

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2011

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on September 20, 2011 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

STAFF PRESENT

Michele Peach, Chief Administrative Officer
Stephen Jewczyk, Director, Planning & Development
Scott Lush, Director, Infrastructure & Public Works
Brian Chmarney, Director, Community Services
Jason Silver, Director, Corporate Services
Mona Lewis, Deputy City Clerk

Councillor Paul Lane absent – on a leave of absence until after the provincial election.

Mayor Simms chaired the meeting.

11-09-629 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Stoyles /Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

11-09-630 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on September 6, 2011 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

11-09-631 Traffic – School Zones

Council was advised that the Community Services Committee will be considering ways to address the issue of speeding in school zones at their next meeting. It was noted that it may be some weeks before the data/information is compiled, however, Council will be kept updated.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

11-09-632 Metrobus/VOCM Cares Thanksgiving Food Drive Week

Mayor Simms signed a proclamation declaring October 2 - 8, 2011 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 Ms. Kelly Reid and Jackie Dollimount, VOCM Cares Foundation, were in attendance. Appreciation was expressed to staff and residents for supporting this project.

11-09-633 Presentation – Waterford River Cleanup Blitz

Mayor Simms welcomed representatives from Industrial Rubber and the Bank of Nova Scotia and presented certificates of appreciation in recognition of their participation in the Waterford River Cleanup Blitz. Other participating companies were Tiller Engineering, FI Canada Oilfield Services and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Simms commented on illegal dumping noting that measures to address this problem are being considered.

Appreciation was also extended to City staff and the Green Team for their involvement in this project.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

11-09-634 Leaf Composting – Pilot Project

In an effort to further reduce the amount of waste brought to the Regional Landfill Site, the City is embarking on a pilot project for leaf composting.

During the weeks from October 17 to November 4, 2011 residents will be provided the opportunity to dispose of garden leaves by placing them to the curb, next to their regular household garbage/recycling bags.

Leaves should be placed to the curb on your regular collection day in clear garbage bags. Complimentary clear bags will be distributed to all households along with a pamphlet outlining details of the pilot project as well as items that should not be placed in the clear bags.

Residents are reminded that the clear bags must be used for this project and any items placed to the curb in green garbage bags will be assumed to contain household garbage.

It is hoped that leaf composting will divert approximately 600 tons of waste from our landfill site which will meet the provincial mandate goal of 50% diversion. The services of a private contractor will be utilized for this project which will result in the City's tipping fee being reduced to \$10 a ton (from \$65).

Discussion took place on the violation notices being issued for uncovered household garbage. It was suggested that there is a need for increased education for residents as to the types of bags to be used and what items are to be placed in them. It was reiterated that any items placed in a regular household garbage bag is to be covered. It was also noted that recyclables placed in clear bags will be collected.

It was requested that the above referenced pamphlet include notification that household garbage is to be covered regardless of what is enclosed.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

11-09-635 Park Patrol Shifts Extended

For the information of Council and the Public, the Park Patrol shift ending date was extended to Saturday, September 24, 2011.

- 11-09-636 NL Police & Peace Officers Memorial Association
Parade / Ceremony
September 25, 2011

For the information of Council and the public, the 9th Annual Newfoundland & Labrador Police and Peace Officers Memorial Parade/Ceremony will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, September 25 at the Memorial Site, Confederation Hill, St. John's.

- 11-09-637 Turkey Tea Road Race 10K
October 9, 2011

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to hold the Turkey Tea 10K, road running event on Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 8:00 am in accordance with the outlined route and subject to meeting all requirements and regulations.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

- 11-09-638 Urban Municipalities Committee (UMC)

Motion – Councillor Tessier/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted for Deputy Mayor Locke to attend the UMC meetings being held in Gander on September 30 and October 1.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

- 11-09-639 Invoices for Council Approval

Motion – Councillor Tessier/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	Transcontinental St. John's (2011 Fall Activity Guide)	\$ 9,783.54
2.	Morneau Shepell (Escalation Billing: Employee Assistance Program)	\$ 6,079.78
3.	Sea-Force Diving Limited (Provision of Pipe Inspection Services April & May)	\$ 5,277.10
4.	Pardy's Waste Management & Industrial Service Limited (Vac Waste and Disposal Services)	\$ 5,120.31

