the launch of their 40th anniversary celebrations and acknowledged the efforts of the volunteers who have been involved over the years.

12-04-231 Covering – Household Garbage

Councillor Tessier reminded residents that household garbage is to be covered as of April 1.

12-04-232 On-Street Parking

Councillor Tessier noted that the overnight parking ban was lifted as of April 1, however, no vehicle is permitted to be parked on any street during a storm and for 12 hours thereafter.

12-04-233 Street Upgrading

In response to Deputy Mayor Locke, it was noted that during street upgrading projects in areas where there is grass located between the curb and sidewalk, the grass will be eliminated and replaced with sidewalk adjacent to the curb.

This action addresses the issue of potential damage to the grass during snowclearing.

12-04-234 Dumping in Open Space Areas

Deputy Mayor Locke commented on garbage he has seen dumped in open space areas and trails. He reminded residents to take pride in their community.

12-04-235 Mount Pearl Skating Club – Ice Show

Councillor Ledwell, along with other councillors, extended congratulations to the participants and thanks to the organizers/volunteers on another successful Ice Show by the Mount Pearl Skating Club.

12-04-236 Waste Management Initiative

Councillor Walsh advised of a proposed meeting with residents (Mortimore Drive and side streets) of Phase 1A of a new waste management initiative scheduled for April 4 at 7:00 pm, City Hall. Further details will be released at the next public council meeting.

12-04-237 Regional Water Services Committee

Councillor Walsh provided an update of today's meeting of the Regional Water Services Committee. He noted that the Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) project at Bay Bulls Big Pond is expected to be completed in 2013. When this is operational it will result in increased costs to member municipalities in addition to the increased cost as a result of the City of St. John's withdrawing from Bay Bulls Big Pond and accessing the Petty Harbour water supply. He also referenced a communications strategy that will highlight the importance of conservation efforts. It was indicated as well that preliminary water level readings are positive in terms of volume of water.

12-04-238 Meals on Wheels

Councillor Stoyles advised that the Meals on Wheels program is available for residents wishing to avail of this worthwhile service.

12-04-239 Avalon MNL Meeting

Councillor Stoyles advised that the Avalon MNL meeting cancelled on March 30 – 31 will be rescheduled to a later date, possibly May.

12-04-240 Horizons

Councillor Stoyles advised that Mount Pearl was highlighted in a recent edition of Horizons, which is an annual business and industrial review and forecast of

Newfoundland and Labrador. The publication is a joint project with The Telegram.

12-04-241 Mount Pearl-Paradise Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Stoyles advised that the Mayor's Outlook Lunch for the Town of Paradise was well attended and provided beneficial information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm on a motion by Councillor Tessier and seconded by Councillor Ledwell.

Chairperson

Deputy City Clerk