

**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2017**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on May 9, 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

Michele Peach, Chief Administrative Officer
Jason Silver, Director, Corporate Services
Gerry Antle, Director, Infrastructure & Public Works
Peter Howe, Director, Planning & Development
Mona Lewis, Deputy City Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councillor Paula Tessier

STAFF ABSENT

Jason Collins, Director, Community Services

Mayor Simms chaired the meeting.

17-05-211 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-05-212 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on April 25, 2017 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

17-05-213 Youth Week Proclamation

Mayor Simms signed a proclamation declaring May 12 - 18, 2017 as Youth Week Week in the City of Mount Pearl. Alyssa Gaudette, Chairperson, along with other members of the Youth Action Team, were in attendance and spoke on the significance of the week and outlined activities planned.

17-05-214 MS Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Simms signed a proclamation declaring May as MS Awareness Month in the City of Mount Pearl. Zita Kavanagh, Avalon MS Chapter, and other members were in attendance and spoke on the significance of the month.

17-05-215 Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Simms signed a proclamation declaring May as CF Awareness Month in the City of Mount Pearl. Norma Beauchamp, Cystic Fibrosis Canada, John Bennett, NL Chapter President, along with other representatives of the Association, were in attendance and spoke on the significance of the month.

17-05-216 Municipal Awareness Day Proclamation

Mayor Simms signed a proclamation declaring May 10 as Municipal Awareness Day in the City of Mount Pearl. Deputy Mayor Locke spoke on the significance of the day and highlighted the activities planned.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

17-05-217 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	Afonso Group Limited (Sewer Repair - 14 Blandford Place)	\$6,497.50
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2.	Avalon Coal Salt & Oil (Road Salt March/17)	\$196,773.23
3.	City of St. John's (City's Share of 2016 Operations Water/Wastewater)	\$1,264,443.66
4.	City of St. John's (Water Consumption 1st Quarter 2017)	\$242,388.33
5.	Datafix (VoterView Election Mgmt Svcs PP# 1)	\$6,928.75
6.	MVT Canadian Bus, Inc (Para Transit March 2017)	\$55,415.10
7.	Pennecon Energy Technical Services (Service Call to Farrell Dr Pump)	\$ 6,202.96
8.	Spartan Fitness (Summit Equipment)	\$8,820.50
		\$1,787,470.03

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-05-218 Tax Deferral
Low Income Earners

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the following tax deferral be approved in accordance with Council's policy for low income earners:

Account #	Amount Deferred
4112	\$2,548.00

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-05-219 Non Profit Exemptions

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to exempt business taxes for the following in accordance with the policy for non-profit organizations:

Canadian Hard of Hearing Assoc.	1881 Topsail Road	\$10,171.00
Heart & Stroke Foundation	1037 Topsail Road	\$ 5,662.81

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-05-220 Association of the Arts in Mount Pearl (AAMP)
Annual Grant 2017

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to release the AAMP 2017 operating grant in the amount of \$10,000 in accordance with their Memorandum of Understanding.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-05-221 Summer Day Camp
On-Line Registration

For the information of the public, the summer day camp registration will open on Monday, May 15 at 5:00 pm for Mount Pearl residents and Thursday, May 18 at 5:00 pm for non-residents.

17-05-222 20 Minute Makeover
May & June 2017

Information was presented on the 20 Minute Makeover annual spring anti-litter campaign. The event encourages individuals, groups, schools and businesses to get outside for just 20 minutes to lend a hand and help keep Mount Pearl beautiful. A thank you event is scheduled for Saturday, May 27 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm, at the Centennial Park, next to City Hall to celebrate the 20 Minute Makeover and the Waterford River Clean Up sponsored by Tim Horton's. Further details are available on the City website.

It was confirmed that there wasn't an official kick off for this year's event, however, it would be referred to the Committee for consideration for 2018.

17-05-223 Waterford River Clean Up Blitz
Saturday, May 27, 2017

For the information of the public, the annual Clean-Up Blitz along the Waterford River takes place on Saturday, May 27 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. The City is looking for volunteers including businesses, residents, and community groups to help pick up litter and small debris along the Waterford River banks. Further details are available on the City website. Many thanks were extended to the sponsors: Tim Horton's and Royal Bank of Canada.

