

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on September 3, 2019 at 4:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Dave Aker
Deputy Mayor Jim Locke
Councillor Lucy Stoyles
Councillor Andrew Ledwell
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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councillor Isabelle Fry

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

19-09-600 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-09-601 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Power/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on August 20, 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

None presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

19-09-602 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Power/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	City of St. John's (Robin Hood Bay Tipping Fees - July)	\$ 41,622.89
2.	City of St. John's (Robin Hood Bay Tipping Fees - August)	\$ 46,120.85
3.	Harvey & Company Limited (Repair Unit # 728)	\$ 5,889.97
4.	Harvey & Company Limited (Repair Unit # 598)	\$ 5,709.83
5.	Harvey & Company Limited (Repair Unit # 730)	\$ 15,592.79
6.	Kelloway Construction Ltd. (July Cleaning Services)	\$ 31,013.55
7.	Kelloway Construction Ltd. (August Cleaning Services)	\$ 31,013.55
8.	Manulife Financial Group Benefits (PP 16-17)	\$ 71,907.39
9.	Murray's Landscaping Services (Bed Maintenance July 2019)	\$ 26,450.00
10.	North Atlantic (Diesel Fuel Depot)	\$ 9,678.76
11.	North Atlantic (Diesel Fuel Depot)	\$ 9,387.29
12.	St. John's Transportation Commission (Metrobus Services June 2019)	\$ 98,072.85
13.	St. John's Transportation Commission (Metrobus Services July 2019)	\$ 104,642.84

14.	Weir's Construction (Progress Claim # 5, Sunrise Ave & Second Street)	\$	838,754.76
15.	Perfect Day (Event Logo Designs)	\$	6,210.00
	TOTAL	\$	1,342,067.32

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-09-603 Payment Register

The payment register for the period of August 21 - 28, 2019, totalling \$1,395,689.35, was accepted.

19-09-604 Business Tax on Seniors Homes

Motion – Councillor Power/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to eliminate the 6.0 mil business occupancy tax rate for Seniors Homes/Personal Care facilities effective January 1, 2019.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-09-605 Professional Development and Training - Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Livable Cities Forum - Victoria, BC October 27 – 30, 2019

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted, in accordance with the Professional Development and Training Policy, for the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works to attend the Livable Cities Forum in Victoria, BC from October 27 - 30, 2019.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-09-606 Contract Award - Treadmill Tender TP-19-029

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award TP-19-029, Treadmill Tender, to the lowest, qualified bidder, Spartan Fitness, based on the purchase option amount of \$56,076.30 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-09-607 MNL Resolution
Banning Use of Studded Tires

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to submit the following resolution for consideration at the MNL upcoming convention:

Banning Use of Studded Tires

Whereas studded tires are a contributing factor to premature deterioration of asphalt and concrete road surfaces, and

Whereas the wheel ruts in asphalt surfaces are caused in part as a result of studded tires, and such rutting leads to a pronounced increase in potential for hydroplaning and resulting risk of collisions, and,

Whereas more effective means of improving winter tire performance through such means as alternative rubber compounds with equal skid and brake resistance, and

Whereas infrastructure repairs, maintenance and replacement are the major capital expenditure for municipalities and the premature deterioration requires earlier maintenance,

Therefore, be it resolved that Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador lobby the Provincial Department of Service Newfoundland and Labrador to ban the use of studded tires within the province.

Discussion: It was indicated that there is evidence (sand and debris following the winter season) that studded tires cause significant pavement damage. The resolution will be submitted to the MNL Board for consideration and if approved, presented at the Resolutions Session of the annual convention. If the resolution passes, it is then referred to the Province by MNL.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-09-608 December 31, 2018 Financial Statements
PSAB Compliant Financial Statements and Management's Statement of Compliance

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT the PSAB Compliant Financial Statements and Management's Statement of Compliance report by BDO Canada LLP for the year ended December 31, 2018 be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

19-09-609 Proposed New Building – DM Consulting, 47 Beclin Road

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the application by DM Consulting to construct a new building at the rear of the property at 47 Beclin Road be approved and a Development Permit be issued subject to the conditions outlined in the Planning and Development Committee report dated August 14, 2019.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-09-610 Proposed New Combined Gas Bar and Shop – Principal Holdings Limited
629 Kenmount Road

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the application by the property owner, Principal Holdings Limited, for the development of a new gas bar and convenience store at 629 Kenmount Road be approved and a Development Permit be issued subject to the conditions outlined in the Planning and Development Committee report dated August 14, 2019.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-09-611 Development Permit List

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT development permits issued for the period of August 19 - 30, 2019 be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-09-612 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Lists

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of August 19 - 30, 2019, showing a total construction value of \$136,900.00, be approved AND FURTHER THAT the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS

19-09-613 Agreement Authorization
17-MYCW-15-00055 - Former Pool Building – Reuse, Amendment #3
Funding Extension

Council was advised that the request for an extension to the project completion date for the above-noted project has been approved, with a new completion extension of August 31, 2020.

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to sign the amended agreement for funding in the amount of \$300,000.00 between the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment and the City.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-09-614 Public Works Maintenance Update

An update on public works operations was presented.

19-09-615 Capital Works Update

An update on upcoming capital works projects was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

19-09-616 Visions Employment – Annual Summer BBQ

Councillor Stoyles advised that she attended the above event and extended appreciation to the employers that participate in the supported employment program.

19-09-617 Condolences

Councillor Stoyles acknowledged the passing of Paul Whelan, Ronald Reardon, Garry Kavanagh and Larry Dohey. Condolences were extended to their families and friends and their contributions to the community were acknowledged.

19-09-618 “Field to Flight” Exhibit – Admiralty House Communications Museum

Councillor Power advised that the “Field to Flight” exhibit finished this past weekend. She extended congratulations to Museum Manager, Sarah Wade, and her team on a very successful summer.

19-09-619 Mount Pearl Minor Baseball Teams

Councillor Power extended congratulations to the Blazers as they conclude a successful season.

19-09-620 Super Soccer Saturday

Councillor Power advised that the Soccer Association will be hosting “Super Soccer Saturday” on September 7.

19-09-621 One Woman Fearless Summit

Councillor Power advised she attended the above noted event which is designed to help women and girls reach their potential through education and entrepreneurship. She commented on the speakers who were in attendance.

19-09-622 Newfoundland and Labrador Irish Connections

Councillor Antle commented on the Newfoundland and Labrador Irish Connections visit to Admiralty House.

19-09-623 Ross King Memorial Public Library

Councillor Antle advised that “Saturday Story Times” will be resuming at the Library on September 14 at 3:00 pm.

19-09-624 Forest Avenue Pedestrian Bridge Upgrading

Councillor Antle spoke on the improvements to the pedestrian bridge at the bottom of Forest Avenue.

19-09-625 Back to School

Councillor Ledwell welcomed students and teachers back to school and encouraged drivers to exercise extra caution especially in school zones.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Councillor Power.

Chairperson

City Clerk