



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2021**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held via video conference on April 20, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Dave Aker
Deputy Mayor Jim Locke
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.

21-04-190 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-04-191 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held April 6, 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

21-04-192 Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Mount Pearl and urged all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-04-193 National Volunteer Week April 18 – 24, 2021

For the information of the public, Volunteer Week is April 18 – 24. Appreciation was extended to all volunteers and organizations for making a difference in our community in so many ways.

The City worked with the Community Sector Council Newfoundland and Labrador on a report “Engaging Citizen Volunteers”. The City’s first initiative, as a result of that report, was social media training for the volunteer sector.

21-04-194 Side Yard Variance Request – Accommodate a Dwelling Extension 4 Norman Drive

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT a 10% variance to lessen the required 2.4m side yard, with a new minimum side yard of 2.16m, to accommodate a dwelling extension (new garage and front entrance) at 4 Norman Drive be approved subject to Section 7.15 of the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010, and subject to the conditions set out by the Department of Community Development, specifically conditions outlined by the following:

1. City of Mount Pearl – Inspection Services, Municipal Enforcement Division
2. City of Mount Pearl – Finance Division

3. City of Mount Pearl – Planning Division
4. City of Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 and related requirements

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-04-195 Development Permit List | April 5 - 16, 2021

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the presented development permits be approved for the period of April 5 – 16, 2021.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously

21-04-196 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Listing | April 5 - 16, 2021

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of April 5 - 16, 2021, showing a total construction value of \$154,700.00, be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-04-197 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	City of St. John's Tipping fees January - March 2021	\$ 79,911.88
2	Grand Concourse Authority Membership Fee	\$ 7,784.45
3	Kelloway Construction March 2021 cleaning fee	\$ 31,013.55
4	Mark's Work Wearhouse Summit Centre clothing order	\$ 8,746.47

5	St. John's Transportation Commission (Metrobus) March 2021 transit fees	\$ 111,100.66
6	Mills & Wright Landscape Architecture Services City Centre Renewal Plan - monthly progress billing	\$ 37,221.48
7	Modern Paving Progress claim #4 - St. David's Ave reconstruction	\$ 28,306.57
8	MVT Canadian Bus Inc March 2021 Gobus fees	\$ 15,558.33
9	North Atlantic Regular unleaded - 5094.9 liters	\$ 6,023.77
10	North Atlantic Dyed Diesel - 9,611.2 liters	\$ 7,839.81
11	Public Sector Partners for Progress Holistic Asset Management Planning Development	\$ 24,839.08
12	City of St. John's Regional Fire Services - April 2021	\$ 460,626.42
13	Swagger Branded Everything Three Ply Masks	\$ 6,704.50
14	City of St. John's Tipping fees - April 2021	\$ 44,912.22
15	Municipal Assessment Agency Second Quarter assessment fees	\$ 67,613.00
	Total	\$ 938,202.19

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-04-198 Payment Register

The payment register dated April 8 - 15, 2021, totalling \$1,171,661.82, was accepted as presented.

21-04-199 Request for Tax Consideration

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to exempt 2021 business taxes, in accordance with the policy for charitable and non-profit organizations, for Visions Employment, 58 Glencoe Drive, in the amount of \$5,420.50.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-04-200 Uncollectible Accounts

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to write off the balances and remove the following accounts from the City’s records. It was noted that these businesses have closed, and all collection efforts have been exhausted.

