

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 30, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on November 30, 2021, at 4:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Mayor Dave Aker	Dana Spurrell, Chief Administrative Officer
Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley	Jason Collins, Director of Community Development
Councillor Jim Locke	Gerry Antle, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works
Councillor Isabelle Fry	Cassie Pittman, Director of Corporate Services
Councillor Bill Antle	Stacey Pratt, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
Councillor Chelsea Lane	Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant
Councillor Mark Rice	

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

21-11-636 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Locke/Councillor Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-11-637 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

21-11-638 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held November 16, 2021, be adopted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-11-639 Follow up was requested regarding the adjustment of guiderails for snow clearing in referenced minute 21-11-620 from November 16, 2021. Rails have been adjusted at Jackman Drive and Barbour Drive; and Yetman Drive is being assessed for adjustments. There is a winter impact on line of sight at every intersection and this area will be managed accordingly during regular snow clearing efforts.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS None presented

CORRESPONDENCE None presented

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-11-640 Proposed Minimum Rear Yard |Accommodate a Covered Stairwell 20 Brand Drive – DA21-280

Motion - Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, a Development Permit be issued, subject to the conditions as set out by the Department of Community Development, specifically conditions as outlined by the following:

1. City of Mount Pearl – Inspection Services, Finance, Planning and Engineering Services Divisions
2. City of Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 and all related requirements

Question called - Motion carried unanimously

21-11-641 Mount Pearl Winter Parking Restrictions – December 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022

Residents are advised of the following snow clearing regulations and that violators will be fined for non-compliance of regulations.

- Parking Ban: No vehicle is permitted to park on any street within the City from December 1 – March 31 each year, both days inclusive, between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

- No vehicle is permitted to park on any street within the City during a storm (snow or ice) and for 12 hours thereafter.
- Any unattended vehicle parked on any street contrary to these regulations may be removed and impounded at the owner's expense.
- No person shall shovel, plow, blow or cause to be shoveled, plowed, or blown, any residue snow from a driveway or parking lot onto any street, carriage way or sidewalk within the City.

To view the official snow clearing regulations, please refer to the City's website

Discussion

Winter readiness has already started for Public Works with increased shifts as there are icy conditions with temperature drops below zero. Snow can happen at any point in time and the city is ready to respond to winter conditions.

The enforcement team will use judgement when patrolling with consideration for events, time of year, amongst other factors.

21-11-642 Lions Club Parade, December 4, 2021

The Mount Pearl Lions 66th Santa Claus Parade will take place on Saturday, December 4th. The parade will start at 10 am and will travel down Ruth Avenue and Park Avenue, ending at Mount Pearl Square.

For all inquiries and entries, please contact Lion Gerald Coombs by visiting the Mount Pearl Lions Club Facebook page.

21-11-643 Christmas Tree Lighting – December 4, 2021

Come along and join Mayor Dave Aker and members of Council as we celebrate the festive season on December 4th at 6:30 pm at St. David's Park with the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

There will be live entertainment to enjoy #allisbright in Mount Pearl. Please remember to dress warm!

21-11-644 Summit Centre Pool – Additional Swims During December

Extra "Family, Public and Parent & Tot" swims have been added to the Pool schedule from December 5 to 18, 2021.

21-11-645 Summit Centre Pool – Swimming Registration for January 2022 Lessons

The registration dates for the winter session January 2022 swimming lessons will take place as follows:

Residents - Monday, December 13, 2021, at 5:00 pm

Open Registration - Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 5:00 pm

21-11-646 Breakfast with Santa, December 18, 2021

Breakfast with Santa will be taking place at the Reid Centre on Saturday, December 18th from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Tickets will be \$5.00 each and children under 2 will be free. Tickets will be on sale at the Summit Centre Customer Service desk starting Wednesday, December 1st.

21-11-647 Development Permit List – November 15 – 26, 2021

Motion – Councillor Antle/ Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the development permit list for November 1 -12, 2021 be approved as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

21-11-648 Building and Occupancy Permit Listing November 15 – 26, 2021

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, building permits issued for the period of November 15 – 26, 2021, showing a total construction value of \$1,211,290.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

21-11-649 Summit Centre Service Contract Sole Source – Seresco Unit, to Dehumidified Air Services (DAS)

Motion – Councillor Fry/ Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, a sole-source contract be approved for the initial three-year term, with two, one year extension available if mutually agreed upon by both parties. Contract cost for year 1 is \$21,735 .00 (HST Included) with a 2% increase for each additional contract year. Also resolved that purchase of the list of spare parts as

recommended by Dehumidified Air Services at a cost of \$23,842.80 (HST Included) be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

21-11-650 H. Neil Windsor Building - Change Order No.1 – Card Access System Upgrade for Main Yard Gate

Motion – Councillor Rice / Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, change order # 1 for the amount of \$3,507.50 (HST included) be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

21-11-651 Public Works – Status Updates

Councillor Rice provided an update on public works services. Preparation underway for the 2021 Christmas activities and winter maintenance ongoing

21-11-652 Capital Works – Status Updates

Councillor Rice provided an update on pedestrian underpass repairs. Guiderail improvements are complete, including adjustments to ensure adequate line-of sight at Richard Nolan Drive. Old Placentia Road site work is underway.

21-11-653 Facility Maintenance – Status Updates

Councillor Rice noted that November 10, 2021, marks one full uninterrupted year of heating both Summit Pools with recovered heat from the Glacier refrigeration plant. The City has not needed to avail of the supplement electric heaters for one entire year).

Council offered thanks, and congratulations for the great work. Council also recognized the cost savings for city and environment and ecological savings this has provided.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-11-654 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Best Buy 9th Generation Apple iPad - 64GB with Wi-Fi (13 total)	\$ 6,439.53
2	Dehumidified Air Solutions Repairs to Summit Centre Seresko System - Airfare and Lodging for Technician	\$ 11,753.00
3	GCR Tire & Service Rear tires for Fleet Vehicles (16 tires total)	\$ 10,048.79
4	Headstone Masonry & General Contracting Gloria Pearson Brick and Stone Repointing	\$ 8,625.00
5	S&S Supply/Crosstown Rentals Traffic Cones and Cone Connectors for the Tely 10	\$ 5,106.00
6	Armour Lock & Safe Labour and Materials for the new Card Access System - Progress Payment #2	\$ 14,236.22
7	Benson Buffett Professional Services - Satellite Developers	\$ 6,327.60
8	City of St. John's November 2021 Regional Fire Services	\$ 460,626.42
9	St. John's Transportation Commission Metrobus Accessible Services Fee - July 2021 to September 2021	\$ 24,799.75
10	St. John's Transportation Commission Metrobus Transit Services October 2021	\$ 94,559.29
	Total	\$ 642,521.60

Discussion

Council discussed the amount paid to the St. John's Transportation Commission and whether a review could be undertaken to determine if there are cost saving measures which could be taken or if a conversation could be had with the City of St. John's and Metrobus to discuss cost reduction or an increase in services.

Council further discussed a review of metrobus service to determine how it is working for the city, identify deficiencies and ways to make improvements for residents and to streamline services. A review of the city's transit system as a whole was also discussed. It was identified that Council's second quarter would provide time for Council to meet and identify strategic decisions that will need to be made in the next four years and beyond.

The cost for Fire Services was also highlighted and discussed.

Council referred these issues to CSEDC for future discussion.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

21-11-655 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

The payment register for November 19, 2021 – November 24, 2021, totaling \$642,521.60 and the Purchase Card Report for September 26 to October 25, 2021, totaling \$303,893.88 were accepted as presented.

Councillor Fry referenced the Amazon expenditures and asked that supporting local be the first when purchasing wherever possible.

Councillor Locke explained that there is fair process with the city for procurement of the most economical options and recognizing that investment in local economy is important.

Deputy Mayor Kieley requested that any procurement procedures and policies be revisited to identify a balance between fiscal responsibility and supporting local.

Council referred these issues back to CSEDC for consideration.

21-11-656 Tax Deferral – Low Income Earners

Motion – Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the following tax deferrals be approved in accordance with the Council's policy for low-income-earners.

Account #	Amount Deferred
10379	\$1,357.52

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

21-11-657 2022 Calendar – Public Council Meetings

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley /Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the Public Council meeting schedule for 2022 be approved as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

21-11-658 Mandatory Vaccination Policy

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley /Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the policy be approved as presented

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

21-11-659 Appointment of City Clerk

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley /Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, this Council, in accordance with section 68 of the City of Mount Pearl Act, appoints Stacey Pratt as City Clerk for the City of Mount Pearl.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

21-11-660 Mental Health Taskforce Webinar on Mental Health Practices as a Municipal Leader.

Councillor Fry attended the webinar which was presented by Equal Voice and wanted to invite colleagues and anyone who may be interested to join these free webinars offered by the Mental Health Taskforce.

21-11-661 Community Supper

Residents are reminded the community supper is held every Wednesday between 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm and will be held December 1st in the parking lot of Motor Vehicle Registration, sponsored by Coffee Matters.

21-11-662 Salvation Army Christmas Kettles

Councillor Fry encouraged residents to donate if they can to the Christmas Kettles as there is a great deal of need this time of year and thanked the generosity of residents who have contributed to the Kettles

21-11-663 Food Bank Drive

On Saturday November 26th, the Mount Pearl Kinette's Club held their annual turkey drive to collect turkeys and assist the food banks with Christmas hampers. There were approximately 375 requests for Christmas hampers this year in Mount Pearl.

Hockey with Heart raised \$11,000 in support of foodbanks and the monies raised were divided between the foodbanks in Mount Pearl,

21-11-664 The Grinch

The Grinch will be at Pipers in Mount Pearl on December 1st from 4 pm – 7 pm. The appearance is sponsored by Mount Pearl Lions club. Residents are encouraged stop by and have a picture taken with the Grinch.

21-11-665 Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Presentation November 23, 2021

Councillor Fry offered her thanks to Inspector Brennan of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary and our Municipal Enforcement Superintendent for the information session delivered to council on Tuesday November 23rd and discussions regarding keeping our city safe. Residents were encouraged to report instances of speeding, vandalism, bullying, and hate crimes to the RNC at 728-8000 to assist in statistically tracking data to make informed decisions and help improve supports to the city.

21-11-667 Congratulations and Thanks

- Congratulations to Jim Bulger, recipient of the Soccer Association Alumnae of the Year award
- Congratulations also given to all recipients of the Mount Pearl Soccer Association Awards for the 2021 season.
- Congratulations to Brad Gushue and his team on going to the next Olympics.
- Thanks to the provincial crews for their great work during the heavy rainfall and subsequent washouts on the roads on the west coast. Councillor Locke was reminded of the province's vulnerability with respect to the Trans-Canada Highway and noted how much has been done and will continue to be done in Mount Pearl in relation to climate initiatives.
- Congratulations to the graduating students of Mount Pearl Senior High. Due to COVID restrictions, the ceremony will be held at Holy Heart of Mary on December 1st. Councillor Lock will MC the ceremony and present the City's Annual Academic Scholarship to the recipient during the ceremony.
- Congratulations to Buy Here B'y for implementing a great initiative. Support for the initiative continues to be encouraged.
- Congratulations offered to Mount Pearl skaters, Rachel Tuff and Mark Butt who will represent the club and province at the 2022 Skate Canada Challenge on December 1 – 5 in Regina Saskatchewan.
- Congratulations to Jack Keough who was select as Sportscraft Source for Sports Player of the Week for November 22 – 28.

- Congratulations to the O'Donnell Senior High boy's basketball team for taking gold at the Wendy's Classic.
- Congratulations to the girls under 15 volleyball team from St. Peter's Junior High on taking gold at the Regionals this past weekend in Clarendville.

21-11-668 Purple Ribbon Campaign

November 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and marked the start of the Purple Ribbon Campaign – 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence. City Hall was lit with purple lights in commemoration. The Violence Prevention Initiative organizes the Purple Ribbon Campaign to create awareness of male violence against women and will run from November 25th to December 10th, International Human Rights Day. The importance of making this topic open for discussion to promote understanding was recognized. Residents and the public are encouraged to find events and become involved with all efforts to prevent violence against women.

Deputy Mayor Kieley recognized the community organizations such as Violence Prevention – Avalon East who began the day with a provincial proclamation signing.

21-11-669 Giving Tuesday

November 30th is Giving Tuesday and is a global initiative for volunteering and contribution to charities. Residents were encouraged to take a moment to volunteer or donate if they could.

21-11-670 Association for the Arts

During the month of November, the Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl hosted a digital and in-person art fusion celebration of art and community with multiple successful events.

21-11-671 Support during the Holiday Season

Deputy Mayor Kieley noted the holidays can be difficult and acknowledged the various supports that are available, such as Bridge the Gapp, <https://bridgethegapp.ca>, the Breathing Room, as well as the Provincial Support Line, 1 888 737-4668. She encouraged any who need it to avail of those resources.

21-11-672 International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 3rd is recognized as International Day of Persons with Disabilities to promote their rights and well-being. New legislation regarding improved accessibility

for persons with disabilities will be implemented in the House of Assembly on the same day.

21-11-673 Service Awards.

CAO and Council presented awards to employees who had from 5 – 45 years of service with the City of Mount Pearl. Congratulations and thanks were given to all employees.

21-11-674 Winter Parking Ban

Councillor Rice noted that the winter parking ban includes all city streets and any city owned land.

21-11-675 Santa Claus Parade and Tree Lighting

In the event of weather on December 4th, both events would be rescheduled to December 5th instead.

21-11-676 Condolences

The Mayor extended condolences to the family of Betty Hawkins on her passing.

Condolences were also extended to Deputy Mayor Kieley and her family on their loss.


21-11-677 Mount Pearl Frosty Festival

The Mount Pearl Frosty Festival will go ahead, but on a smaller scale than previous years due to COVID restrictions.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Chairperson


City Clerk