



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2020**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on December 15, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

20-12-498 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-12-499 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held December 1, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING/ACTION REPORT

No business arose from the previous meeting. The action report was accepted as presented

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

20-12-500 Freedom of the City – Navy League of Canada

A resolution was presented by Mayor Aker, on behalf of Council, granting the Freedom of the City to the Navy League of Canada in recognition of their 125th anniversary and for their contribution to the youth of Mount Pearl.

CORRESPONDENCE None presented

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

20-12-501 Public Works Update

Deputy Mayor Locke provided an update on public works services.

20-12-502 Capital Works Projects Update

Deputy Mayor Locke provided an update on various projects. (Richard Levandier Softball Field – sign missing, referred to IPW for follow up. Sodds that were recently laid are covered by warranty should there be a problem in the spring.)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20-12-503 Canada Games – Year 2025

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to execute a Venue Use Memorandum of Understanding for the 2025 Canada Summer Games between the City of Mount Pearl and the 2025 Canada Summer Games Bid Committee.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-12-504 Family First Night Celebrations, December 31, 2020 | CANCELLED

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual first night skate celebrations the Glacier Arena from 4:00 to 6:00pm will not take place this year.

20-12-505 Upcoming Registrations
Fitness Programs, Seniors Independence Group Programs Swim Lessons

Information on the registration dates for the winter programs for Fitness Classes, Swim Lessons and the Seniors Independence Group programs was presented.

20-12-506 Christmas Hours – Recreational Facilities

Information on the Christmas hours of operation for recreational facilities was presented.

20-12-507 Fireworks | New Year's Eve

The public was reminded that the City's Noise Regulations permit fireworks on New Year's Eve between dusk and 12:30am on January 1.

20-12-508 Development Permit Listing | November 30 – December 11, 2020

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the development permits be approved as presented for the period of November 30 – December 11, 2020.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-12-509 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Listing | November 30 – December 11, 2020

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of November 30 – December 11, 2020, showing a total construction value of \$67,500.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20-12-510 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Avalon Coal, Salt & Oil, Bulk Salt	\$ 147,894.37
2	Athletica Sport Systems Ice Edger	\$ 5,117.50
3	Central Square Data Extraction & Conversion	\$ 9,098.80
4	City of St. John's Tipping Fees, November 2020	\$ 40,083.69
5	Madsen Diesel & Turbine Generator Inspections	\$ 7,015.00
6	Harvey & Company Salt Truck Engine Repairs	\$ 8,882.17
7	Ignite Security Cisco Due Subscription, One Year	\$ 12,644.78
8	Ignite Security Wi-Fi Hardware & 3 Year License	\$ 23,796.90
9	Ignite Security Merakie Switches & 3 Year License	\$ 8,051.15
10	King's Plumbing & Heating Park Place Washroom Upgrades	\$ 9,085.00
11	Keep Cool Refrigeration Replace Mini Splits, Depot & RNC	\$ 17,135.00
12	Korn Ferry Hay Group Organization Design (Phase 1)	\$ 14,812.00
13	North Atlantic Petroleum Dyed Diesel	\$ 9,003.27
14	North Atlantic Petroleum Gasoline	\$ 5,258.57
15	Provincial Fence Products Various Repairs	\$ 22,917.20
16	Reefer Repairs 3 Hyundai Loaders	\$ 954,473.55
17	Reefer Repairs, Inspection & Required Repairs 2005 Sterling L9500	\$ 5,829.71
18	Saunders Equipment 2 Side Loader Trucks	\$ 790,970.00
19	Saunders Equipment 1 Side Loader Truck	\$ 395,485.00

