



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2015

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on April 7, 2015 at 4:15 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Randy Simms
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
Gerry Antle, Director, Infrastructure & Public Works
Jason Collins, Director, Community Services
Mona Lewis, Deputy City Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT

Deputy Mayor Jim Locke

Mayor Simms chaired the meeting.

15-04-197 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-04-198 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on March 24, 2015 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

15-04-199 Mount Pearl Square – Snowclearing Operations

Council requested that the issue of noise due to snowclearing operations at Mount Pearl Square be addressed to ensure the same problem doesn't arise next winter. Council was advised that a meeting will take place this week with the property owner to discuss the matter.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

15-04-200 Canadian Cancer Society – Daffodil Month

Mayor Simms signed a proclamation declaring April as Daffodil Month in the City of Mount Pearl. Al Pelley and Sarah Neil of the Canadian Cancer Society were in attendance.

Daffodil Month is a national fundraising campaign of the Canadian Cancer Society. Money raised during Daffodil Month helps local patients living with cancer and their families. In addition to the sale of daffodils, pins are also being sold. The public is asked to wear the daffodil pin on April 30 to show support of cancer patients. The Society always has a need for volunteers to help support people who are living with cancer now.

15-04-201 Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mayor Simms signed a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Mount Pearl. Ms. Bev Moore-Davis was in attendance and spoke on the importance of understanding the problem of child abuse and the need to become more educated and aware of the issue. She advised that a walk to raise awareness – Miles for Smiles – is scheduled for April 26, 2015 at 1:00 pm, Bowring Park. Ms. Moore-Davis has also received training as a facilitator in a child sexual abuse prevention program.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

15-04-202 Mount Pearl Sport Alliance
2nd Installment – Operating Grant 2015

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to release the remaining funding of the 2015 operating grant to the Sport Alliance, in the amount of \$80,000.00, in accordance with their MOU.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-04-203 Arena Board of Management
2nd Installment - Operating Grant 2015

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to release the second installment of the 2015 operating grant for the Arena Board of Management in the amount of \$40,000.00.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-04-204 Mount Pearl Minor Hockey
40th Anniversary Inaugural Hall of Fame Banquet

Congratulations were extended to the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association for a very well organized, planned and executed 40th Anniversary Inaugural Hall of Fame Banquet which took place on March 28.

15-04-205 Mount Pearl Marlins
Swim for Hope 2015

Congratulations were extended to the Mount Pearl Marlins on a very well attended “Swim for Hope 2015” which took place on March 27. This annual fundraising event is held to raise funds for the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation and the swim clubs that are members of Swimming NL and help create awareness of competitive swimming.

15-04-206 Spring/Summer Public Skating
Effective April 21, 2015

The public was advised that the Glacier will be implementing a “Spring/Summer Skating” pilot project. Subject to continued attendance, beginning on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, the Glacier will hold Adult/Senior Lunchtime Skating and Parent & Child Skating on Rink 2. For further details or for facility related inquiries/suggestions, please contact the Glacier General Office at 748-1100, or email mrideout@mountpearl.ca.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

15-04-207 Uncollectible Account

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to write off the balances and remove the following accounts from the City’s records.

Account No.	Principal	Interest	Other	Total
9570	\$535.65	\$ 31.03	\$147.00	\$ 713.68
9753	\$972.08	\$ 36.20		\$1,008.28
9694	\$883.40	\$ 29.76		\$ 913.16

Discussion: It was noted that the businesses have closed and all collection efforts have been exhausted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-04-208 Tax Deferrals – Low Income Earners

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to defer taxes as follows in accordance with Council’s policy for low income earners:

Account #	Amount Deferred
5818	\$ 1,554.59
4112	\$ 2,279.20

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-04-209 Request for Tax Consideration

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to exempt 2015 business taxes in accordance with Council’s policy for charitable organizations, for the following:

Name	Address	Type	Annual Amt
Campia Gymnastics	60 Clyde Avenue	Business (100%)	\$2,445.91
Canadian Hard of Hearing Association	1081 Topsail Road	Business (100%)	\$8,953.00
The Terry Fox Foundation	835 Topsail Road	Business (100%)	\$ 622.42
SPCA	162 Park Avenue	Business (100%)	\$1,987.30

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-04-210 Professional Development & Training – CAO
Professional Municipal Administrators (PMA) – Annual Conference

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted, in accordance with the Professional Development & Training Policy, for the CAO to attend the annual PMA Conference being held in Corner Brook from April 14 – 17, 2015.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-04-211 Advertising Request
Etcetera 29 Program

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to place a full page ad, at a cost of \$500 plus tax, in the Etcetera 29 program.

