

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2018

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on December 18, 2018 at 4:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Dave Aker
Deputy Mayor Jim Locke
Councillor Lucy Stoyles
Councillor Andrew Ledwell
Councillor Isabelle Fry
Councillor Andrea Power
Councillor Bill Antle

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Kent, CAO
Jason Silver, Director of Corporate Services
Gerry Antle, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works
Jason Collins, Director of Community Development
Mona Lewis, City Clerk
Cassie Pittman, Manager of Marketing,
Communications and Economic Development
Lesley Williams, Communications Officer

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

18-12-880 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

18-12-881 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on December 11, 2018 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

18-12-882 Sunrise Avenue – Update

The following update was provided for Sunrise Avenue:

- Street has full asphalt surface now
- Base course asphalt complete for this season (more base course is in contract, and will be done next year)
- Driveway tie-ins being finished this week
- Some repairs being done at sanitary/storm sewer connections – camera inspection underway to confirm clear
- Street will be cleaned of debris this week as apart of work shutdown for winter

In addition, the deadline of October 31st will now be included in tender specifications for capital works projects involving asphalt and concrete.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

No presentations.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

18-12-883 Notice of Motion - Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 7 Greenwood Crescent Amendment

Councillor Antle gave notice that in accordance with Section 39 of the *City of Mount Pearl Act*, RSNL 1990, C-16 and Council's public notification policy, he would, at a regular meeting of Council, move to amend the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 that, if enacted, would:

1. Within Section 12 - Maps, amend Map 1 – Land Use Zoning Map, rezoning 7 Greenwood Crescent, from Community and Public Service (PB) to Residential – High Density (RHD).
2. Amend Map 1, Future Land Use Map, Mount Pearl Municipal Plan, rezoning 7 Greenwood Crescent, from Institutional to Residential.

The purpose of this amendment is to provide Council with the authority to consider an application for a multi-tenant development located at 7 Greenwood Crescent.

18-12-884 Order Issued – For Ratification
60 Clyde Avenue

Motion – Councillor Antle/Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the Order issued to Da MatMan Canada Inc., 60 Clyde Avenue, for operating without an occupancy permit, be ratified pursuant to Section 109 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000*.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

18-12-885 Development Permits

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT development permits issued for the period of December 10 - 14, 2018 be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

18-12-886 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Lists

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of December 10 - 14, 2018, showing a total construction value of \$421,000.00, be approved AND FURTHER THAT the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

18-12-887 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – Application

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to submit an application for funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program as follows:

	Project List	Scope	Total Amount (HST Included)
1	Topsail Road Street Upgrading	Water, Storm and Asphalt	\$3,931,000

2	Upgrade of Storm Sewer 907 Topsail Road Outfall Replacement	Storm Outfall, Sanitary and Retaining Wall	\$783,000
3	Farrell Drive Infrastructure Upgrading	Water, Sanitary, Storm and Asphalt	\$4,724,000
4	Spruce Avenue Infrastructure Upgrading	Water, Sanitary, Storm and Asphalt	\$1,423,000
5	Roosevelt Avenue Infrastructure Upgrading	Water, Sanitary, Storm and Asphalt	\$1,172,000
6	Penmore Drive Infrastructure Upgrading	Water, Sanitary, Storm and Asphalt	\$2,208,000
7	Badcock Place Infrastructure Upgrading	Water, Sanitary, Storm and Asphalt	\$472,000
8	Birch Avenue Infrastructure Upgrading	Water, Sanitary, Storm and Asphalt	\$723,000
9	New Facility at Team Gushue Location	New facility	\$5,000,000
10	A1Next Talent Pool Development	Re-development	\$3,400,000
11	Accessible/Smart Playground Development	New development	\$500,000
	Total		\$24,336,000
	Estimated City Share \$6,821,417.00 Federal and Provincial share varies depending on category		

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

18-12-888 Contract Recommendation - Trail Inventory, Assessment and Recommendations

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the contract for a Trail Inventory, Assessment and Recommendations report to the highest overall scored proponent, Mills & Wright Landscape Architecture, in the project estimate amount of \$21,746.50 (HST included).

It was noted that this will serve as a planning and best practices guide for future trail development and improvements to meet various uses throughout the City. A full inventory, assessment and recommendations report will act as the City's blueprint for trail improvements and innovation and guide all future planning.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

18-12-889 Contract Recommendation – Prime Design Consulting Services for Glendale Avenue, Bradley Place and St. David’s Avenue Reconstruction

Motion – Councillor Fry/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the contract for Prime Design Consulting Services for the Glendale Avenue, Bradley Place and St. David’s Avenue Reconstruction project to the highest overall scored proponent, Newfoundland Design Civil Limited, in the amount of \$113,580.90 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

18-12-890 Contract Recommendation - Telephone Services – Afterhours TP-18-029B

Motion – Councillor Fry/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the contract for Telephone Services – Afterhours, TP-18-029B, to the sole qualified bidder, The Call Center Inc. (Telelink), for the bid amount of \$16,536.70 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

