

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 25, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on June 25, 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

Jason Silver, Director of Corporate Services
Gerry Antle, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works
Jason Collins, Director of Community Development
Mona Lewis, City Clerk

STAFF ABSENT

Steve Kent, CAO

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

19-06-436 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-06-437 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on June 11, 2019 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

19-06-438 Food Drive

Appreciation was extended to the volunteers who collected donations during the recent food drive and to those who generously donated. A significant amount of food was collected which will help fill the food banks at St. Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army. Opportunities to donate non-perishable food items will also be available at the various City Days' events.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

19-06-439 Stroke Month Proclamation

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring June as Stroke Month in the City of Mount Pearl. Charlotte Steeves, Heart and Stroke Foundation NL, spoke on the significance of the proclamation and the illness.

19-06-440 Mount Pearl Citizens' Crime Prevention Committee

Mayor Aker welcomed members of the Mount Pearl Citizens' Crime Prevention Committee to the Chambers. The Committee had been presented a Community Services Award by the RNC Chief of Police in recognition of promoting community safety in the province. Council also extended appreciation to the group for their efforts; it was requested that the award be displayed in a City facility.

19-06-441 Mount Pearl Senior High School (MPSH) – ROV Team

Mayor Aker welcomed members of the MPSH ROV Team and teacher sponsors to the Chambers. The team placed first for their technical report at the international competition in Tennessee. Congratulations were extended for this amazing accomplishment.

Congratulations were also extended to Michael Chislett, a member of the O'Donel High School team, on receiving the MPV award.

19-06-442 Mount Pearl Anthem Video

The recently released video developed by the City's advertising partner, Target, was presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS

19-06-443 Contract Recommendation
Asphalt Crack Sealing TP19013 (CPR18017)

Motion - Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the contract for the 2019 asphalt crack sealing project to the lowest qualified bidder, Crown Contracting Inc., for the bid amount of \$33,810.00 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-06-444 Request for Construction Change Order Approval
RCO #7 – Infrastructure Improvements: Commonwealth Avenue (CPR17002) -
Accessibility Construction

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the following change order for the Commonwealth Avenue construction project be approved:

Request for Change Order # (RCO#)	Description	Value (HST Included)
	Original Contract Price (includes previously approved change orders)	\$9,613,597.41
07	Supply and install new conduit and junction box for pedestal (pedestrian) pole at Park Avenue/Commonwealth and Ruth Avenue Intersection	\$8,626.32
	Revised Contract Value	\$9,622,223.73

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-06-445 Schedule Change Recommendation
Street Upgrading CP1 - Glendale Avenue and Bradley Place (CPR18005)

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the following schedule change for the Street Upgrading CP1 - Glendale Avenue and Bradley Place Reconstruction Project (CPR18005) be approved:

1. Zone 5 (Bradley Place) must be completed by October 31, 2019.
2. Zones 1 - 4 (Glendale Avenue) to be completed by October 31, 2020.

Discussion: It was noted that the project has been divided into five zones to ensure the entire work area does not get disturbed simultaneously. The intent of the October 31 deadline is to prevent construction to continue into late fall and winter. Allowing a two-season construction period to complete the work will provide the contractor with some security of work continuance into 2020 and is expected to lower the construction price. It is anticipated that work will start within a month. Properties requiring lateral repairs will also be addressed during the construction period.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-06-446 Public Works Update

An update on public works operations was presented. Director Antle was advised that City fencing on Roland Drive is needing repairs. Councillor Stoyles advised of complaints she received regarding line painting during the night in residential neighbourhoods (noise disturbance). It was noted that a positive response to the speed in which the lines have been painted has been received.