5.	H & B Construction (District Water Meter - Progress Claim #2)	\$ 5,667.61
6.	Magna Contracting Limited (Glacier CP2 - Progress Invoice #16)	\$ 101,365.67
7.	Modern Paving Limited (Sunrise Ave Sewer Upgrading - Progress Claim #3)	\$ 84,091.28
8.	Modern Paving Limited (2010 Street Upgrading CP4 - Progress Claim #1)	\$ 489,813.87
9.	Craig Manufacturing Limited (Supply 2 Loader Plow Harnesses)	\$ 8,136.00
10.	Audio Systems Limited (Audio Project at Glacier Arena - 10% Holdback)	\$ 5,372.92
11.	Newfoundland HVAC Limited (Maintenance & Service Contract Sept to Dec 2011)	\$ 7,925.01
12.	Toromont Industries Limited (Supply Equipment - Tender Reversible Plows-Blades)	\$ 266,953.01
	TOTAL	\$ 995,586.10

Discussion: It was noted that the referenced blades (item 12) will improve snow-clearing of cul de sacs and one-way streets.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE

11-09-640 H.J. Bartlett Electric Senior Blades Hockey Team
 Proposed Partnership

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to provide a sponsorship of \$5,000 to the H. J. Bartlett Mount Pearl Senior Blades Hockey Team for the City to be in partnership with the team, with an agreement between the City and the H.J. Bartlett Electric Senior Blades Hockey Team to be signed and executed, which would outline the details of the partnership.

Discussion: Supporting the team is viewed as a financial benefit to the community and fosters civic pride. Such support is in accordance with the sports tourism direction as outlined in the proposed Economic Development Strategy.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

11-09-641 New Businesses in Mount Pearl
 Period of June 28-August 23, 2011

A list of new companies since previously reported in June was presented.

11-09-642 Chamber of Commerce
Name Change to "Mount Pearl – Paradise Chamber of Commerce"

The public was advised that the Chamber's Strategic Planning Work Group, with support from Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Department of Innovation, Trade & Rural Development and the municipalities of Mount Pearl and Paradise, recommended a new direction for the Chamber. This new direction has been adopted by the Chamber Membership and will see the Chamber's services expand outside the City of Mount Pearl to include the Town of Paradise with a new name and logo for the Chamber.

Mayor Simms indicated that Mount Pearl and Paradise were eager to enter into discussions on joint economic development initiatives in the region.

11-09-643 Museum Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (MANL)
Conference – September 30 – October 1, 2011
Request from Admiralty House Museum for Sponsorship Consideration

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted for a sponsorship of the MANL Conference, being held in Mount Pearl from September 30 – October 1, 2011, in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE

11-09-644 Greenwood Crescent Bridge

The contract for the upgrading of the Greenwood Crescent pedestrian bridge was awarded to Platinum Construction, in the amount of \$169,584.75, during the August 23 public council meeting. Work has started and the existing bridge will be closed for the duration of the project. It is anticipated that the new bridge will be completed by the end of November.

11-09-645 Update –2011 Street Upgrading

The tender for the 2011 street upgrading project (CP1) is scheduled to close on Wednesday, September 21. Streets to be upgraded are:

Donovan Street
Farrell Drive (lower end)
Woodford Place
Keough Crescent

It was confirmed that the “open space” in the centre of Woodford Place will be removed during the upgrading.

PLANNING & LAND USE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

11-09-646 Mount Pearl Development Regulations Amendment No. 212, 2011
Indoor Parking Standards Amendment

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT the Mount Pearl Development Regulations Amendment No. 212, 2011 (indoor Parking Standards Amendment) be adopted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

11-09-647 Waterford River Clean Up
Conservation Corps – Green Team Report

Council was provided with a summary report on this summer’s Green Team program.

Council expressed appreciation to the Conservation Corps Green Team, City staff who coordinated the program, and all volunteers who contributed to this worthwhile initiative. Council also supports continued awareness and education activities so that the initiative to clean up the river area can continue and that the area can be maintained and improved into the future.

11-09-648 Notice of Motion
Amendment – Mount Pearl Development Regulations 1988

Deputy Mayor Locke gave notice that in accordance with Section 39 of the City of Mount Pearl Act, 1988, and in accordance with Council's public notification policy, he will, at a regular meeting of Council, move an amendment to the text of the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 1988, that, if enacted, will:

1. In Schedule C, amend the conditions section of the residential use zones as follows:

Add to the section titled “Patio, Deck, Balcony and Verandah”, the following:

Where a lot is located adjacent to an open space owned by the Authority on a flanking street, the Authority may permit, at its discretion,

the erection of a patio, deck, balcony, and/or verandah in the minor side yard that borders onto the flanking street open space area provided such structures do not interfere with the Authorities use of the open space area and municipal operations.

11-09-649 Notice of Motion
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1. Amend the land use zoning map of the Mount Pearl Development Regulations by rezoning land east of Michener Avenue between Ruth Avenue and Donovan Street from Recreational Open Space (OS) to Residential Medium Density (RMD).

The intention of this amendment is to incorporate all of the residential properties east of Michener Avenue between Ruth Avenue and Donovan Street into one use zone, the Residential Medium Density use zone.

Those lands not being re-zoned shall maintain their present zoning.

11-09-650 Development Permits

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT development permits issued for the period of September 6 - 16, 2011 be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

11-09-651 Building Permits

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of September 3 - 16, 2011 showing a total construction value of \$333,500.00, be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

AFFORDABLE SENIORS HOUSING COMMITTEE

- 11-09-652 Review of Responses to Expressions of Interests
Re Proposed Affordable Seniors Housing Development
33-39 Municipal Avenue

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT the selection of Karwood Contracting Limited be approved as the successful firm to submit a proposal to Newfoundland and Labrador Housing to develop the municipal property at 33 – 39 Municipal Avenue pursuant to NLH's Private Sector Affordable Housing Program AND FURTHER THAT if Karwood Contracting Limited is successful in being approved by NLH, the City will enter into detailed negotiations with Karwood Contracting Limited regarding the development of the property.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 11-09-653 Brodie Street

In response to Councillor Aker, it was indicated that the final coat of asphalt on Brodie Street would be completed by October 15.

- 11-09-654 Arts Association of Mount Pearl (AAMP)

Councillor Aker extended congratulations to AAMP for hosting another successful Arts Week.

Councillor Walsh also extended congratulations to the group.

- 11-09-655 Drop In Centre – Seniors Independence Group

Councillor Aker inquired whether the Seniors Independence Group would require more space for the Drop in Centre program held on Wednesdays due to increased attendance.

Councillor Walsh noted that the spatial requirements at Park Place for the seniors independence programs are currently sufficient, however, as the City moves through the recreational master plan these things will fall in place.

- 11-09-656 Skatepark Opening

Councillor Aker extended appreciation to the organizations that participated in the official opening of the Skatepark.

Councillor Walsh also commented on the opening and encouraged the users to take ownership and pride in the facility. He also noted the involvement of the users in the design of the park.

11-09-657 Municipal Enforcement

Councillor Aker advised that he (along with the CAO) recently accompanied a municipal enforcement officer on patrol. He noted that it was a somewhat uneventful night – perhaps because of the ongoing efforts of the municipal enforcement division and park patrol.

11-09-658 Bulk Garbage Collection

Councillor Walsh advised that the final collection for the year is ongoing. He noted that metals (placed out for bulk collection) are collected separately.

11-09-659 Church of the Good Shepherd

Councillor Stoyles reminded council and residents of the community outreach program by the Church of the Good Shepherd Parish that includes a free community lunch each Wednesday. She also advised of a fundraiser (dinner theatre) being held on October 1 at the Reid Centre to raise funds to build an improved meeting area.

11-09-660 Northeast Avalon Joint Council (NEAJC)

Councillor Stoyles advised that the NEAJC will be meeting on September 21 in Colliers for their monthly meeting.

11-09-661 Intersection – Old Placentia Road/Smallwood Drive

In response to Deputy Mayor Locke, it was noted that the upgrading of the above intersection will be completed in two weeks.

11-09-662 Dave Denine

Deputy Mayor Locke recognized MHA Dave Denine, noting his retirement from provincial politics, and expressed appreciation for his efforts for the residents of Mount Pearl.

11-09-663 Speed Signs

Councillor Tessier described the speed reduction, solar powered signs that she had seen in other communities.

11-09-664 Visions Employment

Councillor Tessier encouraged employers to consider hiring Visions Employment clients.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm on a motion by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Aker.

Chairperson

Deputy Clerk