

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on September 18, 2012 at 4:15 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

STAFF ABSENT

Jason Collins, Director of Community Services

Mayor Simms chaired the meeting.

12-09-627 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-09-628 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on September 4, 2012 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

12-09-629 Culture Days

Mayor Simms signed a proclamation declaring September 28 – 30 as Culture Days in the City of Mount Pearl.

12-09-630 Metrobus/VOCM Cares Thanksgiving Food Drive Week

Mayor Simms signed a proclamation declaring September 30 - October 8, 2012 as the Metrobus/VOCM Cares Thanksgiving Food Drive Week in the City of Mount Pearl.

Mr. Eg Walters of the Community Food Sharing Association, as well as Ed Grouchy from Metrobus and Jackie Dollimount, VOCM Cares Foundation, were in attendance. Appreciation was expressed to staff and residents for supporting this project.

12-09-631 Presentation – Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medals

Mayor Simms welcomed Steve Kent, Member for Mount Pearl North, who proceeded to present three residents of his district – Bernice Miller, Pat O’Keefe and Melvin Hong - with a Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal. These residents were nominated and selected in recognition of their contributions to the community.

It was also acknowledged that two residents – Richard Levandier and Gerald Coombs - from the District of Mount Pearl South, represented by MHA Paul Lane, also received medals.

Congratulations and appreciation was extended to all recipients.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

12-09-632 Tropical Storm "Leslie" - September 11, 2012
De-brief Report

A report on the action taken before and after Tropical Storm Leslie was presented.

It was noted that staff responded quickly to frontline events removing road hazards, implementing road closures, monitoring infrastructure and coordinating repairs as soon as safely possible. This storm response was considered "Level 1"

in accordance with the City's Emergency Response Plan, defined as an "incident which minimally affects the life and safety of residents and/or City infrastructure or the environment." The City is reviewing the event as to what was done and considering ways to improve the response.

Discussion ensued on specific issues such as traffic lights being out of service at major intersections, property damage, collection of trees/debris, keeping City Hall open during the storm, the need for a handset telephone, etc.

Congratulations were extended to the Provincial Government on the launch of the "Turn Back the Tide" campaign which is a public awareness campaign on climate change and energy efficiency. The campaign is intended to promote a better understanding of climate change and energy efficiency, why these issues are important to Newfoundland and Labrador, and all the ways that households, businesses, communities, schools and governments can take action. It was suggested that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to the Honourable Terry French recognizing the campaign.

Appreciation was extended to all staff for their efforts!

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

12-09-633 Reid Centre Interruption of Services

Appreciation was extended to the users of the Reid Community Centre for their patience and understanding of the recent interruptions due to the ongoing construction of the Multiplex.

12-09-634 Team Gushue Complex Entrance

Appreciation was extended to the residents of Smallwood Drive and the patrons of the Team Gushue Complex for their patience and understanding with the work carried to the entrance this past summer. The entrance widening is now completed.

12-09-635 St. David's Park - Redevelopment
Public Consultation, September 26, 2012

The City is proposing to redevelop St. David's Field to a passive park. A public consultation (September 26) is scheduled for input into the future design of the park. The information gathered will be used to determine future uses and the physical concept plan for the park. Further information may be obtained from Jason Collins, Community Services Department at 748-1027, by email jcollins@mountpearl.ca, or fax 748-1150.

12-09-636 Correction in Oktoberfest Craft Fair Date
City of Mount Pearl Community Events Calendar

For the information of the public, there is an error in the Community Events Calendar in the month of October. The correct date for the Thanksgiving Day – Oktoberfest Craft Fair is Monday, October 8.

12-09-637 Kenmount Park Community Centre
Upcoming Programs 2012

Information on new and expanded programs at the Kenmount Park Community Centre, 25 Holden Street, was presented. Please contact the Reid Community Centre for rentals and program information/registration at 748-1002.

12-09-638 PEARL Program, Canadian Tire Jump Start

For the information of the public, currently there are 169 participants enrolled and receiving subsidies in the PEARL Program, which is supported by Canadian Tire Jump Start in the amount of \$27,000 per year.

12-09-639 Duke of Edinburgh Program

Information was presented on the Duke of Edinburgh Program.

12-09-640 Powers Pond Boathouse & Canoes - Physical Education School Programs

For the information of the public, O'Donel High School will be using the Powers Pond boathouse and canoes this fall as a part of their Physical Education Program and Mount Pearl Senior High will use it in the spring. The two high schools have been alternating seasons on the pond for the past couple years.

12-09-641 Running Events

The following running events are scheduled to take place in Mount Pearl in accordance with the routes provided:

Huffin Puffin Road Race	Sunday, September 23, 2012
Turkey Tea Timex 10K	Sunday, October 7, 2012
Remembrance Run 11K	Sunday, November 11, 2012

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

12-09-642 Professional Development & Training - Director of Infrastructure & Public Works
International Facility Management Association (IFMA) World Workplace 2012

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted, in accordance with the Professional Development & Training Policy, for the Director of Infrastructure & Public Works to attend the IFMA Conference taking being held from October 31- November 2, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-09-643 Professional Development and Training – Councillor Ledwell
2012 Canadian Institute of Planners Conference

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted, in accordance with the Professional Development & Training Policy, for Councillor Ledwell to attend the 2012 Canadian Institute of Planners Conference from October 9-12 in Banff, Alberta.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-09-644 Invoices for Council Approval

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	Magna Contracting & Management Inc (Progress Invoice No. 20 - CP2 Glacier Arena Expansion)	\$ 12,995.00
2.	Cal LeGrow (Insurance re: Glacier)	\$ 7,472.00
3.	City of St. John's (Regional Fire Service Sept 2012)	\$ 334,312.24
4.	Tony Parrell's Excavation (Disposal of contaminated soil; 77 Wyatt Boulevard)	\$ 5,085.00
	Total	\$ 359,864.24

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-09-645 Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE)
The Avalon Chapter NL – Award

Congratulations were extended to the Avalon Chapter NL branch of the CSSE on being awarded the 2012 Chapter of the Year for their work and dedication to safety. It was noted that the City's Health & Safety Officer, Jennifer Rose, is an active member of this group.

12-09-646 Employee Awards Night

It was noted that the City's 13th Annual Employee Awards Night will be held on September 27 at Hotel Mount Pearl. The Employee Awards Night is held to recognize employees' contributions to the delivery of service and dedication. Congratulations were extended to all award recipients and appreciation to all staff for their efforts.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS & TOURISM COMMITTEE

12-09-647 Commercial Space Inventory Report

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT the Commercial Space Inventory Report for 2012 be accepted as presented and posted to the City's website.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE

12-09-648 Multiplex – Update

An update on the Multiplex construction was provided.

12-09-649 2012/2014 Multi-Year Capital Works Program

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to accept the terms and conditions of the 2012-2014 Multi-Year Capital Works Agreement for the Provincial/Municipal 70/30 funding arrangement.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING AND LAND USE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

12-09-650 Active Transportation Plan for the City of Mount Pearl
EVITCA Group

Information on the Active Transportation Plan as prepared by the EVITCA Group (students – Dalhousie University) was presented.

12-09-651 Green Team 2012 – Conservation Corps, NL – Report

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the Green Team report for 2012 be accepted and posted to the City's website.

Discussion: It was suggested that there be a scheduled collection of litter from the receptacles along the trail way system as well as consideration given to increasing the number of receptacles with lids to contain the garbage. Residents should be encouraged to develop a "culture of cleanliness" i.e. through a stronger educational program.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-09-652 Open House
Proposed Redesignation and Rezoning
166 Park Avenue

It was noted that as a result of commentary at the briefing session of May 15, 2012 regarding a proposed amendment to the Mount Pearl Municipal Plan and Development Regulations 2010, it has been decided to hold a second public input opportunity. The City is organizing an open house so that the developer can present further plans and information and the City can receive additional public feedback with respect to proposed amendments at 166 Park Avenue. The Open House is scheduled from 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Monday, October 1, 2012 at Park Place, 61 Park Avenue.

12-09-653 Proposed Accessory Building in Flanking Street Side Yard
32 Fourth Street

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT a development application to construct an accessory building measuring 3.6 m (12 feet) by 7.3 m (24 feet) in the flanking street side yard of the property at 32 Fourth Street be approved subject to the proposal meeting the minimum standards for accessory buildings as contained within the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-09-654 MAE Design Ltd. (Prospect Development Limited)
20 Lot Residential Subdivision
Moffat Road Subdivision Division - Phase 1B

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT a development application for a proposed 20 lot residential subdivision (Phase 1B – Moffatt Road) as submitted by MAE Design Ltd., on behalf of Prospect Development Ltd., be approved and a development permit issued subject to the recommended conditions by the Planning and Development Department.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-09-655 Ron Fougere Associates (Shoal Investments Ltd.)
Second Building on Lot
1246 – 1258 Topsail Road

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT an application by Ron Fougere Associates Ltd., on behalf of Shoal Investments Ltd. (Coastal Marine), to construct a second building at 1246 – 1258 Topsail Road be approved and a development permit issued subject to the recommended conditions by the Planning and Development Department .

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-09-656 Building Permits

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of August 31 – September 14, 2012, showing a total construction value of \$1,524,800.00, be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

12-09-657 Order
1281-1283 Topsail Road

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to issue an Order to the owner of 1281-1283 Topsail Road to remove machinery from the landscaped front yard of the property.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

12-09-658 Assessed Property Values

Deputy Mayor Locke advised that the assessed values will be changed to reflect the actual property value as of January 2011, as per legislation. The average

assessment values for residential properties have increased by 45% and the average commercial values have increased by 20% over the prior assessment period. He clarified that taxation rates will be considered during the 2013 budget process and the increase in assessed property values taken into consideration. The assessment notices (and information related to the appeal process) will be forwarded to property owners by the Municipal Assessment Agency in early October.

12-09-659 Congratulations – Ben Kirby, 807 Mount Pearl Air Cadets

Deputy Mayor Locke extended congratulations to Cadet Ben Kirby on his accomplishments at the Air Cadet Glider School Camp. It was requested that a letter of congratulations be forwarded from the Mayor's office.

12-09-660 Traffic Study – Ruth Avenue

In response to Deputy Mayor Locke, it was noted that further information as to when the next public consultation would be held on the Traffic Study (Ruth Avenue) would be available in the next week or two. It was noted that the traffic study is being undertaken in conjunction with the Eastern School District.

12-09-661 Church of the Good Shepherd – Blessing of Labyrinth

Congratulations were extended to the parishioners of the Church of the Good Shepherd on the blessing of their recently constructed labyrinth. The support from the City and the Province on this endeavour was acknowledged.

12-09-662 Pearlgate Track & Field

Councillor Tessier extended appreciation to the users of the Pearlgate Track & Field Complex in recognition of the recent interruptions due to the ongoing construction of the Multiplex.

12-09-663 Tropical Storm Leslie

Councillor Aker, as well as other members of Council, extended appreciation to staff for their response during the storm. He particularly noted their efforts in re-opening the affected recreation sites as quickly as possible.

12-09-664 Response – Sewer Backup

Councillor Aker advised of a note of appreciation he received from a resident who recently required assistance (related to a sewer backup) from staff.

12-09-665 MNL Avalon Director – Councillor Stoyles

Councillor Aker extended best wishes to Councillor Stoyles who is running for re-election as the MNL Avalon Director.

12-09-666 MNL Annual Convention

Councillor Stoyles advised that the Municipal Assessment Agency would be holding an information session at the upcoming MNL convention.

12-09-667 Business Mixer – Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Stoyles advised of a Chamber of Commerce business mixer held at Business Suites – a recently opened business. She noted that the business offers office suites for permanent, temporary or occasional rental terms as well as a conference room.

12-09-668 Church of the Good Shepherd

Councillor Stoyles advised that the Parish offers a free lunch for the community each Wednesday. She further advised that the Parish is holding a fundraiser (dinner theatre/dance) on October 13 at the Reid Community Centre.

12-09-669 Northeast Avalon Joint Council

Councillor Stoyles advised that the NEAJC will be meeting on September 19 in Portugal Cove-St. Philips. (Next month's meeting will be in Colliers and Minister of Municipal Affairs is scheduled to be in attendance.)

12-09-670 Detonators

Councillor Stoyles inquired (on behalf of a resident) whether a permit was required to transport detonators. The inquiry was a result of a recent incident whereby detonators were found on Commonwealth Avenue. (To be clarified as to whether permit required.)

12-09-671 Bulk Garbage Collection

As a result of a recent incident whereby an employee was splashed with a hazardous waste material during bulk garbage collection, Councillor Walsh reminded residents of the importance of placing items to the curb in accordance with the guidelines as well as properly containing/bagging them. It was noted that the resident had been contacted regarding the incident.

12-09-672 Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl (AAMP)

Councillor Ledwell extended congratulations to AAMP on the activities held to date as well as highlighted the events planned for the balance of Arts Week.

12-09-673 Church of the Good Shepherd

Mayor Simms also extended congratulations to the Parish of the Good Shepherd on the establishment of the labyrinth as well as wishing them well with their upcoming programs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm on a motion by Councillor Ledwell and seconded by Councillor Stoyles.

Chairperson

Deputy City Clerk