

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held via video conference on January 11, 2022, 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.

22-01-001 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-01-002 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

22-01-003 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held December 14, 2021, be adopted with the following amendments:

Correction of 21-12-710 Cystic Fibrosis – two items combined in minutes and should be separated to complete

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

22-01-004 3 Lawn Point Avenue – Rear Yard Minimum Variance (DA21-0459)

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT 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

22-01-005 Development Permit List – January 3 – 7, 2022

Motion – Councillor Lane/ Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the following development permit list for January 3 – 7, 2022, be approved as presented.

Development Permit #	Date of Issue	Company/Name	Type of Use	Civic Address
DP21-0571	Jan 6, 2022	NKG Holdings Inc.	Change of Use, Internal Renovations and Site Work	39 Sagona Avenue
DP21-0610	Jan 6, 2022	E & M Production Sources Ltd.	Home Office	12 Hubbard Place
DP21-0621	Jan 6, 2022	Walsh's Electrical Maintenance	Home Office	12 McMaster Place
DP21-0737	Jan 6, 2022	River Rascals Winter 2022	Open Air Assembly Use	Power's Pond Park & Various City Trails
DP21-0512	Jan 6, 2022	Emberley Fireplaces & BBQ's	Rear Deck	1049-1053 Topsail Road

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-01-006 Building and Occupancy Permit Listing – December 13 – 31, 2021 and January 3 – 7, 2022

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period of December 13 to December 31, 2021, showing a total construction value of \$1,133,700.00 and the building permits issued for the period of January 4 to 7, 2022, showing a total construction value of \$74,000.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit lists be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-01-007 Stop Work Order – 161 Park Avenue

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, as an appeal has been made to Eastern Newfoundland Regional Appeal Board in respect of an earlier Order related to the property located at 161 Park Avenue, the City has an obligation under section 45 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000 and the provincial Development Regulations to ensure that the development with respect to the appeal, work related to that development or an order that is under appeal does not proceed or be carried out, pending a decision of the board.

AND FURTHER THAT the issuance of a Stop Work Order to CEI Incorporated, 161 Park Avenue on January 7, 2022 to immediately stop construction work ongoing on the property above be ratified by Council, pursuant to Section 109 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

22-01-008 Topsail Road Storm Sewer and Outfall Upgrading – Tender #MI 12178, CP5 Dexter Construction Limited, \$861,754.92 (HST Included) Request for Approval, Proposed Contractor Change Order #9

Motion – Councillor Rice/ Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, Change Order #9 be approved in the amount of \$2,359.69 (HST Included), which is within budget.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-01-009 2014/2017 and 2017/2020 Multi-Year Capital Works (MYCW) Programs – Funding Transfers and Closure of Projects

Motion – Councillor Rice/ Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, work proceed, in relation to the MYCW Programs for 2014-2017 and 2017-2020, for:

- a) completed projects for the Multi-Year Capital Works (MYCW) Programs for 2014-2017 and for 2017-2020, to be closed in the Municipal Support Information System (MSIS);
- b) remaining funds from the completed projects, totaling \$681,542 for 2014-2017 and \$453,903 for 2017-2020, to be transferred to a new funding application for a proposed new project for a total amount of \$1,135,445 (HST included);
- c) the proposed new project be the Surface Course Asphalt for Smallwood Drive (from Old Placentia Road to Commonwealth Avenue).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-01-010 Two Heavy-Duty Tandem Trucks – Awarded to Harvey & Company Ltd. Proposed Approval of Commodity Surcharge – TP21-003

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the commodity surcharge on the two heavy-duty tandem trucks purchased under TP21-003, be approved in the total amount of \$10,925.00 (HST included), which can be accommodated within the Fleet Budget.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

Discussion

Council noted one of the unique challenges during COVID has been with supply chains for products and services. Council discussed the possibility of retendering; however, it was noted that the cost would likely be the same if not more and delivery time could be significantly longer. Council was advised that the cost of maintenance would increase if timelines were delayed due to the current vehicles being beyond service life. Council was further advised that other municipalities and organizations are experiencing similar issues and challenges and similar issues are anticipated with other tenders. Council directed that these issues should be accounted for in future tendering processes and noted that pricing stabilization should occur and should assist.

22-01-011 Current Service Offering in response to COVID, and provincial Alert Level 4

Infrastructure and Public Works will maintain core services including water testing, snow clearing and ice control, garbage collection (as per the regular schedule, including recycling), essential-only water and sewer operations, street maintenance, including pothole marking, severe pothole repair, traffic signal maintenance, animal control, and fleet repair.

Public Works Division operating as required. 24/7 supervisory presence onsite is Maintained to monitor for winter maintenance. Engineering Division and Facilities Maintenance Division are working remotely ensuring inspections, maintenance and oversight are carried out.

