



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2019**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on December 17, 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

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

STAFF ABSENT

Steve Kent, CAO

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

19-12-909 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-12-910 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held December 10, 2019 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

19-12-911 Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) – Satellite Office

Councillor Stoyles advised that the meeting with Chief Boland was informative as well as positive. He confirmed the office will remain open and counter service will be provided, however, there may be times when it will be unavailable.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Presentation later in meeting as noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

19-12-912 Mount Pearl Sport Alliance | City of Mount Pearl
Memorandum of Understanding –2020 to 2022

Motion – Councillor Fry/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to execute the MOU between the City and the Mount Pearl Sport Alliance for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022 and includes the provision of an annual operating subsidy in the amount of \$167,000.00.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-12-913 Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl | City of Mount Pearl
Memorandum of Understanding –2020 to 2022

Motion – Councillor Fry/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to execute the MOU between the City and the Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022 and includes the provision of an annual operating subsidy in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-12-914 60 Ashford Drive – Family Child Care Use – DA19-0465

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the application by the property owner of 60 Ashford Drive to operate a family child care use within the existing single detached dwelling at 60 Ashford Drive be approved and a Development Permit be issued subject to the applicable conditions in the Community Development Committee report dated November 29, 2019.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-12-915 Development Permit List

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the development permits be approved as presented for the period of December 9 - 13, 2019.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-12-916 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Lists

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of December 9 - 13, 2019, showing a total construction value of \$228,000.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

19-12-917 Public Works Maintenance Update

Councillor Stoyles provided an update on public works operations.

19-12-918 Capital Works Update

Councillor Stoyles provided an update on capital works projects.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

19-12-919 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Power/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	Black & McDonald (Traffic Lights- Topsail Road/Moffatt Road)	\$ 102,059.90
2.	Black & McDonald (CPR18016 Traffic Lights-Moffatt Road)	\$ 121,737.07
3.	Pyramid Construction (ROH-CPR19020 Blackmarsh Road Upgrades)	\$ 115,646.09
4.	Modern Paving Limited (CPR 18029- Dog Park Parking Lot)	\$ 56,805.06
5.	Advocate Printing and Publishing (Recreation Master Plan-Survey Direct Mailer Package)	\$ 9,764.65
6.	Saunders Equipment Limited (360L Garbage Carts)	\$ 10,949.15
7.	Executive Coffee Services Ltd. (Water Cooler & Stand Purchase)	\$ 8,740.00
8.	MDB Insight Inc. (Donovan Business Park Reimagination- 30% of total fee)	\$ 16,337.48
9.	Triware Technology (Desktop Computers)	\$ 13,310.27
10.	Grand Concourse Authority (Claim#2-Trail Asphalt Upgrades)	\$ 44,900.32
11.	A+Mais Technology Inc (Annual Fee Customer Maintenance Program- Year 2020)	\$ 20,415.38
12.	Federation of Canadian Municipalities (2019 Membership & Base fee per Population)	\$ 5,604.31
13.	City of St. John's (Robinhood Bay Tipping Fee)	\$ 39,120.28
14.	Dexter Construction Company Limited (Glendale/Bradley CPR18005 Inv#4)	\$ 83,267.97
	TOTAL	\$ 648,657.93

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-12-920 Payment Register

The payment register for the period of December 9 - 12, 2019, totalling \$1,460,065.18, was accepted.

PRESENTATION

19-12-921 Municipal Long Service Award – Presentation

Mayor Aker advised that the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment recognizes eligible Councillors for their contribution to municipal government at the

Annual MNL Convention through the presentation of Municipal Long Service Awards. Mayor Aker recognized Deputy Mayor Locke's 12 years on Council and presented his award on behalf of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment. Deputy Mayor Locke extended his appreciation to his family and colleagues.

2020 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Councillor Antle provided an overview of the budget process and plans for 2020.

19-12-922 2020 Tax Rates

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with *The City of Mount Pearl Act*, establish the following tax rates for the 2020 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 base (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	Exempt
Daycares	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.

19-12-923 2020 Rates & Fees

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Power

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, 2020.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

19-12-924 Interest Rate

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Power

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.

