

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 29, 2017

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on August 29, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Randy Simms
Deputy Mayor Jim Locke
Councillor Lucy Stoyles
Councillor John Walsh
Councillor Paula Tessier ⁽¹⁾
Councillor Dave Aker
Councillor Andrew Ledwell

STAFF PRESENT

Michele Peach, CAO
Jason Silver, Director, Corporate Services
Gerry Antle, Director, Infrastructure & Public Works
Jason Collins, Director, Community Services
Peter Howe, Director, Planning & Development
Mona Lewis, Deputy City Clerk

⁽¹⁾ Arrived when noted.

Mayor Simms chaired the meeting.

17-08-435 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-08-436 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on August 15, 2017 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING /ACTION REPORT

No business arose from the previous minutes. The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

17-08-437 Proclamation – Sexual Violence Awareness Week

Mayor Simms signed a proclamation declaring September 10 – 16, 2017 as Sexual Violence Awareness Week in Mount Pearl.

In attendance was Janet Lee, Program Coordinator, NL Sexual Assault Crisis and Prevention Centre who spoke on the significance of the proclamation and provided information on services available. Details on planned events were also presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

17-08-438 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	CBCL Limited (Kenmount Hill Servicing Study)	\$ 8,883.75
2.	CIMCO Refrigeration (Parts & Repairs - Glacier)	\$ 7,960.28
3.	Electronic Centre (GPC Cameras, Brackets, Install - Gloria Pearson Centre)	\$ 13,489.50
4.	Electronic Centre (Score Clock - Senior Baseball Field)	\$ 13,800.00
5.	Johnson Incorporated (Valuation of Benefits)	\$ 9,200.00
6.	MVT Canadian Bus, Inc. (Para Transit July/17)	\$ 48,177.27
7.	Public Sector Digest Inc. (Planning & Analysis Software & Support)	\$ 5,718.51
8.	Spartan Fitness (Treadmill Belts)	\$ 6,403.55
9.	St. John's Transportation Commission (Paratransit Administration Fees)	\$ 8,636.50

10.	St. John's Transportation Commission (City's Share of Metrobus for July/17)	\$ 95,468.10
11.	City of St. John's (City's Share of Fire Dept. Cost May-Aug/17)	\$ 1,641,360.08
	Total	\$ 1,859,097.54

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-08-439 Fall Registration Dates
Swimming Lessons, General Programs

For the information of the public, the fall program registration dates are as follows:

Swimming Lessons Tuesday, September 5 (Mount Pearl Residents)
 Thursday, September 7 (Non-Residents)

General Programs Wednesday, September 6 (open to all)
 (*Registered Fitness Classes & Adult Sport Programs*)

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

17-08-440 Contract Recommendation - Supply and Delivery of One (1) Four Wheel Drive Truck with Snowplow, Landscape Body and Salt Spreading Unit TP-17-019

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the contract for the supply and delivery of one (1) four wheel drive truck with snowplow, landscape body and salt spreading unit be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, The Royal Garage Ltd., for the bid amount of \$89,662.05 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-08-441 Public Works Maintenance Updates

An update on public works maintenance activities was provided. It was noted that the bulk garbage collection will take place in September and October in accordance with the neighbourhood zone schedule. It was requested that the “curbside giveaway” program (residents can set out unwanted, reusable bulk items) be considered for an area this fall. Referred to IPW Committee for consideration.

17-08-442 Project Updates

An update on various ongoing projects was presented. It was requested that a playground for the Blade Crescent area as well as accessible equipment for the Powers Pond playground be considered during the 2018 budget discussions.

17-08-443 Playgrounds – Gillett Place and Yale Place

Photos of the new structures installed at the Gillett Place and Yale Place playgrounds were presented.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

17-08-444 Request for Renewal of License to Occupy at 18 Forest Avenue
By Property Owner at 20 Forest Avenue

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to enter into a 20-year license to occupy agreement with the property owner of 20 Forest Avenue for City property located at 18 Forest Avenue.

Discussion: It was noted that the property owner’s family has been occupying the subject property with a license to occupy from the City for over 50 years and would like to renew the license to occupy for a 20-year period. It was further noted that a condition of the agreement would specify that the sewer would be able to be accessed by the City if required.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-08-445 Proposed Amendments
Open Air Burning Regulations 2006

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the amended Open Air Burning Regulations be approved as presented.