18-12-891 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	Bell Aliant (Phone Bill Nov/18)	\$ 9,240.68
2.	City of St. John's (Water Consumption Nov/18)	\$ 196,025.51
3.	Grand Concourse Authority (Upgrades to Branscombe Pond Trail)	\$ 14,126.95
4.	MVT Canadian Bus, Inc (Para Transit Nov/18)	\$ 65,023.09
5.	Windco Enterprises Limited (Provide & Install Christmas Banners)	\$ 8,830.85
6.	Traffic Structures Ltd (Supply & Delivery of Traffic Poles TP17025)	\$ 154,133.35
7.	Weir's Construction Ltd (Upgrades Sunrise Ave/Second St PP#2)	\$ 148,426.45

8.	Target Marketing & Communication (Marketing/Communications/Economic Development Strategy)	\$ 77,970.00
9.	Weir's Construction Ltd (Upgrades Sunrise Ave PP#2)	\$ 256,758.66
10.	Fairview Investments Limited (CPR17002 Commonwealth Ave Upgrades PC#10)	\$ 1,420,543.93
11.	Trenchless Solutions Inc (Tweedsmuir PI Watermain Spray Lining)	\$ 85,330.00
		\$ 2,436,409.47

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

18-12-892 Payment Register

The payment register for the period of December 11 - 14, 2018, totalling \$960,509.86 was accepted.

18-12-893 Tax Deferral – Low Income Earners

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to defer taxes, in accordance with Council's policy for low income earners, as follows:

Account #	Amount Deferred
370	\$ 1,261.22
17386	\$ 454.96
1330	\$ 984.48
5804	\$ 2,929.46

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

18-12-894 Request for Proposals (RFP) – Banking

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the RFP for banking services to TD Bank for a five year period commencing January 1, 2019.

It was noted that all proponents appeared to fully meet most criteria, however, TD offered the best combination of low/no fees and interest rates on services and loans combined with rates offered on cash investments.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

18-12-895 Management and Council Remuneration

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT the 1% salary increase for management employees and Council effective October 1, 2018 and retroactive to January 1, 2018 be ratified.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

18-12-896 2019 Council Remuneration

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT as a result of federal taxation changes coming into effect in 2019, a one-time adjustment to Council remuneration effective January 1, 2019, to offset the loss of income, be approved as follows:

Mayor – adjust annual remuneration to \$57,399
Deputy Mayor – adjust annual remuneration to \$42,659
Councillor – adjust annual remuneration to \$38,263

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

18-12-897 Family First Night Celebrations, December 31, 2018
Summit Centre & Glacier Arena

For the information of the public, on December 31 from 10:30 am to 12:45 pm, the Summit Centre is offering a free public swim.

The annual first night skate celebrations will take place at the Glacier from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and families are invited, free of charge, to this non-alcohol family event.

18-12-898 Registration Dates for Winter Programs

Information on the registration dates for the winter programs was presented. Further details are available on the City website.

2019 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Councillor Power provided an overview of the budget process and plans for 2019.

18-12-899 2019 Tax Rates

Motion – Councillor Power/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with *The City of Mount Pearl Act*, establish the following tax rates for the 2019 taxation year:

Property Tax – Residential (Minimum \$200/yr)	7.4 mils
Property Tax – Commercial (Minimum \$250/yr)	11.5 mils
Automated Waste Collection Fee	\$20 per annum per bin (maximum 2 bins per house)
Water/Wastewater Fee - Residential	\$600 per unit
Water/Wastewater Fee - Commercial (Minimum \$600)	2.3 mils
Commercial Water Rate	
0 - 100,000 gallons	No additional charge
100,000 - 20 million gallons	\$6.00 per thousand
Over 20 million gallons	\$5.50 per thousand
School Boards – Water/Wastewater Fee	\$11.00 per student
Provincial Government Buildings – Water/Wastewater Fee	6.00 mils
General Commercial	16.8 mils
Banks & Financial Institutions	74.3 mils
Bulk Storage and Oil Companies	37.8 mils
Agricultural Operations	2.9 mils
Hotels and Motels	15.4 mils
Large Department Stores	20.0 mils
Oil and Gas Service Industry	20.0 mils
Private Schools	15.4 mils
Professional Operations	23.0 mils
Recreational and Non-Profit Facilities	11.2 mils
Self-Storage	60.1 mils
Bill Boards	\$100 per side per year
Personal Care Homes	6.0 mils
Day-cares	Exempt

All businesses subject to taxation under the Taxation of Utilities & Cable Television Companies Act and Commercial establishments without a fixed place of business within the City. 2.5% of annual gross revenue

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

18-12-900 2019 Rates & Fees

Motion – Councillor Power/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with *The City of Mount Pearl Act*, approve the presented Schedule of Rates & Fees, to take effect January 1, 2019.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

18-12-901 Interest Rate

Motion – Councillor Power/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with *The City of Mount Pearl Act*, approve an annual rate of interest of 10% to be levied on all past due taxes and accounts receivable.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

18-12-902 Revenues and Expenditures

Motion – Councillor Power/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with *The City of Mount Pearl Act*, approve the 2019 Budget with operating Revenues and Expenditures totalling \$54,433,000.00.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

