

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 26, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on June 26, 2012 at 4:15 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Randy Simms
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
Jason Collins, Director, Community Services
Bronda Aylward, Manager of Econ. Development
Gail Sexton, Human Resources Assistant

Deputy Mayor Locke and the Director, Planning & Development were absent.

Mayor Simms chaired the meeting.

12-06-450 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Tessier/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-06-451 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on June 12, 2012 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

12-06-452 Water Conservation Order

Councillor Walsh advised that the latest reports were that the water levels were good and at this point there are no plans to enforce water bans in municipalities and the water conservation policy is still in effect.

12-06-453 Ruth Avenue School District Traffic Study

Councillor Tessier advised that she attended the Traffic Study Public Consultation held on June 18, 2012 which was led by Hatch Mott MacDonald, the City's traffic consultant. She expressed disappointment with the public turnout to this event. It was very well presented by the consultants and it's unfortunate that there were not more attendees to offer their input. It was anticipated that there will be some long-term solutions and short-term fixes as a result of this study.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

12-06-454 Tender Call – 6 x 4 Plough Truck (Tender # 12-012)

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the tender for the supply and delivery of a 6 x 4 Plough Truck be awarded to the lowest, qualified bidder, Western Star Trucks for the amount of \$234,351.83.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-06-455 Tender Call – Catch Basin Sewer Cleaner(Tender # 12-013)

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the tender for the supply and delivery of a Catch Basin Sewer Cleaner be awarded to the lowest, qualified bidder, Saunders Equipment for the amount of \$301,827.52.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-06-456 Automated Garbage Collection (Update)

The roll out of phase 1 (a) of the automated garbage collection took place on Friday, June 15 in the Mortimore Drive area. A follow up meeting with residents of the area is scheduled to take place on Thursday, July 5 at City Hall. This will provide residents the opportunity to bring forward concerns or comments on the system.

Phase 1(b) (Farrell Drive, Nash Crescent and Galway Crescent) is scheduled to begin in July with an information session scheduled to take place at City Hall on July 3.

Arrangements are being made to have the carts displayed at City facilities and promotional signage placed in strategic areas of Mount Pearl to promote the use of the new automated system. It is anticipated that the automated garbage collection will be in use by all city residents by year end.

Councillor Stoyles advised that when they did a drive about in the Phase 1(a) areas, she noticed that some of the containers were overflowing. It was noted that there are clear guidelines that the cover is to remain closed so that the automated system can work properly. It was noted that this garbage carts should hold between 4-6 garbage bags.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

12-06-457 Memorial Day Parade and
Beaumont Hamel Wreath Laying Ceremony

Residents were encouraged to attend the Legion Memorial Day Ceremonies being held on July 1 at the War Memorial site at Park Place at 11:00 am. The Parade is scheduled to commence at the intersection of Park Avenue and O'Keefe Avenue at 10:30 am.

12-06-458 Mount Pearl Soccer Association
 40 Years – 40 Hours Soccer

Congratulations were extended to the Mount Pearl Soccer Association for a successful “40 Years – 40 Hours” event on June 22-23, 2012. This event entailed soccer being played continuously for a 40 hour period on the turf at Smallwood Drive.

12-06-459 Team Gushue Parking Lot Upgrades

Residents were reminded that work commenced on Phase 1 of the Team Gushue parking lot upgrades on Monday, June 18th with a completion date of July 18th.

Facility user groups were encouraged to pay particular attention to traffic signage during the construction period as there will be times when the access to the area will be restricted to drop and go traffic only.

Necessary construction updates will be posted on the City’s and Sport Alliance web sites.

12-06-460 Provision of Bus Services
 Summer Program 2012

Motion – Councillor Tessier/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the tender for the provision of bus services for the 2012 summer program, be awarded to the lowest bidder, Executive Taxi, in the amount of \$16,325.61 (taxes included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-06-461 Outstanding Accomplishment
 #83 NLCC Northern Ranger Cadet

Congratulations were extended to the following cadets at the #83 NLCC Northern Ranger Cadet Inspection for outstanding accomplishments:

- CPO, 1st class, Joshua Guillemette, who received The Cadet of the Year award from the Navy League of Canada. He also received the Queen’s Jubilee Medal, among other awards.
- CO, Craig Hunt, for receiving award from the Government of Canada for volunteering.

