



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 25, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in via virtual conference on January 25, 2022, at 4:30 pm.

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

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

22-01-037 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Deputy Mayor Lane/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-01-038 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

22-01-039 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held January 11, 2022, be adopted.:

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING none noted

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS None presented

CORRESPONDENCE MAA Election Results News Release

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

22-01-040 One Dual Stream Recycling Truck and One Rear Load Garbage Truck - Proposed Approval of Commodity Surcharge – TP21-005

Motion – Councillor Fry/ Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the commodity surcharge on the dual-stream recycling truck and the rear load garbage truck, as per TP21-005, be approved in the amount of \$10,925.00 (HST included).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

Discussion

Council questioned future impact to fleet budgets going forward. The IPW Director noted that there is no impact currently, and it was expected that the surcharges would stabilize. The surcharge can be factored into any future tenders.

22-01-041 COVID Operations and Services Update

Councillor Fry provided an update on operations of IPW core services and winter maintenance.

22-01-042 Public Works – Status Updates

Councillor Fry provided an update on ongoing operations such as snow clearing, ice control, outdoor rink maintenance, garbage/bulk collections and maintenance of fleet equipment, water/sewer, and fire hydrant clearing.

22-01-043 Capital Projects – Status Updates

Councillor Rice provided an update on ongoing preparation for 2022 construction season, noting possible start/completion times of projects and advising updates would be made as projects advance.

Discussion

Council requested information on when bridge repair work on Park Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue would be done given the impact on entrances/exits to the City. The IPW Director noted that this is only surface asphalt repair at this time, not a replacement of structures and that the work would be staggered to decrease the impact. The IPW Director further noted that structural repair is part of the asset management plan – medium term within the 10 year plan.

22-01-044 Facility Maintenance – Status Updates

Councillor Rice provided an update noting the following:

- Additional Cleaning of City Facilities completed during shutdowns due to Covid-19
- Tennis LED Lighting Upgrade - Installation Complete
- Glacier Card Access Upgrade - Complete and Operational
- Summit Centre Roofing, Plenum and Parapet - Completed

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

22-01-045 World Wetlands Day

The City recognizes February 2, 2022 as World Wetlands Day. The City continues to be committed to preservation

22-01-046 Development Permit List – January 10 – 21, 2022

Motion – Councillor Lane/ Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the following development permit list for January 10 – 21, 2022, be approved as presented.

| <u>Development Permit #</u> | <u>Date of Issue</u> | <u>Company/Name</u> | <u>Type of Use</u> | <u>Civic Address</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| DP21-0734 | Jan 21, 2022 | Howard Real Estate | Temporary Fill Storage | 7 Greenwood Crescent |
| DP21-0698 | Jan 21, 2022 | Variety Foods | Site Work | 22 Glencoe Drive |
| DP21-0459 | Jan 21, 2022 | Norman's Contracting | Variance to Rear Yard Requirement | 3 Lawn Point Avenue |

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-01-047 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | January 10 – 21, 2022

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period of January 10 to 21, 2022, showing a total construction value of \$1,400,500.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

22-01-048 Invoices for Approval

Motion –Councillor Locke / Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

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| 1 | Armour Lock & Safe Glacier Card Access Project 2021 | \$ 40,285.65 |
| 2 | City of St. John's December 2021 Water Consumption | \$ 229,938.41 |
| 3 | DataFix VoterView Election Management System payment #3 | \$ 6,559.73 |
| 4 | Everbridge Mass Notification Base Fee | \$ 8,239.68 |
| 5 | Municipal Assessment Agency 2022 First Quarter Assessment Fees | \$ 67,613.00 |
| 6 | Reefer Repair Repairs to Rear Loader Garbage Truck | \$ 10,531.34 |

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| 7 | Rideout Tool & Machine Shop Compressor | \$ 8,268.50 |
| 8 | Sansom Equipment Annual Generator Inspections | \$ 6,785.00 |
| 9 | St. John's Transportation Commission December 2021 Metrobus Fees | \$ 99,330.28 |
| 10 | St. John's Transportation Commission October-December 2021 Accessible Services Admin Fee | \$ 19,279.75 |
| | Total | \$ 496,831.34 |

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

Discussion

Council discussed water consumption charges and whether any savings were being reflected following the investigation of a potential leak identified in Galway or other leak detection measures. The Director of IPW reported the investigation was complete and there was no leak affecting the City from the tank in Galway, and that there appears to be a downward trend in this amount which points to the benefit of leak detection measures.

Council also discussed the transportation fees in regard to Metro Bus service. Council directed Committee to revisit the use of this service to identify potential cost savings, and to review the adequacy of the system in meeting residents' needs. Council discussed the possible use of focus groups and community consultation to determine how to enhance service and increase usage. Council further directed Committee to determine rider costs per month and ridership levels per month.

22-01-049 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the following payment register for January 6 to January 19, 2022, totaled \$700,471.04.

Discussion

Councillor Fry requested an update on descriptions on the Payment Register requested at the last Public meeting.

The CSED Director reported that the CSED committee would bring options to Committee of the Whole. The CSED Director also noted that the report is not standardized system report but rather includes information from multiple systems.