20	St. John's Transportation Commission October Fees	\$ 99,074.35
21	St. John's Transportation Commission November Fees	\$ 96,035.49
22	Spartan Fitness Accessible Fitness Equipment	\$ 7,245.00
23	Triad Conflict Management	\$ 6,856.88
24	Vohl Inc. Carbide Shoes & Blades	\$ 9,547.78
25	Mills & Wright Landscape Architects Progress Billing 2, Trails Wayfinding	\$ 9,028.70
26	Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2021 Membership	\$ 5,804.19
27	Englobe Corp Material Testing, Various Projects	\$ 19,978.38
28	Englobe Corp Material Testing, Various Projects	\$ 12,871.38
29	Modern Paving CPR19001 2019 A&C Claim 7	\$ 16,107.19
30	Modern Paving CPR19001 2019 A&C Claim 8 ROH	\$ 68,799.91
31	Modern Paving CPR20003 Topsail/Dunns Rd Int Claim2	\$ 135,294.68
32	Modern Paving CPR20007 2020 Topsail Claim#3	\$ 367,625.94
33	Modern Paving CPR20007 Topsail Claim 4	\$ 76,191.40
34	Modern Paving CPR20004 2020 A&C Claim #4	\$ 68,807.23
35	Modern Paving CPR20004 2020A&C Claim5 Modern	\$ 81,947.47
36	Tract Consulting Smart Accessible Playground	\$ 10,839.33
37	Vigilant Management Inc. Capital Work, Glendale, Bradley & St. David's, August 2020	\$ 33,300.77
38	Vigilant Management Inc., Capital Work, Glendale, Bradley & St. David's, September 2021	\$ 7,775.86

39	Vigilant Management Inc., Capital Work, Glendale, Bradley & St. David's October 2022	\$	11,484.15
40	Weir's Construction TP-20-033:2020 OPR Asph Renewal Claim 2	\$	936,775.56
	Total	\$	3,612,909.73

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-12-511 Payment Register

The payment register for the period of November 30 – December 7, 2020, totalling \$1,219,063.14, was accepted as presented.

20-12-512 Interest Free Period

For the information of the public, the interest free deadline of December 31, 2020 which was given to residents due to COVID-19 will be ending and interest will resume as of January 1, 2021.

2021 Budget Presentation

Councillor Fry provided an overview of the budget process and plans for 2021.

20-12-513 2021 Tax Rates

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with *The City of Mount Pearl Act*, establish the following tax rates for the 2021 taxation year:

Property Tax – Residential (Minimum \$200/yr)	7.1 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

Billboards \$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.

20-12-514 2021 Rates & Fees

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

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, 2021.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

20-12-515 Interest Rate

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Antle

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.

20-12-516 Revenues and Expenditures

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with *The City of Mount Pearl Act*, approve the 2021 Budget with operating Revenues and Expenditures totalling \$56,110,612.00.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

20-12-517 2021 Budget

Members of Council extended appreciation to everyone involved in the 2021 budget deliberations which resulted in the budget approved today. The following components of the budget presentation were highlighted:

- Budget is about redefining value for service
- Revenue is down in taxation and goods & services
- Lowered operational expenditures by \$2.5 million
- Total capital budget is \$11.8 million, up from \$7.2 million in 2020
- Residential mil rate decreasing from 7.4 to 7.1
- Built on the goals outlined in the City's strategic plan and the continued support and investment in the 7 strategic pillars

20-12-518 Condolences – Hatch

Councillor Stoyles acknowledged the passing of Blanche Hatch and extended condolences to her family and friends, noting that her husband, Chris, was a former councillor.

20-12-519 Condolences – Walker

Councillor Stoyles acknowledged the passing of Ena Walker and extended condolences to her family and friends, noting that her husband Lloyd, was a local businessperson.

20-12-520 Canadian Music Educators Association (CMEA)
2020 CMEA Builders Award Winner

Councillor Stoyles as well Deputy Mayor Locke extended congratulations to Suzanne O’Keefe on receiving the 2020 CMEA Builders Award. A letter of congratulations will be forwarded from the Mayor’s office.