Congratulations were also extended to all Officers for their continued hard work and being there as volunteers.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

12-06-462 Tax Deferrals – Low Income Earners

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to defer taxes as follows in accordance with Council’s policy for low income earners:

Roll Number	Amount Deferred
33456011-0-1700-000	\$1,214.34
33459130-0-0700-000	\$ 468.09
3345447-0-0400-000	\$ 1,393.14

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-06-463 Invoices for Council Approval

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	Aims Ltd. (Propane Fired High Pressure Treated Washer)	\$	8,234.88
2.	Bulletproof Solutions Inc. (KACE IT System with Support and Maintenance)	\$	12,203.55
3.	City of St. John's (Cost Share-Riverhead Wastewater Treatment Facility)	\$	101,772.03
4.	Dillon Consulting (Professional Services Public Transit Study April 2012)	\$	6,550.50
5.	Marco Services (Partial Payment #1 Multiplex - CP3)	\$	341,712.00
6.	Mitchell Farms Inc (Mulch)	\$	6,780.00
7.	Pat's Plants and Gardens (Trees & Shrubs)	\$	11,685.90
8.	Western Star & Sterling Trucks (Release of Holdback for 2 Plough Trucks)	\$	120,000.00
	Total	\$	608,938.86

Discussion - It was noted that in reference to #8 (Western Star & Sterling Trucks), this represents a holdback from two flyers that were purchased last year.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

12-06-464 2011 Street Upgrading (CP2)

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the 2011 Street Upgrading Project (CP2) to the low bidder, Weir's Construction, for the bid amount of \$407,126.57.

Discussion – Concern was raised that Weirs Construction have a lot of ongoing projects and whether or not with their workload, they will be able to meet their deadlines. It was noted that Weir's Construction have scheduled time frames for each project. It was also suggested that residents be notified as early as possible of street upgrading in their area. It was noted that the list of streets being upgraded are posted to the City's website.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously

PLANNING AND LAND USE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

12-06-465 Principal Holdings Limited
Application – 10 & 10A Beclin Road

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the application by Principal Holdings Limited proposing to consolidate 10 and 10A Beclin Road to construct an approximate 924 m² office/warehouse secondary building on the lot with an outside storage yard and complete associated site development be approved and a development permit be issued subject to the following conditions:

1. St. John's Regional Fire Department conditions;
2. Newfoundland Power's conditions;
3. City Inspector's conditions;
4. Planning Services conditions;
5. Engineering Services conditions, and
6. The Development meeting Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-06-466 Sign – Eastern Edge Credit Union

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the application by E.C. Boone for a pylon sign in the rear yard of property owned by Eastern Edge Credit property at 31 Corey King Drive be approved.

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

12-06-467 Development Permit List

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the Development Permit list for the period of June 11-22, 2012 be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-06-468 Building Permits

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of June 11-22, 2012, showing a total construction value of \$7,924,051.30 be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

12-06-469 Kin Canada Event

Councillor Tessier extended congratulations to Michele Case who received her life membership award at the Kin Canada Event that took place on June 15, 2012.

12-06-470 Senior's Independence Closing Dinner

Councillor Tessier advised that she attended the Senior's Independence Closing Dinner on behalf of Council and it was well attended.

12-06-471 Mount Pearl Show Choir

Councillor Tessier advised that the Mount Pearl Show Choir are on tour and will be commemorating Memorial Day at Vimy Ridge, Beaumont-Hamel this year. This marks the 26th year of the Mount Pearl Show.

12-06-472 Canada Day Celebrations

Residents were reminded of the Canada Day Celebrations taking place on Sunday, July 1st, 2012 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at St. David's Ball Field. In the case of a rainy day, the site is the Reid Community Centre.

12-06-473 High School Graduation

Councillor Aker extended congratulations to the staff of the Reid Centre (under the leadership of Bill Fitzgerald) who did a tremendous job with the setup for the Mount Pearl Senior High School Graduation ceremonies. He advised that he received numerous compliments from students and parents.

12-06-474 Hershey Meet

Councillor Aker advised that he attended the Hershey Meet. There were approximately 750 participants from across the province and they competed from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

12-06-475 Sundara Opening

Councillor Aker advised that he attended the opening of Sundara project and since then, the foundation is almost complete for the four buildings. He noted that it seems to fit well with the strategic plan and is looking forward to more development in the future.

12-06-476 Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Ledwell advised that he attended the Chamber of Commerce Annual General meeting where they elected their new Executive with the new President being Debra Feltham. It was noted that the combined Mount Pearl and Paradise Chamber of Commerce is working well and now has approximately 250 members.

12-06-477 40th Anniversary – Father Charlie Kelly

Councillor Stoyles acknowledged the 40th anniversary of Father Charlie Kelly as a Roman Catholic priest. It was noted that he played a major role in the building of St. Peter's Church. It was recommended that a congratulatory letter from the Mayor be sent to Father Kelly.

12-06-478 Brain Association

Councillor Stoyles advised that the Brain Association is promoting safety in riding bicycles and is giving away bicycle helmets again this year to needy children.

12-06-479 Senior's Independence

Councillor Stoyles advised that the Seniors have concluded their activities for the year and wished them a safe and happy summer.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m. on a motion by Councillor Ledwell and seconded by Councillor Aker.

Chairperson

Human Resources Assistant