

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2010

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on November 2, 2010 at 4:15 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Lucy Stoyles
Councillor John Walsh
Councillor Paul Lane
Councillor Paula Tessier
Councillor Dave Aker

STAFF PRESENT

Gerard Lewis, Chief Administrative Officer
Michele Peach, Director, Corporate Services
Scott Lush, Director, Infrastructure & Public Works
Gail Sexton, Human Resources Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Randy Simms
Deputy Mayor Jim Locke

STAFF ABSENT

Stephen Jewczyk, Director, Planning & Development
Mona Lewis, Deputy City Clerk

10-11-785 Appointment of Councillor Stoyles as Chair

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT Councillor Stoyles be appointed to Chair the meeting.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Stoyles chaired the meeting.

10-11-786 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Tessier/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-11-787 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on October 19, 2010 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

10-11-788 Northeast Avalon Joint Council (NEAJC)

It was recommended that letters of congratulations be forwarded to the newly elected Chairperson (Deputy Mayor Don Drew, Bay Bulls) and Vice Chairperson (Sterling Willis, Councillor, Paradise) of the Northeast Avalon Joint Council.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

10-11-789 Proclamation - Diabetes Awareness Month and World Diabetes Day

Councillor Stoyles signed a proclamation declaring the month of November as Diabetes Awareness Month and November 14, 2010 as World Diabetes Day in the City of Mount Pearl. Carol Ann Smith from the Canadian Diabetes Association of Newfoundland and Labrador was in attendance for the signing.

Ms. Smith thanked Council for their support and for flying their flag for the month. She gave a brief summary of the statistics of diabetics in the province and noted that new information will be released on November 25, 2010.

10-11-790 Swearing-In
Jennifer Taylor – Municipal Enforcement Officer

Councillor Stoyles welcomed Constable Jennifer Taylor who was to be sworn in as a Municipal Enforcement Officer.

Councillor Stoyles and Superintendent Robert Shannahan officiated in the Swearing-In-Ceremony of Constable Taylor. The Chief Administrative

Officer congratulated Cst. Taylor and welcomed her as a new employee of the City of Mount Pearl.

CORRESPONDENCE

10-11-791 Resolution – Prevention of Moose Accidents

Council was advised that the Resolution for the Prevention of Moose Accidents (presented at the MNL Convention) to lobby the Provincial Government to take additional measures to prevent moose accidents on streets and highways was approved with minor changes including brush cutting along road right-of-ways and the culling of moose in Terra Nova National Park.

10-11-792 Canadian Veteran's National Day of Protest

Correspondence from the organization of the Canadian Veterans National Day of Protest was presented. The organization is requesting that every effort be made to ensure veterans, their families and dependants, receive appropriate financial and health care benefits and that action be taken to provide suitable and timely benefits for those who have served and sacrificed on our behalf.

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT Council support and sign the statement provided by the organizers of the Canadian Veteran's National Day of Protest.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-11-793 Presentation – Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work

Councillor Lane advised of an award presented to the City from the Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work in recognition of the City's efforts and participation in the workplace inclusion program.

It was noted that Randy White, a participant of this program and a resident of Mount Pearl, is currently job shadowing the municipal enforcement officers for a few hours a week.

The Human Resources Manager and the Municipal Enforcement Officers accepted this award on behalf of the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

10-11-794 Remembrance Day Ceremonies (November 11)

Motion – Councillor Tessier/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT a request from the Royal Canadian Legion to hold their annual Remembrance Day parade be approved in accordance with the specified route.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

10-11-795 Quotation – Cafeteria Seating – Glacier Arena

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the quotation for the delivery, supply and installation of cafeteria seating for the Glacier Arena be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, Sani-Pro Inc., in the amount of \$10,790.00 (plus HST).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-11-796 Quotation – Glacier – Signage

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the quotation for the manufacturing and installation of the Glacier signage be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, Impact Signs and Graphics, in the amount of \$5,900.00 (plus HST).