19-06-447 Capital Works Update

An update on upcoming capital works projects was presented.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

19-06-448 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	Saunders Equipment Limited (GPS Locational Controller)	\$ 5,167.99
2.	DewCor (CP21 Roundabout C Costs)	\$ 215,692.60
3.	MVT Canadian Bus Inc. (Go Bus Para Transit)	\$ 69,492.89
4.	Pyramid Construction (Fourth Street Reconstruction, Claim #2)	\$ 334,847.34
5.	Pyramid Construction (Fourth Street Reconstruction, Claim #1)	\$ 97,031.25
6.	Econolite Canada Inc (Replacement Traffic Light Cabinets)	\$ 62,098.68
7.	North Atlantic Petroleum (Dyed Diesel- May)	\$ 10,858.92
8.	City of St. John's (Robin Hood Bay Tipping Fees - June)	\$ 53,107.65

9.	City of St. John's (Water Consumption for May 2019)	\$ 253,149.72
10.	Kelloway Construction Ltd. (May Cleaning Services)	\$ 31,013.55
11.	Maxxam Analytics Inc (Water Testing - Tweedsmuir & Sycamore)	\$ 7,762.50
12.	City of St John's (St. John's Regional Fire Dept Jan - June 2019, \$449,714.74/month)	\$ 2,698,287.96
13.	Manulife Financial (Group Benefits - Mgmt & Union)	\$ 71,156.80
14.	Toromont CAT (Unit 631 - Repairs to Hood)	\$ 9,979.13
15.	Prosci Canada, ULC (Program Manager June 10-11, 12 Participants)	\$ 26,450.00
16.	Pro Circuit Electrical Inc (Repairs to Pole Lights at Centennial)	\$ 5,126.60
17.	Brian's Catering (Focus on Youth Awards' Catering)	\$ 7,045.82
		\$ 3,958,269.40

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-06-449 Payment Register

The payment register for the period of June 12 - 20, 2019, totalling \$1,139,622.50, was accepted.

19-06-450 Tax Deferral – Low Income Earners

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Power

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

Account #	Amount Deferred
3401	\$ 5,600.37

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-06-451 Ultimate Recipient Gas Tax Amendment

The City received an increase in the funding for the Federal-Provincial Administrative Agreement on the Federal Gas Tax Fund for 2019-2024. As a result, a resolution of Council is required accepting the revised funding allocation.

Motion – Councillor Power/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to execute an amendment, representing an increase in the funding allocation, under the Ultimate Recipient Gas Tax program for the years 2019 to 2024.

Distribution of Gas Tax with Base Allocation + Per Capita

<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$2,129,883	\$978,462	\$1,022,938	\$1,022,938	\$1,067,412	\$6,221,633

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-06-452 Movie in the Park – Kick off to Summer!

For the information of the public, a movie (Dumbo) is planned for June 27th at St. David's Park from 9 – 11 pm.

19-06-453 Admiralty House Communications Museum
2nd Installment 2019 Operating Grant

Motion – Councillor Power/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to release the second (final) installment of the Admiralty House Communication Museum's 2019 operating subsidy in the amount of \$37,500.00 in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-06-454 Canada Day Celebrations (July 1)

For the information of the public, the annual Canada Day celebrations will take place at St. David's Park (rainy day site is the Reid Centre). Details are available on the City website. The Battle of Beaumont Hamel Ceremonies will take place at 11:00 AM at the cenotaph, St. David's Park.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

19-06-455 Notice of Motion
 Animal Control Regulations

Councillor Antle gave notice in accordance with Section 39 of the City of Mount Pearl Act, RSNL 1990, C-16, and Council's public notification policy, that he would, at a regular meeting of Council, move an amendment to the text of the Animal Control Regulations.

The purpose of the amendment is to provide Council with the authority to regulate the keeping of cats and dogs, domestic pets (other than cats and dogs), and to regulate livestock within the City.

19-06-456 Development Permit List

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the development permits issued for the period of June 10 - 21, 2019 be approved as presented.

Discussion: Councillor Stoyles expressed concern with the permit issued for The Great Benjamins Circus, to be held at the Team Gushue Complex, and its impact on the adjacent Smallwood Drive properties.

It was requested that the details (dates and times) of the circus be tabled at the next public council meeting.

