



## PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on December 14, 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	Stacey Pratt, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
Councillor Bill Antle	Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant
Councillor Chelsea Lane	Stephanie Hynes, Manager of Finance
Councillor Mark Rice	Absent Cassie Pittman, Director of Corporate Services

**Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.**

21-11-678 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-11-679 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

21-11-680 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held November 30, 2021, be adopted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS      None presented

CORRESPONDENCE              None presented

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-12-681    Helmet Use on Ice Surface | Helmet Policy Revision for Recreational Skating

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the revisions be approved and adopted as presented and further that the policy enforcement, communication, education, and rollout be carried out once signatures are in place and the policy is posted on the City's website

Discussion

Council discussed whether other jurisdictions have any requirements for facemasks for general skating activities.

The Community Development Director noted the policy revisions were in line with other jurisdictions, but there was no know requirement for facemasks for general skating.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously

21-12-682    Alcohol and Drug Use in City Operated Facilities Policy

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the Alcohol and Drug Use in City Operated Facilities Policy. prohibiting the service, use, and consumption of alcohol and drugs in all buildings operated by the City of Mount Pearl and on all City premises except as in accordance with the policy be approved and adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously

21-12-683 Glacier Arena – Final Skating 2021

Times and dates are posted on the City's website

21-12-684 Upcoming Registrations – Fitness Programs and Seniors Independence Group

Information on the registration dates for the winter programs for Fitness Classes and the Seniors Independence Group programs is posted on the City's website.

21-12-685 Christmas Hours – Recreational Facilities

The recreational facilities Christmas hours of operation are as follows:

Summit Centre / Reid Centre	Gloria Pearson Centre	Glacier Arena
December 23 6:00am – 10:00pm	December 23 – January 1 CLOSED	December 23 7:00am – 12:00am
December 24 6:00am – 1:30pm		December 24 7:00am – 1:30pm
December 25 - 26 CLOSED		December 25 - 26 CLOSED
December 27 - 30 6:00am – 9:30pm		December 27 – 30 7:00am – 11:00pm
December 31 6:00am – 1:30pm		December 31 7:00am -1:30pm
January 1 CLOSED		January 1 CLOSED
January 2 6:00am – 10:00pm		

These hours of operation are posted at each facility and located on the City's website

21-12-686 Annual Family First Night Celebrations – December 31, 2021

The annual first night skate celebrations will take place at the Glacier Rink 1 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, and families are invited, free of charge, to this non-alcohol family event.

21-12-687 Fireworks – New Year's Eve

A reminder to the public that the City's Noise Regulations stipulate that fireworks can only be discharged between dusk on New Year's Eve (Dec 31) to 12:30am on January 1.

Discussion

Council discussed the difficulties that may be experienced by individuals with PTSD or Autism and pet owners and stressed the importance of adhering to the regulations as presented. Council further discussed the possibility of continuing on-going collaboration with neighboring municipalities.

Council referred the matter back to CSEDC to inquire about arranging a radio public service announcement regarding the city's regulations around fireworks.

21-12-688 Development Permit List – November 29 – December 10, 2021

Motion – Councillor Antle/ Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the development permit list for November 29 – December 10, 2021, be approved as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

21-12-689 Building and Occupancy Permit Listing November 29 – December 10, 2021

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, building permits issued for the period of November 29 – December 10, 2021, showing a total construction value of \$964,340.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

21-12-690 Summit Centre - Roof Repairs – Proposed Change Order

Motion – Councillor Fry/ Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, Change Orders 1 and 2 for the total amount of \$6,207.98, be approved as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

21-12-691 Public Works – Status Updates

Councillor Rice provided an update on public works services. Fleet maintenance is ongoing with a focus on winter equipment. Winter staff have been recalled.

21-12-692 Capital Projects – Status Updates

Councillor Rice provided an update on pedestrian underpass repairs. Guiderail improvements are complete at Richard Noland Drive and Old Placentia Road underway.

21-12-693 Facility Maintenance – Status Updates

Councillor Rice noted that regular facility maintenance is on going and that the LED lights have been replaced at the Team Gushue parking lot.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21-12-694 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley /Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Armour Lock & Safe Card Access Project - Progress Payment #3	\$ 13,036.17
2	Brandt Positioning Technology IPW Survey Equipment	\$ 26,096.95
3	City of St. John's October 2021 Water Consumption	\$ 248,071.52
4	City of St. John's December 2021 Regional Fire Services	\$ 460,626.38
5	Madsen Construction Equipment Full Wing Arm Assembly - Push Pole Master Loader	\$ 9,932.19
6	MVT Canadian Bus October 2021 Gobus Fees	\$ 41,136.81
7	Narrative Research Civic Centre Consultations	\$ 13,805.75
8	Russell's Land Design Trails Wayfinding Remediation of Grounds	\$ 5,433.75

9	Triware Technologies 7 Microsoft Surface Pro Tablets and Covers, 3 year Hardware Service Plan	\$ 11,592.86
10	Universal Power Solutions Glacier Gamatronic UPS Service Contract January 1 2022 - December 31 2022	\$ 6,440.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 836,172.38</b>

Discussion

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

21-12-694 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

The payment register for November 24th to December 9th, 2021, totaled \$837,522.98 were accepted as presented.

21-12-695 Tax Deferral – Low Income Earners

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

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

Account #	Amount Deferred
5773	\$1,158.72
2961	\$2,029.89
7445	\$1,453.37

21-12-696 Façade Improvement Application

Motion - Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

Applicant	Project Criteria Score (out of 100)	Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommended Grant Amount
15-19 Commonwealth Ave (Old Marie's, Tax Shelter, Gold Factory)	90.125	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$5,400

RESOLVED THAT, 15-19 Commonwealth Avenue Façade Improvement Grant be approved in the amount of \$5,400.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

21-12-697 2022 Budget Presentation

Councillor Locke provided an overview of the budget process and plans for 2022.

