

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on March 19, 2019 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
Gerry Antle, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works
Jason Collins, Director of Community Development
Mona Lewis, City Clerk
Melanie Snyders, Manager of Human Resources
Chris Somerton, Manager of Finance

STAFF ABSENT

Jason Silver, Director of Corporate Services

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

19-03-148 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Power/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-03-149 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on March 5, 2019 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

19-03-150 Epilepsy Awareness Month

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring March 2019 as Epilepsy Awareness Month in the City of Mount Pearl. Lisa Pack, the 2019 Purple Day Ambassador and Sarah Murphy, Epilepsy NL, were in attendance and spoke on the significance of the proclamation.

19-03-151 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring March 21, 2019 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in the City of Mount Pearl. Georjanne Worley, Tzu-Hao Hsu, and Marnie Sinnott were in attendance and spoke on the significance of the proclamation. It was suggested that the hooked rug which was created by youth and representing the countries represented by youth from 1999 – 2019 be placed on display at a City facility.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

19-03-152 Proposed Amendment to Mount Pearl Building Regulations Updating to Reflect Current Practices, and General Review

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the City of Mount Pearl Building Regulations 2019, as presented, be adopted.

The purpose of the City of Mount Pearl Building Regulations Amendment is to provide Council with the authority to regulate building within the City, in a manner to:

- bring the regulations up to date with current information, terminology, and accepted practices,
- reflect the City's current organizational structure, without altering intent of the current regulations, and

- correct minor errors, clarify phrasing, and improve formatting without altering intent of the current regulations.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-03-153 Issuance of Order – Wiseman’s Martial Arts Inc.
1062 Topsail Road

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the Order issued to Wiseman’s Martial Arts Inc., 1062 Topsail Road, for operating without a permit be ratified by Council, pursuant to Section 109 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-03-154 Development Permits

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT development permits issued for the period March 4 - 15, 2019 be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-03-155 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Lists

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of March 4 - 15, 2019, showing a total construction value of \$18,000.00, be approved AND FURTHER THAT the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS

19-03-156 Contract Recommendation
RFP-18-046A Clothing - Standing Offer

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the RFP for the supply and delivery of City-branded clothing for staff as follows:

Clothing	Company	Amount (HST included)
Coats and Rain Suits	Vallen	\$15,649.72
Coveralls and Overalls	Vallen	\$12,830.27

Rubber Boots	Campbell's Ship Supplies	\$ 3,460.00
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The contract is for a two-year period and for estimated quantities.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-03-157 Public Works Update

The Committee was advised of the following public works maintenance updates:

- Salt Usage for 2019 is down compared to previous year.
- Snow removal continues (blow back, cul-de-sacs, sidewalks, fire hydrants). Snow clearing operations are undertaken on a priority-based plan for the clearing of snow from streets and sidewalks. Melting of snow/ice isn't feasible as melt could turn to icy conditions if the temperature drops.
- Pothole repairs are ongoing. Members of the public were encouraged to report potholes for repairs. It was indicated that there may be an increase in potholes given the recent cold temperatures followed by the increase in temperatures. Potholes are caused by the expansion and contraction of ground water after it has accumulated under the asphalt.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

19-03-158 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	Avalon Coal Salt & Oil (Road Salt - Feb/19)	\$ 300,490.89
2.	City of St. John's (Robin Hood Bay Landfill Fees - Feb/19)	\$ 28,297.73
3.	Clearwater Pools Limited (Pool Element Heaters)	\$ 6,544.08
4.	Municipal Assessment Agency (2019 1st Quarter Assessment Fees)	\$ 67,717.00
5.	Pacific Tier Solutions Inc (Renewal Booking Software License)	\$ 12,557.45
6.	Toromont CAT (Repairs Unit 638)	\$ 6,676.24
7.	Tract Consulting Inc (Kenmount Hill Project)	\$ 23,570.40

8.	Weir's Construction Ltd (CPR17001 Topsail/Blackmarsh PP#11)	\$ 51,872.96
9.	Workplace NL (Fees)	\$ 296,916.86
10.	Saunders Equipment (Parts for Unit 729)	\$ 12,159.20
11.	Saunders Equipment (Parts for Unit 729)	\$ 9,036.13
		\$ 815,838.94

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-03-159 Payment Register

The payment register for the period of March 2 - 14, 2019, totalling \$1,618,388.01, was accepted.

19-03-160 Notice of Motion
Council Remuneration and Reimbursement Regulations

Councillor Ledwell 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 text of the Council Remuneration and Reimbursement Regulations 2000, that, if enacted, would:

1. Correct errors of a minor nature that are generally classified as typographical and formatting, use consistent terms/phrasing throughout the document and modify language removing the requirement to amend the regulations annually.