18-12-903 2019 Budget Highlights

Members of Council extended appreciation to everyone involved in the 2019 budget deliberations which resulted in the budget approved today. The following components of the budget presentation were highlighted:

- There was a 3% decline in assessed residential property values which resulted in a \$500,000 shortfall.
- Residential mill rate set at 7.4 and no impact on water rates.
- Will help deliver on the City's new strategic plan "On the Horizon".
- Will fund a new enterprise resource program that will integrate and automate all back-office operations.
- Continue to support organized groups and associations by providing operating subsidies.
- Includes a 4% reduction in both business tax and commercial property tax rates to support local businesses.
- Will spend over \$300,000 on an economic development plan, including an investment in A1Next and the Waterford River.
- \$200,000 allocation to assess, protect and develop the trail network.
- Snow removal will be a continued focus with an additional \$200,000 added to improve services.
- An allocation of \$2 million to the start of a fleet renewal program to replace and upgrade City vehicles.
- Introduction of a scaled taxation program for start-up businesses.

18-12-904 Condolences – Evans

Councillor Stoyles extended condolences to the family and friends of Edna Evans, mother of Wayne Evans who volunteers with the Seniors Independence Group.

18-12-905 Condolences – Snook

Councillor Stoyles extended condolences to the family and friends of Jennifer Snook, daughter of Susan Snook.

18-12-906 Tour – Team Gushue Highway

Councillor Stoyles advised that she participated in a tour of the Team Gushue Highway extension prior to its opening. It was noted that it will be a beneficial addition to the provincial road network.

18-12-907 St. Peter's Parish – Conway and St. Peter's Youth Choir

Councillor Stoyles extended congratulations to the musical duo Conway on their recent holiday special taping which will be broadcast on NTV on December 23. She noted that the St. Peter's Parish Youth Choir also performed on the special.

18-12-908 Grand Slam of Curling – Town of Conception Bay South

Councillor Stoyles extended congratulations to the Town of Conception Bay South for hosting a successful curling tournament featuring men's and women's teams from around the world.

18-12-909 Season's Greetings

Members of Council extended season's greetings to their colleagues, staff and residents.

18-12-910 Seniors Independence Group

Deputy Mayor Locke acknowledged the very active senior's population in the City and their outreach programs. He extended appreciation to all involved.

18-12-911 School Christmas Vacation – Driving Safety

Deputy Mayor Locke reminded drivers to be extra vigilant during the upcoming holiday break from school.

18-12-912 Expression of Appreciation

Councillor Fry expressed her thanks to the groups as well as staff who organized the many events leading up to the Christmas season. She referenced the "turkey drive" organized by the Kinette Club and the 138 turkeys donated for those in need.

18-12-913 Tree Lighting in Honour of Cortney Lake

Members of Council commented on the tree lighting at St. David's Park in honour of Cortney Lake and the significance of the event.

18-12-914 Atlantic Lottery Lotto Max – Dream Box

Councillor Fry advised of the donation (food and supplies) provided to Heavenly Creatures by Atlantic Lottery (Lotto Max). She extended appreciation to Heavenly Creatures for the support they provide to the City and to Lotto Max for "making her wish come true".

18-12-915 Condolences – Power

Councillors Power and Antle extended condolences to the family and friends of Patricia (Trish) Power, a long-time resident. It was noted that her husband, Jim, also deceased, had been a City employee.

18-12-916 Lions Club Santa Claus Parade

Councillor Power extended appreciation to the Lions Club on their annual parade and to those who made donations of food. She acknowledged City staff who were involved in the building of the float and extended congratulations to them on receiving the Best Spirit of Christmas Award.

18-12-917 Christmas Party for Children of City Staff

Councillor Power commented on the success of the children's Christmas party.

18-12-918 Landwash Brewery

Councillors Power and Antle advised that the Landwash Brewery was a great addition to the City.

18-12-919 Condolences – Bailey

Councillor Antle extended condolences to the family and friends of Harold Bailey, a longtime resident and former City employee.

18-12-920 Northeast Avalon Joint Council (NEAJC)

Councillor Antle advised that the NEAJC will be meeting on January 9 at Admiralty House.

18-12-921 Hillcrest Estates

Councillor Antle spoke of the Hillcrest Estates Christmas party for their residents. He advised that the seniors facility also received a donation of a music system from Lotto Max.

18-12-922 Concussion Awareness Signage Campaign

Councillor Antle provided information on the new concussion signage at the Glacier and encouraged other municipalities to promote concussion awareness in their arenas with their Minor Hockey Associations.

18-12-923 St. Vincent de Paul Society

Councillor Ledwell commented on the community spirit and generosity of residents who contributed during the recent food drives. He advised that the St. Vincent de Paul Society for St. Peter's Parish and Mary Queen of the World Parish delivered many food hampers. He extended thanks to all the organizations involved.

Mayor Aker commented on the City's productive year and the 2019 budget which reflects long-term plans. He extended a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all residents and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Councillor Power.

Chairperson

City Clerk