

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on August 7, 2012 at 4:20 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Stephen Jewczyk, Director, Planning & Development
Gerry Antle, Director, Infrastructure & Public Works
Gail Sexton, Human Resources Assistant

Deputy Mayor Locke, Michele Peach, CAO, Jason Silver, Director of Corporate Services, Jason Collins, Director of Community Services and Mona Lewis, Deputy City Clerk were absent.

Mayor Simms chaired the meeting.

12-08-547 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-08-548 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Aker /Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on July 24, 2012 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

12-08-549 Ruth Avenue Transportation Study
Intersection Fourth Street/Ruth Avenue

It was noted that this issue is brought back to the Public Works Committee for further discussion.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

12-08-550 Tender for Household Waste Carts- TP #12-021

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the tender for the supply, assembly and delivery of household waste carts be awarded to Saunders Equipment for a total cost of \$796,650.

Discussion – It was noted that this total, along with the purchase of 500 carts in the amount of \$41,810, falls within the original estimated total cost of \$845,208.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-08-551 Automated Garbage Collection Project

An update was provided on the automated garbage collection project as follows:

- i) Phases 1A and 1B are being monitored.
- ii) Tender for remaining carts was advertised in the July 21st edition of The Telegram.

- iii) It is anticipated that the delivery of carts for remaining residents will start in September.

12-08-552 Bulk Garbage Pickup

Bulk garbage collection for this period is completed.

12-08-553 Lawn, Curb & Asphalt Repairs

It was noted that the street and lawn repairs are ongoing.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

No report presented.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

12-08-554 Invoices for Council Approval

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	Bae-Newplan Group (Professional Fees - 2011 Street Upgrading)	\$ 56,403.93
2.	Bae-Newplan Group (Professional Fees - Pearlgate Recreation Centre)	\$ 311,526.88
3.	Bae-Newplan Group (Professional Fees - Pearlgate Recreation Center Site Office Expenses)	\$ 9,679.75
4.	Bae-Newplan Group (Mount Carson Upgrading Phase 2)	\$ 57,287.49
5.	City of St. John's (Regional Fire Service Aug 2012)	\$ 334,312.24
6.	City of St. John's (Water Consumption June 2012)	\$ 177,275.57
7.	Clearaway Contracting Limited (Line Painting Progress Payment #2)	\$ 75,591.26
8.	Marco Services Ltd. (Progress Payment #2 - Pearlgate Recreation Multiplex CP3)	\$ 443,473.02
9.	NFLD. Kubota Ltd. (Light Duty Tractor - Tendered)	\$ 37,433.51
10.	Stage Eleven Audio Visual (Audio/Visual for City Days Celebrations July 20-22/2012)	\$ 14,125.00
11.	Stanley Flowers Limited (Beautification - flowers, tendered)	\$ 21,919.74

12.	Stanley Flowers Limited (Flower Pot Maintenance July 2012 - Tendered)	\$	7,233.51
13.	Weir's Construction Ltd. (Mount Carson Upgrade CP2 Progress Claim #5)	\$	294,015.18
	Total	\$	1,840,277.08

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE

No report presented.

ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE

12-08-555 Multiplex – Status Report

Council was advised that the project is progressing and has achieved approximately 5% completion, including the first concrete footing being poured on July 24/12. Other facets of the project are also progressing, including geothermal contracting work which is anticipated to start on August 10/12.

Concrete barriers have been moved from the track and field to the contractor access road behind the Glacier leading to Phase 1 and a chain lock will be used as a permanent barrier to prevent the road from being used overnight.

Dust control measures are in place as required and will be maintained throughout the summer season.

12-08-556 Tender for Asphalt Re-profiling and Patching

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the “Asphalt Re-profiling and Patching” tender be awarded to the lowest, qualified bidder, Weir’s Construction, in the amount of \$77,687.50 and that funds be drawn from the Sunrise Avenue Drainage Basin Project to accommodate the project budget.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-08-557 Tender for Concrete Sidewalk Replacement

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the “Concrete Sidewalk Replacement” tender be awarded to the lowest, qualified bidder, Weir’s Construction, in the amount of \$91,998.95 and that funds be drawn from the Sunrise Avenue Drainage Basin Project to accommodate the project budget .