Question called. Motion carried with Councillor Stoyles voting against the motion.

19-06-457 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Lists

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of June 10 - 21, 2019, showing a total construction value of \$226,350.00, be approved AND FURTHER THAT the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

19-06-458 Mount Pearl Senior High School Prom

Deputy Mayor Locke advised that the MPSH prom will be held on Thursday, June 27, at the Glacier. He extended congratulations to all the graduates.

19-06-459 Reminder to Drivers

Deputy Mayor Locke and Councillor Stoyles reminded drivers to be extra cautious during the summer months as child pedestrians will be more prevalent.

19-06-460 Roundabouts – Costco Opening

Deputy Mayor Locke commented on the anticipated increase in traffic resulting from the opening of Costco. He questioned the road design as it enters the Galway development and whether two lanes were necessary going into Mount Pearl. The Mayor advised that the RNC will have officers in place working traffic control and our Municipal Enforcement Officers will be monitoring the Ruth Avenue/Old Placentia Road area.

19-06-461 Cameron Kinsella – 807 Mount Pearl Air Cadets

Councillor Fry extended congratulations to WO1 Cameron Kinsella who placed first in the 2019 National Effective Speaking Competition, Air Cadet League of Canada.

19-06-462 Sport Alliance Year End Barbeque

Councillor Power extended congratulations to members of the Sport Alliance on a successful year. She also acknowledged the recipients of the “awesomeness” awards – Dan Maher, Pat Cochrane, and Blair Patrick.

19-06-463 Run for Women

Councillor Power advised she participated in the recently held Run for Women fundraiser for local mental health services (Stella’s Circle).

19-06-464 Pet Safe Keeping Initiative

Councillor Power advised that the City signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Iris Kirby House, the St. John’s Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), and the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) to work together on a Pet Safekeeping Program. The program will provide immediate support and assistance to the pet(s) belonging to victims of intimate partner violence who are leaving an abusive situation.

19-06-465 T’Railway

Councillor Antle commented on the improvements to the T’Railway by the Grand Concourse Authority in partnership with the City. He has observed some damage caused by dirt bikes and encouraged users of the trails to report such incidents.

19-06-466 Community Gardens

Councillor Antle advised that there are three remaining plots in the garden at the Gloria Pearson Community Centre. If interested, please contact the City for further information.

19-06-467 Recreation Master Plan – Open Houses

Councillor Antle advised that the Recreation Master Plan is important and although attendance was low at the open houses, there were many online and paper surveys received which will play an important role in the plan.

19-06-468 Local Hero Award – MP Seamus O'Regan

Councillor Ledwell extended congratulations to Patricia Janes, Barbara Predham, Carl and Jackie Goulding, and Jim Greenland who were presented local hero awards by MP O'Regan based on their volunteer experience and contributions to the community.

19-06-469 Mount Pearl Anthem Video

Councillor Ledwell acknowledged Target Marketing and thanked them for their partnership. He also expressed appreciation to staff on the initiative.

19-06-470 Best in Mount Pearl Awards

Councillor Stoyles spoke of the Best in Mount Pearl Awards ceremony being held on July 18th. She noted that many nominations were received.

19-06-471 Canada Post – Community Mailboxes

Councillor Stoyles spoke of the meeting held with Canada Post officials regarding the mailbox sites (snow clearing damages, location of some). She advised that she had emailed one of the officials identifying specific problem areas and was disappointed she had not yet received a response.

19-06-472 Ostomy Society Fundraiser and Eastern Health Golf Tournament (Johnson Inc.)

Councillor Stoyles advised that she attended both of the above noted events on behalf of the City. She indicated that prizes she won will be donated to worthwhile causes.

19-06-473 Tweedsmuir Place – Water Discoloration

Mayor Aker advised that action is being taken to address the water discoloration on Tweedsmuir Place; flushing appears to be working at this time and consideration is being given to lining the water main to correct the problem.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chairperson

City Clerk