



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 4, 2020**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on February 4, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

STAFF ABSENT

Steve Kent, CAO  
Jason Collins, Director of Community Development

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councillor Isabelle Fry  
Councillor Andrea Power

**Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.**

20-02-064 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-02-065 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held January 28, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

#### BUSINESS ARISING

##### 20-02-066 Canada Post Community Mailboxes

Councillor Stoyles advised of complaints she's received from residents regarding community mailboxes, in particular, a resident from St. Andrew's Avenue who has not been able to access his community mailbox since the snowstorm. She reiterated her position that the Newfoundland climate is not conducive for community mailboxes. She also referenced the snow clearing operations by Canada Post contractors. Mayor Aker spoke of the teleconference with Canada Post officials to address these issues. Councillor Stoyles requested that a letter also be forwarded to Canada Post. In response to Deputy Mayor Locke, Director Antle advised that the City does not have an account of the sites not cleared.

#### ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

#### PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

##### 20-02-067 White Cane Week

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring February 2 - 8, 2020 as White Cane Week in the City of Mount Pearl. Kaila Harnum, a volunteer with the Canadian Council for the Blind, was in attendance and spoke on the significance of the proclamation.

##### 20-02-068 Mount Pearl Blades Pee Wee A&W Hockey Team - Good Deeds Cup

Members of the Pee Wee A&W Hockey Team were welcomed and congratulated on the many deeds they undertook for the Good Deeds Cup initiative.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

20-02-069 Blower Equipment Attachment for  
Previously Approved Trackless Municipal Tractor

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to purchase a blower attachment, at a cost of \$17,000.00 plus HST, for the trackless municipal tractor previously approved (minute 19-11-833).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-02-070 Public Works Update

Councillor Ledwell provided an update on snow clearing operations that have been continuing since the blizzard that occurred on January 17 and 18, 2020. He reminded the public that the 24-hour parking ban remains in effect and that it was against regulations to shovel and/or push snow onto City streets and sidewalks. Appreciation was extended to residents for their patience during this time.

20-02-071 Capital Works Projects Update

Councillor Ledwell provided an update on various projects.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20-02-072 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Antle/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	City of St. John's (Robin Hood Bay- Tipping Fee December 2019)	\$	35,874.00
2.	City of St. John's (Wastewater- October to Dec 2019)	\$	167,442.57
3.	City of St. John's (Water Consumption- December 2019)	\$	233,611.88

4.	Dexter Construction Company Limited (CPR18005 Glendale/Bradley Claim#5)	\$ 82,194.54
5.	DMG Consulting Limited (CPR17001- Adjustment July to December 2019)	\$ 28,157.59
6.	DMG Consulting Limited (CPR17001 Topsail/Blackmarsh- Revised amount remaining for CO#3-R1))	\$ 5,692.16
7.	DMG Consulting Limited (CPR17001 Topsail/Blackmarsh Road)	\$ 9,759.53
8.	Eastern Contracting Limited (Claim#2- CPR19004 Glacier Rink Board Replacement)	\$ 22,200.76
9.	Eastern Contracting Limited (Claim#3- CPR19004 Glacier Rink Board Replacement)	\$ 58,456.69
10.	Modern Paving Limited (CPR19001- Asphalt & Concrete Claim #3- Topsail & Old Placentia Road)	\$ 374,102.90
11.	Mount Pearl Frosty Festival (1st Installment of 2020 Operating Grant )	\$ 17,500.00
12.	Mount Pearl Frosty Festival (Frosty Tickets 2020)	\$ 10,911.63
13.	MVT Canadian Bus Inc. (Go Bus Para Transit Dec 2019)	\$ 59,069.06
14.	Newco Metal & Auto Recycling Limited (Truck Rental for Snow Removal- Jan 21-28, 2020)	\$ 152,012.75
15.	North Atlantic Petroleum (Dyed Diesel - January 2020)	\$ 8,840.81
16.	Parts for Trucks Inc. (Parts for Unit 506 & 599)	\$ 15,534.90
17.	Reefer Repair Services (Repair for Unit 570)	\$ 5,469.03
		\$ 1,286,830.80

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-02-073 Payment Register

The payment register for the period of January 25 - 30, 2020, totalling \$313,385.00, was accepted.

20-02-074 Tax Deferral – Low Income Earners

Motion – Councillor Antle/Deputy Mayor Locke

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

Account #	Amount Deferred
17336	\$ 1,298.70

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-02-075 Façade Improvement Program

Motion – Councillor Antle/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the following application be approved under the Façade Improvement Grant Program:

Applicant	Project Criteria Score (out of 100)	Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommended Grant Amount
The Paint Shop 102 Clyde Avenue	96	\$26,655.55	\$10,000	\$5,000

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-02-076 Scaled Tax Program

Motion – Councillor Antle/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOVLED THAT the following application under the Scaled Tax Program be approved:

Applicant	Project Criteria Score (out of 100)	Current Commercial Tax (2019)	Recommendation
Compounding Wellness Sterile Lab	86	\$4,882.12	Award

Discussion: Councillor Stoyles spoke of her concerns with this program and asked that the criteria be revisited. It was her position that the program should be used to attract new businesses to the city not existing businesses. Councillor Ledwell referenced the “consider it done” initiative with the business community and that it had been supported by Council when introduced in 2019.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-02-077 Climate Change Challenge Fund – Agreement

Motion – Councillor Antle/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to execute the CCCF-2019-011 – City of Mount Pearl Energy Efficiency Projects agreement.

Discussion: It was noted that the City was recently awarded \$212,986.00 (or 73.33%) in funding under the Federal and Provincial Climate Change Challenge Fund for the recent submission of energy efficiency projects. This project was approved and allocated in the 2020 budget and includes important climate change initiatives from the City’s Climate Change Action Plan, namely the conversion of our park shed from oil to electric heat, and the use of recyclable oil filters in the heavy equipment fleet.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20-02-078 Request for Proposals (RFP) Food Service – Glacier Arena

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the RFP submitted by Robin’s Donuts for the provision of food service at the Glacier Arena be approved based on the analysis of the proposals

received and assignment of scoring, and further that approval be granted to proceed with contract negotiations.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-02-079 Family Cross Country Ski Program - Power's Pond

Information on the country ski program commencing on February 9 was presented.

20-02-080 Skating Cancellations  
Glacier – February 5, 8 and 9

Information on skating cancellations due to the Frosty Festival was presented.

20-02-081 Swim Cancellations  
Summit Centre – February 14

Information on swim cancellations on February 14 due to the Swim for Hope Relay event was presented.

20-02-082 Focus on Youth – Nominations Now Open

Nominations for the Focus on Youth Awards are now open and will be accepted until March 2, 2020. Further information is available on the City website.

20-02-083 Admiralty House Communications Museum  
Upcoming Public Programs – February 2020

Information on upcoming events taking place at Admiralty House was presented. Further information is available on their website.

20-02-084 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Lists

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of January 27 - 31, 2020, showing a total construction value of \$103,100.00, be approved and further that the occupancy permit lists be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

20-02-085 Masonic Park

Councillor Stoyles advised that Masonic Park reached out to the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association for assistance to help clear windows following the blizzard. She extended appreciation to the players who responded to the request for help.

20-02-086 Student Summer Employment Program – Post-Secondary

Councillor Stoyles advised that applications are now being accepted for the above program. The program provides a subsidy to assist private sector and not-for-profit organizations which include school districts and municipalities to create summer jobs for post-secondary students entering or returning to post-secondary studies in the upcoming school year. Further information is available on the Province's website.

20-02-087 Condolences – Ralph

Councillor Stoyles extended condolences to the family and friends of Wayne Ralph. She acknowledged Mr. Ralph's contributions to the community and that he was also a former union leader.

20-02-088 Condolences – Osmond

Councillor Stoyles extended condolences to the family and friends of Keith Osmond, longtime operator and owner of Osmond's Garage.

20-02-089 Condolences – Pretty

Councillor Stoyles extended condolences to the family and friends of Lloyd Pretty, a well-known Newfoundland artist.

20-02-090 Cineplex

Councillor Stoyles expressed disappointment about not being notified of the Cineplex application for a liquor license prior to reading about it in the media. It was acknowledged that because there was no change of use at the cinema (i.e. creation of a lounge or putting up walls), it did not require a public notice. Councillor Ledwell and Deputy Mayor Locke also commented, noting that Planning staff process many applications that do not need Council approval and it may be difficult to determine what may be a controversial item.



20-02-091 Snow Clearing

Deputy Mayor Locke commented on complaints of ice chunks left in driveways by the City's snow clearing equipment following the recent snow/rain event. He noted that it was the nature of the event and there was little to be done other than take preventive measures by those who can. Appreciation was extended to the City's operators who have been working steadily since Christmas.

20-02-092 Best in Business Awards

Councillors Antle and Ledwell extended congratulations to all nominees and winners of the Chamber's recent Best in Business Awards. The efforts of the Chamber on behalf of their members were acknowledged with appreciation.

20-02-093 Lunch & Learn with CMHC Senior Analyst, Chris Janes

Councillor Antle provided some highlights from the recent presentation by Chris Janes on the current housing market.

20-02-094 Frosty Festival

Councillor Ledwell extended appreciation to Chairperson Robert Hayes, the Frosty Board and the many volunteers for all they've done to create the signature event that the Festival has become. He noted there was an exciting line up of activities and encouraged the public to attend the many events.

Mayor Aker commented on the Pedestrian Festival of Lights and Cauldron Lighting that will take place tomorrow at St. David's Field. He extended appreciation to the Public Works staff for helping get everything in place.

20-02-095 Proclamation – Kin Canada Day and Kin Canada Week

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring February 20, 2020 as Kin Canada Day and February 16 – 22, 2020 as Kin Canada Week. Councillor Stoyles spoke on the significance of the proclamation and noted the many charitable acts the Kinsmen and Kinettes have carried out.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm on a motion by Deputy Mayor Locke and seconded by Councillor Antle.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk