

**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 22, 2015**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on September 22, 2015 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  
Jason Silver, Director, Corporate Services  
Jason Collins, Director, Community Services  
Julia Schwarz, Manager, Planning & Inspections  
Mark Stuckless, Project Manager  
Mona Lewis, Deputy City Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT

Stephen Jewczyk, Director, Planning & Development  
Gerry Antle, Director, Infrastructure & Public Works

**Mayor Simms chaired the meeting.**

15-09-599     Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-09-600     Safety Message

Mayor Simms introduced a new item to be presented at each meeting, that being, a safety message. He provided information on the Workplace NL CEO Safety Charter noting that one of the Charter's principles endorses the implementation of health and safety workplace practices. The City is a strong supporter of workplace safety and continually strives for the prevention of accidents as well as the promotion of health and safety. He advised that each member of council and senior staff would present a safety message at public council meetings on a rotating basis. Mayor Simms presented the following safety message – "given the amount of driving/travelling involved in municipal meetings and council business, at odd hours including weekends and evenings, you should always ensure someone knows your whereabouts and you have a check-in practice before you leave and after you arrive".

15-09-601     Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on September 8, 2015 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: Minute # 15-09-579 to be amended – correct amount of contract award - \$163,737.00 (HST included).

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

15-09-602     Fire Prevention Week

Mayor Simms signed a proclamation declaring October 4 - 10, 2015 as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Mount Pearl.

In attendance for the signing were Platoon Chief Dehann and Inspector Power.

Inspector Power advised of the various activities planned for the week and encouraged residents to participate.

15-09-603     National Seniors Day

Mayor Simms signed a proclamation declaring October 1 as National Seniors Day in the City of Mount Pearl. It was requested that the City recognize the contribution of the seniors on that date.

15-09-604     Metrobus/VOCM Cares Thanksgiving Food Drive Week

Mayor Simms signed a proclamation declaring October 5 – 11, 2015 as the Metrobus/VOCM Cares Thanksgiving Food Drive Week in the City of Mount Pearl.

Eg Walters and Michelle Squires of the Community Food Sharing Association, as well as Ed Grouchy (retired) and Sherry Evans from Metrobus and Jackie Dolomont, VOCM Cares Foundation, were in attendance. Appreciation was expressed to staff and residents for supporting this project. It was requested that City staff consider holding a food drive to support the event.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Simms advised of the new committee structure.

CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

15-09-605 Oktoberfest Craft Fair  
Reid Community Centre, October 12, 2015

The public was advised that the annual Oktoberfest Craft Fair will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 12, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Reid Community Centre. Further details are available on the City's website.

15-09-606 Running Event - Turkey Tea Timex 10k  
Sunday, October 11, 2015

The public was advised of a running event to be held on October 11, 2015 (start time 8:00 AM) in accordance with the route presented. Representatives with St. John Ambulance, Rovers Search & Rescue and the City's Municipal Enforcement Division will provide assistance.

15-09-607 Tax Deferral – Low Income Earners

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Stoyles

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

Account #	Amount Deferred
1485	\$3,936.98

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-09-608 Uncollectible Account

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to write off the balance and remove the following account from the City's records.

Account #	Principal	Total
7796	\$1,735.17	\$1,735.17

Discussion: It was noted that the business has closed and all collection efforts have been exhausted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-09-609 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	City of St. John's (Water Consumption for August/15)	\$ 333,022.35
2.	DE Jensen & Sons Ltd (Transmission)	\$ 8,143.59
3.	Ed Loveless Contracting Ltd. (Repairs to Windows at Kenmount Park Community Centre)	\$ 5,424.00
4.	Executive Taxi Limited (Bus Services for Summer Program)	\$ 44,053.00
5.	Jewer Bailey Consultants Limited (Integration/Training/Inspection for Summit Centre)	\$ 10,757.60
6.	Oceans Playground (Playground Structures)	\$ 40,753.45
7.	St. John's Transportation Commission (City's Service Costs Metrobus August/15)	\$ 103,300.37
8.	Stanley Flowers Limited (Baskets & Planters August/15)	\$ 9,310.15
9.	City of St. John's (Robin Hood Bay Landfill Aug)	\$ 39,352.73
10.	Pennecon Energy Technical Services (Upgrades to Farrell Drive Pump House)	\$ 9,187.47
	Total	\$ 603,304.71

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-09-610 Professional Development and Training Request  
Councillor Walsh - Athletics Business Conference  
New Orleans, LA Nov 18-21, 2015

