



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held via video conference on June 15, 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.

21-06-310 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-06-311 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Fry/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held June 1, 2021, be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: Deputy Mayor Locke advised of an error in the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee report presented at the June 1st public meeting related to the award of the asphalt and concrete contract (minute 21-06-292). The contract award amount was approved at \$507,246,24 not the actual bid amount of \$570,713.95. Corrected minute is as follows:

Contract Recommendation – RFP-21-010 - 2021 Asphalt and Concrete Services

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award RFP-21-010, Asphalt and Concrete Services contract, to the lowest, qualified bidder, Modern Paving Ltd., for the amount of \$570,713.95 (HST included).

AND FURTHER THAT funds available in maintenance accounts in the amounts of \$12,177.00 from Crack Sealing and \$40,452.50 from Street Markings, be transferred to this project.

AND FURTHER THAT upon awarding the contract in the amount of \$570,713.95, a negative change order be issued in the amount of (\$20,883.21) to reduce the value of the contract and ensure within available budget.

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

21-06-312 Recreation Month

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring June 2021 as Recreation Month in the City of Mount Pearl. Appreciation was extended to staff on their response to accommodate requests and offer programming during the pandemic. The City's amenities such as walking trails, playgrounds, outdoor facilities, and fields were highlighted.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

21-06-313 Design-Build Services - Badcock Place Reconstruction
Credit and Request for Change Orders 3 and 4

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the following change orders for the Badcock Place Reconstruction project be approved:

Change Order #3	(\$9,223.00)
Removal of storm manhole from scope of work (located at intersection of Jeffers Drive and Badcock Place)	

Change Order # 4	\$4,557.45
Addition of water valve to scope of work (located on one side of Jeffers Drive)	

Credit Balance	(\$4,665.55)
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Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-06-314 Contract Recommendation - Mount Pearl City Hall, New Roof, Controls and HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) - Tender # MI 12873

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the City Hall, New Roof, Controls, and HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) contract - Tender # MI 12873, to JMJ Holding Ltd, for the bid amount of \$266,237.65 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-06-315 Public Works Update

Deputy Mayor Locke provided an update on public works services.

21-06-316 Capital Projects Update

Deputy Mayor Locke provided an update on various projects.

21-06-317 Facility Maintenance and Inspections – Status Updates

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-06-318 Upcoming Registration Dates – Summer 2021 Programs
Aquatic Lessons & Registered Fitness Classes

Information on the registration dates for the summer programs as well as on the fitness classes was presented. Further details are available on the City website.

21-06-319 Recreation Month

Information previously presented when proclamation read into the record.

21-06-320 Development Permit List | May 31 – June 11, 2021

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the presented development permits be approved for the period of May 31 – June 11, 2021.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously

21-06-321 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Listing | May 31 – June 11, 2021

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of May 31 – June 11, 2021, showing a total construction value of \$1,128,900.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-06-322 Order for Ratification – 161 Park Avenue

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to ratify the Order issued, pursuant to Section 109 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000, to the property owner of 161 Park Avenue.

The Order stipulates that a condition assessment (phase 1 environmental site; hazardous buildings material and structural assessments) of the property is to be undertaken by June 30, 2021.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-06-323 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	BDO Professional Services - 2020 Audit Fees	\$ 26,330.40
2	City of St. John's June payment - Regional Fire Services	\$ 460,626.42
3	City of St. John's May 2021 Tipping Fees	\$ 60,343.94
4	Dallas Mercer Consulting Professional Services Rendered up to May 31 2021	\$ 5,717.80
5	Fougere Menchenton Architecture City Hall Roof & HVAC Unit Replacement	\$ 7,107.00
6	Keep Cool Refrigeration & A/C City Depot HVAC System Repairs	\$ 7,942.66
7	Kelloway Construction May 2021 Facility Cleaning Services	\$ 31,013.55
8	Korn Ferry Professional Services - HR Matters	\$ 5,963.44
9	Lifeworks 2021 Fees	\$ 7,310.58
10	Lisa M. Gallivan Professional Services - Legal Fees	\$ 6,656.34
11	Lisa M. Gallivan Professional Services - Legal Fees	\$ 81,707.00
12	McInnis Cooper Professional Services - Legal Fees	\$ 9,946.13

13	NL Hearing Health Centre Custom Ear Protection	\$ 12,075.00
14	Ren Technologies IT Software	\$ 92,400.33
	Total	\$ 815,140.59

Clarification on invoices for BDO and Lisa M. Gallivan was presented.

The BDO invoice relates to the completion of the 2020 financial audit.

Ms. Gallivan was hired to investigate complaints received under the City's Respectful Workplace Policy against alleged behaviour of the former CAO. The invoices relate to the investigator's professional fees and expenses incurred in relation to travel and are the first invoices the City has received to date from the investigator. A report from the investigator is expected in the coming weeks.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-06-324 Payment Register

The payment register for the period of May 27 – June 3, 2021, totalling \$1,086,045.15 was accepted as presented.

21-06-325 Request for Tax Consideration

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to exempt 2021 property taxes, in accordance with the policy for charitable and non-profit organizations, for the following:

Name	Address	Type	Annual Amount
Columbus Centre	25 Moores Drive	Property (60%)	\$3,812.27

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-06-326 December 31, 2020 Financial Statements
PSAB Compliant Financial Statements and Management's Statement of Compliance

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the PSAB Compliant Financial Statements and Management's Statement of Compliance report by BDO Canada LLP, for the year ended December 31, 2020, be approved.

These financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the City as at December 31, 2020, and are the results of:

- consolidated operations
- consolidated change in net debt, and
- consolidated cash flows for the year in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards

Reference was also made to the City's current financial position and efforts that will be taken to ensure quality services continue to be offered to residents and businesses.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-06-327 Nomination of Candidates

The Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs has updated information previously provided with respect to the nomination period for mail-in voting. Nominations are to be received on any of the days from the 35th to the 28th day immediately before the election, excluding Saturday and Sunday. As a result, it is recommended that minute number 21-06-289 be amended as follows:

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with section 14(4) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, approval be granted to conduct the nomination of candidates between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM on August 24th to 31st, 2021, excluding Saturday and Sunday.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

21-06-328 Congratulations – Herb Jenkins

Councillor Fry extended congratulations to Herb Jenkins on becoming an Honourary Life Member of the Mount Pearl Soccer Association.

21-06-329 Tree Plantings – Urban Forestry Plan

Councillor Fry advised that members of Council participated in the first of several planned tree plantings organized in accordance with the City's urban forestry plan.

21-06-330 Seniors Independence Group – Bingo

Councillor Fry advised that the group's final game before the summer break was held last week. Appreciation was extended to Shirley Boone, Georgina Smith, and the Board of Directors for their efforts.

21-06-331 Seniors of Distinction Awards

Councillor Fry advised that nominations were now open for the 2021 Newfoundland and Labrador Seniors of Distinction Awards. The deadline for submissions is August 13, 2021. Further information is available on the Province's website.

21-06-332 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Councillor Fry advised that today, June 15, was World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The day aims at raising awareness about elder abuse which can be physical, mental, sexual, financial, and social in nature and also includes ill-treatment and neglect.

21-06-333 807 Mount Pearl Kinsmen Air Cadets

Councillor Fry spoke on the recent ceremonial review and extended congratulations to the cadets.

21-06-334 20-Minute Makeover

Councillor Fry extended appreciation to the Park Avenue Pentecostal Church students who recently collected litter around the Team Gushue Complex. She also referenced the efforts of the soccer players and members of the Young Liberals

Association who participated in similar activities. She encouraged residents and other groups to participate, noting that the City provides bags and gloves and will pick up the collected litter.

21-06-335 Canoe And Kayak Program

Councillor Fry provided information on the City's canoe and kayak program. Further details are available on the City website.

21-06-336 Focus on Youth Awards

Councillor Fry advised that the Focus on Youth Awards will be held (virtually) on June 16. Congratulations were extended to the nominees and recipients.

21-06-337 Public Service Week

Councillor Fry advised that this week was National Public Service week (June 13 – 19). She extended appreciation to all employees.

CAO Spurrell advised that this year's theme was "Proudly Serving Canadians" which was fitting given the challenges the public service has faced this year in delivering services during a global pandemic. She noted that a COVID friendly event will be held when all staff are back to the office on July 5.

21-06-338 Find Your Centre Plan

Councillor Antle spoke on today's launch of the Find Your Centre Plan. Further information is available by visiting www.findyourcentre.ca. A Virtual Citizen Engagement Session is scheduled for June 24. Appreciation was extended to Mills & Wright, the City's partner, as well as to residents, businesses and stakeholders that participated in the process. The efforts of staff were also acknowledged with thanks.

21-06-339 50th Anniversary

Councillor Antle extended 50th wedding anniversary greetings to residents Derrick and Lena Blundon.

21-06-340 Birthday Greetings

Councillor Antle extended birthday wishes to Tony Fowlow, a long-time resident and City employee.

21-06-341 Park Avenue Pentecostal Church

Councillor Antle advised that the group has a family-fun night planned for June 22.

21-06-342 Chamber of Commerce – Mayor’s Outlook Event
Find Your Centre Launch

Deputy Mayor Locke commented on the Mayor’s presentation at both these events.

21-06-343 Pride Flag

Deputy Mayor Locke extended appreciation to staff who assisted in raising the Pride Flag at Mount Pearl Senior High as well as for helping “light up” City Hall in the Pride colors.

21-06-344 Fitness Programs

Councillor Fry provided some additional details on the fitness classes (Tabata in particular).

Mayor Aker spoke on the Find Your Centre plan noting that it is a 25 – 30 year vision for future development that will intersect recreation/commercial/retail sectors. He advised of the importance of the feedback from residents and businesses and encouraged continued input at the upcoming engagement sessions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Deputy Mayor Locke.

Chairperson

City Clerk