22-01-050 Community Skating Rinks

Councillor Antle expressed gratitude and thanks to residents who have volunteered to maintain the three skating rinks.

Councillor Rice noted he had made visits to the rinks, and they were always full, with additional groups waiting to get on. He also thanked residents for their efforts to maintain them.

Councillor Locke asked the IPW Director for details on damaged liners on two of the rinks and the potential repairs and timelines. The IPW Director explained that the liners were damaged, possibly due to the mild temperature and use of the rinks, and currently do not hold water. The IPW Director noted the difficulty in making the repairs as the ice would need to melt in order to effect repairs or replacement but explained that efforts to repair are ongoing.

Councillor Locke also inquired regarding how thick the ice needs to be on the rinks. The IPW Director explained this was dependent on the grade that the rink was built on, but it would need to be at least a couple of inches.

Mayor Aker noted that with the mild weather, it may be possible to get new tarps to replace the damaged ones. The IPW Director confirmed that either new tarps or, possibly, patches would work.

22-01-051 Glacier hours updated.

Councillor Antle reported that updates for the Glacier are now on the website and residents can get information there on bubble skates and other activities, www.mountpearl.ca.

22-01-052 UTV Trail Groomers and Attachments

Councillor Antle noted the quick response of IPW snow clearing efforts in recent snowfalls and that trails are groomed, and sidewalks cleared.

Mayor Aker asked for an update on the two grooming machines and grooming attachment for the trails. The CAO reported that the UTV for groomer was tendered for, but the vendor reported it was no longer in stock and the next lowest tender bid

would be looked at. The CAO also reported that three quotes have been secured for attachments. The IPW Director explained that as this was a three quote process and not a tender they would move to the next supplier to source the product.

Mayor Aker noted appreciation for the grooming that's being done on the trails.

22-01-053 COVID Protocols – City Facilities

Councillor Rice report that as of January 7, 2022, all of the City's recreation facilities were up and running and using COVID protocols such as masking, VaxPass and restricted capacity. He noted a listing of all facilities, and the requirements could be found on the City's website or by calling the City directly. Councillor Rice also noted the booster clinics were still available around the region and emphasized that getting the shot was the best defense.

22-01-054 Mount Pearl Tax Assessments

Councillor Rice reported that the City's tax assessments had been mailed to residents and noted the discount available for seniors with monthly payment plans available.

22-01-055 Birthday Greetings

Councillor Rice reported that he and other Council members attended Gertie Holloway 's 100th birthday on January 22, 2022 at Hilcrest Manor. He noted that residents came to the windows to see Council and were happy and excited with the visit. Balloons and a certificate for the occasion were provided to Ms. Holloway.

22-01-056 2022 Men's Masters Team Canada Roster

Councillor Lane offered congratulations to Mount Pearl resident, Terry Ryan on his selection to the roster for Team Canada for the 2022 ISBHF Men's Masters World Ball Hockey Championship.

22-01-057 Fundraisers

Councillor Lane reported that the Church of Good Sheppard would be holding a take-out cold plate fund raiser on Thursday, January 27, 2022 in collaboration with Coffee Matters. Cold plates would be sold at a cost of \$13. She noted that residents could call the Church at 747-1022 or message on their Facebook page to order a cold plate.

Councillor Lane gave an update on the Mount Pearl Lions Club eyeglasses collection efforts noting that Gerald Coombs had collected, packaged, and delivered 1,100 pairs of glasses She noted the many things the Lions Club does for the community and thanked Mr. Coombs for his efforts.

22-01-058 Northeast Avalon Joint Council Meeting

Councillor Fry noted that the guest speak was Sgt. Karen Didham of the RNC Traffic Services. Councillor Fry further noted that Sgt. Didham stressed the importance of contacting the RNC as the complaints received are recorded and the data is collected. Councillor Fry encouraged residents to report issues such as speeding and vandalism so that the RNC can respond accordingly. She noted the meeting followed the annual AGM meeting and the new election of officers: Mary Thorne-Gosse as chair, Isabelle Fry as Vice Chair, and Craig Williams as Treasure

22-01-059 Northeast Avalon Joint Council and Eastern Health

Councillor Fry reported that COVID numbers are trending down but noted that close contacts are not being tested and these numbers are not reflected in the reported case number. She noted that Eastern Health services were being restored as staff that were deployed for testing are moving back to service areas.

22-01-060 Bell Let's Talk Day

Councillor Fry reported on the recent meeting of the Mental Health Taskforce where they discussed Bell Let's Talk Day. She noted that 5 cents from all texts sent on January 26th would be donated. She recognized the importance of the initiative and that there was validation in the fact that others feel the same. Councillor Fry reported the next webinar offered by the Mental Health Taskforce would be held February 17th and would feature after holiday stresses and stressors with Gary Summers

22-01-061 Congratulations - Brian Cheeseman

Councillor Locke offered congratulations to Brian Cheeseman formerly of Mount Pearl and currently living in Alberta for being named to the Canadian Men's Olympic Hockey team support staff as an Athletic Therapist.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Councillor Lane

Chairperson

City Clerk