



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held via video conference on March 2, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Dave Aker
Councillor Lucy Stoyles
Councillor Isabelle Fry
Councillor Bill Antle

STAFF PRESENT

Dana Spurrell, Chief Administrative Officer
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

Deputy Mayor Jim Locke

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

21-03-073 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-03-074 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held February 9, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

21-03-075 Mental Health Task Force – Webinar

Councillor Fry advised that the recent webinar was well attended, and positive feedback received. She noted that the webinars will be held on the last Thursday of every month.

21-02-076 Canada Post

Councillor Antle advised that a meeting is scheduled for March 3 with Canada Post officials to discuss ongoing issues related to the community mailboxes. An update will be available at the next public council meeting.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-03-077 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Bang the Table Canada Online Engagement Service Ltd. Annual License & Support	\$ 9,970.50
2	Central Square Software ERP Implementation	\$ 12,214.15

3	Century 2K Wiring Glacier/Summit for Access Points	\$ 6,670.00
4	Metrobus January 2021 Service	\$ 97,456.18
5	MVT Go Bus Service January 2021	\$ 31,602.04
6	St. John's Regional Fire Service 2020 Services	\$ 4,164,695.27
	Total	\$ 4,312,637.64

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-03-078 Payment Register

The payment register for February 11 - 19, 2021, totalling \$438,634.84, was accepted as presented. The increase in EMTs and use of purchase cards were acknowledged, noting the improved efficiencies while maintaining the same level of internal controls. It was also noted that bank reconciliations were up to date and that this process will also be transitioned to the new system. The purchase card report is presented on a monthly basis.

21-03-079 Façade Improvement Program Applications

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the Façade Improvement Grants for Hebdrastique NL and Donovans Irving, respectively in the amounts of \$2,000.00 and \$4,000.00., be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

21-03-080 2019 Asphalt and Concrete Repairs – Modern Paving Ltd.

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT a change order in the amount of \$47,953.26 for the above noted project be approved AND FURTHER THAT a budget transfer in the amount of

\$14,461.26 be approved from established balances available in capital works funding.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-03-081 2020 Asphalt and Concrete Repairs - Modern Paving Ltd.

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT a change order in the amount of \$140,885.43 for the above noted project be approved AND FURTHER THAT a budget transfer in the amount of \$17,589.93 be approved from established balances available in capital works funding.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-03-082 2020 Topsail Road Asphalt Renewal - Modern Paving Ltd.

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT a change order (additional line marking reflective dots) in the amount of \$33,522.37 for the above noted project be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-03-083 2020 Topsail Road/Dunn's Road Traffic Signal Upgrading - Modern Paving Ltd.

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT a change order in the amount of \$107.47 for the above noted project be approved AND FURTHER THAT a budget transfer in the amount of \$55,014.97 be approved from established balances available in capital works funding.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-03-084 St. David's Avenue Upgrading – CP2 – CPR#20001
Change Orders 1, 2, and 3; Modern Paving Ltd.

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the following change orders for the above noted project be approved:

No.1. Time and materials associated with excavating around the Bell Aliant duct bank, bracing duct bank, backfilling duct bank on Commonwealth Avenue not shown on tender drawings (\$30,172.80 incl. HST)

No. 2. Time and materials associated with excavating, cutting and removing a section and abandoning old existing 300mm watermain on Commonwealth Avenue. (\$1,322.36 including HST).

No. 3. Time and materials associated with excavating, cutting and removing section, installing end cap to provide water to Mount Pearl Medical Clinic (\$4,674.33 including HST).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-03-085 Proposed Sole-Source Contract – Energy Management System Design
City Hall – Roof and Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning (HVAC) Unit Replacement
(COR19012)

Fougere Menchenton Architecture Inc. (FMA), was awarded a contract (\$25,875.00 including HST) for design of the roof and HVAC unit replacement. During the work, it was determined that the existing control system was outdated and required a replacement Energy Management Controls System. The additional design work required to incorporate into the current tender package is \$7,107.00 (including HST). FMA is currently performing the original design work, the additional scope for controls replacement is related, and the fee is considered fair and reasonable.