21-12-698 2022 Tax Rates

Motion – Councillor Locke /Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with *The City of Mount Pearl Act*, establish the following tax rates for the 2022 taxation year

Property Tax - Residential (minimum \$200 per year) 7.1 mils

Property Tax - Commercial (minimum \$250 per year) 11.5 mils

WASTE COLLECTION FEES

Automated Waste Collection Fee	\$20 per annum per bin (maximum 2 bins per house)
<b>WATER AND WASTEWATER FEES</b>	
Water/Wastewater Fee - Residential	\$600 per unit
Water/Wastewater Fee - Commercial base (minimum \$600)	2.3 mils
Commercial Water Usage (per property):	
0 - 100,000 gallons	No additional charge
100,000 - 20 million gallons	\$6.00 per thousand
Over 20 million gallons	\$5.50 per thousand
School Boards - Water/Wastewater Fee	\$11.00 per student
Provincial Government Buildings - Water/Wastewater Fee	6.00 mils
<b>BUSINESS TAX RATES</b>	
General Commercial	16.8 mils
Banks and Financial Institutions	74.3 mils
Bulk Storage and Oil Companies	37.8 mils
Agricultural Operations	2.9 mils
Hotels and Motels	15.4 mils
Large Department Stores	20.0 mils
Oil and Gas Service Industry	20.0 mils
Private Schools	15.4 mils
Professional Operations	23.0 mils
Recreational and Non-Profit Facilities	11.2 mils
Self-storage	60.1 mils
Billboards	\$100 per side per year

Personal Care Homes	Exempt
Daycares	Exempt
All businesses subject to taxation under the Taxation of Utilities and Cable Television Companies Act and commercial establishments without a fixed place of business within the City	2.5 % of annual gross revenue

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

21-12-699 2022 Rates & Fees

Motion – Councillor Locke /Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with *The City of Mount Pearl Act*, approve the presented Schedule of Rates & Fees, to take effect January 1, 2022.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

21-12-700 Interest Rate

Motion – Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with *The City of Mount Pearl Act*, approve an annual rate of interest of 10% to be levied on all past due taxes and accounts receivable.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously

11-12-701 Revenues and Expenditures

Motion – Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with *The City of Mount Pearl Act*, approve the 2022 Budget with operating Revenues and Expenditures totaling \$52,172,278.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.



NEW BUSINESS

21-12-702 2022 Budget

The members of Council extended appreciation and thanks to everyone involved in the 2022 budget deliberations resulting in the budget approved by Council today. The following components of the budget presentation were highlighted:

- Budget 2022 is about community and striking the right balance of investing for now and for what is next.
- Overall revenue is estimated to remain flat with decreases in taxation and municipal revenue and a projected increase in goods and services revenue.
- No change to the residential mil rate or water rate established in 2021.
- Marginal increase in recreation rates, facility rental fees, and residential permits.
- Slight increase in commercial rates and fees.
- Enhanced community safety and investment in the city's trails and outdoor spaces.
- Attracting young families to Mount Pearl.

21-123-703 CAO –2022Budget

The CAO thanked Council for their support to staff throughout the budget process and the year.

21-12-704 Mount Pearl Lion's Club and Kinette's Club

Council thanked the Mount Pearl Lion's Club for their work on the Santa Claus Parade noting the donations of \$4,800 to the food banks, reusable shopping bags and toys. Thanks were given to the Kinette's Club for their annual turkey drive for the Christmas food hampers and both groups' contributions to the Senior's Independence Group were also acknowledged.

21-12-705 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting for Courtney Lake

Council attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting for Courtney Lake on December 11<sup>th</sup> and hoped for closure for the family.

21-12-706 Thanks to City Staff

Council offered thanks and appreciation to city staff for their efforts throughout this year and previous years with regard to the pandemic and the significant snowstorms.

21-12-707 Stuff the Bus

Students at Mount Pearl Intermediate and Senior High organized a drive and were able to fill an entire school bus with donations from the community.

21-12-708 Community Volunteerism

Council recognized the importance of volunteering and encouraged residents to volunteer and reach out when they can, noting the need for volunteers for organizations such as the Lion's and Kinette's Clubs.

21-12-709 Season's Greetings

Council extended season's greetings to residents, their colleagues and City staff and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

21-12-710 Cystic Fibrosis

Council recognized and congratulated John and Jillian Bennett and their family on receiving the Mila Mulrone Award at the Regional Volunteer Awards on November 30, 2021 for their efforts to raise funds in support of Cystic Fibrosis. Council directed that congratulations to the family be sent.

21-12-711 Mount Pearl Sport Alliance 2020 Athletic Awards

Congratulations to all the award winners for the 2020 Mount Pearl Sport Alliance Athletic Awards. Special mention to Noah Kelly, Male Athlete of the Year, Shae LeDevehat, Female Athlete of the Year and Andrew Moyst, Coach of the Year

21-12-712 O'Donel High School Boys Basketball Team.

Congratulations to the Boys Basketball Team of O'Donel High School on their win at the 4A boys basketball tournament in Clarenville

21-12-713 Santa Drive

For the information of residents, Santa Clause will be driving through the city this weekend to visit residents.

21-12-714 Tip-off Basketball Tournament

Congratulations to St. Peter's Boys' basketball team who won the Newfoundland and Labrador Basketball Association's Tip Off Tournament.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm on a motion by Councillor Locke and seconded by Councillor Rice

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Chairperson

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City Clerk