Account No.	Principal	Interest	Other	Total
LIZSE0001	\$ 607.70	\$27.69	\$112.00	\$ 747.39
KINGS0001	\$2,126.74			\$2,126.74
NOSEW0001	\$1,473.34	\$70.65		\$1,543.99

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-04-201 Earth Day – 2021 Theme: Restore Our Earth | April 22, 2021

For the information of the public, April 22nd has been designated as Earth Day. The global theme for Earth Day 2021 is “Restore Our Earth”. The City’s environmental initiatives were outlined.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

21-04-202 Contract Recommendation – 2021/2022 Street Markings – TP-21-008

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the 2021-2022 street markings contract – TP21-008 - to the lowest qualified bidder, Clearaway Contracting Ltd., for the bid amount of \$722,165.50 (HST included). The contract amount is for 2 years.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-04-203 Contract Recommendation
CCTV Video Inspection Services Standing Offer – TP21-009

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the CCTV video inspection services standing offer – TP21-009 - to the lowest qualified bidder, Afonso Group Limited, for the bid amount of \$37,444.40 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor requested an update on facilities that have video surveillance cameras be considered by the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee.

21-04-204 Poles and Lights for Parking Lots – Summit/Reid Center, Glacier, and Library

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to issue a purchase order to Newfoundland Power for the design costs for the parking lot, light pole and LED light replacement options, for the Summit/Reid, Glacier, and Library in the amount of \$6,256.00 (including HST).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-04-205 Lighting Review: Newfoundland Power Street Lighting Proposals Mount Carson Avenue, Old Placentia Road, and Smallwood Drive

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to issue a purchase order to Newfoundland Power for the design of the upgrade to the lighting levels on Mount Carson Avenue, Old Placentia Road, and Smallwood Drive. The upfront costs are as follows:

Mount Carson Ave	Old Placentia Rd	Smallwood Dr
\$6,946.00	\$7,826.90	\$2,873.85

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-04-206 Public Works Update

Deputy Mayor Locke provided an update on public works services.

21-04-207 Capital Projects Update

Deputy Mayor Locke provided an update on various projects.

21-04-208 Facility Maintenance and Inspections – Status Updates

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

NEW BUSINESS

21-04-209 Condolences – Gerry Taylor

Members of Council expressed condolences to the family and friends of Gerry Taylor. Mr. Taylor's contributions to the hockey community were highlighted with appreciation.

21-04-210 Condolences – Jim Greenland

Members of Council expressed condolences to the family and friends of Jim Greenland. Mr. Greenland's contributions to the community, in particular the Frosty Festival, were highlighted with appreciation.

21-04-211 Municipal Mental Health Task Force

Councillor Fry advised that the webinar: Tina Davies of Richard's Legacy Foundation for survivors of suicide loss and prevention was very informative. She noted that the Task Force hosts monthly webinars.

21-04-212 Northeast Avalon Joint Council (NEAJC)

Councillor Fry advised that the issue of speeding was discussed at a recent NEAJC meeting. Discussion ensued on the traffic calming measures and initiatives taken by the City to address the problem of speeding. In addition, speed data collected for various streets is posted on the City website. Reference was also made to the use of traffic cameras, but it was noted that changes were required to provincial legislation for their use.

21-04-213 Mount Pearl Men's Slo-Pitch Softball League

Councillor Fry advised that the League is holding registration on April 18 and 25 at the clubhouse from 2 – 5 pm.

21-04-214 Congratulations – Emily Hepditch

Councillor Fry extended congratulations to author, Emily Hepditch, on her second novel, *Alone on the Trail*.

21-04-215 Congratulations – Megan Holden

Councillor Fry extended congratulations to Megan Holden (Mount Pearl Marlins) who was the recipient of the Female Swimmer of the Year Award by Swimming Newfoundland and Labrador.

21-04-216 Volunteers

Councillor Antle commented on the City's strong volunteer base.

21-04-217 Seniors Independence Group

Councillor Antle advised that the Seniors Independence Group has resumed some of their activities.

21-04-218 Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

Councillor Antle noted that May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and encouraged all drivers to be aware of motorcycles and share the road safely.

Mayor Aker also extended condolences to the families and friends of Mr. Taylor and Mr. Greenland, noting their many contributions as volunteers. He asked Community Development staff to consider ways to hold the Waterford River Clean Up event this year. Appreciation was extended to staff on working through another challenging winter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Deputy Mayor Locke.

Chairperson

City Clerk