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award a separate sole source contract to Fougere Menchenton Architecture Inc. in the amount of \$7,107.00, AND FURTHER THAT approval be granted to transfer \$150,000 from the 2017–2020 unallocated Multi-Year Capital Works (MYCW) funding to the City Hall Roof and HVAC Project (CPR19012) to ensure sufficient funding for the total project cost so that the design and tender can proceed this spring in time for the 2021 construction season.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

- 21-03-086 Pedestrian Walkway Underpass Remediation
Old Placentia Road, Smallwood Drive, and Richard Nolan Drive
Dillon Consulting Ltd. – RFP 20-011
Recommended Change Order – Guiderail Design

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT a change order for design work for the enhancement of the existing bridge rail for the three sites noted above, in the amount of \$8,625.00 (including HST), be approved. It was noted that additional budget will be required for the construction cost, which will be considered at the time of pre-tender estimate.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

- 21-03-087 Public Works Update

Councillor Stoyles provided an update on public works services. Commentary on the clearing of sidewalks and trail grooming was provided.

- 21-03-088 Capital Works Projects Update

Councillor Stoyles provided an update on various projects.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- 21-03-089 Update on Recreation

For the information of the public, recreation facilities remain closed, guided by Public Health and the current Alert Level 5. All programs, services and rentals in all recreation facilities have been suspended until further notice. The City's outdoor rinks set-up and maintenance have been placed on hold. Other options are being considered for the Family Ski and Snowshoe Program as levels progress as well as finalizing virtual programming including fitness and family activities.

- 21-03-090 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Listing | February 8 - 19, 2021

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of February 8 - 19, 2021, showing a total construction value of \$267,600.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

21-03-091 Northeast Avalon Joint Council (NEAJC)

Councillor Fry provided an update of the recent NEAJC meeting, noting that the issue of fireworks was discussed, and consideration is being given to a joint communication strategy.

21-03-092 Shop Local

Councillor Fry encouraged residents to “shop local” and advised that a list of local businesses is available on the City website.

21-03-093 Appreciation

Members of Council extended appreciation to the many businesses and organizations that provided meals to the frontline Eastern Health workers as well as to the workers for their efforts.

Councillor Fry also extended appreciation to the Kinsmen Club for providing gift bags to the residents of Cradea Manor, Hillcrest and Pearl House in recognition of Kin Canada's National Day of Kindness.

21-03-094 Congratulations – Perry Dalton

Councillor Fry extended congratulations to Perry Dalton of the Mount Pearl Paradise Skating Club who was honoured with the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers.

21-03-095 Congratulations – Brad Moss

Councillor Fry extended congratulations to Brad Moss of the Mount Pearl Lions Club who was honoured with the Humanitarian Service Award.

21-03-096 Congratulations – Emily Hepditch

Councillor Fry extended congratulations to Emily Hepditch, author of the book *The Woman in the Attic*, for making the long list for the 2020 BMO Winterset Award as well as winning the NL Reads 2021 award.

21-03-097 City Tire Blue Minor Hockey Team

Councillor Fry extended best wishes to the team as they compete for the Good Deeds Cup.

21-03-098 Economic Development

Councillor Antle commented on the efforts of the City's economic development team to support the business community. He also encouraged residents to support the businesses during these difficult times.

21-03-099 Walking Trails

Councillor Antle reminded users of the trails to pick up after their pets.

21-03-100 Ross King Memorial Public Library

Councillor Antle advised the public of programs offered at the Library.

21-03-101 Rinks – Ponds

Councillor Antle advised that ponds located in the City are not safe for skating.

21-03-102 Snowshoe Rentals

Councillor Antle advised that snowshoe rentals would resume when public health guidelines permit.

21-03-103 Condolences

Councillor Stoyles extended condolences to the family and friends of Maud Maybee, Trina Marie Hodge (Jenkins) and Michael Nolan (son of employee Robert Nolan).

21-03-104 Public Health Alert Level 5

Councillor Stoyles asked residents to continue to follow public health guidelines and be kind to one another.

Mayor Aker spoke on the resilience of the community, the involvement of local businesses and organizations for their support of the Eastern Health frontline workers as well as to City staff for ensuring service levels continue to be carried out safely. He extended best wishes to Deputy Mayor Locke who was recuperating from the COVID-19 virus. He extended deepest sympathy to City Foreperson, Robert (Jimmy) Nolan and his family, on the passing of his son, Michael.

CAO Spurrell advised she was honoured to be with the City and part of the team, noting that everyone has come together to ensure services continue to be delivered safely during the public health alert level 5.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm on a motion by Councillor Fry and seconded by Councillor Stoyles.

Chairperson

City Clerk