

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held via video conference on June 16, 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.

20-06-158 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Power

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-06-159 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held June 2, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

20-06-160 Hotel Mount Pearl
1 – 5 Park Avenue

Council was advised of complaints regarding the length of time it is taking for the demolition of Hotel Mount Pearl. For the information of the public, an appeal of the City's Order has been filed with the Eastern Regional Appeal Board on the basis that demolition and clean-up can only proceed upon receiving a response from Occupational Health and Safety in relation to the asbestos testing results. Staff has reached out to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment, the Appeal Board and the City's solicitor to determine what can be done. A further update should be available for the next public council meeting.

20-06-161 Bulk Garbage Collection

The public was advised that bulk garbage collection will take place in July and August by appointment. Scheduling started on June 15 and resulted in many calls for appointments. Consideration is being given to ways to respond to the demand.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

20-06-162 Municipal Awareness Day

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring June 24, 2020 as Municipal Awareness Day in the City of Mount Pearl. It was also recognized that June 14 – 20 was National Public Service Week. The valuable contribution of City staff and all public service employees was acknowledged with much appreciation.

20-06-163 Brain Injury Awareness Month

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring June as Brain Injury Awareness Month in the City of Mount Pearl. The importance of wearing helmets to prevent brain injuries was highlighted as well as Ms. (Marina) White's efforts with this initiative.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

20-06-164 Contract Recommendation – RFP-20-011
Professional Consultant Services for Pedestrian Walkway Underpass Remediation

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the professional consultant services for pedestrian walkway underpass remediation contract, RFP-20-011, to Dillion Consulting Ltd., the highest compliant proponent, in the amount of \$65,211.00 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-06-165 Contract Recommendation – CPR20007
RFP Topsail Road Asphalt Renewal - RFP20-020

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the contractor services for the Topsail Road asphalt renewal 2020 contract, RFP20-020, to Modern Paving Ltd., the highest compliant proponent, in the amount of \$726,688.68 (HST included).

The scope of work is to provide construction services for asphalt renewal on Topsail Road between Corisande Drive and Farrell Drive for the 2020 construction season.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-06-166 Contract Recommendation - CPR20001
St. David's Avenue Upgrading – CP2

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the 2019 street reconstruction - phase 2 - St. David's Avenue contract to the lowest qualified bidder, Modern Paving, for the bid price of \$851,245.24 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-06-167 Public Works Update

Councillor Stoyles provided an update on public works services. Clarification on the collection of yard waste was presented.

20-06-168 Capital Works Projects Update

Councillor Stoyles provided an update on various projects.

20-06-169 Newfoundland Power (NFP) Application for Permit
Proposed Upgrading for 2020
Smallwood Drive, Blossom Avenue and Park Avenue

Councillor Stoyles advised that following the public response to the installation of poles on Smallwood Drive, steps were taken to immediately pause the project. The City wrote to Newfoundland Power on June 10, 2020, through the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works, to “stop any installation of poles and/or wires in the Smallwood Drive right-of-way.”

The City is currently working closely with Newfoundland Power to better understand if there are other feasible alternatives and what the impact of those alternatives will be to residents and businesses. The City values the feedback received and wants to work together with Newfoundland Power, residents, and businesses to find the most reliable and least impactful option. More information on this public engagement will be available in the coming weeks.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20-06-170 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Power/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	Armour Lock & Safe (Door Replacements/Repairs at Team Gushue Washrooms)	\$ 7,762.50
2.	Atlantic Crane & Material Handling (Replacement of Brake Assembly on Main Shop Crane)	\$ 5,355.02
3.	Benson Buffett (Legal Fees)	\$ 5,218.82
4.	Benson Buffett (Legal Fees)	\$ 9,133.07
5.	CIMCO Refrigeration (Glacier Eco-Chill System - Maintenance/Repairs)	\$ 19,170.50
6.	Cole Air Contracting Ltd. (Mini Split Heat Pump - Legion Building)	\$ 10,954.41
7.	EMCO Corporation (Hydrant Repair- Old Placentia Road)	\$ 5,237.50
8.	exp Services Inc. (Power's Pond Oil Spill Testing - Jan 2020)	\$ 9,545.00
9.	exp Services Inc. (Power's Pond Oil Spill Testing - July 2019)	\$ 6,118.43
10.	exp Services Inc. (Power's Pond Oil Spill Testing - Sep 2019)	\$ 5,221.99
11.	Harvey & Company (Unit 547-Vehicle Inspection & Repairs)	\$ 11,962.37
12.	Hickey's Timber Mart (Cedar Lumber - Summit Sauna)	\$ 7,657.34
13.	Kelloway Construction Ltd. (Cleaning Services - May 2020)	\$ 31,013.55
14.	Mills & Wright Landscape Architecture Inc. (Feasibility Study - City Center- April 2020)	\$ 9,616.88
15.	Mills & Wright Landscape Architecture Inc. (Feasibility Study - City Center- May 2020)	\$ 11,278.63
16.	North Atlantic Petroleum (Dyed Diesel)	\$ 6,466.86

