



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2012**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on February 7, 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
Jason Silver, Director, Corporate Services
Gerry Antle, Director, Infrastructure & Public Works
Mona Lewis, Deputy City Clerk

The Director of Planning & Development, Stephen Jewczyk, was absent.

Mayor Simms chaired the meeting.

12-02-065 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-02-066 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Stoyles

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

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

12-02-067 Hedge – 20 Bannister Street

Council was advised that information has been provided to the property owner's solicitor who staff will contact by the end of this week. It is hoped that the issue will then be resolved. It was also noted that given the current weather conditions, removal of the hedge will most likely be delayed until the spring.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

12-02-068 Heritage Day

Mayor Simms signed a proclamation declaring February 20, 2012 as Heritage Day in the City of Mount Pearl and called upon all citizens to celebrate the richness of our past and the promise of our future.

Discussion ensued regarding the City's history and the importance of recording it. It was requested that the Community Services Committee discuss the matter in an upcoming meeting with the Admiralty House Museum Board members.

12-02-069 Pancake Breakfast for Homelessness Day

Mayor Simms signed a proclamation declaring February 21, 2012 as Pancake Breakfast for Homelessness Day that is intended to raise awareness about homelessness and the need for affordable housing.

CORRESPONDENCE

12-02-070 Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador (MNL)

Information was presented from the MNL regarding their 2012 pre-budget submission requesting the Provincial Government commit to working with MNL and other stakeholders to establish a strategic plan for the municipal sector in which municipal government can prosper. MNL is requesting municipalities speak publically about the need for municipal fiscal sustainability.

Council supported the efforts of MNL and requested Councillor Stoyles inform the Board.

12-02-071 50+ Members – Seniors Independence Group

Mayor Simms presented correspondence from the 50+ group thanking Council for their support during the past year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

12-02-072 Animal Control Services

Council was advised of staff's involvement with reuniting a lost dog with its owner. Appreciation was extended to all staff involved.

12-02-073 Notice of Motion
Amendment Garbage Regulations

Council is advised that the notice of motion, presented at the November 1 public council meeting, is withdrawn and replaced with the following (revised) notice:

In accordance with Section 39 of the City of Mount Pearl Act, 1988, and Council's public notification policy, TAKE NOTICE that Councillor Walsh will, at a regular meeting of Council, bring forward a motion to amend the current Garbage Regulations to reflect the additional services of recycling, the use of regulated garbage containers, along with other minor changes to text.

10-02-074 Snowclearing

Given the amount of snow that has accumulated quickly, motorists, residents and children were encouraged to exercise caution and patience as snowclearing and removal activities take place. The public was also reminded that in accordance with the Snowclearing Regulations, vehicles are not permitted to be parked on City streets between the hours of 1:00 AM and 8:00 AM. It was also noted that vehicles are not permitted to be parked on any street during a storm and for 12 hours thereafter. Appreciation was extended to staff for their ongoing efforts in maintaining the streets.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

12-02-075 MS Walk
May 27, 2012

Motion – Councillor Tessier/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT a request from the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada to hold their annual MS Walk (including rest stops) on May 27, 2012 be approved

in accordance with the specified route subject to meeting all requirements, regulations and providing a certificate of insurance.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-02-076 Notice of Motion
Amendment Taxi Regulations

In accordance with Section 39 of the City of Mount Pearl Act, 1988, and Council's public notification policy, TAKE NOTICE that Councillor Tessier will, at a regular meeting of Council, bring forward a motion to amend the current Taxi Regulations to reflect rate increases.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

12-02-077 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
School Milk Foundation NL	27 Sagona Ave	Business (100%)	\$2,324.65
NL Employers Council	129 Glencoe Dr	Business (100%)	\$3,588.12

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-02-078 Invoices for Council Approval

Motion - Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	Modern Paving Ltd. (2010 Street Upgrading CP3; progress claim no.6)	\$ 92,828.37
2.	Modern Paving Ltd. (2010 Street Upgrading CP1; progress claim no.8)	\$ 15,443.33
3.	Weir's Construction (Mount Carson Upgrade CP1; progress claim no.7)	\$ 13,170.56
4.	Modern Paving Ltd. (2010 Street Upgrading CP2; progress claim no.8)	\$ 28,832.44
5	Onx Enterprise Solutions (HP Proliant Servers & HP StorageWorks)	\$ 7,904.71
6	Onx Enterprise Solutions (HP Proliant Servers & HP StorageWorks)	\$ 80,606.65

7	Overhead Door (NFLD) Limited (supply & install steel door for the Glacier)	\$ 8,459.18
8	LSW Wear Parts Ltd. (new edges for plow blades)	\$ 14,577.00
9	Harvey & Company Limited (rear loader garbage packer as per tender specs)	\$186,111.00
10	S & S Supply (carbide edges)	\$ 15,364.05
	TOTAL	\$463,297.29

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-02-079 Advertising Request
Steele Communications (Frosty Festival)

Motion - Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted for each member of Council to record a Frosty Festival message to be aired on VOXM and K-Rock at a cost of \$910.00 (seven 30 second messages on each station).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Simms abstaining from voting due to a conflict of interest.

