



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2012**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on February 21, 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
Gerry Antle, Director, Infrastructure & Public Works
Mona Lewis, Deputy City Clerk

The Director of Corporate Services, Jason Silver, was absent.

Mayor Simms chaired the meeting.

12-02-098 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-02-099 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on February 7, 2012 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

12-02-100 Oath of Office – MEO Chris Letemplier

Mayor Simms welcomed Constable Chris Letemplier who was to be sworn in as a Municipal Enforcement Officer. Mayor Simms and Superintendent Blair Tilley officiated in the Swearing-In-Ceremony of Constable Letemplier.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

12-02-101 Winter Maintenance Report

Information on the City's winter control methods – such as clearing streets, ensuring culverts and drains aren't blocked, and snow removal from fire hydrants – was provided. Residents should note that the number to call after hours to report concerns or problems is 748-1006.

All City streets have been cut back to the curb and snow removal on cul de sacs continues to take place. Clearing of sidewalks is ongoing.

The proactive approach to keep culverts and drains cleared resulted in very little flooding. It was noted that assistance (i.e. sump pump, collection of damaged items) was available to anyone who did experience some flooding; however, there was no particular request for service.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

12-02-102 Mount Pearl Frosty Festival 2nd Installment of Operating Grant 2012

Motion – Councillor Tessier/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to release the second and final installment of the Mount Pearl Frosty Festival operating grant for 2012, in the amount of \$19,000.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

12-02-103 Requests for Tax Consideration

Motion - Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to exempt 2012 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%) | \$1,595.23 |

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-02-104 Professional Development
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – June 1-4, 2012

Motion - Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted, in accordance with the Professional Development & Training Policy, for Councillors Tessier, Walsh and Aker to attend the annual FCM conference taking place in Saskatoon, SK from June 1-4, 2012.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-02-105 Invoices for Council Approval

Motion - Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

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| 1. | Hay Group (professional services - job evaluation) | \$ 9,517.31 |
| 2. | Temple Consulting Group Ltd. (MAIS customer maintenance program for 2012) | \$ 15,906.24 |
| 4. | Newfoundland HVAC Limited (HVAC maintenance & service contract; Jan-Apr 2012) | \$ 7,925.01 |
| 5. | Diesel Injection Sales and Service (land rental - winter snow storage) | \$ 5,650.00 |
| 6. | Bae New Plan Group Limited (Mount Carson Upgrade; Phase II) | \$ 24,857.27 |
| | TOTAL | \$ 63,855.83 |

Discussion: The City's agreement with Diesel Injection for the dumping of snow was referenced (item 5). It was noted that the property has not yet been used but it is imminent.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE

12-02-106 Home Show 2012
Request for Sponsorship

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT approval of a "Contributing Sponsorship" be granted in the amount of \$500.00 to the Canadian Home Builders Association – Newfoundland and Labrador (CHBA-NL) for the Home Show 2012 event.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE

12-02-107 Change Order # 1 – Glacier Arena CP3A (Geothermal Test Wells)

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted of Change Order # 1, in the amount of \$600, for the Glacier Arena (CP3A) project.

Discussion: It was noted that the scope of work is intended to winterize the well heads and provide protection from snow clearing equipment.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING AND LAND USE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

12-02-108 Notice of Motion
Amendment – Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010

Councillor Aker gave notice that in accordance with Section 39 of the City of Mount Pearl Act, 1988 and in accordance with Council's public notification policy, he will, at a regular meeting of Council, move an amendment to the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 that, if enacted, will amend the Land Use Zoning Map as follows:

1. Rezone the properties located at 15, 17, 19, and 21 Simcoe Drive from Residential – Single Unit Detached-3 (RSU-3) to Residential – Medium Density (RMD).

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to provide Council with the authority to permit single family dwellings with or without subsidiary apartments at these properties with a minimum frontage of 15 metres.

12-02-109 Development Permit List

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the Development Permit list for the period of February 6 – 17, 2012 be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-02-110 Building Permits

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of February 4 - 17, 2012, showing a total construction value of \$943,275, be approved as presented.