It was acknowledged that the clean-up of the Waterford River banks has been very successful and it was suggested that other waterways around the city be considered for future clean-up events.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

17-05-224 Contract Recommendation – Professional Services for Glacier Elevator Upgrade Assessment, Design and Tender Services

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the professional services contract for an assessment, design and tender services for the Glacier elevator upgrade to Jewer Bailey Consultants in the amount of \$24,800.00 (HST excluded).

It was noted that the contract does not include supply and install time.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-05-225 Public Works Maintenance Updates

An update on public works maintenance activities was provided. Information was also provided on the “curbside giveaway” program scheduled for Zone 4 (Admiralty Wood neighbourhood) whereby residents can set out unwanted, reusable bulk items prior to their bulk garbage pickup on Monday, May 15. Residents were reminded to label the items as “free”.

17-05-226 Project Updates

An update on various ongoing projects was presented.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

17-05-227 Celebrating LEED Certification for Beclin Business Park First Business Park in Newfoundland and Labrador to be LEED Certified

Council was advised of the LEED certification for Beclin Business Park in Mount Pearl. Congratulations were extended to East Port Properties Ltd. for implementing green initiatives and LEED standards. It was requested that a letter of congratulations be forwarded by Mayor Simms.

17-05-228 Development Permits

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT the development permits issued for the period of April 24 – May 5, 2017 be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

17-05-229 Building Permits

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of April 25 – May 5, 2017, showing a total construction value of \$2,925,700.00, be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

17-05-230 Neighbourhood Watch – Appreciation Night

Deputy Mayor Locke advised that he attended the appreciation night held for residents involved in the neighbourhood watch program. He recognized their efforts as well as those of City staff, the Crime Prevention Committee and the RNC on a successful program. He noted that residents are building a sense of community in their neighbourhood and encouraged other areas to consider the program. Councillor Ledwell also spoke on the initiative.

17-05-231 Seniors Independence Group

Deputy Mayor Locke extended appreciation to the Seniors Independence Group and commended them on the work they carry out.

17-05-232 Focus on Youth – Speak Off

Deputy Mayor Locke extended congratulations to the Focus on Youth Award nominees who participated in the public speaking portion of the process.

17-05-233 Condolences

Members of council acknowledged the recent passing of Bill Royle and extended condolences to his family and friends.

17-05-234 St. John's International Airport Authority – AGM

Councillor Stoyles advised that she attended the AGM for the Airport Authority and that the annual report is available on line (www.ytannualreport.com). She extended appreciation on behalf of the City's nominee, Darren Martin.

17-05-235 Mount Pearl Lions Club

Councillor Stoyles advised that she attended the Lions Club Open House held on May 7. She extended congratulations to Sadie Simms who was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award and to Dianne Ryan who was named Lion of the Year for 2016-2017. Councillor Ledwell noted that the Club celebrated its 61st anniversary as a charter.

17-05-236 Kinette Club of Mount Pearl

Councillor Stoyles spoke on the fundraising efforts of the Kinette Club and their support of various charities such as the Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

17-05-237 Condolences

Councillor Stoyles extended condolences to the family and friends of Richard Squires, a Mount Pearl business person.

17-05-238 Municipal Awareness Day

Councillor Walsh advised that he made a presentation to students at O'Donel High School today about municipal government. It was noted that other members of council are also making presentations at the various schools.

17-05-239 OTC 2017

Councillor Walsh provided some information on the oil show he recently attended in Houston. He noted that attendance has decreased over the years and suggested that an infusion of energy is needed.

17-05-240 Team Gushue Highway – Contract

Councillor Walsh noted that the contract has been awarded for the next phase of the Team Gushue Highway.

17-05-241 Sport Alliance – AGM

Councillor Ledwell commented on the recently held Sport Alliance AGM and extended appreciation to all the organizations. Congratulations were extended to Chairperson Justin Locke.

17-05-242 MNL – Symposium

Mayor Simms provided an update on the MNL Symposium held this past weekend in Gander. He noted that a dominant agenda item was the public engagement consultation on regional government structure.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM on a motion by Councillor Ledwell.

Chairperson

Deputy City Clerk