

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2010

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on July 13, 2010 at 4:15 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Randy Simms
Councillor Lucy Stoyles
Councillor John Walsh
Councillor Paul Lane
Councillor Paula Tessier
Councillor Dave Aker

STAFF PRESENT

Gerard Lewis, CAO
Michele Peach, Director, Corporate Services
Ray Osmond, Director, Community Services
Stephen Jewczyk, Director, Planning & Development
Scott Lush, Director, Infrastructure & Public Works
Gail Sexton, Human Resources Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT

Deputy Mayor Jim Locke

Mayor Simms chaired the meeting.

10-07-520 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-07-521 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Walsh /Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on June 29, 2010 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

None noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

10-07-522 Municipal Assessment Agency

Information was presented by the Municipal Assessment Agency on the eligibility criteria for the Clar Simmons Scholarship Award. It was also recommended that staff be made aware of this scholarship through email and placing brochures in the various City lunchrooms and that the public be made aware by placing the information on the City's website.

10-07-523 Meagan Clark

A letter was presented from Meagan Clark expressing appreciation to Council for their financial assistance towards her participation in the International Student Volunteer Program. Information on the program was also provided.

10-07-524 Canadian Cancer Society

A letter was presented from the Canadian Cancer Society expressing appreciation to Council for financially assisting with Daffodil Place and also outlining the benefits of Daffodil Place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

No report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

10-07-525 Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Mass – July 27, 2010

Council was advised that the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Mass is scheduled for July 27, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Residents should be aware that there may be approximately 12,000 people in attendance which may cause traffic congestion and parking problems along Topsail Road and Blackmarsh Road.

10-07-526 Bus Services Tender – Summer Program 2010

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the tender for the provision of bus services for the 2010 summer program be awarded to the lowest of four bidders, Executive Transportation, in the amount of \$17,458.00 (tax included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

10-07-527 Tax Deferral – Low Income Earner
Roll # 3345-913-0-0070-000

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to defer taxes in the amount of \$1,719.75, for roll # 3345-913-0-0070-000, in accordance with Council's policy for low income earners.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-07-528 Donation
NL Basketball U15 Midget Team

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to provide a \$100 donation to Brandon Heath who is a member of the NL Basketball Under 15 Midget Basketball Team that will be representing Newfoundland at the National Championships in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-07-529 Annual Expenditure Report – Gas Tax Agreement

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the 2009 Annual Expenditures and Outcomes Report for year ended December 31, 2009, as audited by Harris Ryan Chartered Accountants, be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-07-530 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	Henderson Recreation Equipment Ltd. (Donovan Park)	\$ 50,624.00
2.	Hickman Motors Limited (Supply of two trucks, less one trade-in)	\$ 67,969.51
3.	Del Equipment Limited (Ice Removal System @ Depot)	\$ 17,289.00
4.	Billard's Trucking Limited (Rental of Crane Truck June 7-11)	\$ 5,069.68
5.	Magna Contracting (Progress Invoice #11 - Glacier Arena Expansion)	\$ 98,093.63
6.	Magna Contracting (Progress Invoice #3 - Glacier Arena Expansion)	\$ 899,744.87
7.	Newfoundland Power (Relocate power lines at Glacier Site)	\$ 75,555.58
8.	Pat's Plants & Gardens (Trees and shrubs)	\$ 10,457.02
9	Crown Contracting Inc. (Sealing as per contract)	\$ 14,999.52
10	BAE-Newplan Group Limited (Progress Claim #7 - Topsail Rd Upgrading)	\$ 11,300.00
11	BAE-Newplan Group Limited (Mount Pearl 2010 Street Upgrading)	\$ 12,482.34
12	BAE-Newplan Group Limited (Bruce Street/Glencoe Drive Traffic Study)	\$ 22,947.60
13	BAE-Newplan Group Limited (Street Upgrading - Park Avenue)	\$ 6,734.53
14	Sea-Force Diving Ltd. (Maintenance for Forest Avenue)	\$ 7,825.25
	TOTAL	\$ 1,301,092.53

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE

10-07-531 Glacier Arena Expansion – CP1 – Foundations & Building Envelope

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT change order # 6, in the amount of \$125,872.00 (plus HST) be approved for the Glacier Arena Expansion (CP1) project.

Discussion: The changes associated with this order are the result of winter work conditions and alternate power routing. Council also requested that an update on the contingency budget for this project be provided.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-07-532 Tender Results – Mount Carson Upgrading CP1

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the tender for the Mount Carson Upgrading (CP1) project be awarded to the low bidder, Weir's Construction, for the bid amount of \$1,913,053.84 (HST included).

Discussion: It was suggested that an information sign be placed in the area advising the public of the new routing for this project.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING & LAND USE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

10-07-533 Mount Pearl Municipal Plan Amendment # 77, 2010 and Development Regulations Amendment # 200, 2010 5 Centennial Street Amendment

The City received an application from Wilkin's Automotive Repairs to redesignate and rezone the property at 5 Centennial Street in order to facilitate an expansion to the general garage. The redesignation and rezoning of the property from GC to MD would provide Council with the authority to consider such a proposal.

The amendments were adopted at the public meeting of Mount Pearl Council on June 15th, 2010, and a public Hearing was scheduled for July 6, 2010. There were no written objections or submissions received in response to the notice by the posted deadline and the public hearing was cancelled.

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT Mount Pearl Municipal Plan Amendment #77, 2010 and Development Regulations Amendment #200, 2010 be approved and forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs for registration.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-07-534 E.C. Boone - Billboard
7 Old Placentia Road

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT a development application by E.C. Boone to develop a double sided billboard consisting of a 3m by 6m sign face on the property at 7 Old Placentia Road be approved and a development permit issued subject to the following conditions:

1. The application meeting the LI use zone development standards and the billboard sign conditions of the Mount Pearl Development Regulations.
2. The submission of a revised site and landscaping plan.
3. Engineer-stamped drawing to be submitted and approved by the Department.
4. The sign shall meet all other relevant municipal regulations and requirements.

Question called. Motion carried with Councillor Stoyles abstaining from voting due to a conflict of interest.

10-07-535 Development Permit List

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the development permits issued for the period of June 26 to July 9, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-07-536 Building Permit List

Motion – Councillor Tessier/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of June 26 to July 9, 2010, showing a total construction value of \$346,850.00, be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried with Councillor Aker abstaining from voting due to a conflict of interest.

NEW BUSINESS

10-07-537 Park Avenue Upgrading

Councillor Tessier briefed Council on concerns over the time-lines for the completion of the upgrading on Park Avenue. The Director of Infrastructure and Public Works advised that, weather dependent, the project should be completed by early August. Council expressed appreciation to the residents of the Park Avenue area for their patience during this construction time. Council was also advised that the Commonwealth Bridge project will be completed within two (2) weeks.

10-07-538 Fire Pits/Chimneas

Councillor Lane briefed Council on complaints from residents regarding the use of fire pits/chimneas. It was noted that information on the proper use of these units were included with July tax invoices and residents were urged to comply with these guidelines.

10-07-539 Dog Waste

Councillor Lane briefed Council on complaints that dog owners are not picking up after their pets even though bags have been placed throughout the trails for their pet's waste. Council encourages residents to take responsibility for cleaning up after their pets and to use their own bags or the bags that are provided for them along the trails.

10-07-540 Commonwealth Avenue Bridge

Councillor Stoyles noted that work on the bridge on Commonwealth Avenue is progressing well and traffic is moving smoothly considering that two lanes are closed.

10-07-541 Award from Provincial Government to Compusult

Councillor Stoyles advised that she attended a news launch of an announcement that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador awarded Compusult a \$1 million contribution for new developments in geospatial solutions. Compusult is located on Bannister Street in Mount Pearl and has recently completed its 25th year in operation. The Mayor was requested to forward a letter of congratulations to Compusult.

10-07-542 Official Opening of Soccer Pitch

Council was advised that the opening of the soccer pitch (recognizing the new artificial turf and bleachers) has been postponed from Thursday, July 15th to Thursday, July 29th at 7:00 p.m.

10-07-543 East/West/North Summer Expo and City Days

Councillor Walsh reminded Council of the Summer Expo and City Days this coming weekend, July 15-18, and highlighted some of the events taking place at this year's venue at St. David's Ball Field. Information was also provided on the Labour Day concert at the Track and Field Complex.

10-07-544 Accident – Bay Bulls Big Pond

Councillor Walsh advised that through the events of the accident at Bay Bulls Big Pond, the Regional Water Committee kept everyone updated on the situation as it was ongoing and that this incident was very competently handled by all concerned.

10-07-545 Clock for Soccer Field

Council was advised that the clock for the soccer field is shipped and should be ready for the opening at the end of the month.

10-07-546 Discussion at UMC Meeting, Stephenville – Water Conservation

Mayor Simms briefed Council on the most recent UMC meeting in Stephenville regarding the need for water conservation. It was noted that Newfoundland consumes 50% more water than our Canadian counterparts and that Canada consumes a higher percentage than other countries. It was noted that a lot of money is spent on purchasing and purifying our water. It was agreed that an education program should be developed to make residents aware of the misuse of our water in our community and other municipalities throughout our province and country and the impact that it has and it will have on our community in the future.

Councillor Walsh noted that the Regional Water Committee has already committed to undertaking this project. It was recommended that this issue be discussed further at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm on a motion by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Lane.

Chairperson

Human Resources Assistant