Discussion: Etcetera 29 is being held May 5 – 9, 2015 at the Mount Pearl Glacier.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-04-212 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	Acapulco Pools (Pool Maintenance, Equipment & Supplies)	\$ 8,334.38
2.	Armour Lock & Safe (40% Holdback for work completed)	\$ 17,616.47
3.	Bae-Newplan Group (2012 CP1 MYCW Street Upgrading)	\$ 9,527.89
4.	Cummins Eastern Canada (Repairs to Unit 599, EGR Cooler)	\$ 5,900.23
5.	Econolite Canada Inc. (Traffic Cabinet/Controllers)	\$ 16,602.75
6.	Emberley Electric Limited (Electrical for Reid Centre)	\$ 5,584.12
7.	ESRI Canada Ltd. (ArcGIS License Renewal)	\$ 9,504.43
8.	FYB Holdings Ltd. (Traffic Signal Maintenance & Materials Feb/15)	\$ 13,454.68
9.	Platinum Construction Co. Ltd. (Progress Claim #1 Stormwater Mgmt Dec/14- Jan/15)	\$ 18,765.79
10.	Arena Board of Management (Facility Expense)	\$ 8,702.40
11.	St John's Transportation Commission (Dec/14 Usage)	\$ 97,888.74
12.	St John's Transportation Commission (Feb/14 Usage)	\$ 91,484.73
13.	Xylem Canada Company (Wyatt Blvd Lift Stn Maintenance)	\$ 10,273.80
	Total	\$ 313,640.41

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-04-213 Local Government Gas Tax Funding Agreement Financial Statements

Motion - Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the Compliance Report for the Local Government Gas Tax Funding Agreement Annual Expenditures and Outcomes Report for the year ended December 31, 2014, as audited by Harris Ryan Chartered Accountants, be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

15-04-214 Contract Award – Supply and Delivery of Turf Maintenance

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the contract for the supply and delivery of turf maintenance to the lowest qualified bidder, Gaze Seed (2015) Inc., for the bid amount of \$29,289.60 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-04-215 Contract Award – Supply and Delivery of Ornamental Stock, Trees & Shrubs

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the contract for the supply and delivery of ornamental stock, trees & shrubs to the lowest qualified bidder, Gaze Seed (2015) Inc., for the bid amount of \$10,832.18 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-04-216 Contract Award – Asphalt Crack Seal

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the contract for asphalt crack seal to the lowest qualified bidder, Crown Contracting Inc., for the bid amount of \$34,578.00 (HST included)

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-04-217 Winter Operations

The public was advised that seasonal crew layoffs were extended to April 10; operations are winding down; equipment maintenance is ongoing, street widening with blowers has been completed for the year, and the street sweeper and parks equipment will commence reactivation.

15-04-218 Water and Sewer

The public was advised that the data loggers have been received and the correlator has been ordered. When all equipment is in place staff training will commence. The leak detection program is anticipated to be in place by June 1. Private repairs will also commence when weather conditions permit.

15-04-219 Traffic Signal Controls

An update was provided on traffic lights maintenance – a supply of replacement parts is now in place; some staff have received training on the basic function of signalization and able to reset the lights if required – in an effort to provide an improved level of oversight. It was noted that the traffic lights at the Thomas Byrne intersection have been upgraded and, as well, other locations that have traffic activated lights that aren't working will soon be repaired.

15-04-220 Potholes

It was noted that potholes can develop quickly with the fluctuating temperatures and City crews make every effort to carry out repairs as quickly as possible. Until the asphalt plant opens, only temporary repairs can be undertaken. The public was requested to notify the Infrastructure & Public Works Department of potholes that require attention.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

15-04-221 Proposed Consolidation of Property
9A and 11 Forest Avenue

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT an application to consolidate 9A and 11 Forest Avenue into one large lot be approved subject to the following:

1. a copy of a deed of conveyance and a consolidated survey shall be submitted to the City for its records;

2. the use of this land including any alteration of the vegetation and/or grade will require the submission of a development application to the City and approval by the City;
3. once the land is acquired and consolidated and the City is in receipt of the deed of conveyance and the consolidate survey, if the applicant wishes to maintain the accessory building on the property, an application is to be submitted to the City for the accessory building or the building be removed;
4. any future use or development of the consolidate lot is subject to the submission of a development application to and the approval from the Council; and
5. the payment of a \$2000.00 /acre regional trunk sewer service levy be paid for the back lot portion of the consolidated lot. (It was clarified that as a result of this application and issuance of a development permit – consolidation into a lot – the backland is now forming park of the lot and subject to a service levy.)