The amendments are as follows:

In section 4, add new item:

4. (i) The property owner is required to have fire suppression tools immediately available when outdoor wood burning appliances are in use:
 - i. water hose, sufficient water supply, sand or Class A-fire extinguisher;
 and
 - ii. shovel.

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to increase the safety for open air burning.

It was noted that some numbering and grammatical inconsistencies were also corrected; and these corrections do not alter the intent of the proposed revised Open Air Burning Regulations.

It was clarified that specific complaints can be addressed, i.e. smoke impacting neighbouring properties and items other than dry wood being burned. These complaints can be referred to municipal enforcement for follow up.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-08-446 Family Child Care Use – Discretionary – DA16-0691
18 Jubilee Place

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the proposed family child care use at 18 Jubilee Place be approved at the discretion of Council as:

1. The use is located within a dwelling.
2. There is sufficient on-site parking owned by the proponent for the safe and convenient drop off of children.
3. The proposed development is not perceived to adversely affect nearby residences.
4. The proponent will be installing rear yard fencing.
5. Municipal enforcement has assessed that there would be minimal interruption to traffic flow or related parking issues for drop off and pick up.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Tessier arrived at 5:15 pm.

17-08-447 Auto Sales Business Operating Without a Permit
21 Sauve Street

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT a cease and desist order be issued to the property owners at 21 Sauve Street for the operation of an auto sales business without a permit.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-08-448 Complaints Regarding Condition of Properties
 18, 41, and 43 Munden Drive

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT an Order be issued to the property owner, Liberty Housing Co-op, to carry out necessary maintenance and repairs at the properties of 18, 41, and 43 Munden Drive.

Discussion: It was recommended that prior to issuing the Order, further efforts would be made to reach Liberty Housing Co-op through the Co-Op Housing Association located on Barbour Drive. Should these efforts prove unsuccessful, the Order will be issued.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-08-449 Development Permits

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT development permits issued for the period of August 14 - 25, 2017 be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-08-450 Building Permits

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of August 14 - 25, 2017, showing a total construction value of \$1,998,950.00, be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

17-08-451 Paradigm Hyperloop

Members of council extended congratulations to the Paradigm Hyperloop team for placing second in the SpaceX Hyperloop competition, competing against teams from all over the world. Team members included residents Adam Keating (former Mount Pearl Youth of the Year), Stephanie Adey and Liam Cadigan.

17-08-452 2017 Police Studies Program Graduation

Deputy Mayor Locke extended congratulations to residents Isabella Wagner and Marcus Gaudette, graduates of the 2017 police studies program and new RNC Constables.

17-08-453 Congratulations – MP Seamus O’Regan

Members of council extended congratulations to MP Seamus O’Regan on his new appointment as Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence.

17-08-454 Reminder to Motorists

With students soon returning to school, Deputy Mayor Locke reminded drivers to be extra cautious during this busy time of year.

17-08-455 Visions Employment

Councillor Stoyles advised that she attended the Visions Employment annual barbeque, noting the number of companies in the region that support the organization by employing their clients.

17-08-456 St. Peter’s and Mary Queen of the World Parishes

Councillor Stoyles extended best wishes to pastors Father Edward Sutton and Father Patrick Power who will be leaving Mount Pearl. She welcomed Father Wayne Dohey who has been appointed pastor of both parishes.

17-08-457 Condolences

Councillor Stoyles extended condolences to the family and friends of Tom Walsh, Doug Collins, Rick Leggo, and Margaret Lacey.

17-08-458 Spirit of Newfoundland

Councillor Walsh extended congratulations to Spirit of Newfoundland on their 25th anniversary, in particular members of the group - Keith Power, Cheryl and Sean Carroll.

17-08-459 Nomination Day

Councillor Tessier extended best wishes to everyone being nominated to run for council and commended them for putting their name forward.

17-08-460 Good News Story – Gord Collins

Councillor Ledwell commented on a good news story involving resident and former employee, Gordon Collins, who provided assistance to a tourist visiting our province.

17-08-461 Regional Government Public Consultations

Mayor Simms commented on the upcoming regional government public consultations being held about the long term viability of the current local government system. He noted he would be attending the session on September 6.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM on a motion by Councillor Ledwell.

Chairperson

Deputy City Clerk