

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2017

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on June 6, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Randy Simms
Deputy Mayor Jim Locke
Councillor Lucy Stoyles
Councillor John Walsh
Councillor Dave Aker
Councillor Andrew Ledwell

STAFF PRESENT

Jason Silver, Director, Corporate Services
Gerry Antle, Director, Infrastructure & Public Works
Jason Collins, Director, Community Services
Peter Howe, Director, Planning & Development
Mona Lewis, Deputy City Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councillor Paula Tessier

STAFF ABSENT

Michele Peach, Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor Simms chaired the meeting.

17-06-271 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-06-272 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on May 23, 2017 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

17-06-273 Underground Waste Container

Deputy Mayor Locke referred information (obtained at the FCM Conference/ Tradeshow) on underground waste containers to the Infrastructure & Public Works Committee for consideration. He noted that the containers were covered, required less dumping and would reduce litter from being scattered.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

17-06-274 Stroke Month

Mayor Simms signed a proclamation declaring June as Stroke Month in the City of Mount Pearl. Members of the Heart & Stroke Foundation were in attendance and spoke on the significance of the proclamation.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

17-06-275 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

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| 1. | Fireside Catering (Focus on Youth) | \$ | 12,506.00 |
| 2. | Innovyze (Software for Water Distribution) | \$ | 10,500.00 |
| 3. | Mercer Consulting (Job Evaluation Project) | \$ | 53,015.29 |
| | | \$ | 76,021.29 |

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-06-276 Admiralty House Communications Museum
Final Installment 2017 Operating Grant

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to release the second (final) installment of the operating subsidy, in the amount of \$37,500.00, for the Admiralty House Communication Museum in accordance with their Memorandum of Understanding with the City.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-06-277 Summer Registration – Swim Lessons
June 19 & 21

For the information of the public, the registration for the summer swimming session will open on Monday, June 19 at 5:00 pm for Mount Pearl residents and Wednesday, June 21 at 5:00 pm for non-residents. All registrations will be on-line.

17-06-278 Campia Gymnastics

Congratulations were extended to Lauren Mills, a Campia gymnast, on her placing at the Canadian Gymnastics Championships. Lauren's results marks the first time the Province ever had a gymnast place at a national championship. Further details on Lauren's results and other gymnasts can be found at <http://gym-score-depot.ca>. It was requested that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Campia, highlighting Lauren's achievements.

17-06-279 Summit Synchro – Swim Club News

Congratulations were extended to members of the Summit Synchro Club on their results at the Canadian Prairie Championships. Further information on the Club's activities is available at <http://summitsynchro.synchronl.com/>.

17-06-280 Aquatics Program

Information was presented on the City's aquatics program.

17-06-281 Boat House, Powers Pond
Family Canoe Program – Summer 2017

For the information of the public, the Boat House is now being used for the Mount Pearl Senior High physical education and the Duke of Edinburgh programs. Full operation will begin on June 26 which will include the family canoeing program on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and on Sunday from 1:00 to 8:00 pm.

17-06-282 Old Placentia Road Closures
During Play ON (4 on 4 Hockey) – June 22 – 25

For the information of the public, Hockey Night in Canada's Play ON will take place again this year in Mount Pearl. As such, Old Placentia Road will be closed to vehicular traffic from Thursday, June 22 to Sunday, June 25.

Councillor Stoyles expressed concerns with closing down streets for the event and suggested a better site would be a private parking lot. She noted complaints received in previous years from area residents, business owners and church officials.

The importance of a communication plan with the public was noted and it was requested that such a plan be tabled at a committee meeting.

17-06-283 Rogers Cable Broadcast – Focus on Youth Awards Banquet

For the information of the public, the Focus on Youth Awards Banquet which took place on May 17, 2017 will be aired on Rogers Cable Television early to mid-June (date to be confirmed).

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

17-06-284 Contract Recommendation – Supply and Delivery of Playground Equipment

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the contract for the supply and delivery of playground equipment to the lowest qualified bidder, RONA, for the bid amount of \$35,436.00 (HST excluded).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-06-285 Public Works Maintenance Updates

An update on public works maintenance activities was provided.

17-06-286 Project Updates

An update on various ongoing projects was presented.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

17-06-287 Municipal Enforcement (ME)
Quarterly Report – January-March 2017

The municipal enforcement quarterly report for January to March was presented for the information of Council and the public.