22-01-012 Public Works – Status Updates

Councillor Fry provided an update on snow clearing and ice control efforts noting the installation of outdoor rinks was complete. A call for assistance in maintaining the outdoor rinks was made to residents.

22-01-012 Capital Projects – Status Updates

Councillor Fry provided an update on City Hall Roof and Air Handling Unit upgrades with external work being completed and internal work underway.

22-01-013 Facility Maintenance – Status Updates

Councillor Fry noted that regular facility maintenance is ongoing:

- All 9 electric vehicle (EV) chargers throughout City are repaired and fully functional
 - o 2 at City Hall
 - o 2 at Reid Centre
 - o 3 at Campia Gymnastics
 - o 1 at Glacier
 - o 1 at Windsor Building (for depot electric vehicle only)
- Tennis LED Lighting Upgrade – Installation ongoing
- Glacier & Summit Centre
 - o Continuing to maintain, including environmental systems
 - o Electrical Demand Control system repairs ongoing
 - o Glacier LED Lighting Upgrade, Installation ongoing
- Glacier Card Access Upgrade - installation to begin this week
- Summit Centre Roofing, Plenum and Parapet work nearing completion

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

22-01-014 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley /Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Afonso Group Sewer Line Repairs at 37 Smallwood Drive	\$ 5,290.00
2	Afonso Group Sewer Line Repairs at 185 Park Avenue	\$ 6,727.51
3	Afonso Group Sewer Line Repairs at 36 Second Street	\$ 7,546.88
4	Avalon Coal Salt and Oil Ltd. 1,263.8 Metric Tonnes of Road Salt	\$ 157,879.59
5	Avalon Mulch & Mini-Mix Hurricane Larry Tree Grinding	\$ 6,900.00
6	Brandt Unit 626 - Oil Cooler	\$ 5,217.52
7	City of St. John's November 2021 Water Consumption	\$ 234,004.07

8	City of St. John's October 2021 Tipping Fees	\$ 60,050.64
9	City of St. John's Waste Water Flow July - September 2021	\$ 119,452.53
10	DataFix VoterView Election Management System	\$ 5,405.00
11	Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2022-2023 Membership Fee	\$ 6,009.35
12	GCR Tire & Service 4 Firestone Tires	\$ 5,024.40
13	Harvey & Company Heavy Duty Equipment Repairs	\$ 16,866.41
14	Kent Construction Supplies for Insulated Ceiling in the Parks Shed	\$ 8,905.11
17	Kent Pelletized Lime	\$ 8,378.44
18	Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador 2022 MNL and PMA Membership Fees	\$ 17,659.88
19	St. John's Transportation Commission November 2021 Metrobus Transit Fees	\$ 95,475.85
	Total	\$ 766,793.18

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

Discussion

Council discussed possible cost savings with salt or snow clearing given the lower snowfall amounts so far this season. The IPW Director noted that it was very early in the season and while snow fall amounts have been less, the ice generated by the weather conditions could reflect an increase in the use of salt for ice control.

22-01-015 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the following payment register for December 10, 2021 to January 5, 2022, totaled \$3,171,825.34 and Purchase Card Report for October 26, 2021 to November 26, 2021, totaled \$579,203.05 and was accepted as presented.

Discussion

Council requested additional description and information to be provided in the report to better understand the types of payments listed. The CSED Director noted that as the report is consolidated from multiple systems this may not be possible. Council referred the matter back to CSEDC to research the request.

22-01-016 Request for Tax Consideration

Motion – Councillor Locke /Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to exempt 2021 business taxes, in accordance with the policy for charitable and non-profit organizations, for the following.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-01-017 MNL Training Information Session - Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador's (MNL's) Training Program for Municipal Councillors and Administrators

Motion - Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, Councillor Fry be approved to attend the MNL's Training Program

Name	Address	Type	Annual Amount
Heart & Stroke Foundation	1037 Topsail Road	Business (100%)	\$10,706.64

for Municipal Councillors and Administrators starting January 20th, 2022, online through the College of the North Atlantic. The training program consists of 10 - modules at a cost of \$1,750 +HST.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

22-01-018 Outdoor Skating Rinks

Public feedback has been overwhelmingly positive on the rinks and residents have reached out to Council members expressing interest in wanting to develop and maintain a rink in their own neighborhood. Council acknowledged the work of the staff and volunteers.

22-01-019 City Walking Trails

Council noted that some residents have inquired regarding snow clearing and salting of the City's trailways. Council discussed the increases in cost and impact on service level needed as well as the possible negative environmental impact of salting the trailways. Options were offered to residents, such as St. David's Park as well as tacks for boots that provide a level of comfort when walking the City's trails in winter conditions and residents were encouraged to practice personal safety.