Discussion: It was noted that the permit issued for 1 Arena Road was for the first phase of the development, i.e. painting, minor upgrading.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-02-111 Rescinding of Order
912-924 Topsail Road, Discovery Holdings

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to rescind the Order issued to Discovery Holdings, 912-924 Topsail Road, as all outstanding matters have now been completed or resolved to the City's satisfaction

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

12-02-112 Special Olympics

Councillor Ledwell extended congratulations and best wishes to the (27) athletes attending the 2012 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games taking place in St. Albert, Alberta. He noted that over half of the athletes attending were from Mount Pearl.

12-02-113 Frosty Festival

Various members of Council commented on the success of the Festival, highlighting the commitment of Chairperson Sherry Snow, as well as acknowledging the sponsors, volunteers and other committee members. Councillor Walsh was also thanked for providing musical entertainment for the seniors.

12-02-114 Provincial Youth Bowling Canada (YBC) Championships

Councillor Walsh extended congratulations and best wishes to the members of the Pearlgate YBC who will be participating in the Provincial YBC Championships taking place on the West Coast this upcoming weekend.

12-02-115 Condolences

Councillor Stoyles extended condolences to the family of the late Valda Hiscock who was a long-time resident of Mount Pearl.

12-02-116 Condolences

Councillor Stoyles extended condolences to Councillor Ledwell (and family) on the passing of his grandfather, Robert Ledwell.

12-02-117 Condolences

Councillor Aker extended condolences to Deputy Mayor Locke (and family) on the passing of his aunt, Tessie (Dunne) Murphy.

12-02-118 Fines – Mobility Impaired Parking Stalls

Councillor Aker noted that the Province is increasing the amount of the fines for illegally parking in “blue zone parking spaces”. In addition to the fines for parking in designated spaces without the proper permit increasing to the new range of \$100 to \$400, the new regulations also state that signs identifying blue zone parking spaces are to be permanent and visible at all times.

Councillor Tessier referenced previous discussions on this subject noting that she had been told that an incremental increase in fines for repeat offenders was not possible.

Councillor Walsh stated that the individual to whom the permit is issued must be in the vehicle when these spaces are used. If this is not the case, it is an example of abuse and the violator should be fined.

Councillor Aker requested that the Community Services Committee review the fines issued by the City to ensure they are in line with the Province’s new range

and that the municipal enforcement officers are enforcing the regulations. He also questioned whether there are sufficient blue zone parking spaces in commercial properties and requested the Planning & Development staff investigate this aspect.

12-02-119 Heritage

In response to Councillor Tessier, it was noted that a process to compile the City's historical information is being put in place.

12-02-120 Municipal Enforcement Officers

Councillor Tessier welcomed the City's newest officer, noting the important role municipal enforcement carries out in the community.

12-02-121 Snowclearing

Deputy Mayor Locke advised of a request from a resident of Smallwood Drive for the operators of snowclearing equipment, particularly on Smallwood Drive, to reduce their speed in an effort to decrease the distance that the slush/water/snow are thrown.

12-02-122 28 Burrage Avenue

Deputy Mayor Locke advised of concerns he's received from residents regarding 28 Burrage Avenue. Referred to Planning & Development Department.

12-02-123 Girls 4A Provincial Indoor Soccer

Deputy Mayor Locke extended congratulations to both the O'Donel and Mount Pearl Senior High soccer teams for respectively placing 1st and 2nd in the Provincial Indoor Soccer Tournament.

12-02-124 Team Gushue Highway

Deputy Mayor Locke responded to recent comments by Mayor Dennis O'Keefe regarding the Team Gushue Highway and amalgamation. He confirmed Mount Pearl's position that because the Team Gushue Highway is a provincial highway it should not be Mount Pearl's responsibility to pay for its maintenance. With respect to amalgamation between St. John's and Mount Pearl, he noted that Mount Pearl is a vibrant city and will continue to grow and improve services.

Mayor Simms expressed his disappointment that Mayor O'Keefe continues to talk about regional cooperation while at the same time advocate for amalgamation.

12-02-125 Frosty Festival

Mayor Simms also congratulated the Board of Directors, under the leadership of Chairperson Sherry Snow, on a successful winter carnival. He extended congratulations to incoming Chairperson Trisha Warford.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chairperson

Deputy City Clerk