12-02-080 Professional Development
Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Annual Conference

Motion - Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted, in accordance with the Professional Development & Training Policy, for the Director of Corporate Services to attend the GFOA Annual Conference being held in Chicago, IL from June 10-13, 2012.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE

12-02-081 Food Drive – Request for Support
Oil and Gas Industry

Council was advised of a food drive and fundraiser to be held the week of February 25th – March 2nd, 2012 during 2012 Oil and Gas Week. Contributions can also be made directly to the Community Food Sharing Association at: 21 Mews Place, St. John's, phone 722-0130, or via their website at www.cfsa.nf.net. It was requested that staff also be invited to participate.

PLANNING AND LAND USE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

12-02-082 Order Regarding Removal of Debris and Paint Cans
48 Bannister Street

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the Order issued to the property owner of 48 Bannister Street on February 2, 2012 to have the debris and paint cans removed within two weeks be ratified.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-02-083 ESRI Community Maps Program

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to enter into an agreement with ESRI Canada Ltd., the City's GIS software provider, for the City to participate in the Community Maps Program.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-02-084 Issuance of Order – 3 Hounsell Avenue

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the Order issued to the property owner of 3 Hounsell Avenue on February 2, 2012 be ratified.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-02-085 Development Permit List

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the Development Permit list for the period of January 23 – February 3, 2012 be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-02-086 Building Permits

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of January 21 – February 3, 2012, respectively showing a total construction value of \$441,000, be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-02-087 Confirmation of Order
 1221 Topsail Road

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the Order issued to the property owner of 1221 Topsail Road on February 7, 2012 be ratified.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE

12-02-088 Meeting – Newfoundland Power

This meeting was arranged as a forum for discussion between representatives of the City and Newfoundland Power for the purpose of introducing staff and reviewing current procedures for application processing of commercial and residential developments.

It was noted that communication between the City and Newfoundland Power is critical for capital works programs, particularly those involving underground system replacement. Both the City of Mount Pearl and Newfoundland Power are dedicated to the promotion of public education of safety issues relating to power.

Aliant Fibre Optic – it was requested that the City notify Aliant when aware of areas that NF Power may dig up as it may be possible for Aliant to install fibre optic cable.

NEW BUSINESS

12-02-089 Meeting – NF Power

Councillor Aker commented on the previously referenced meeting with the NF Power representatives, noting that both groups have a better understanding of ongoing projects.

12-02-090 Snowclearing

Councillor Aker also extended appreciation to staff for their snowclearing efforts.

12-02-091 Frosty Festival

Councillor Aker extended congratulations to the Frosty Festival Board and other volunteers for hosting another successful carnival.

Councillor Tessier commented on the time commitment and dedication of all the volunteers as well as extended appreciation to the sponsors and members of the media.

Councillor Stoyles acknowledged the anniversary luncheon, noting that it was fitting to include past chairpersons.

12-02-092 Reid Music

Councillor Stoyles congratulated Junior Reid and his staff upon receiving the Gibson of the Year Award for 2011. She acknowledged with appreciation the contributions Mr. Reid has given to the community.

12-02-093 Condolences

Councillor Stoyles extended condolences to City Inspector, Mike Follett, on the recent passing of his grandfather.

12-02-094 Break-Ins

Councillor Stoyles commented on the number of vehicles that have broken into and suggested residents lock their vehicles.

12-02-095 Seniors Independence Group

Councillor Stoyles extended congratulations to the Seniors Independence Group on the election of a new Board of Directors at their recent AGM. It was requested that a letter of congratulations be forwarded by the Mayor.

12-02-096 Frosty Festival

Councillor Ledwell also commented on the success of the Festival and extended appreciation to all the volunteers and sponsors.

12-02-097 Seniors Independence Group

Councillor Ledwell also extended congratulations to the Seniors Independence Group.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm on a motion by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Ledwell.

Chairperson

Deputy City Clerk