



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held via video conference on October 6, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Deputy Mayor Jim Locke
Councillor Lucy Stoyles
Councillor Isabelle Fry
Councillor Bill Antle

STAFF PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Dave Aker

Deputy Mayor Locke chaired the meeting.

20-10-349 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-10-350 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held September 22, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

20-10-351 Diversity Matters Webinar Series

The webinars were well attended and very informative; appreciation was extended to Councillors Stoyles and Fry, the guest speakers, YWCA St. John's, and City staff. Recordings of both sessions are available on the City's YouTube channel.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

20-10-352 Fire Prevention Week

Deputy Mayor Locke signed a proclamation declaring October 4 – 10 as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Mount Pearl. The role of firefighters and the important service they provide was highlighted.

CORRESPONDENCE None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

20-10-353 Change Order – CO#14 – Glendale Avenue and Bradley Place Upgrading Project CPR18005 – Vigilant Management (Project Management) with Dexter Construction Driveway and Retaining Wall at 47 Glendale Avenue

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT Change Order – CO#14 to the contract, CPR18005 – Glendale Avenue and Bradley Place Upgrading Project, with Vigilant Management (Project Manager) – Dexter Construction, be approved for a retaining wall and repaving at 47 Glendale Avenue, in the amount of \$17,793.45 (including HST).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-10-354 Contract Recommendation – One 4x4 Parks Tractor – TP20-034

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the contract for the supply and delivery of one 4x4 Parks Tractor, TP20-034, to the lowest qualified bidder, Atlantic Trailer & Equipment Ltd., for the bid amount of \$45,844.75 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-10-355 Pedestrian Underpass Remediation – Old Placentia Road
Condition of Other Underpasses at Richard Nolan Drive and Smallwood Drive

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to proceed with the concrete infill rehabilitation (option 3 of consultant's report) project, for the detailed design and construction phase in the 2020 season, at a cost of \$390,847.26 (including HST) for the pedestrian underpass on Old Placentia Road. In terms of budget, it is noted that, in addition to the funds transfer that is currently being processed for this project, a further \$80,573.86 (including HST) transfer is required among the existing multiyear capital works funding.

With respect to the other two underpasses, on Richard Nolan Drive and Smallwood Drive, the consultant advised that these are sound at this time, and estimates that any repairs or upgrading may not be required for 5-10 years; however, inspections would be required every two years to ensure any aging or deterioration does not require more immediate action.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-10-356 Proposed Amendments to City of Mount Pearl Snow Clearing Regulations
Revised Notice of Motion

The Notice of Motion presented at the September 8, 2020 public council meeting was amended to include a further clause to clarify penalties of non-compliance with the Regulations. The revised Notice of Motion including the amendments proposed at the September 8th meeting as well as the additional clause clarifying penalties reads as follows:

(a) Under Section 2, “Definitions”, add: ““Contracted Snow clearer” means any individual, partnership or corporation who has been engaged by another entity to move, remove, or clear accumulated snowfall for compensation.”

(b) Under Section 8,

- after “person”, add “, or Contracted Snow clearer,”; and
- delete “carriage way or sidewalk” and replace with “street, sidewalk, or City-owned land, including Open Space”.

Section 8 would then read: “No person, or Contracted Snow clearer, shall shovel, plow, or blow any snow from a driveway or parking lot onto a highway, street, sidewalk, or City-owned land, including Open Space, within the municipal boundaries of the City;

(c) Add new Section 9, and renumber subsequent sections accordingly: “Where winter conditions result in reduction of traffic sight lines, snow shall not be stored in a way that unreasonably blocks sight-lines or otherwise creates a hazard.”;

(d) Under renumbered Section 10, previously Section 9,

- after “person” add “, or Contracted Snow clearer,”;
- at end of sub-clause (a); delete “OR,” and at the end of sub-clause (b), delete “.” and replace with “; and/or”;
- add new sub-clause (c), to read “shall be liable for the cost of snow removal and/or remediation of resulting damages.”.

(e) Throughout the Regulations, make any secondary/grammatical edits required to effectively incorporate the changes described under items 1 through 4 above.

(f) Throughout the Regulations, make any other correction/formatting required edits that may be identified, i.e. typos, and which do not alter any intent of the current Regulations.

The purpose of this amendment is to provide Council with the authority to regulate the clearing of snow from private property in order to increase safety on City streets during winter conditions, and to prevent damage to properties from inappropriate snow storage.

20-10-357 Public Safety in Construction Zones

The public was reminded to observe construction zone reduced speeds, follow directions of flag persons, and use extra caution and attention to safety when slowly proceeding through these work sites.

20-10-358 Public Works Update

Councillor Stoyles provided an update on public works services.

20-10-359 Capital Works Projects Update

Councillor Stoyles provided an update on various projects.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20-10-360 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	Afonso Group Limited (Catch Basin & Storm Sewer Cleaning)	\$ 7,355.40
2.	Armour Lock & Safe (Plenum Doors- Summit Center)	\$ 11,038.85
3.	Dexter Construction Company Limited (Roland Drive Project Work Required)	\$ 10,463.88
4.	Electromega Limited (Traffic Detection Loops - Hardware)	\$ 6,796.50
5.	North Atlantic Petroleum (Regular Gas- Depot- September)	\$ 7,826.86
6.	Provincial Fence Products Limited (Fence Repair- Turf Field)	\$ 8,878.00
7.	Provincial Fence Products Limited (Team Gushue Baseball Dugout Extensions)	\$ 17,183.30

8.	Pro Circuit Electrical Inc (Supply & Installation of P1000 Variable Frequency Drive)	\$ 6,134.82
9.	Perfect Day Ltd. (Donovans Renewal Project)	\$ 8,567.50
10.	Tract Consulting Inc. (Professional Services for Accessible Playground)	\$ 9,596.75
11.	Harvey & Company (Vehicle Service, Inspection and Replacement of Parts)	\$ 9,830.97
12.	OTIS Canada Inc. (Elevator Services Contract - Aug 2020 - July 2021)	\$ 12,355.28
		\$ 116,028.11

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-10-361 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

The payment register for the period of September 22 - 30, 2020, totalling \$2,951,028.35, and the purchase card reports for July 6 – August 5 and August 6 – September 5, totalling \$8,279.23 and \$8,491.05 respectively were accepted.