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-08-558 Tender for Survey Grade RTK GPS System Glonass and GPS

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the tender for a Survey Grade RTK GPS System Glonass and GPS be awarded to the lowest, qualified bidder, On Grade, in the amount of \$28,589.00.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING AND LAND USE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

12-08-559 Proposed Home Occupation – DA11-00991
Artist’s Studio - 156 Park Avenue

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the application for an artist’s studio at 156 Park Avenue and issuance of a development permit be approved subject to meeting City requirements and the conditions of the Planning and Development Department.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-08-560 Development Permit List

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the Development Permit list for the period of July 30 – August 3, 2012 be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-08-561 Building Permits

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of July 23 – August 3, 2012, showing a total construction value of \$1,844,951.00 be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-08-562 Acquisition of Property
 32 Forest Avenue

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the property at 32 Forest Avenue be purchased in the amount of \$283,415.00.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

12-08-563 Mount Pearl Soccer Tournament

Councillor Aker advised of the Mount Pearl Soccer Association hosted the Hickman Cup Tournament this past weekend for the Boys and Girls Under 14 and 16 where the Mount Pearl Under 14 girls won the championship game and all others were won by St. John's. Congratulations were extended to the participating team on a great tournament.

12-08-564 Association of the Arts and Theatre Newfoundland

Congratulations were extended to the Association of the Arts and Theatre Newfoundland for their excellent production of "Tempting Providence". Congratulations were extended to Christine Hennesey from the Association of the Arts for her contribution to the arts in Mount Pearl.

12-08-565 Arts in the Park

Councillor Tessier advised that different activities will be taking place in Centennial Park over the next few days and encouraged residents to come and enjoy the entertainment.

12-08-566 Mount Pearl Skate "N" Ride Park

Council was advised that on Saturday, July 28th, the Mount Pearl Skate "N" Ride Park hosted the Elements "Make it Count" Skate Board competition, which was an event in the 2012 International Contest series. There were approximately 40 competitors. Neil Blackwood of St. John's was named winner and he received an all-expense paid trip to the Elements YMCA camp in Berrics, California where he will compete with other winners around the globe.

12-08-567 "Aim is Fame Mural Jam"

Council was advised that on Saturday, August 11th, as part of the Mount Pearl Graffiti management plan, Community Services will hold the "Aim is Fame Mural

Jam” at the Reid Community Centre grounds. Street Artists will paint murals on sections of the multiplex construction fence. It was noted that this is an all-day event. It was recommended that the Director of Planning and Development send information to the media on this event.

12-08-568 Beach Blast 2012 Volleyball Tournament

Councillor Tessier advised that the Beach Volleyball Tournament took place on August 5th and 6th at the Ruth Avenue Courts with five teams registered. The championship match included the teams “Huskies” and “Highlighters, with the “Highlighters” taking first place. Appreciation was expressed to Council for their assistance in getting the court ready for the event.

12-08-569 Mount Pearl Track and Field

Councillor Tessier gave highlights of the events and achievements of the Track and Field Club members over the past few weeks. Congratulations were extended to the athletes, coaches and all Club volunteers involved in these events.

12-08-570 Funding from Provincial Government

Councillor Stoyles extended congratulations to two Mount Pearl companies who received large amounts of funding from the provincial government last week for new initiatives. The companies were GRI Software and British Confectionary.

12-08-571 Tender for Household Waste Carts

Councillor Walsh advised that with the cost of the waste carts and the retrofitting of the trucks, the City is well within their budget for this project.

12-08-572 Water Usage

Councillor Walsh thanked the residents for their care and attention to water conservation advising that the pond levels are good at the present time. Although during the summer months, the usage increases, the ponds are approximately 10 feet above where they were three years ago. Residents are encouraged to continue to conserve as the Water Conservation Order is in effect all year long.

12-08-573 Hydrant Flushing

Councillor Walsh advised that the hydrant flushing initiative is suspended for the time being and will be reinstated when conditions are better.

12-08-574 Association of the Arts

Councillor Ledwell congratulated the Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl on a successful and enjoyable event. He also advised of the two upcoming events, on

Monday, August 13th, Kid's Crafts and Megan Barnes, vocal performance and on Monday, August 20th, Kid's Craft and Steve Collins, a guitar performance. Both of these events start at 7:00 p.m.

12-08-575 Promoting of Events

Mayor Simms congratulated the Association for the Arts for a job well done. He also noted that their play has been performed across the Country and three of the Actors have been with the Association since their beginning.

He also addressed concerns over the lack of promotion of these events and feels that there should be more posters around the City. It was noted that the Arts Association uses Social Media to promote their events.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm on a motion by Councillor Aker and seconded by Councillor Stoyles.

Chairperson

Human Resources Assistant