17-06-288 Building Permits

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of May 22 – June 2, 2017, showing a total construction value of \$571,100.00, be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

17-06-289 International ROV Competition

Deputy Mayor Locke advised that teams from O'Donel High and Mount Pearl Senior High Schools are travelling to Long Beach, California, to participate in an international ROV competition. He noted that two of the three Canadian teams going were from Mount Pearl. Congratulations and best wishes were extended to the teams and coaches.

17-06-290 Congratulations – Jim Bulger, Bowling

Members of council extended congratulations to Jim Bulger on receiving the 2016 5 Pin Bowling All-Canadian Coach of the Year Award. Mr. Bulger's contributions to the community were also acknowledged.

17-06-291 Gardening Workshop

Members of council commented on the recently held gardening presentation for residents who currently have a bed in the City's community gardens or anyone interested in using a bed in the future. It was noted that the presentation by Todd Boland of MUN Botanical Garden was also very informative.

17-06-292 Beekeeping & Urban Forestry Session – FCM Conference

Deputy Mayor Locke provided information he obtained at the FCM Conference on the benefits of an urban forest strategy. He noted that the matter had been discussed during the 2017 budget preparations but did not move forward. He requested that the matter be referred to the Planning & Development Committee for further consideration.

17-06-293 Best Wishes – Mayor Simms and Councillor Walsh

In recognition that this would be the last televised meeting for Mayor Simms and Councillor Walsh, members of council extended appreciation to both for their commitment to Mount Pearl during their term of office.

17-06-294 Kinette Club of Mount Pearl

Councillor Stoyles advised that the Kinette Club would be hosting the Zone 7 District Convention this coming weekend. She noted the significant contribution by the Kinettes to the community.

17-06-295 Vera Perlin Society – “Walk Around the Pond” Fundraiser

Councillor Stoyles advised that the above noted fundraiser was taking place on June 17 and resident Jennifer Holloway would be participating.

17-06-296 Mary Queen of the World – Catholic Women’s League (CWL)

Councillor Stoyles extended congratulations to the CWL on hosting a successful provincial council convention and for all the work they do for the community.

17-06-297 Condolences – Dodd & Denine Families

Councillor Walsh extended condolences to the family and friends of the late Barbara Dodd, noting that she was former MHA Dave Denine’s sister.

17-06-298 Campia – Year-End Banquet

Councillor Walsh advised that Campia would be holding their year-end banquet this coming week. He noted that the organization is enjoying their new facility and that President Melanie Hallett was the recipient of the 2016 Executive of the Year Award.

17-06-299 Meeting with Commercial Realtors

Councillor Walsh advised of a meeting with commercial realtors (a first in a series of discussions with different groups) to help the City plan for future growth.

17-06-300 Waterford River Clean Up

Councillors Aker and Ledwell extended appreciation to volunteers who participated in the Waterford River Clean Up held this past weekend. It was noted that the volume of garbage collected was lower than that in previous years.

17-06-301 Community Mailboxes – Snow Clearing Damage

Councillor Aker advised of complaints of damaged sods and gravel in areas surrounding the community mailboxes. He suggested that the City should report the damages to Canada Post for repairs. Staff noted that there is an ongoing list and consultation has been held with Canada Post. Referred to Infrastructure & Public Works for follow up.

17-06-302 Speeding

Councillor Aker advised of a complaint of speeding in a residential neighbourhood. The matter was referred to the municipal enforcement division for follow up and data on speeds on the street in question (to be provided by Councillor Aker).

17-06-303 Northern Ranger Cadets – Annual Ceremonial Review

Councillor Ledwell extended congratulations to the Northern Ranger Cadets for a successful ceremonial review and to the officers for their commitment to the organization.

17-06-304 Tree Planting – 1st Mount Pearl Lions Club Scouting Group

Councillor Ledwell extended appreciation to the above noted group who planted over 2,000 trees in areas along the Waterford River and the Trafalgar Drive playground.

17-06-305 Waterford River Clean Up

Mayor Simms elaborated on the area covered along the river bank and the efforts of the Waterford Valley Rotary Club and City staff to remove the garbage. He noted the study on the health of the river that is being undertaken and the action plan to have a healthy river.

17-06-306 Thank You – Rogers

On behalf of Council, Mayor Simms extended appreciation to Rogers and the volunteers for recording today's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM on a motion by Councillor Ledwell.

Chairperson

Deputy City Clerk