17.	Pro Circuit Electrical Inc. (Summit Center - GFCI Installation- Progress Payment)	\$ 21,521.35
18.	Pro Circuit Electrical Inc. (Summit Center - Pool Heater Wiring)	\$ 20,022.13
19.	Saunders Equipment Limited (51" Snow Blower- Depot)	\$ 19,515.50
20.	Bell Aliant (Telephone & Data Service- Feb - May 2020)	\$ 22,550.21
		\$ 245,322.06

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-06-171 Payment Register

The payment register for the period of May 28 – June 11, 2020, totalling \$695,579.22, was accepted.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20-06-172 Use of Walking Trails, Parks and Dog Parks

The public was reminded to maintain social distancing and follow the signs when using the City's trails and parks to ensure everyone's safety.

20-06-173 Off-Leash Dog Park
Next to Power's Pond Boat House

For the information of the public, the dog park is now open, and users are asked to keep the facility clean and follow the rules and regulations. The public was also reminded to pick up after their pets when using the walking trails and parks.

20-06-174 Sport Fields Guidelines

Staff continue to work with sporting groups on their return to play and their safe operating procedures to ensure the safety of all players and spectators for the sports that will be offered this summer.

20-06-175 Development Permit Listing | June 1 to 12, 2020

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT development permits issued for the period of June 1 - 12, 2020 be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-06-176 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Lists
June 1 to 12, 2020

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of June 1 - 12, 2020, showing a total construction value of \$13,255,828.00, be approved and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

20-06-177 Eastern Health and Northeast Avalon Joint Council Meeting

Councillor Antle provided an update on the above meeting, noting that Eastern Health is gradually increasing services, currently close to 65% operational capacity.

20-06-178 Complaints of Roaming Cats

Councillor Antle commented on the increased number of roaming cat complaints and reminded residents that, in accordance with the Animal Control Regulations, cats are not permitted to roam.

20-06-179 Library Board

Councillor Antle advised that the Library Board is working with the Province on the gradual resumption of services. He noted that NL Public Libraries were considering curbside services at select sites, however, it could not be confirmed if the Ross King Memorial Public Library would be included at this time.

20-06-180 Mount Pearl Foodbanks Fundraiser

Councillor Antle advised that the GoFundMe campaign implemented by the Mount Pearl Community Supper Group ends on June 30. He noted that over \$12,000 has been raised through a combination of this platform as well as direct donations to the foodbanks. Appreciation was extended to everyone who donated; the group will continue to explore fundraising opportunities as there is an ongoing need for support.

20-06-181 Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group (MPSIG)

Councillor Stoyles advised that the MPSIG has hired a summer student to do odd jobs for members. Further information is available by contacting their office.

20-06-182 Kinette Club

Councillors Stoyles and Fry extended appreciation and congratulations to the Kinette Club for raising over \$11,000 through their Hearts for Hope fundraising campaign. Funds will be used in the community to assist those in need.

20-06-183 Mount Pearl Youth Opportunity Fund Foundation

Councillor Stoyles commented on the Rogers family (Rogers Communication) \$25,000 donation to the Youth Opportunity Fund and extended appreciation for this generous contribution. The Foundation provides funding that focuses on “youth helping youth” empowering youth through new and innovative opportunities. Further information on the Foundation is available on the City website.

20-06-184 Appreciation – Employee Gary Lewis

Deputy Mayor Locke advised of a resident’s email complimenting Water and Sewer Foreperson, Gary Lewis, for going above and beyond to resolve a problem in a timely manner.

20-06-185 Roaming Cats

Deputy Mayor Locke advised that roaming domestic cats also have a negative impact on the bird population. He reiterated that cats are to be tethered when outside.

20-06-186 Appreciation to Staff

Councillor Ledwell extended appreciation to staff and all public servants to ensure citizens are provided the services they need.

20-06-187 Vehicle Break-Ins

Councillor Fry commented on the social media posts she has seen regarding vehicle break-ins in various neighbourhoods and questioned how the City could address the problem. Director Collins advised there was an active RNC investigation and the Municipal Enforcement Division is providing assistance. The benefits of the Neighbourhood Watch Program were raised, and it was suggested that residents contact the City for further information.

20-06-188 National Blood Donor Week

Councillor Power noted that National Blood Donor Week was June 8 – 14 and spoke on the importance of lifesaving blood donations. She noted that donations continue to be accepted and collected in compliance with the public health guidelines.

20-06-189 Stroke Awareness Month

Councillor Power advised that June is Stroke Awareness Month and encouraged residents to visit the Heart and Stroke website for potentially lifesaving information.

20-06-190 Father's Day

Councillor Power noted that Father's Day was Sunday (June 21) and extended best wishes to all fathers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm on a motion by Councillor Fry and seconded by Councillor Antle.

Chairperson

City Clerk