

**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 12, 2019**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on November 12, 2019 at 4:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councillor Andrew Ledwell

STAFF PRESENT

Jason Collins, Director of Community Services  
Gerry Antle, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works  
Cassie Pittman, Acting Director of Corporate Services  
Mona Lewis, City Clerk

STAFF ABSENT

Steve Kent, CAO

**Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.**

19-11-786     Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-11-787     Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Power/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held October 29, 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

19-11-788     World Pancreatic Cancer Day

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring November 21, 2019 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day in the City of Mount Pearl. Elaine Collier and Grace Crane, volunteers with Craig's Cause Pancreatic Cancer Society were in attendance and spoke on the significance of the proclamation and provided information on the illness.

19-11-789     Presentation – Frosty Festival

Robert Hayes (Chair) and Wayne Andrews (Past Chair) were in attendance and presented an appreciation plaque to Council. Details were shared on the plans for the 2020 festival which takes place February 5 – 16.

### CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

19-11-790     Aquatics Cancellations  
November 21 – 24, 2019  
Provincial Invitational Swim Meet

For the information of the public, a provincial swim meet is being held at the Summit Centre, November 21 – 24, 2019. As a result, there will be aquatics cancellations. Further details are available on the City website.

19-11-791     Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Lists

Motion – Councillor Fry/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of October 28 to November 8, 2019, showing a total construction value of \$205,500.00 be approved, AND FURTHER THAT the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

19-11-792 Contract Recommendation – TP-19-037A  
Supply and Delivery of Three (3) 2019 or  
Newer Dual Arm Single Stream Garbage Trucks

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the contract for the supply and delivery of three 2019, or newer, dual arm, single stream garbage trucks to Saunders Equipment, for the bid amount of \$1,186,455.00 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-11-793 Public Works Maintenance Update

Councillor Stoyles provided an update on public works operations. She noted that the Blade Crescent playground was finished, and action had been taken to address the slope concerns.

19-11-794 Capital Works Update

Councillor Stoyles provided an update on upcoming capital works projects.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

19-11-795 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Power/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	Avalon Coal Salt & Oil (Road Salt)	\$	86,667.62
2.	SNL Lavalin Inc (Building Review to end of Aug - Glacier)	\$	32,865.56
3.	Benson Buffett (Legal Fees)	\$	7,304.78
4.	Benson Buffett (Legal Fees)	\$	9,517.34
5.	ESRI Canada Ltd. (License Agreement - Small Local Gov't)	\$	36,282.50
6.	Grand Concourse Authority (Trail - Roosevelt Ave/Second St)	\$	17,282.84
7.	Grand Concourse Authority (Trail Asphalt Claim # 1)	\$	70,543.37

8.	Harvey & Company Limited (Repair/Maintenance Unit 570)	\$ 10,928.97
9.	Impact Signs & Graphics (Directional Signs - Glacier)	\$ 6,173.09
10.	Keep Cool Refrigeration & A/C (HVAC Maintenance Contract)	\$ 7,942.66
11.	Murray's Landscaping Services (Maintenance per RFP)	\$ 6,816.63
12.	Murray's Landscaping Services (Maintenance per RFP)	\$ 9,200.00
13.	North Atlantic Petroleum (Gas -Depot)	\$ 10,888.95
14.	Pyramid Construction (Fourth Street Claim # 7)	\$ 57,944.99
15.	Pyramid Construction (Blackmarsh Rd Claim # 5)	\$ 202,860.00
16.	Pro Circuit Electrical Inc (Electrical Panel Review Summit/Reid)	\$ 5,791.85
17.	Reefer Repair Services (Repair/Maintenance Unit 505)	\$ 27,886.89
18.	Steelfab Industries Limited (Loader Blade Shoes)	\$ 10,394.16
19.	Spartan Athletic Products Ltd. (Treadmills for Summit)	\$ 56,076.30
20.	Vigilant Management Inc. (Fourth St Progress Billing to Sept)	\$ 6,147.44
21.	Manulife Financial Group Benefits (Aug 18 - Sept 16, 2019)	\$ 72,240.62
22.	Zurich Insurance Company Ltd. (Claim Deductible)	\$ 8,586.50
	TOTAL	\$ 760,343.06

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-11-796 Payment Register

The payment register for the period of October 30 – November 7, 2019, totalling \$3,026,074.35, was accepted. Councillor Fry requested clarification on some payments. Referred to Acting Director Pittman for follow up.

19-11-797 Tax Deferral – Low Income Earners

Motion – Councillor Power/Councillor Antle

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

Account #	Amount Deferred
5804	\$1,046.54
1330	\$1,095.20
7284	\$928.26
7445	\$1,706.44

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-11-798 Professional Development and Training Request - Councillor Stoyles  
Florida Stormwater Association (FSA) Winter Conference  
Dec 3 – 6, 2019, Tampa, Florida

Motion – Councillor Power/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted, in accordance with the Professional Development and Training Policy, for Councillor Stoyles to attend the FSA Winter Conference being held December 3-6, 2019 in Tampa, Florida.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-11-799 RFP -19-040 Foreign Direct Investment Strategy Award

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the Foreign Direct Investment and Retention Plan, RFP-19-040, Research on Investment (ROI) in the amount of \$49,525.00. It was noted that the City's contribution is \$25,000.00.