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted, in accordance with the Professional Development and Training Policy, for Councillor Walsh to attend the Atlantic Business Conference being held in New Orleans from November 18 - 21, 2015.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-09-611 Professional Development and Training Request  
Deputy Mayor Locke - MNL Convention, Gander, NL Nov 5-7, 2015

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted, in accordance with the Professional Development and Training Policy, for Deputy Mayor Locke to attend the MNL Convention being held in Gander from November 5-7, 2015.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-09-612 Municipal Assessment Agency Inc.  
Financial Statements - Year Ending March 31, 2015

For the information of the public, the financial statements from the Municipal Assessment Agency, year ending March 31, 2015, are available for viewing at City Hall, Corporate Services Department.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

15-09-613 Contract Recommendation  
One (1) New Yard Tractor Complete with Mower Deck and Snow Blower

Motion – Councillor Tessier/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT the contract for the supply and delivery of one (1) New Yard Tractor complete with Mower Deck & Snow Blower be awarded to the lowest compliant bidder, NFLD Kubota Ltd. /Harvey & Company Limited, for the bid amount of \$49,663.50 (HST Included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-09-614 Project Updates

Information was provided on various ongoing projects such as street upgrading and maintenance, pavement marking, the asphalt and concrete repair program, parks and field maintenance and fleet services for the winter season.

It was noted that the storm water remediation project is ongoing and may be expanded. If the project does expand, owners of properties in the expansion area will be contacted in the spring to assess whether or not there is a requirement for their properties to be disconnected from the storm sewer system. (Councillor Stoyles to advise of property owners seeking further information.)

15-09-615 Bulk Garbage by Appointment

For the past two years, the City has carried out bulk garbage collection during June, July and August by appointment whereby residents can avail of two bulk collections free of charge by calling the Public Works office or completing an online form. Usage as follows:

Year	June	July	August	Total
2014	115	82	197	394
2015	118	137	214	469

Deputy Mayor Locke commented on a program (upcycling) that encourages residents to place items to the curb (prior to bulk garbage collection day) that may be of use to someone else thereby reducing items for the landfill as well as an environmental benefit. Referred to IPW Committee for consideration.

15-09-616 Contract Award – 2014-2017 Street Upgrading  
CP2 Municipal Avenue Upgrading, Maple Street to Delaney Avenue

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the contract for the 2014-2017 Street Upgrading, CP2 Municipal Avenue Upgrading, Maple Street to Delaney Avenue be awarded to the lowest compliant bidder, Infinity Construction Ltd. for the bid amount of \$356,600.32 (HST Included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-09-617     Contract Award  
Former Pool Building Reuse - Consultant Quotation for Services

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the contract for consulting services for the building reuse of the former pool be awarded to Fougere Menchenton Architecture in the amount of \$23,215.50 (HST excluded).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

15-09-618     Business Retention and Expansion Project

For the information of the public, the City is pursuing in partnership with the Department of Business Tourism Culture and Rural Development (BTCRD), a business, retention and expansion study for Donovan's Business Park. The study is anticipated to be concluded by March 2016.

The initial information session for interested parties is scheduled for September 23 from 8:00 - 10:30 am at the Mount Pearl Hotel. It is anticipated that 20-30 firms will attend the session. The session will be supplemented by a presentation on a blended tax proposal by the Department of Municipal & Intergovernmental Affairs.

15-09-619     Property Value Impact Study  
Proposed Redesignation and Rezoning  
Municipal Plan and Development Regulations Amendment  
16-24 Glendale Avenue

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the City engage the services of Atlantic Realty Advisors-Kirkland Balsom and Associates to undertake a property value impact study in the Commonwealth Gardens area for the amount of \$5,000 plus HST and disbursements.

Discussion: It was indicated that the study should take 2 – 4 weeks to complete.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-09-620     Everglade Holdings Ltd.  
Extension of Development Permit (DP13-065)  
Commercial Garage (Second Building on Lot)  
1165 Topsail Road

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT the extension of the conditional development permit DP13-065 for a second building on the property at 1165 Topsail Road for an additional year be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-09-621     TD Tree Day  
Pollux Drive Open Space Buffer  
Saturday September 26, 2015

For the information of the public, a TD Tree Day event to be co-hosted by TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, the Conservation Corps of Newfoundland and Labrador and the City of Mount Pearl will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2015 – 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Approximately 300 trees and shrubs will be planted by the volunteers during this time to enhance the Pollux Drive buffer area.