20-12-521 Human Rights Award

Councillor Stoyles extended congratulations to Craig Reid on winning the Human Rights Award. It is awarded to a person who has made and/or continues to make a meaningful contribution to advancing and furthering human rights in the province. A letter of congratulations will be forwarded from the Mayor’s office.

20-12-522 Compounding Wellness Pharmacy

Councillor Stoyles extended congratulations to Karen Francis, Compounding Wellness Pharmacy, on receiving a national award from the Pharmacy Association in recognition of her business.

20-12-523 Best in Mount Pearl Awards

Congratulations were extended to the recipients of the Best in Mount Pearl Awards.
Impact in Music, Arts, and Culture – Christine Hennebury
Environment Award – Auto Parts Network AND Rotary Club of Waterford Valley
Community Group of the Year – Parish of the Good Shephard
Citizen of the Year – Wanda Tiller
Lifetime Achievement – Jim Bulger

20-12-524 Auto Parts Network and Collision Clinic
Enriching Lives Car Giveaway

Councillor Stoyles acknowledged the generosity of the local business community – Auto Parts Network and the Collision Clinic – the Enriching Lives Car Giveaway, an initiative that gives away a reconditioned vehicle to a family in need.

20-12-525 St. David's Park – Lights

Councillor Stoyles acknowledged the 2019 donation by the Rossiter family of the St. David's Park tree lights in memory of John Rossiter. These lights were installed in 2019 and this year, the City added additional lighting and Christmas decorations.

20-12-526 Kinette Club – Turkey Drive

Councillor Stoyles expressed appreciation to those who donated turkeys at the recently held turkey drive (organized by the Kinette Club) whereby over 150 turkeys were collected for those in need.

20-12-527 St. Peter's Parish – Warming Centre

Councillor Stoyles advised that St. Peter's Parish received a provincial grant for the purchase of a generator for the establishment of a warming centre. The City's assistance has been requested and donations from the private industry will be pursued.

20-12-528 Generosity – Community and School Groups

Councillor Antle commented on the generosity of residents, in particular, those that supported the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle as well as the Mount Pearl Senior High and Intermediate Schools food drive ("fill the bus").

20-12-529 Pearl House Manor

Councillor Antle advised that Pearl House Manor will be leaving on their outside Christmas lights until all their residents receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

20-12-530 Birthday Greetings

Councillor Antle extended birthday greetings to Pearl House resident Vera Piccott on her 100th birthday.

20-12-531 Pipers

Councillor Antle advised that Pipers will be returning to Mount Pearl in the spring of 2021 in the former MAX Athletics site, 1 Olympic Drive.

20-12-532 Food Drive

Deputy Mayor Locke also commented on the MPSH and MPI food drive, noting it was an initiative of the student councils and SEL (social emotional learning), a process for acquiring social and emotional skills. Twenty tons of food was collected as well as \$1,000 in cash/gift cards.

20-12-533 Virtual Diploma Celebration – Mount Pearl Senior High (MPSH)

Deputy Mayor Locke extended congratulations to the MPSH graduates, noting their virtual diploma celebration. Appreciation was extended to teachers Cheralyn Carroll and Tim Matson who organized the event.

20-12-534 Santa Visits

Deputy Mayor Locke advised that Santa will be visiting Mount Pearl this weekend, visits will be made to every street on Saturday and Sunday. Further details are available on the City website.

20-12-535 St. David's Park

Councillor Fry also commented on St. David's Park as well as the tree lit with purple lights in memory of Cortney Lake. Appreciation was also extended to Danny Williams for his donation of the 32ft Christmas tree.

20-12-536 Donations

Councillor Fry encouraged those who could to support the Salvation Army Kettle campaign, the food banks as well as providing donations to Heavenly Creatures, an animal rescue organization.

20-12-537 Season's Greetings

Members of Council extended season's greetings to residents, their colleagues and City staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Chairperson

City Clerk