



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 23, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held via video conference on March 23, 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

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

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

21-03-128 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-03-129 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held March 9, 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

21-03-130 Purple Day

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring March 26, 2021 as Purple Day in the City of Mount Pearl in an effort to raise the awareness and understanding of epilepsy and to support all those who live with seizures each day. It was noted that City Hall will be lit purple on the 26th to bring awareness to the day.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

21-03-131 Newfoundland Power Proposed Light and Pole and Easement Plan
St. David's Smart Accessible Playground Location

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the NF Power proposed easement for the St. David's smart accessible playground be approved in principle.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-03-132 Contract Recommendation – 2021 Asphalt and Crack Sealing TP-21-002

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the 2021 asphalt and crack sealing contract, TP-21-002, to the lowest, qualified bidder, Crown Contracting, for the bid amount of \$37,823.50 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-03-133 Contract Recommendation – 2021 Material Testing and Inspection Services
Standing Offer TP-21-004

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the 2021 material testing and inspection services standing offer, TP-21-004, to the lowest qualified bidder, Stantec Consulting Inc., for the bid amount of \$185,674.69 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-03-134 Extension of Clothing Issue Agreements

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted for a one-year extension, March 25, 2021 to March 24, 2022, for the agreements with Campbell's Ships Supplies – RFP18-046A (Group D) for steel-toe rubber boots and RFP18-046B for high-vis safety shirts.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-03-135 Online Form/Process for Requesting Repairs
Damages due to Snow Clearing Operations

Information was presented on the proposed online process to request repairs for damages caused by snow clearing operations. Existing submissions have been recorded, no need to re-submit.

21-03-136 Public Works Update

Deputy Mayor Locke provided an update on public works services. Street markings will commence as early as weather conditions permit (end of May).

21-03-137 Capital Projects Update

Deputy Mayor Locke provided an update on various projects.

21-03-138 Facility Maintenance and Inspections – Status Updates

Deputy Mayor Locke provided an update on facility maintenance and inspections.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-03-139 Live Stream Multi Level Flow Yoga - March 23 to April 15, 2021

Information on a livestream yoga program was presented. Further details are available on the Summit Centre Facebook page.

21-03-140 Virtual Family Trivia Night

Information on a virtual Family Trivia Night was presented. Further information is available on the City's website.

21-03-141 Family Snowshoe and Cross-Country Ski Program
Power's Pond Boat House

Information on the snowshoe and cross-country ski program was presented. Further information is available on the City's website.

21-03-142 Power's Pond – Lights

The public was advised that lights have been installed around the Power's Pond walking trail.

Councillor Fry also encouraged residents to check out the activities offered by the Arts Association (AAMP) and the Ross King Memorial Public Library.

21-03-143 Development Permit List | March 8 - 19, 2021

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the presented development permit be approved for the period of March 8 – 19, 2021.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously

21-03-144 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Listing | March 5 - 19, 2021

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of March 5 - 19, 2021, showing a total construction value of \$582,900.00, be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-03-145 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Avalon Coal & Salt Road Salt - February 1 2021	\$ 312,514.88
2	Avalon Coal & Salt Road Salt - February 26 2021	\$ 336,449.16
3	Book King (Pacific Tier Solutions) Recreation Software Fees	\$ 13,193.49
4	Cal LeGrow Insurance coverage - Business Travel Policy	\$ 8,379.00
5	Cal LeGrow Insurance coverage - Environmental Impairment Policy	\$ 21,560.20
6	Cal LeGrow Insurance coverage - General Insurance	\$ 427,489.95
7	Central Square System Implementation Training	\$ 7,368.05
8	City of St. John's January 2021 Water Consumption	\$ 228,894.15
9	City of St. John's Regional Fire Services, January - March 2021	\$ 1,381,879.26
10	Cox & Palmer Legal fees - employment matter	\$ 28,764.54
11	H & R Mechanical HVAC upgrades - Glacier	\$ 31,577.62
12	Harvey & Company Dump Truck	\$ 192,893.47

13	Harvey & Company Equipment repairs	\$ 55,746.50
14	Keep Cool Refrigeration Service contract	\$ 7,942.66
15	Metrobus December 2020 transit service cost	\$ 99,190.29
16	Metrobus March 2021 transit service cost	\$ 100,163.28
17	MVT Canadian Bus (Go Bus) February 2021 service cost	\$ 15,343.94
18	North Atlantic Dyed Diesel	\$ 8,482.09
19	North Atlantic Dyed Diesel	\$ 13,750.68
20	North Atlantic Dyed Diesel	\$ 5,864.17
21	North Atlantic Dyed Diesel	\$ 7,133.31
22	North Atlantic Price adjustment invoice (The City was being undercharged from Jan 1 - March 4, 2021)	\$ 7,509.12
23	North Atlantic Price adjustment invoice services January 2021 - March 2021	\$ 7,509.12
24	North Atlantic Regular unleaded	\$ 6,023.77
25	Oil Filtration Solutions Equipment maintenance	\$ 25,909.50
26	Pinnacle Office Solutions Service contract	\$ 5,980.00
27	Questica Professional services	\$ 28,060.00
28	Receiver General (ISED Canada) Radio authorization renewal	\$ 6,366.48
29	Rodco Sewer lift station servicing (TP-18-037)	\$ 6,481.31
30	Saunders Equipment IPL Master Cart, 360 Litre	\$ 11,586.51
31	SNC Lavalin HVAC upgrades - Glacier	\$ 9,028.83

32	Training Works Inc. Employee engagement and retention contract	\$ 37,375.00
33	Tulk Tire Façade Improvement Program	\$ 9,500.00
	Total	\$ 3,465,910.33

Further clarification was presented on the Cox and Palmer invoice (item 10) noting that it was in relation to the former CAO's request for the external (workplace) investigator's notes through a complaint filed with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-03-146 Payment Register

The payment register dated March 5 - 18, 2021, totalling \$5,005,910.09, was accepted as presented.