15-09-622     Development Permits

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT development permits issued for the period September 7 - 18, 2015, be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

15-09-623     Building Permits

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of September 8 - 18, 2015, showing a total construction value of \$2,102,800.00, be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.



NEW BUSINESS

15-09-624     Building Launch – Campia Gymnastics Facility

Members of council extended appreciation to all involved with today's ceremony of the Campia Gymnastics facility launch.

15-09-625     100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration HM Wireless  
Admiralty House Communications Museum

Members of council extended congratulations to the Admiralty House Board and staff on a successful event recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the HM wireless.

15-09-626     Traffic Lights – Michener/Ruth Avenue Intersection – Safety Concerns

Deputy Mayor Locke advised that consideration had been given to changing the traffic signalization at this intersection to a 4-way red; however to do so would have implications on other nearby traffic systems. He advised that consideration is being given to other options to enhance safety in the area.

15-09-627     Mount Pearl Senior High – Musical

Deputy Mayor Locke advised that MPSH is holding a musical production (You're a Good Man Charlie Brown) December 10 – 13 at the LSPU Hall and encouraged members of the public to support the initiative.

15-09-628     Celebration – Queen's Reign

Councillor Stoyles extended appreciation to all involved in organizing the event held in celebration of the Queen's Reign.

15-09-629     Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Exhibit

Councillor Stoyles acknowledged the official opening of the new Sports Hall of Fame exhibit located in the Summit Centre.

15-09-630     THRIVE Street Reach Program

Councillor Stoyles noted that she and Councillor Ledwell attended a reception held in appreciation for those who supported the THRIVE Street Reach Program.

15-09-631     Admiralty House Communications Museum

Councillor Stoyles acknowledged former Councillor Gloria Pearson, Dave Whelan (NLHC) and Jean Payne (Federal Government) who played a significant role in making the museum a reality.

15-09-632 Ironworkers Local 764 – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Councillor Stoyles extended congratulations to the Ironworkers Local 764 on their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, noting that she had attended a function celebrating this achievement. Mayor Simms noted that he attended the official opening of the Ironworkers Education and Training Centre, Donovans Business Park.

15-09-633 Shoppers Drug Mart – Commonwealth Avenue

Councillor Stoyles advised of noise complaints resulting from early morning deliveries at the Shoppers Drug Mart, Commonwealth Avenue. Referred to Community Services (municipal enforcement) for follow up.

15-09-634 Canada Post

Councillor Stoyles expressed her disappointment with the placement of the community mailboxes for residents of Masonic Park. She thought that the seniors complex would be exempt and continue to receive door-to-door service.

15-09-635 AAA Mosquito Blazers

Councillor Walsh extended congratulations to the Mount Pearl Blazers (players, coaches and parents) on receiving the silver medal at the 2015 Atlantic Mosquito AAA Baseball Championships.

15-09-636 Canada Post

Councillor Tessier advised of a location that had been prepared for a community mailbox but the location was then changed. Staff was asked to follow up with Canada Post to ensure the property was reinstated.

15-09-637 Reminder to Motorists

Councillor Tessier suggested installing signage as a reminder that it is illegal to proceed while pedestrians are using a crosswalk.

15-09-638 Canada Post

Councillor Aker advised that the community mailbox installed on the parking lot at the Team Gushue Complex was in the fire lane. Referred to staff for follow up (update to be provided to Council).

15-09-639 Pedestrian Safety

Councillor Aker suggested that parents discuss safety with their children to ensure they are aware of pedestrian safety.

15-09-640     Association for the Arts

Councillor Ledwell extended congratulations to the Association for the Arts on a very successful Arts Week. He recognized the work the group has done since its inception (11 years).

15-09-641     Veterans Branch 36 Royal Canadian Legion

Mayor Simms extended to appreciation to the Branch 36 President (Melvin Heath) and the Executive for organizing the recent veterans' dinner.

15-09-642     Multiple Myeloma Walk

Mayor Simms advised that he participated in the above noted walk held this past weekend at the Pearlgate Track & Field Building.

15-09-643     Northeast Avalon Regional (NEAR) Plan

Mayor Simms advised of a recent meeting on the NEAR Plan noting that the consultant will be beginning work on the public consultation process very soon.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm on a motion by Councillor Ledwell.

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Chairperson

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Deputy City Clerk