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

10-11-797 Release of Funds – City of Corner Brook
Portion of East West Summer Expo 2009

Motion - Councillor Walsh/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to release a portion of the funds received from the ACOA grant for the East West Summer Expo 2009, in the amount of \$31,000.00 to the City of Corner Brook.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

10-11-798 Tax Deferral – Low Income Earner
Roll # 3345017-1-0130-000

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to defer taxes, in the amount of \$1,288.73, for roll # 3345017-1-0130-000, in accordance with Council's policy for low income earners.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-11-799 Credit Union Eastern Edge
Community Food Sharing Association

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to provide a \$100 donation to the Community Food Sharing Association, in support of a fundraiser held by the Credit Union Eastern Edge Branch, as part of their official opening on October 21, 2010.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-11-800 Visions Employment Incorporated - Grant

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to provide a \$500 grant in lieu of a business tax exemption for Visions Employment Inc. for 2010 and for 2011.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-11-801 Donation Policy

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the following changes to the Donation Policy effective January 1, 2011 be approved:

Donation Policy

Contributions to individuals or organizations who are soliciting funds from the general public are not deemed an appropriate use of public funds as such donations could result in "double" donating and deprives citizens of the right to choose the causes they wish to support. Accordingly, no

assistance will be provided in these instances. The Director of Corporate Services has the authority to deny these requests. Any organization or individual whose request has been denied by the Director may appeal to Council for further consideration.

Sponsorship Guidelines

Council may sponsor events being held by local community groups that provide services related to the City's mandate. The event must benefit the community at large or a sector of Mount Pearl residents in general. (For example, annual Santa Claus Parade, Glendale reunion...)

Sport/Other Groups/Individuals Travelling

Such requests will be denied.

Discussion – It was agreed that it is not appropriate for Council to use public funds to support a charitable organization as it should be a personal choice by residents. It was noted that recipients of donations during the past couple of years will be notified of the change in the policy.

Question called. Motion carried with Councillor Stoyles voting against the motion.

10-11-802 Group Benefits Renewal

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the Basic Life Insurance, Dependent Life Insurance, Long Term Disability Insurance, and Health and Dental Insurance be renewed with Manulife Financial and that Basic Accidental Death & Dismemberment be placed with AXA Assurances.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-11-803 September Payment Register

Council was presented with the September 2010 payment register showing a total value of \$4,966,915.85

10-11-804 Invoices for Council Approval

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	City of Corner Brook (Revenue Share - East West Expo 2008-2009)	\$ 31,000.00
2.	Kennedy Belbin (Purchase of East Port Property Buffer)	\$ 107,000.00
3.	Saunders Equipment (Basic Unit Co-mingle Garbage Packer)	\$ 285,979.27
4.	Bae Newplan Group Limited (Olympic Drive Phase I/II ESA)	\$ 35,030.00
5.	Woodrow Bessey (Net removal & Repairs - St. Davids & Squires Fields)	\$ 6,360.00
6	Magna Contracting (Glacier Arena Expansion - CP1)	\$ 88,179.55
7.	Magna Contracting (Glacier Arena Expansion - CP2)	\$ 837,339.56
8.	Lighting & Traffic Systems Limited (Replace Traffic Poles - Smallwood/ Commonwealth)	\$ 39,369.44
9.	Lighting & Traffic Systems Limited (Repairs - Hurricane Igor-Topsail Rd/Farrell Dr)	\$ 5,753.21
10.	Lighting & Traffic Systems Limited (Repairs - Hurricane Igor-Ruth Ave/Old Placentia Rd)	\$ 8,723.84
11.	Lighting & Traffic Systems Limited (Repairs - Hurricane Igor- Richard Nolan/Old Placentia)	\$ 10,896.77
12.	Lighting & Traffic Systems Limited (Repairs - Hurricane Igor-Michener & Ruth Ave)	\$ 13,570.72
13.	Lighting & Traffic Systems Limited (Repairs - Hurricane Igor-Mt Carson Ave/Topsail Rd)	\$ 5,367.18
13.	Audio Systems Limited (Supply/Installation - Main Rink Sound System - Glacier)	\$ 33,052.50
	TOTAL	\$ 1,507,622.04

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-11-805 Atlantic Mayors' Congress – Meetings

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted for Councillor Stoyles to attend the Atlantic Mayors' Congress meetings being held November 3-5, 2010 in Saint John, New Brunswick.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-11-806 Trout Place Service Levy

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT levies on Trout Place be charged, as calculated by the Director of Corporate Services, to be paid over four years.