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-04-222 Proposed Discretionary Use – Atlantic Controls
26 Beclin Road

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT an application submitted by Atlantic Controls to occupy a portion of the existing building at 26 Beclin Road with Office, Warehouse, Repair and Sandblasting Shop uses be approved and that a development permit be issued subject to the requirements of the City's Inspection Services, Finance, and Engineering Services Divisions, and the conditions of the City's regulations related to the above uses.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-04-223 Proposed Change of Use (Chemical Storage)
NALCO Champion – 85 Glencoe Drive

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT an application by NALCO Champion to occupy a portion of the building at 85 Glencoe Drive for the purpose of operating a chemical storage facility be approved and a development permit be issued subject to the following conditions:

1. St. John's Regional Fire Department conditions;
2. Service NL – Occupational Health and Safety Branch;
3. Service NL, Operations and Environmental Protection, Service NL;

4. Inspection Services conditions;
5. Engineering Services conditions; and
6. the development meeting Mount Pearl Development and Building Regulations.

Discussion: It was indicated that concerns raised during the briefing session were addressed by the applicant.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-04-224 Gardening Workshop re Pearl Awards Program
Held on Thursday, March 26, 2015

The public was advised that, as part of the 10th Anniversary the Pearl Awards Program, a supplementary gardening workshop for the participants of the 2014 Pearl Awards was held on March 26, 2015. The City hosted a presentation by Liz Klose, Director of the MUN Botanical Gardens, entitled “Falling in Love with Containers”.

15-04-225 126 Glencoe Drive
Frog Pond Holdings Limited
Subdivision Existing Lot
Industrial – Light (IL) Use Zone

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT an application by Frog Pond Holdings Limited to subdivide the existing lot at 126 Glencoe Drive to create two lots (one with an existing building) be approved and a development permit be issued.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-04-226 Development Permit List

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT development permits issued for the period of March 23 – April 3, 2015 be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-04-227 Building Permits

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of March 23 – April 3, 2015, showing a total construction value of \$268,588.00, be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC SAFETY

15-04-228 Neighborhood Watch Program

For the information of the public, to learn how to get involved with the Neighborhood Watch program, please email neighbourhoodwatch@mountpearl.ca or call 748-1082.

15-04-229 Winter Parking Ban
Notice to Residents

For the information of the public, the winter parking ban was over as of midnight March 31, 2015. However, vehicles can still be removed and impounded if they impede snow removal operations as per the Snow Clearing Regulations, Section 4 and Section 5.

Section 4: Minimum Fine - \$30.00

No vehicle is permitted to be parked on any street within the City during a storm and for 12 hours thereafter.

Section 5:

Any unattended vehicle parked upon any street contrary to these regulations may be removed and impounded at the owner's expense.

NEW BUSINESS

15-04-230 Northeast Avalon Joint Council (NEAJC)

Councillor Stoyles advised that a meeting of the NEAJC will be held on April 8 in the Town of Paradise. Guest speakers are Ed Grant, Chairperson, Eastern Regional Service Board and Ken Kelly, CAO, Eastern Waste Management.

15-04-231 Volunteer Week

Councillor Stoyles noted that Volunteer Week is April 12 – 18 and extended appreciation to all volunteers for their contribution and time for the benefit of others.

15-04-232 AIMS Hockey Team - Mount Pearl Minor Hockey

Councillor Tessier extended congratulations to the AIMS hockey team for winning the Rogers Hometown Hockey Cheer contest.

15-04-233 Knights of Columbus Father John B. Kent

Councillor Ledwell advised that the Knights of Columbus is concluding their annual fundraiser (antique car sweep) and encouraged the public to support the group as the organization contributes significantly to the community.

15-04-234 Mary Queen of the World School – Grade Five’s

Mayor Simms advised that he and MEO Superintendent Blair Tilley met with the grade five students to talk about issues in Mount Pearl.

15-04-235 CBC Morning Show

Mayor Simms acknowledged the CBC Morning Show that recently aired live from the Summit Centre.

15-04-236 Hall of Fame – Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association

Mayor Simms extended congratulations to the MPMHA on a job well done with their inaugural Hall of Fame recently held as part of their 40th anniversary celebrations.

15-04-237 Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze Awards

Mayor Simms advised that he recently presented the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards and extended congratulations to all recipients.

15-04-238 Provincial Midget A Hockey Championships

Mayor Simms advised that he attended the opening of the Provincial Midget A Hockey Championships and extended best wishes to all participants.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm on a motion by Councillor Ledwell and seconded by Councillor Aker.

Chairperson

Deputy City Clerk