

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on January 26, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Dave Aker
Deputy Mayor Jim Locke
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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councillor Lucy Stoyles

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

21-01-022 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-01-023 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held January 12, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING/ACTION REPORT

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

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None presented.

CORRESPONDENCE None presented

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-01-024 Cardboard Recycling – Glacier and Summit

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the quotation for the provision of a cardboard recycling service for the Glacier and Summit Centre to the lowest bidder, GFL Environment, in the amount of \$2,280.00 (plus HST), for a three-year term with a price guarantee for the duration of the contract.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-01-025 Wetlands Day

It was recognized that World Wetlands Day is February 2, 2021, a day that celebrates our wetlands and raises global awareness about the important role of wetlands for people and our planet. It is noted that the City continues its commitment to preserving and protecting our wetlands.

21-01-026 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Listing | January 11 - 22, 2021

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of January 11 - 22, 2021, showing a total construction value of \$182,300.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-01-027 Appointment of CAO

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to appoint Dana Spurrell as the City's new Chief Administrative Officer.

Discussion: Members of Council spoke to the appointment, outlined the recruitment process, and welcomed Ms. Spurrell. Appreciation was extended to staff for their efforts since October 1, 2019.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-01-028 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	BDO Canada LLP 2020 Audit Planning	\$9,004.50
2	City of St. John's Tipping Fees, December 2020	\$43,712.18
3	City of St. John's Wastewater, October - December 2020	\$148,423.36
4	Dillon Consulting Professional Services, Pedestrian Underpass	\$20,873.59
5	Englobe Corp. Material Testing & Inspection Services	\$13,834.50
6	Jewer Bailey Development of Maintenance Program & Service Contract, Glacier & Summit Centre	\$15,134.00
7	Keep Cool Refrigeration & A/C Ltd. Supply & Install Heaters at City Depot	\$19,251.94
8	Modern Paving Topsail Road Claim #5	\$6,681.65

9	Modern Paving Topsail Road and Dunn's Road Traffic Signals, Claim #4	\$22,041.71
10	Modern Paving Asphalt & Concrete Services	\$55,793.30
11	Modern Paving Topsail Road Claim #6 (Holdback)	\$125,585.82
12	MVT Go Bus Service, December 2020	\$38,961.54
13	Practica Pick Up Bags (196,000)	\$7,153.71
14	Pro Circuit Electrical Parking Lot Light Repairs, Summit & Glacier	\$7,426.65
15	Pro Circuit Electrical Panel, Meter & LED Lights for Ruth Avenue Basketball Court	\$9,355.24
16	Pro Circuit Electrical Replace Ballast & Lamps at Summit Centre due to UPS failure	\$10,769.21
17	Pro Circuit Electrical Generator Rental & Installation, December 16- January 13	\$6,188.66
18	St. John's Transportation Commission Admin Fee, Accessible Services, October - December 2020	\$20,619.50
19	Zurich Insurance Indemnity Payment	\$37,679.97
	Total	\$492,905.21

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-01-029 Payment Register

The payment register for January 15, 2021, totalling \$236,079.80, was accepted as presented.

21-01-030 Glacier Wi-Fi

An update on improved Wi-Fi service for the Glacier was presented.

21-01-031 World Council on City Data (WCCD) Update

An update on the City's partnership with the World Council on City Data (WCCD), as part of the "Data for Canadian Cities" project, was presented.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

21-01-032 Contract Recommendation – Cutting Edges, Snow Clearing Equipment – TP20-039

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the contract for Cutting Edges, Snow Clearing Equipment – TP20-039, to the lowest qualified bidder for each item, as detailed below:

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Lowest Bidder	Price
1	¾" x 6" x 48" blade	40	\$62.00	Creighton Rock Drill Ltd	\$2,480.00
2	¾" x 6" x 48" carbide insert set at 25 degrees	24	\$258.12	Kenny's Auto Body 1979 Ltd.	\$6,194.88
3	¾" x 8" x 72" blade	72	\$82.19	S & S Supply Ltd.	\$5,917.68
4	¾" x 8" x 72" carbide insert set at 25 degrees	20	\$365.44	S & S Supply Ltd.	\$7,308.80

for the total amount of \$21,901.36 (delivery and HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-01-033 Public Works Update

Deputy Mayor Locke provided an update on public works services. Further information was presented on the four outdoor rinks being installed in the city.

21-01-034 Capital Works Projects Update

Deputy Mayor Locke provided an update on various projects. Concerns with snow clearing operations (community mailboxes) by the Canada Post contractor were noted. Staff will contact Canada Post officials to further discuss the matter.

NEW BUSINESS

21-01-035 Groomed Trails

Members of Council commented on the positive feedback from users of the City's groomed trails.

21-01-036 Plow Tracker

Councillor Antle drew attention to the availability of a plow tracker on the City website which follows active snow clearing equipment as they clear the streets.

21-01-037 NF Power Alerts

Councillor Antle acknowledged the NF Power alerts on what to do in the event of an outage.

21-01-038 Ross King Memorial Public Library

Councillor Antle advised that the Library's hours of operation for walk-in and curbside service are posted on their website.

21-01-039 St. David's Park

In addition to the groomed trails, Deputy Mayor Locke noted that St. David's Park was also available for walkers.

21-01-040 Outdoor Activities

Councillor Fry provided an update on outdoor activities including a ski and snowshoe rental program. Further information is available on the City website.

21-01-041 Northeast Avalon Joint Council (NEAJC)

Councillor Fry provided an update on items discussed at the recent NEAJC meeting and AGM.

21-01-042 Eastern Regional Service Board

Councillor Fry advised that the Board has a meeting scheduled for January 27 using the zoom platform.

21-01-043 Congratulations – Megan Holden

Councillor Fry extended congratulations to a member of the Mount Pearl Marlins, Megan Hogan, on being awarded the title of Swimming NL 2019-2020 female swimmer of the year.

21-01-044 Mental Health Taskforce

Councillor Fry advised that the Municipal Mental Health Task Force is hosting a webinar with Paula Corcoran from Channal on January 28, 2021. Ms. Corcoran will provide an overview of Channal and highlight the programs and services they deliver. It was acknowledged that the event coincides with Bell Let's Talk Day.

21-01-045 Trails – Grooming

In response to Mayor Aker, it was noted that the trails being groomed are able to accommodate the groomer whereas some of the other trails are not wide enough and the groomer cannot be used on some of the bridges.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Councillor Fry.

Chairperson

City Clerk