Discussion - In 2008, the City made an agreement with Trout Place property owners to upgrade the street and services to bring them up to City standards, with a portion of the costs to be charged to owners through a service levy. This project is now complete.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE

10-11-807 Recycling Program Expansion – Promotional Campaign Update

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT the unbudgeted expense of \$41,703.07 for the Public Awareness Campaign for the Recycling Program Expansion be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-11-808 Approval to Travel – Councillor Lucy Stoyles

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted, in accordance with the Professional Development & Training Policy, for Councillor Stoyles to attend various meetings with municipal officials regarding their economic development initiatives in St. Albert, Alberta from December 6-10, 2010.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING AND LAND USE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

10-11-809 Changeable Message Sign Amendment
Mount Pearl Development Regulation Amendment No 207, 2010

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt Development Regulation No: 207, 2010 (changeable message signs) and that the free-standing changeable

message signs that primarily promote off site advertising be taxed on an annual basis of \$100.00 per sign face (similar to the taxation of billboards).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-11-810 Development Permit List

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT development permits issued for the period of October 16 - 29, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

10-11-811 Building Permit List

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of October 16 to November 2, 2010, showing a total construction value of \$426,650.00, be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

10-11-812 Exemption of GST for Regional Canadian Legion

Councillor Aker advised that the Government of Canada has passed Bill C-480, an act to amend the Excise Tax Act (no GST on poppies or poppy wreaths).

10-11-813 Mount Pearl Senior Blades

Councillor Lane congratulated the Mount Pearl Senior Blades on winning their first two hockey games. It was noted that they will be playing on November 3 against Bell Island. Councillor Stoyles advised that she intended to attend the games on behalf of Council and apologized for not being able to attend due to a family illness.

10-11-814 Article in “The Telegram” – Eastern Waste Management

Councillor Lane expressed his dissatisfaction with Eastern Waste Management advertising their increase from \$51 per ton to \$65.50 per ton through the media without first advising municipalities. However, he did note that the per capita tipping fee of approximately \$133,000 for household hazardous waste and residential drop-off service has been eliminated which will offset this extra cost.

10-11-815 Brian Peach – Scholarship

Congratulations were extended to Brian Peach, a resident of Mount Pearl, and son of the Director of Corporate Services, who was the recipient of the first annual Municipal Assessment Agency scholarship. It was recommended that a letter of congratulations be sent to Brian on his achievement.

10-11-816 Best in Business Awards

Congratulations were extended to the Mount Pearl Chamber of Commerce on a well organized and professional Best in Business Awards event. Congratulations were also extended to Bronda Aylward, Manager of Economic Development & Business Liaison, on her involvement and on a job well done.

10-11-817 Ladies Night Out – Chamber of Commerce

Council was advised of a “Ladies’ Night Out’ event sponsored by the Mount Pearl Chamber of Commerce taking place on November 4, 2010 at the Capital Hotel. Two well-known speakers, Elaine Allison, International Speaker and Author and Anne Marie Hagan, Motivational Speaker, will be in attendance.

10-11-818 Volunteer of the Year Award – St. John Ambulance

Congratulations were extended to resident Carol Parsons on receiving the St. John Ambulance Volunteer of the Year Award. It was recommended that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Ms. Parsons.

10-11-819 Opening of CIBC Bank

Councillor Stoyles advised that she attended the opening of the new CIBC Bank on Old Placentia Road on behalf of Council.

10-11-820 Credit Union Eastern Edge
Corey King Drive

Councillor Stoyles advised that she attended the opening of the new Credit Union on Corey King Drive on behalf of Council.

10-11-821 Northeast Avalon Joint Council Meeting

Council was advised that the next meeting of the Northeast Avalon Joint Council will take place in Flatrock on Wednesday, November 17, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm on a motion by Councillor Tessier and seconded by Councillor Lane.

Chairperson

Human Resources Assistant