22-01-020 Frosty Festival

Council members noted, given the current Alert Level, the prudent decision of the Frosty Festival Board to postpone this year's festival. Residents were encouraged to enjoy their own outdoor activities and it was noted that some activities may be able to take place in the months to come with the help of the outstanding volunteer community within the City.

22-01-021 COVID Response

Council acknowledged staff, essential workers, and teams for quickly and efficiently implementing the City's response to the current Alert level. Council commended Directors and staff under the leadership of the CAO for moving the City toward safer delivery of services and noted that 2022 did not start the way anyone would have wanted. The City has effectively returned to a work from home program with full services continuing to be offered and front counter services remaining open to the public for invoice or tax payments and inquiries. Council noted that to reduce the risk of transmission, residents are encouraged to use alternative methods of payment and communication.

Council reminded residents that the provincial proof of vaccine mandate is still in place

22-01-022 Online Water Meter Readings

Council advised that commercial property owners and managers can now submit water meter readings online via the City's website.

22-01-023 Public Skating Resumed – Glacier Arena

Council noted that public skating has resumed at the Glacier Arena with a requirement to pre-book sessions and a limitation of 20 people per booking. Masks are mandatory. More information can be obtained on the City's website.

22-01-024 COVID Booster Clinic – Reid Centre

Council thanked the City staff and Eastern Health for their work and collaboration in putting the clinic in place allowing residents and the public to receive their booster shots.

Council was advised that Eastern Health Director, Stephen Lockyer passed along congratulations to the City of Mount Pearl and staff for their efforts with the booster clinic noting staff were phenomenal to work with.

22-01-025 Community Supper

Council reminded residents that the weekly Community Supper would resume Wednesday January 12, 2022 between 5 – 6:30 pm, serving free hot meals from the Church of the Good Shepard on Richard Nolan Drive every second Wednesday. Council noted that individuals can pick up suppers for other individuals who may be in isolation or observing public health guidelines.

22-01-026 Accessible Fitness Equipment – Functional Trainer Hoist

Council noted that new accessible fitness equipment is in place at the Summit Centre cardio room to provide people with a wide range of weight training and exercise options.

22-21-027 2022 Tax Notices

Council noted for the information of residents that the 2022 Tax Notices have been sent out.

22-01-028 Winter Parking Ban

Council reminded residents of the winter parking ban, which is currently in effect from December 1st to March 31st, both days inclusive, between the hours of 1:00am and 8:00am. Council noted that the ban helps Public Works to complete snow clearing and ice control on the City's streets.

22-01-029 Recreational Facility Changes during Alert Level 4

Council advised the public of the following changes to help ensure public safety:

- Swimming lessons suspended and refunds will be issued for registration fees.
- Bubble swims (to a maximum of 6 people per bubble) and parent and tot swims can be booked via the online booking system. Lane swims are drop-in, first come-first served.
- Recreational facilities are operating at 25 per cent capacity as per Public Health guidelines, including but not limited to the Summit Centre fitness room.
- Youth drop-in center programming at the Reid Centre is suspended.
- Public bubble skating is now available at the Glacier Arena.

The information and booking options for services at the City's facilities is available on the City's website.

22-01-030 Canadian Ball Hockey

Council congratulated Jack Chafe and Logan Smith on their selection for the U16 Boys Junior Team Canada for the 2022 ISBHF World Ball Hockey Championship.

Congratulations were also extended to Kieran Burke who was selected for the U20 Boys Junior Team Canada for the 2022 ISBHF World Ball Hockey Championship.

22-01-031 Welcome Home Maggie

Council celebrated the return of Maggie. After 9 days lost, Maggie was found and returned home to be reunited with her family.

22-01-032 Emily Hepditch

Council congratulated Mount Pearl author, Emily Hepditch, on signing a publishing deal with Flanker Press to publish three additional books.

22-01-033 Christmas Community Supper

Council noted that the Christmas Community Supper was held on December 15, 2021 at the Church of the Good Sheppard. Thanks was given to Scott Hillier of Coffee Matters for his efforts and contributions.

22-01-034 Northeast Avalon Joint Committee - Meeting with Eastern Health.

The Committee met with Eastern Health for a check in to discuss issues from a municipal perspective. Eastern Health noted 8,000 boosters were being administered per day with a goal of 12,000 per day. Council advised residents to be patient noting 200 Eastern Health staff members have been re-deployed to administer the boosters and they are rolling out as quickly as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm on a motion by Councillor Locke and seconded by Councillor Lane

Chairperson

City Clerk