20-10-362 Foreign Direct Investment Contract Award

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the Foreign Direct Investment Contract to Target Marketing at a value of \$62,675.00 (50% funded), excluding HST.

The primary objectives of this project are to:

- Develop a toolkit to attract new businesses to the City of Mount Pearl by positioning it as the best place to do business in Atlantic Canada, with a strong focus on the technology and innovation sectors.
- Demonstrate a commitment to foreign business growth and expansion, including how easy it is to open a business in the City of Mount Pearl and the accessibility of resources and support for growth.
- Demonstrate the success of existing businesses and the benefits of doing business in Mount Pearl and the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

- Promote the City of Mount Pearl as a unique destination to live, work, and do business.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20-10-363 94 Clyde Avenue - Refresh Contracting and Cabinetry Ltd.
DA20-0243 - | Discretionary Use

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT a discretionary use application from Refresh Contracting and Cabinetry Ltd. to install a paint spray booth in association with a proposed cabinetry manufacturing business, which includes the painting and assembly of cabinetry and related carpentry work at 94 Clyde Avenue be approved and a Development Permit be issued subject to Section 7.15 of the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010, and subject to the conditions as set out by the Department of Community Development.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-10-364 Safety Skeleton | Halloween

For the information of the public, the annual Safety Skeleton Program carried out by the Municipal Enforcement Division in partnership with the Citizens Crime Prevention Committee on Halloween night will not be taking place this year to ensure the safety of staff and the many volunteers. Municipal Enforcement Officers will still be on regular patrol Halloween night for public safety.

20-10-365 City Hosted Annual Fall Craft Fair | Cancelled

For the information of the public, the annual fall craft fair which took place on Thanksgiving Day at the Reid Centre is cancelled this year.

20-10-366 Glacier Arena | Summit Centre
Monday, October 12, 2020

For the information of the public, the Glacier Arena will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2020. The Summit Centre will remain open. Please visit the City's website for more information.

20-10-367 Development Permit Listing | September 21 – October 2, 2020

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the development permits be approved as presented for the period of September 21 – October 2, 2020.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-10-368 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Listing | September 21 – October 2, 2020

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of September 21 – October 2, 2020, showing a total construction value of \$324,900.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

20-10-369 Condolences – Dunne

Councillor Stoyles extended sympathy to Michelle Locke, as well as other family and friends, of Craig Dunne.

20-10-370 Condolences

Councillor Stoyles extended condolences to Rosemary Au on the passing of her sister.

20-10-371 Thank You to Staff

Councillor Stoyles extended appreciation to staff who went above and beyond for a student at St. Peter's Junior High School. One of their students lost a ring in a catch basin and they took the time to retrieve it.

20-10-372 Sport Alliance - Bingo

Members of Council spoke on the drive-in bingo organized by the Sport Alliance and encouraged residents to support the fundraiser in aid of minor sporting groups. The next bingo will be held October 18 at the Team Gushue Complex.

20-10-373 Newfoundland and Labrador Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service

Councillor Fry advised that she attended the above service held in memory of police and peace officers who lost their lives in the performance of their duties. She noted that Municipal Enforcement Officer Derek Hynes represented the City and that Constable Georgina Short (resident) founded the organization and is currently the President of the Association.

20-10-374 FCM Webinar

Councillor Fry advised she attended an FCM webinar - Fireside Chat featuring the Honourable Maryam Monsef, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development. It was a virtual event to explore the challenges and break through a in the areas of diversity and inclusion across all orders of government. Topics included barriers to inclusion, the pervasive dynamics of gender-based violence, tangible measures put in place by municipalities to empower women candidates and elected officials, and much more.

20-10-375 MNL Mental Health Task Force

Councillor Fry advised of a recent meeting of the task force noting that their goal was to make mental health support more accessible.

20-10-376 Admiralty House – Event

Councillor Fry advised of an upcoming event - Halloween Crafternoon and Ghost Hunt at Admiralty House Communications Museum, taking place October 17 and 24 10 am, 1 pm and 3 pm each day.

20-10-377 Food Bank Cheque Presentation

Councillor Antle spoke on the final cheque presentation to the City's food banks, collectively over \$13,000 was raised. He noted that the food banks desperately needed support and plans were underway for another fundraising event. He advised

that the Park Avenue Pentecostal Church was holding a food drive on October 7, 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

20-10-378 Congratulations – Deputy Chief of Operations Roger Hounsell

Councillor Antle extended congratulations to Deputy Chief Hounsell on his recent appointment. It was requested that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to him.

20-10-379 Bench Repairs – Branscombe Pond Park

Councillor Antle extended appreciation to staff for their quick response in repairing a park bench at the Branscombe Pond Park.

20-10-380 Congratulations – Paul King

Deputy Mayor Locke extended congratulations to Paul King, a Physics and Science teacher at Mount Pearl Senior High, for receiving the 2020 Prime Minister's Certificate of Achievement for Teaching Excellence in STEM fields. Mr. King runs the robotics program that has resulted in teams participating in provincial and international competitions. A letter of congratulations will be forwarded to Mr. King.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm on a motion by Councillor Fry and seconded by Councillor Antle.

Chairperson

City Clerk