19-12-925 Revenues and Expenditures

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with *The City of Mount Pearl Act*, approve the 2020 Budget with operating Revenues and Expenditures totalling \$53,318,000.00.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

19-12-926 2020 Budget

Members of Council extended appreciation to everyone involved in the 2020 budget deliberations which resulted in the budget approved today. The following components of the budget presentation were highlighted:

- Budget is a balance of practicality and progress.
- Addresses goals outlined in the strategic plan.
- Includes over \$5 million in capital projects including fleet, economic development, climate change and digital transformation.
- No increase in taxes for residents and businesses.

19-12-927 Kinette Club

Councillor Power extended congratulations to the Kinette Club on their recent initiatives – their float in the Santa Claus Parade which resulted in them winning the Spirit Award and the turkey drive which resulted in over 130 turkeys being collected for those in need.

19-12-928 Seniors Independence Group

Councillor Power commented on the Seniors Independence Group's Christmas dinner and dance and advised that the program registration commenced today's date. She extended appreciation to the Group for everything they do to ensure seniors are active and engaged.

19-12-929 Breakfast with Santa

Councillor Power advised that Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 21 at the Reid Community Centre.

19-12-930 Seasons Greetings

Members of Council extended seasons greetings to residents, their colleagues and City staff.

19-12-931 Community Supper

Councillor Antle advised the public of the Community Supper scheduled for December 18 at Park Place and that Council, MHA's and MP will be serving.

19-12-932 Generosity – Community Groups

Councillor Ledwell commented on the generosity by the many volunteers (food drives, donations collected along the Lions Club parade route, Kinette Club turkey drive, Sport Alliance donation of one-half of the 50/50 draw) to ensure that everyone has a happy, healthy holiday season.

19-12-933 2020 Budget

Councillor Stoyles commented on the budget noting she had some concerns regarding new positions but felt it was important to support her colleagues and vote in favour of the budget.

19-12-934 Condolences – McCarthy

Councillor Stoyles extended condolences to the family and friends of Anna McCarthy, a long-time resident and teacher.

19-12-935 Donation – In Memory of Former Councillor Bernice Miller

Councillor Stoyles spoke of the generous donation by former Councillor Miller's family to a family in need.

19-12-936 Diploma Night – Mount Pearl Senior High (MPSH)

Deputy Mayor Locke extended congratulations to the MPSH graduates who recently participated in their diploma night.

19-12-937 Rogers TV

Deputy Mayor Locke thanked the Rogers TV team for being in attendance and recording today's meeting.

19-12-938 School Break

Deputy Mayor Locke reminded motorists to be extra diligent as students would be soon on their school break for the Christmas holidays.

19-12-939 Snow Clearing Operations – Parking Ban

Councillor Fry reminded residents that vehicles are not permitted to park on the street between 1 AM – 8 AM, during a storm or 12 hours thereafter. In addition, snow is not permitted to be shoveled, blown or plowed onto any street or sidewalk.

19-12-940 New Year's Eve – Fireworks

Councillor Fry reminded residents that fireworks are only permitted on New Year's Eve between dusk and 12:30 AM.

19-12-941 First Night Celebrations

Councillor Fry advised of First Night Celebrations at the Glacier between 4 – 6 PM.

19-12-942 Volunteers

Councillor Fry extended appreciation to all volunteers who have helped in anyway make Christmas an enjoyable one for everyone.

19-12-943 Heavenly Creatures

Councillor Fry advised that donations were needed by Heavenly Creatures, an animal rescue organization.

19-12-944 Sweet Newfie Kitchen

Councillor Fry extended appreciation to the Sweet Newfie Kitchen which will be providing meals and Christmas stockings for those in need.

19-12-945 The Pearl

Councillor Fry extended thanks to reporter Mark Squibb for attending and reporting on Council meetings and other City events.

Mayor Aker extended appreciation to Rogers and a Merry Christmas to residents, colleagues and City staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm on a motion by Councillor Fry and seconded by Councillor Ledwell.

Chairperson

City Clerk