This is considered a housekeeping amendment that would not change the intent of the Council Remuneration and Reimbursement Regulations.

19-03-161 Request for Tax Consideration

Motion – Councillor Power/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to exempt 2019 business taxes, in accordance with the policy for charitable and non-profit organizations, for the following:

Name	Address	Type	Annual Amount
CHANNAL	878 Topsail Road (2 nd location)	Business (100%)	\$4,722.26

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-03-162 2018 Gas Tax Annual Expenditure Report

Motion – Councillor Power/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the draft 2018 annual expenditure report for gas tax projects, which included the draft statements, be approved AND FURTHER THAT approval be granted for the Mayor to execute the statements on behalf of the City.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-03-163 Summer Day Camp & Park Patrol Positions

For the information of the public, the summer employment application for Summer Day Camp and Park Patrol is available on the City's website. Closing date for applications is April 5, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

19-03-164 Condolences – Tulk

Members of Council extended condolences to the family and friends of Ian Tulk. It was noted that Mr. Tulk was an employee of BAE Newplan and a volunteer in the community.

19-03-165 Resignation – Ed Grant

Members of Council acknowledged with appreciation the contribution made by Mr. Grant during his tenure as Chairperson of the Eastern Regional Service Board.

It was noted that Councillor Stoyles is Mount Pearl's representative on the Board. Reference was made to the Province's review of the waste management strategy and the amendment to the Regional Service Boards Act.

19-03-166 Protest – Climate Change

Deputy Mayor Locke acknowledged the recent efforts by students who supported the global movement for climate change.

19-03-167 New Zealand Shootings - Christchurch Mosques

Deputy Mayor Locke publicly condemned the intolerance that resulted in the brutal killings in New Zealand. On behalf of Council, he extended deepest condolences to those grieving. It was requested that a letter under the Mayor's signature be forwarded letting their residents know that this atrocity has touched us as well.

Councillor Power also spoke of the tragedy and the card-making event organized to send a message to the Muslim community in St. John's that hate will not be tolerated here.

19-03-168 Janeway Telethon Launch – Newtown Elementary

Councillor Fry spoke of the launch of the Janeway Telethon at Newtown Elementary. She extended appreciation to Principal Vikki Anstey, students and NTV.

19-03-169 Focus on Youth Awards

Councillor Fry advised that the deadline for nomination submissions is March 25 and encouraged people to submit nominations.

19-03-170 Bulk Garbage

Councillor Fry reminded residents that the bulk garbage collection will resume in April and May as well as September and October in accordance with the neighbourhood zone schedule. During June, July and August residents can request a maximum of two collections free of charge. If a collection is required at any other time, there is a service available for a prepaid fee of \$45. She also encouraged residents to donate any serviceable furniture and household items to Home Again Furniture for those in need.

19-03-171 NL Stuttering Association

Councillor Power advised that the NL Stuttering Association will be hosting a meeting at the Reid Centre on March 21 to discuss support groups in Newfoundland and Labrador.

19-03-172 Pop Up Campaign School

Councillor Power advised of the Pop Up Campaign School organized by Equal Voice NL that took place on March 13 at the Rocket Bakery.

19-03-173 Gauging Women's Presence in Municipal Politics Conference

Councillor Power advised that the Gender and Politics Lab (MUN) is hosting the Gauging Women's Presence conference on women's participation in municipal politics on March 22 at the Farmer's Market.

19-03-174 Library (Ross King Memorial) Board Meeting

Councillor Antle provided an update on the Library Board meeting and encouraged members of Council to visit their Facebook page and get a library card.

19-03-175 Unveiling of Drone – Rovers Search and Rescue

Councillor Antle advised that he attended the unveiling of the new drone which will enable the Rovers to reduce the amount of time a person is lost or missing.

19-03-176 Seniors Independence Group

Councillor Antle advised that the Seniors Independence Group St. Patrick's Day social was very well attended.

19-03-177 Chamber of Commerce – Landwash Brewery

Councillor Antle advised that he attended the recent mixer organized by the Chamber at Landwash Brewery.

19-03-178 Respectful Workplace Training

Councillor Antle noted that he, along with Councillors Stoyles and Power, participated in a Respectful Workplace Training workshop. They found it to be a beneficial experience.

19-03-179 Recreation Master Plan

Councillor Ledwell advised that the development of an updated Recreation Master Plan has commenced. Further information is available on the City website; residents were encouraged to participate in the planning by completing the survey.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm on a motion by Deputy Mayor Locke and seconded by Councillor Stoyles.

Chairperson

City Clerk