21-03-147 Request for Tax Consideration

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to exempt 2021 business tax and property taxes, in accordance with the policy for charitable and non-profit organizations, for Masonic Park as follows:

Name	Address	Type	Annual Amount
Masonic Park	117 Mount Carson Ave	Property (60%)	\$71,211.44
Masonic Park	115 Mount Carson Ave.	Property (60%)	\$10,519.74
Masonic Park	115 Mount Carson Ave	Business (100%)	\$25,613.28

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-03-148 2021 Municipal Election – Alternate Returning Officer

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT in accordance with Section 13 (2), of the *Municipal Elections Act*, SNL2001, Chapter M-20.2, approval be granted to appoint the Director of Corporate Services the alternate returning officer to perform the duties of a returning officer under this Act in the event the returning officer cannot perform those duties.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-03-149 2021 Municipal Election – Vote by Mail

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT in accordance with Section 54 (2), of the *Municipal Elections Act*, SNL2001, Chapter M-20.2, approval be granted authorizing voters to vote by mail in the 2021 municipal election.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-03-150 Notice of Motion
Vote by Mail Regulations

Councillor Antle gave notice that in accordance with Section 39 of the City of Mount Pearl Act, RSNL 1990, C-16, and in accordance with Council's public notification policy, he would, at a regular meeting of Council, move to adopt Vote by Mail Regulations.

NEW BUSINESS

21-03-151 Condolences

Councillor Stoyles and Deputy Mayor Locke extended condolences to the family and friends of Councillor Mike Tobin of the Town of Stephenville. Councillor Tobin's contributions to his community as a councillor and educator were acknowledged. It was requested that a sympathy card be forwarded to the Town.

21-03-152 Kinette Club

Councillor Stoyles spoke on the Kinette Club's "day of kindness" where baskets of treats were delivered to the Mount Pearl schools in recognition and appreciation of the teachers.

21-03-153 Food Drive – March 27th

Councillor Stoyles advised of the upcoming (drive thru) Food Drive on March 27th, organized by the Frosty Festival Committee, Sport Alliance, and other community groups. Councillor Antle advised that donations will be accepted at the Glacier, Soccer Complex and Atlantic Home Furnishings. He also expressed appreciation to Old Dutch Foods for their support of the event.

21-03-154 Reid Music

Councillors Stoyles and Fry extended congratulations to Reid Music on their 30^t anniversary. The Reid's (Junior and Gina) contributions to the community were acknowledged with much appreciation.

21-03-155 Rideout's Body Shop

Councillor Stoyles extended congratulations to Rideout's Body Shop on their 55th year in business.

21-03-156 Provincial Election

Councillor Stoyles advised that the results of the provincial election will be announced on Saturday, March 27.

21-03-157 Pandemic – Public Health Guidelines

Deputy Mayor Locke spoke of his experience with COVID-19 and reminded the public to stay vigilant and comply with public health guidelines. He expressed appreciation to all the health care providers for the treatment he received. He noted how difficult it has been on teachers, students and parents and thanked the Kinettes for acknowledging the great work of the teachers.

21-03-158 Focus on Youth Awards

Councillor Fry advised that nominations were open for the Focus on Youth Awards, noting that it will be a virtual event this year. She encouraged members of the public to submit a nomination (deadline April 10). Further information is available on the City website.

21-03-159 Mount Pearl Paradise Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Fry advised that the Chamber's Best in Business Awards will be held on March 31 (virtually). Congratulations were extended to all the nominees.

21-03-160 Summer Employment

Councillor Fry advised that applications are now being accepted for day camps, summer events, recreation, and park patrol. The deadline for submission is April 9.

21-03-161 Break-Ins

Councillor Fry commented on reports of break-ins throughout the City and reminded residents to be cautious and aware.

21-03-162 Power's Pond Trail – Lights

Councillor Antle noted that many users were enjoying the Power's Pond trail as a result of the recently installed lights.

21-03-163 Condolences

Councillor Antle extended condolences to the family and friends of longtime resident, Theresa Smith.

Mayor Aker encouraged members of the public to support the upcoming food drive noting that donations were very much needed by the food banks. He advised that staff were planning for the next public health alert level, and when it was announced, the City would be ready to move forward with safe interaction and services. He extended appreciation to staff for their efforts to ensure the City is professionally run and in accordance with the City of Mount Pearl Act.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm on a motion by Councillor Stoyles and seconded by Deputy Mayor Locke.

Chairperson

City Clerk