



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 18, 2021**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held via video conference on May 18, 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  
Cassie Pittman, Director of Corporate Services  
Blair Tilley, Municipal Enforcement Superintendent  
Mona Lewis, City Clerk

STAFF ABSENT

Jason Collins, Director of Community Development

**Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.**

21-05-247 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-05-248 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Fry/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held May 4, 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

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-05-249 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	BDO Canada LLP Second Interim Bill - Financial Statements Audit	\$ 12,059.81
2	City of St. John's Regional Fire Services - May 2021	\$ 460,626.42
3	Insight Canada Inc Monthly Subscription Fee - IT Software	\$ 5,135.51
4	Johnson Insurance Consulting Services - Post-Retirement Benefit Valuation	\$ 9,082.50
5	Kelloway Construction Ltd April Cleaning Services	\$ 31,013.55
6	Metrobus April 2021 Transit Service	\$ 99,390.67
7	North Atlantic Dyed Diesel	\$ 5,864.17
8	North Atlantic Regular Unleaded	\$ 7,120.46

9	North Atlantic Dyed Diesel	\$ 9,003.27
10	North Atlantic Dyed Diesel	\$ 11,495.86
	Total	\$ 650,792.22

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-05-250 Payment Register

The payment register dated May 6, 2021, totalling \$520,302.97, was accepted as presented.

21-05-251 Tax Deferral – Low Income Earners

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the following tax deferrals be approved in accordance with Council’s policy for low-income earners:

Account #	Amount Deferred
*****0022	\$ 9,296.16
4112	\$ 2,321.19
6261	\$2,290.94
1818	\$1,722.26
8788	\$1,355.68
6456	\$1,319.57

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

21-05-252 Contract Recommendation – Supply & Delivery Four (4) Front End Loaders with Attachments and One (1) 4x4 Backhoe – TP-21-009

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the contract for the supply and delivery of four front end loaders be awarded to the lowest, qualified bidder, Reefer Repair Services, for the bid amount of \$318,686.07 per loader - \$1,274,744.32 total (HST included).

AND FURTHER THAT the contract for the supply and delivery of one rubber tire backhoe be awarded to the lowest, qualified bidder, Madsen Construction Equipment, for the bid amount of \$153,640.00 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-05-253 Contract Recommendation – Ride on Mower – TP-021-012

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the contract for a ride on mower – TP-21-012 - be awarded to the lowest, qualified bidder, NL Kubota Ltd., for the bid amount of \$31,182.25 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-05-254 Badcock Place Reconstruction Design-Build Services  
Newfoundland Power Inspection

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the Quote Acceptance Form (QAF) issued by Newfoundland Power for an onsite technician to be on standby during trenching near their infrastructure be approved.

Regular standby rate	\$103.50/hour
Overtime standby rate	\$139.44/hour
Contractor schedule	40 days at 10 hours/day
Lump sum estimate	\$43,000.00 (plus HST)

Discussion: Clarification was provided as to why the City would incur the cost versus Newfoundland Power.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-05-255 Public Works Update

Deputy Mayor Locke provided an update on public works services. Residents were reminded that bulk garbage items can be placed at the curb on the evening before collection day and that it can take up to a week to be collected. It was also noted that

the City has a pick-up service which requires a prepaid fee of \$25.00. Further information on bulk garbage guidelines are available on the City website.

21-05-256 Capital Projects Update

Deputy Mayor Locke provided an update on various projects.

21-05-257 Facility Maintenance and Inspections – Status Updates

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

21-05-258 Kenmount Hill Water System Study

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to engage CBCL, via sole source contract, to complete the predesign study at a fee of \$19,705.00 (HST included).

It was noted that a predesign study is required to review all elements of the system on Kenmount Hill (water tank size, Farrell Drive pump house pump capacity, structure capacity, watermain sizing and system expansion requirements). The predesign study is the final step prior to design of the water system. CBCL can complete this report in 4 to 6 weeks.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-05-259 Summer Day Camp – July 5 - August 27, 2021

Details on the summer day camp as well as registration dates were presented. Further information is available on the City website.

21-05-260 Notice: Motorists, Cyclists and Pedestrians  
City Streets, Crosswalks, and Intersections

A safety message for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians was presented. Council commented on the increased traffic on Park Avenue as a result of the Team Gushue Highway. Action taken (increased RNC and municipal enforcement patrols and communication) to address overall speeding and pedestrian safety was highlighted.

21-05-261 DA21-0041 – 9 Sagona Avenue – CMT Inc. (Eastern Hydraulics Ltd.)  
New Building (Planned Development - Second Building on Lot)

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT an application by CMT Inc., on behalf of East Coast Hydraulics Ltd., to construct a second building (warehouse) at the rear of the existing property at 9 Sagona Avenue be approved; a development agreement executed and registered with the Registry of Deeds; and a development permit issued subject to Section 7.15 of the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 and the conditions outlined in the Community Development Committee report dated May 4, 2021.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-05-262 Development Permit List | May 3 - 14, 2021

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the presented development permits be approved for the period of May 3 - 14, 2021.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously

21-05-263 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Listing | May 3 - 14, 2021

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of May 3 - 14, 2021, showing a total construction value of \$775,200.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

21-05-264 Paws for MS Dog Walk

Councillor Antle extended congratulations to the S'Myelin Warriors NL on the recent Paws for MS Dog Walk, an event held to bring awareness to MS as well as raise funds.

21-05-265 Donovans

Councillor Antle and Deputy Mayor Locke spoke on the Consider it Donovans Reimagination Plan and today's launch to simplify the name, Donovans Business Park, to just Donovans.

21-05-266 Composting Pilot Project

Councillor Antle advised the response to the composting pilot project was overwhelming. Participants will be selected by way of a draw and will be contacted with further details.

21-05-267 Ruth Avenue Basketball Courts

Councillor Antle commented on the new LED lights recently installed at the Ruth Avenue basketball courts.

21-05-268 Environmental Initiatives

In addition to the LED lights at the basketball courts, Deputy Mayor Locke highlighted other environmental initiatives that the City has undertaken.

21-05-269 Municipal Awareness Day

Deputy Mayor Locke and Councillor Fry recognized that Municipal Awareness Day was May 17 and highlighted the services provided for residents. Appreciation was extended to staff for their efforts in ensuring these services were implemented.

21-05-270 MNL Symposium

Councillor Fry extended congratulations to MNL on a successful conference.

21-05-271 FCM

Councillor Fry advised of a recent FCM Board meeting as well as the conference scheduled for May 31 – June 4.

21-05-272 Northeast Avalon Joint Council (NEAJC)  
NEAJC and Eastern Health Touch Point

Councillor Fry provided an update on items discussed at the recent NEAJC meeting as well as the NEAJC and Eastern Health joint meeting.

21-05-273 Mental Health Week

Councillor Fry noted that Mental Health Week was May 3 – 9, its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and this year's theme was "Understanding our Emotions".

21-05-274 Free Public Wi-Fi

Councillor Fry advised that the City now has four free Wi-Fi zones at the following locations: City Hall, Centennial Square, Summit/Reid Centre, and the Glacier.

21-05-275 Trails Wayfinding Signage

Councillor Fry advised that new and improved directional signage will soon be installed; further communication will be provided when the signs are installed.

Mayor Aker spoke on Municipal Awareness Day and extended congratulations and appreciation to his colleagues and staff on the work they do to deliver the best possible service.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Chairperson

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City Clerk