



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on August 24, 2021, at 4:00 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.

21-08-435 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Fry/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-08-436 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held July 27, 2021, be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

21-08-437 Registered Sex Offender

In response to Councillor Fry, it was noted that the bail hearing for the offender was scheduled to be heard on August 25.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

21-08-438 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Week

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring September 6 – 10 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Week in the City of Mount Pearl.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-08-439 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Benson Buffett in Trust Land Conveyance - 903 Topsail Road	\$ 22,000.00
2	City of St. John's August Regional Fire Services	\$ 460,626.42
3	City of St. John's July Tipping Fees	\$ 62,335.56
4	City of St. John's Wastewater Flow April - June 2021	\$ 137,066.46

5	City of St. John's Wastewater Flow Jan - March 2021	\$ 144,042.69
6	Idea Factory Research Services - Recycling Survey	\$ 18,072.25
7	Ignite St. David's Wi-Fi Project	\$ 8,285.75
8	Korn Ferry Professional Services	\$ 8,848.56
9	Metrobus July Transit Services	\$ 19,665.00
10	Metrobus June Transit Services	\$ 101,823.29
11	MVT Canadian Bus June Gobus Services	\$ 36,068.81
12	Perfect Day Donovans Rebranding	\$ 5,951.25
13	Pro Circuit Summit Centre Emergency Lighting	\$ 9,724.69
14	Reefer Repair Motor Vehicle Inspection Certificate	\$ 9,079.76
15	Reefer Repair Vehicle Parts	\$ 11,447.56
	Total	\$ 1,055,038.05

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-08-440 Payment Register

The payment register for the period of July 22 – August 12, 2021, totalling \$3,871,847.19, was accepted as presented.

21-08-441 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 the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, 1081 Topsail Road, in the amount of \$10,006.08.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-08-442 Tax Deferral – Low Income Earners

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

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

Account #	Amount Deferred
14889	\$ 1,895.98

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-08-443 Ultimate Recipient Gas Tax Amendment

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to accept the increase in funding for the Federal-Provincial Administrative Agreement on the Federal Gas Tax Fund for 2019 - 2024 in the amount of \$978,462.00. The total funding offered to the City of Mount Pearl under this program is \$7,200,095.00.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

21-08-444 Old Placentia Road Asphalt Renewal 2021 Proposed Change Order #1 for Additional Sidewalk Replacement and Asphalt Renewal

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the following change order be approved for the Old Placentia Road Asphalt Renewal Project:

Change Order # 1 Modern Paving Limited \$69,777.75
(Complete additional required asphalt upgrades at the intersections between Richard Nolan Drive and Commonwealth Avenue, including repair of cracked and settled asphalt.)

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-08-445 Topsail Road Storm Sewer & Outfall Upgrading- Tender # MI 12178 Proposed Change Order for Contract Administration

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the pricing for contract administration and record drawings only, be accepted, and a change order be issued to CBCL, in the amount of \$24,472.00 (HST included) for the above noted project.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-08-446 High-Vis Clothing – Request for Proposals – RFP21-013

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award RFP21-013, High-Vis Clothing, to the lowest qualified bidder, Campbell's Ship Supplies, in the amount of \$23,151.83 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-08-447 Admiralty House Museum – 2nd Installment 2021 Operating Grant

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to release the Museum's second installment of the operating grant, in the amount of \$45,000.00, in accordance with their Memorandum of Understanding with the City.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-08-448 9 Pinware Crescent – Front Yard Landscaping Variance

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT a variance for the reduction in the required landscaped frontage, total frontage of the property is 15.25m (50ft) and the landscaped frontage shall not

be less than 6.85 m (22.5 ft), at 9 Pinware Crescent, be approved subject to the conditions set out by the Department of Community Development.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-08-449 Development Permit List | July 26 – August 20, 2021

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the presented development permits be approved for the period of July 26 – August 20, 2021.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously

21-08-450 Building Permit and Occupancy Permit Listing | July 26 – August 20, 2021

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of July 26 – August 20, 2021, showing a total construction value of \$1,416,400.00, be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

21-08-451 Fundraiser – Food Bank

Councillor Antle extended appreciation to residents Alexander Taylor and Claire Hutchings on their recent fundraiser concert in support of the food bank.

21-08-452 Increased Traffic, Speeding – Smallwood Drive and Park Avenue

Members of Council spoke on the increased traffic and speeding on Smallwood Drive and Park Avenue which can partly be attributed to accessing the Team Gushue Highway. Consideration is being to traffic calming measures such as calming lanes, increased municipal enforcement presence, reduced speed limits, and speed humps. It is hoped that this action will redirect traffic to Topsail Road, Mount Carson Avenue, and Old Placentia Road. The importance of the completion of the Team Gushue Avenue was noted along with the support of the City's MHAs.

21-08-453 Legal Costs

Members of Council addressed the cost of legal services incurred since launching the 2019 investigation into allegations against the former CAO as well as the allegations of misconduct by the former CAO and former Councillors. It was noted that the City will continue to make these costs public to ensure transparency for the information of residents. A report from the investigator is anticipated in the coming weeks. It was also noted that despite the money spent on legal services the City is in a good financial position. Council is committed to employees and ensuring a respectful workplace.

21-08-454 Walking Trails

Deputy Mayor Locke commented on the walking trails and the new wayfinding signs.

21-08-455 Fewer Taxis

Deputy Mayor Locke requested that staff investigate whether fewer taxis has impacted ridership on Metrobus and the GoBus service.

21-08-456 Association for Arts in Mount Pearl (AAMP) – Bracelet-Making Activity

Councillor Fry extended appreciation to the Association for organizing a pop-up bracelet-making activity.

21-08-457 Movie in the Park

Councillor Fry provided details on the upcoming movie being held on August 25 at St. David's Park.

21-08-458 Admiralty House Communications Museum

Councillor Fry advised that the Museum is seeking a new Chair of their Volunteer Board of Management. Further details are available on their website. Appreciation was extended to outgoing Chair, John Riche, for his nine years of service.

21-08-459 Grow Getter

Councillor Fry provided information on the City's pilot project that will allow residents and organizations to adopt public green spaces. Further details are available on the City website.

21-08-460 Flower Baskets and Planters

Councillor Fry commented on the baskets and planters seen throughout the City and expressed appreciation to the horticulturist on staff, Michael Kelleher.

Mayor Aker spoke on the upcoming movie in the park; the weekly music events at Centennial Park and engaging the local artistic community.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Councillor Fry.

Chairperson

City Clerk