

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on January 12, 2021 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.

21-01-001 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-01-002 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held December 15, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

21-01-003 Fireworks

Members of Council raised concerns about the increased use of residential fireworks particularly outside the designated times (New Year's Eve and Canada Day) stipulated in the City's Noise Regulations. The challenge for municipal enforcement officers to respond immediately given the number of people setting off fireworks was acknowledged. Suggestions such as an increased social media education campaign and regulations by the Province on the sale of fireworks were presented. It was noted that matter of residential fireworks will be discussed by the Large Urban Caucus at an upcoming meeting. A subsequent update will be provided.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None presented.

CORRESPONDENCE None presented

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-01-004 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	ADP Canada Inc Payroll Services, November 2020	\$ 5,140.79
2	Canadian Medical Products Inc. AED and Supplies	\$ 10,676.80
3	Central Square Property Tax Module	\$ 7,763.65

4	Central Square Training & Project Management Services	\$ 11,769.10
5	Cimco Refrigeration Insulation Services - Glacier	\$ 6,228.98
6	City of St. John's Water Consumption November 2020	\$ 224,554.04
7	Clearwater Pools Titanium Coated Elements	\$ 11,667.68
8	Dexter Construction Glendale Avenue, Claim #9	\$ 341,903.25
9	Everbridge Citizen Alert Service Renewal	\$ 7,847.31
10	GDP Consulting Professional Services	\$ 28,462.50
11	Harvey & Company Recycling Truck Inspection & Repairs	\$ 5,900.62
12	Kelloway's Construction Facility Cleaning Services, December 2020	\$ 31,013.55
13	King's Plumbing & Heating Repairs to Summit Backflow Preventer	\$ 13,800.00
14	King's Plumbing & Heating Replace Washroom Fixtures at Park Place	\$ 9,085.00
15	McInnis Cooper Legal Fees	\$ 5,994.95
16	Modern Paving St. David's, Claim # 2	\$ 270,124.75
17	Municipalities NL 2021 Membership Fees	\$ 17,659.88
18	MVT November Go Bus Service	\$ 45,309.02
19	Newfoundland Power Transformer Changeout, Summit Centre	\$ 7,161.42
20	Pro-Circuit Electrical LED Lighting at Soccer Hut	\$ 7,462.47
21	Pro-Circuit Electrical Replacement of Lights on Centennial Street	\$ 9,263.50

22	Ricoh Canada Laserfiche Renewals	\$ 31,681.35
23	Saunders Equipment Ltd. Vacuum Truck Parts	\$ 6,638.23
24	Training Works Employee Engagement Progress Payment	\$ 37,375.00
25	Universal Power Solutions Inc. Glacier Gamatronic UPS Inspections	\$ 6,325.00
26	Wolseley Canada Watermain Repair Parts	\$ 5,063.24
		\$ 1,160,731.29

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-01-005 Payment Register

The payment register for the period of December 11 – 31, 2020, totalling \$6,410,543.87, was accepted as presented.

21-01-006 Emergency Response Plan

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the City's Emergency Response Plan be adopted as requested by the Department of Justice and Public Safety.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

21-01-007 Automated External Defibrillators (AED) Systems

For the information of the public, the City has increased the number and location of AED systems within City buildings and recreational facilities, implemented a maintenance program to ensure the equipment is regularly inspected and kept in good working order, and added extra sets of AED pads to the equipment containers.

21-01-008 Public Works Update

Councillor Stoyles provided an update on public works services. The installation of four outdoor rinks was highlighted, as well as the rationale for not refrigerating the loop at St. David's Park. It was noted that the City would install the rinks, but they would be maintained by volunteers.

21-01-009 Capital Works Projects Update

Councillor Stoyles provided an update on various projects. It was noted that the weather has allowed staff to undertake activities such as recycling collections, painting, etc.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-01-010 Public Skating | Glacier Arena
Parent & Tot & Family Skating

Information on skating sessions was presented. Further details are available on the City website.

21-01-011 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Listing | December 14 – 31, 2020

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of December 14 – 31, 2020, showing a total construction value of \$465,300.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-01-012 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Listing | January 4 – 8, 2021

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of January 4 – 8, 2021, showing a total construction value of \$14,000.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

21-01-013 COVID-19

Councillor Fry commented on the COVID-19 numbers and commended residents for following public health guidelines.

21-01-014 Condolences - Evans

Councillor Fry extended condolences to the family and friends of Stan Evans. Mr. Evans' contribution to the community was also acknowledged.

21-01-015 Kudos – Economic Development Team

Councillor Antle highlighted the success of the City's economic development staff.

21-01-016 By-Election – Vacant Council Seats

In response to Councillor Antle, it was noted that the Municipal Elections Act states that a by-election shall take place within 3 months of the vacancy. However, because both former councillors (Andrew Ledwell and Andrea Power) filed a notice of appeal, while this matter is before the court, the City is unable to proceed with a by-election. The Province granted approval to defer the by-election for the 2 seats created vacant for a period not exceeding a year from the date the vacancies occurred or until the appeal process is completed, whichever takes place first.

21-01-017 Mount Pearl Soccer Association

Councillor Antle advised that registration for the 2021 season is now online on the Association's website.

21-01-018 Condolences - McCarthy

Councillors Antle and Stoyles extended condolences to the family and friends of Tom McCarthy, noting that his wife, Carmel, had been a Town Clerk with Mount Pearl.

21-01-019 Volunteer Sector

Councillor Stoyles suggested that consideration be given to ways to attract the volunteer sector when the public health guidelines relax, and events resume.

21-01-020 World Junior Hockey Championship

Councillor Stoyles extended congratulations to Dawson Mercer, Alex Newhook and Team Canada on their Silver Medal at the 2021 World Junior Hockey Championship.

21-01-021 Community Food Drive

Mayor Aker noted that mid-February would be a critical time for the food banks and asked the Community Development Committee to consider opportunities to assist, suggesting the Sport Alliance as a possible resource. Councillor Stoyles advised that community groups were also considering ways to support the food banks.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chairperson

City Clerk