The foreign direct investment strategy will include two phases:

1. Research and develop a foreign direct investment readiness strategy for the city
2. Develop an FDI Action Plan

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-11-800 Global Covenant of Mayors Showcase Cities

Council was advised that the City has been accepted as one of 25 municipalities across Canada to participate in the Global Covenant of Mayors Showcase Studies Program (GCoM). Information on the program was presented. It was acknowledged

that many of the preliminary initiatives related to the climate change plan are associated with Infrastructure and Public Works.

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted for the City to become a GCoM signatory AND FURTHER THAT the Acting Director of Corporate Services (or designate) and the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works (or designate) attend the mandatory staff workshop on January 8 – 10, 2020 in Montreal. The cost of one member to attend is covered by the program; the total cost of \$2,000 is within budget.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-11-801 Management and Council Salary Increase

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT the following salary increase be approved for management staff (non-bargaining unit) and Council:

January 1, 2019 0.5% increase  
January 1, 2020 0.5% increase

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

19-11-802 Remembrance Day Ceremony

Members of Council spoke on the Remembrance Day Ceremony, noting the many residents, particularly the young people, who gathered at the cenotaph at St. David's Park to honour the sacrifice of veterans.

Councillor Stoyles advised that the street sign for Richard Nolan Drive had been removed to allow for repairs after which it will be reinstalled. An update will be provided to Mrs. Nolan, the mother of W.O. Richard Nolan, for whom the street is named.

19-11-803 Community Food Drive

Councillor Stoyles advised that the Annual MPMHA Food Drive, in support of the three Mount Pearl food banks, will take place on Saturday, November 23, 2019.

19-11-804 Condolences

Councillor Stoyles and Deputy Mayor Locke recognized the passing of Preston Payne and extended condolences to the Payne and Head families.

19-11-805 Pumpkin Parade

Councillor Stoyles expressed safety concerns regarding the fire performances given the high winds the night of the Pumpkin Parade. She advised that she had also been contacted by members of the public with similar concerns. She noted that although protocol had been followed, there was a public perception of an unsafe environment.

Deputy Mayor Locke advised that safety was always a priority and the performers had been consulted to ensure they were comfortable in proceeding. He noted that the equipment used kerosene that would extinguish in the wind (there was no danger of embers).

Councillor Fry extended appreciation to the Community Event Coordinator, Rosie Stead, for organizing the event.

19-11-806 The Livable Cities Forum: Building Better Communities through Resilience

Deputy Mayor Locke highlighted some of the topics discussed at The Livable Cities Forum, an event held to discuss ways to build better, stronger and more connected communities that are prepared for the impacts of climate change.

19-11-807 Hackathon

Councillor Fry extended congratulations to the City's Marketing, Communications and Economic Development team for hosting a very successful Hackathon.

19-11-808 Mental Health Task Force

Councillor Fry advised that the first meeting of the Mental Health Task Force (formed as a result of an MNL resolution in 2018) was held on November 5. Members include elected officials and staff who will help coordinate the development and expansion of mental health supports in municipalities.

19-11-809 Metrobus Driver

Councillor Fry extended appreciation to a Metrobus driver, Mount Pearl resident Joshua Ellis, who performed an act of kindness for an elderly woman by tying her shoe on the Avalon Mall parking lot back in May. She asked that a letter of recognition be forwarded from the Mayor's office.

19-11-810 Sport Alliance – Chase the Ace

Councillor Fry advised that Chase the Ace is still ongoing and encouraged members of the public to support the fundraiser.

19-11-811 Lions Club Santa Claus Parade

Councillor Fry advised that the Parade will be held on December 7 and entries are still being accepted.

19-11-812 Hackathon

Councillor Power spoke on the Hackathon and extended congratulations to Acting Director Pittman and her team on such a successful event.

19-11-813 Women's Leadership Summit (MNL)

Councillor Power spoke on the Women's Leadership Summit which will kick off the Annual MNL Convention.

19-11-814 Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

In recognition of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, Councillor Power spoke of the journey of comedian, Steve Coombs, who was diagnosed with the disease about four years ago.

19-11-815 Community Supper – Wednesday – 5:30 – 7:30 pm – Park Place

Councillor Antle advised that the weekly community supper is well attended and proving to be very successful.

19-11-816 Rocket Bakery

Councillor Antle welcomed new business, Rocket Bakery, to the City.

19-11-817 Northeast Avalon Joint Council (NEAJC)

Councillor Antle advised that the next meeting of the NEAJC will be held in Paradise on December 4.

Mayor Aker also spoke on the Remembrance Day Ceremony and the Hackathon, noting that Acting Director Pittman will be providing an overview of the event at the MNL Convention. He further extended appreciation to all staff for making events that take place in the City so successful.

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.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk