

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held via video conference on May 19, 2020 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.

20-05-091 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-05-092 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held May 5, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

20-05-093 NF Power – Smallwood Drive Project

Councillor Stoyles commented on the meeting held with NF Power officials regarding the Smallwood Drive project. She indicated that the meeting was informative, however, her concern was with communication and as some residents still had concerns felt a public meeting (video conference) was required. Councillor Fry noted that she was not opposed to the upgrades but suggested that a compromise could be considered, i.e. explore the possibility of keeping the poles at the rear of the properties. Councillor Antle questioned whether there was a consensus from the residents. Mayor Aker advised that NF Power has reached the majority of residents, and the usual process by staff was undertaken with respect to this project. He noted that it was not a Planning issue but was processed through the Engineering Division. Deputy Mayor Locke noted that there is no formal permit required; NF Power consults with the Engineering Division for a technical review. Councillor Ledwell noted that there appeared to be a breakdown in communications and perhaps a sufficient explanation wasn't presented to the residents. He noted that it was not only intended to improve access to the poles but there have been concerns about inadequate lighting in the area, particularly around the Team Gushue Complex. It was noted that an update will be presented at the next public council meeting.

20-05-094 Private Sewer Repairs

Deputy Mayor Locke advised that private sewer repairs were not discontinued, there was a procedure in place to accommodate residents' requests while ensuring the safety of staff during COVID-19. He noted that UTM staff are needed for other services (i.e. water main breaks) and this service would be compromised should staff get sick. He further advised that staff are continuing to review the service and reviewing an SOP, which when drafted, will be referred to the IPW Committee.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

20-05-095 MS Awareness Month

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring May as MS Awareness Month for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, Atlantic Division. The efforts of Zita Kavanagh-

Taylor, Chapter Chair of the S'Myelin Warriors, MS Awareness and Support Group for Newfoundland and Labrador, were noted with much appreciation.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20-05-096 Event Cancellations Due to COVID-19

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the City has cancelled the annual Canada Day and City Days celebrations. This decision was made as a result of public health orders that prevent large gatherings at any indoor or outdoor locations. The City continues to make decisions based on the direction of public health and the health and welfare of its residents and employees. It was noted that the food banks may be impacted by the cancellation of these events. Referred to the Committee for consideration of an alternative solution.

20-05-097 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Lists May 1 – 15, 2020

Motion – Councillor Fry/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of May 4 - 15, 2020, showing a total construction value of \$478,600.00, be approved and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-05-098 Development Permit Listing | May 1 -15, 2020

Motion – Councillor Fry/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT development permits issued for the period of May 1 – 15, 2020 be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

20-05-099 Request for Change Order – RCO #3 - Kenmount Hill – CP-5 – CPR19028 - Owner’s Project Management (OPM) Project CPR18001 Assessment of Storm Outfall and Upgrades - Additional OPM Service Fees

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT RCO#3 for additional project management fees for the Assessment of Storm Outfall and Upgrades project be approved. It will include the preparation of the design RFP, design oversight, and coordination of construction package for tendering in the amount of \$17,514.54 (including HST) This is within the multi-year capital works (MYCW) approved budget. The consultant is Vigilant Management.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-05-100 Public Works Update

Councillor Stoyles provided an update on public works services.

20-05-101 Capital Works Projects Update

Councillor Stoyles provided an update on various projects. Councillor Fry advised of an inquiry from a resident as to whether the pickup of litter was permitted. Deputy Mayor Locke advised that the Community Services Committee considered alternatives to the 20 Minute Makeover, i.e. residents in the same bubble could participate subject to precautions. If it was deemed safe and possible, supplies such as gloves and bags could be provided.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20-05-102 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Power/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	City of St. John's (Tipping Fees- April 2020)	\$ 43,589.87
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2.	City of St. John's Fire Deficit 2018 \$489 465.34 Fire Deficit 2019 \$365 382.92 Water Surplus 2019 (\$411 515.81)	\$ 443,332.45
3.	City of St. John's (Regional Wastewater Deficit 2019)	\$ 8,038.02
4.	Madsen Construction Equipment (Unit 629 - Repair & Parts Inventory)	\$ 13,103.05
5.	EMCO Corporation (Manhole Repair/Replacement - 2020 Construction Season)	\$ 8,863.28
6.	EMCO Corporation (Catchbasin Frames & Covers - 2020 Construction Season)	\$ 11,173.58
7.	Parts for Trucks (Units 505 & 506 - Repairs & Parts)	\$ 5,033.41
8.	Pennecon Energy Technical Service (Summit Center- Electrical Issues Investigation)	\$ 13,428.78
9.	Pro Circuit Electrical Inc. (Summit Center - Pump Room Equipment Bonding)	\$ 13,698.55
10.	St. John's Transportation Commission (Metro Bus Service - April 2020)	\$ 113,993.75
11.	St. John's Transportation Commission (Admin Fee - Accessible Services - Jan to Mar 2020)	\$ 17,526.00
12.	Weir's Construction Ltd. (CPR17001 - Topsail/Blackmarsh Upgrades - Claim 12)	\$ 182,268.74
13.	Saunders Equipment Limited (Unit 730 - Repairs & Parts)	\$ 6,311.94
		\$ 880,361.42

Discussion: It was noted that since UTM started the leak detection program, the City's water consumption has gone down considerably year over year. At the beginning of 2019, the projected cost for water was \$0.6294, however, the actual cost of maintenance was \$0.52544 and subsequently adjusted in the billings (reducing total annual water bill by over \$475,000), which when the City's share of

capital expenditures related to water maintenance of roughly \$62,000 was added, gives the actual water surplus of \$411,000.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-05-103 Payment Register

The payment register for the period of May 4 - 15, 2020, totalling \$625,993.00 was accepted.

20-05-104 Purchase Card Statements – February 6 – May 5

The purchase card statements for February 6 – May 5 were accepted as presented.

20-05-105 Façade Improvement Grant Application
O’Keefe Agencies – 86 Glencoe Drive

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT a façade improvement grant application from O’Keefe Agencies be approved in the amount of \$3,010.43.

Project Criteria Score (out of 100)	Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommended Grant Amount
75	\$6,020.86	\$3,010.43	\$3,010.43

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-05-106 Network Service RFP-20-022

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT, based on the analysis of proposals and assignment of scoring, approval be granted to award RFP-20-022, the facilities wide area data network services project, to Bell Aliant at a cost of \$106,605.00 (HST included). This is a 5-year term contract.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

20-05-107 Mental Health Task Force

Councillor Fry advised that the Mental Health Task Force Committee, comprised of municipal representatives, recently met. Further information will be presented at a later date.

20-05-108 Virtual Public Engagement – Find Your Centre – City Centre Renewal Plan

Members of Council spoke on the success of the virtual public engagement recently held as part of the Find Your Centre project aimed to develop a long-term vision for the City centre. Council also suggested that this platform be considered for other engagement initiatives, however, recognized that some individuals may still require in-person consultations.

20-05-109 Kinette Club

Councillor Fry extended appreciation to the Kinette Club on their Hearts for Hope fundraiser.

20-05-110 Mount Pearl Paradise Skating Club

Councillor Fry extended congratulations to the Club, its members and the volunteers on another successful year. She noted that the annual awards gala was held virtually.

20-05-111 Thank You to Residents

Councillor Fry extended thanks to residents for following the proper public health protocols and guidelines.

20-05-112 Canadian Forces Snowbirds

Councillor Power and Deputy Mayor Locke recognized the tragic passing of Captain Jennifer Casey, a member of the Canadian Forces Snowbirds, and extended sympathy to her family, friends and colleagues. They also acknowledged Captain Richard MacDougall, the pilot who was injured in the same incident.

20-05-113 International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia 2020

Councillor Power noted that we are all human beings, all deserve love and respect, to love who we choose, and to be free from discrimination. The International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia is a day to celebrate diversity and to raise awareness of human rights.

20-05-114 International Peace Officer Memorial Day

Councillor Power advised that International Peace Officer Memorial Day was held on May 15, a day to honour and remember peace officers who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting their communities. She recognized the City's municipal enforcement officers and the work they do in our community.

20-05-115 Virtual Trivia Night

Councillor Power advised she participated in the City's virtual trivia night, noting that it was well attended. She extended appreciation to staff for organizing the event as well as the Summit Centre newsletter.

20-05-116 Northeast Avalon Joint Council (NEAJC)/Eastern Health

Councillor Antle provided an update on the most recent meeting of the NEAJC with Eastern Health.

20-05-117 Ministerial Group – Community Food Banks

Councillor Antle noted that the ministerial group recently met, food banks are in good shape and another donation is expected on June 1. He also noted that the parishes will be applying for grants (funding) to assist with implementing community gardens.

20-05-118 Donation – CUPE Local 2099

Councillor Stoyles extended appreciation to CUPE Local 2099 on their \$1,000 donation in support of the food bank.

20-05-119 Condolences – Pitcher

Members of Council recognized the passing of Chad Pitcher, a City employee, father and well-respected individual. Condolences were extended to his wife Holly, their three children, his family and friends. Mayor Aker also extended condolences to

Chad's family and recognized the role of CUPE Local 2099 and their support to his family.

20-05-120 Condolences - Cameron

Councillor Stoyles extended condolences to Bob and Marilyn Cameron on the passing of Bob's mother, Elizabeth.

20-05-121 Community Clean Up

Deputy Mayor Locke noted with appreciation the ongoing efforts by staff as they collect the litter around the City. Councillor Ledwell also commented on the work, noting the significant progress being made early in the season.

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.

Chairperson

City Clerk