



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 15, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in via virtual conference on February 15, 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.

22-02-062 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Deputy Mayor Lane/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-02-063 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

22-02-064 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held January 25, 2022, be adopted.

Errors & Omissions: None noted

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING None arising

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

22-02-065 White Cane Week 2022

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring week of February 6 - 12, 2022 as White Cane Week in the City of Mount Pearl.

22-02-066 World Lymphedema Day

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring March 6, 2022, as World Lymphedema Day in the City of Mount Pearl.

CORRESPONDENCE

22-02-067 MAA Press Release – Urban Director elected to Municipal Assessment Agency's Board of Directors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

22-02-068 Mount Pearl City Hall Improvements, New Roof Controls & HVAC – JMJ Holdings Limited, \$266,237.65 (HST Included) – Request for Approval, Proposed Contractor Change Order # 2

Motion – Councillor Fry/ Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, Change Order #2 to JMJ Holdings Limited for Mount Pearl City Hall, New Roof, Controls and HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) - Tender # MI 12873 in the amount of \$8,206.40 (HST included) be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-02-069 Flowers for 2022 and 2023 Seasons – TP21-029-Contract Remediation

Motion – Councillor Fry/ Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the contract for the supply and delivery of flowers for 2022 and 2023 seasons – TP21-029 be awarded to Murray’s Horticultural Services, for the bid amount of \$62,740.44 (HST included), which is within budget for 2022 and within anticipated budget for 2023.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

Discussion

Councillor Antle inquired whether the tender was paid up front or portioned for 2022 and 2023. The IPW Director confirmed payments would be made on receipt of the flowers for 2022 and 2023.

Deputy Mayor Kieley inquired about the locations for planting. The IPW Director noted that they would identify priority areas with IPWC and with Council.

22-02-070 Pedestrian Walkway Underpass Remediation - 17-MYCW-20-00137 Eric Taylor Limited, \$269,186.25 (HST Included) Proposed Contractor Change Order #2 – Project Completion Date Extension

Motion – Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, Change Order #2, which will allow a project completion date extension be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

Discussion

The Mayor inquired about potential financial cost to the City. The IPW Director noted there would be no cost to the City and any potential cost as a result of the change order would be the responsibility of the contractor.

Councillor Locke inquired about lane closures as a result of the change order. The IPW Director confirmed that lane closures and traffic diversion from one side of Old Placentia to the other are anticipated while the work is being done in the underpass.

The IPW Director noted that the work would be completed before the start of the school year as to not affect traffic around the schools.

22-02-071 Old Placentia Road - Asphalt Renewal 2020 - TP-20-033 – Weir’s Construction Limited, \$861,754.92 (HST Included) Project Close Out.

Motion – Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the project be closed, and the balance of available funding of \$263,841 be returned to the 2020 Gas Tax allotment.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Aker noted that closures of this type were done often and would not necessarily require a motion but called the question in the spirit of the motion called by Councillor Rice. The Mayor noted that the ability to reallocate funding to other roadways was a great news.

22-02-072 Operational Updates

Councillor Rice provided an update on ongoing snow clearing and ice control operations, winter maintenance at all City facilities, and preparation of annual maintenance tenders for the 2022 construction season.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

22-02-073 Pool Chemical Tender – TP-21-033 (Muriatic Acid)

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the contract for the supply and delivery of Pool Chemical Muriatic Acid, TP-21-033, be awarded to Bilroc Industries (Rockwater Professional Products) based on the lowest unit price per product, for the period of three years January 1, 2022 –July 31, 2024) as follows:

26,635.00 (total bid)	Jan 2022 -Jul 2023	\$ 404.00 (unit price)
	Aug 2023 - Jul 2024	\$ 419.00 (unit price)

The prices include taxes and inside delivery to the Mount Pearl Summit Centre. Pool

chemicals are an ongoing budgetary item, and the acceptance of this bid will not impact or require any additional budgetary discussions or increases for 2022.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-02-074 Development Permit List – January 24 – February 11, 2022

Motion – Councillor Lane/ Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the following development permit list for January 24 – February 11, 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>
DP21-0740	Jan 21, 2022	NFLD Hearing Health Centre	Change of Use	10 Gibson Drive

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-02-075 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | January 24 – February 11, 2022

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period of January 24 – February 11, 2022, showing a total construction value of \$850,000.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

22-02-076 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley / Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Bang the Table Engagement HQ License Subscription February 2022- February 2023	\$ 10,170.60
2	Donna M. Ballard Law Aquatics Division Workplace Assessment	\$ 34,500.00
3	Greatario Water Tank Repairs	\$ 21,084.10
4	JMJ Holdings City Hall HVAC and Roof Repairs Payment #4	\$ 77,445.74
5	Keep Cool Refrigeration Propane Heater for Carpenter Shop	\$ 7,997.33
6	Manuels River Natural Heritage Society 2021 Staff Christmas Party	\$ 6,461.60
7	McInnes Cooper Professional Legal Services	\$ 7,467.90
8	MVT Canadian Bus December 2021 Transit Fees	\$ 33,770.90
9	Newfoundland Power Stand By Rate for 1 PLT - Badcock Place	\$ 49,501.21
10	Newfoundland Power Temporary Overhead Service to Badcock Place	\$ 24,380.00
	Total	\$ 272,779.38

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

Discussion

Councillor Antle asked for clarification on # 9, NL Power Stand By Rate and asked if this fee is charged for every construction where NL Power has to be present. The IPW Director noted this was an established, non-negotiable, standard rate applied by NL Power. He noted this was a consistent fee across all municipalities as NL Power must be present for the underground work and to maintain their cabling, etc.

Councillor Rice asked for clarification on # 1, Bang the Table. The CSED Director noted this was a licensing fee for the resident engagement platform and www.heymountpearl.ca

22-02-077 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the payment register for January 20 to February 9, 2022, totaling \$1,728,325.00 was presented.

A question was raised around the entry for Eric Taylor Ltd. The CSED Director advised that this was a progress payment. A further question was raised regarding

the entry for Park Place Community Centre. The CD Director advised that this was a payment issued to offset costs for the building such as heat and light.

22-02-078 Tax Deferral – Low Income Earners

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for following for tax deferral, in accordance with Council’s policy for low-income earners

Account #	Amount Deferred
500150	\$6,194.93

Mayor Aker asked for clarification on the amount deferred and if it covered multiple years. Councillor Locke confirmed that it did and advised that all other fees are still applicable and required to be paid.

Councillor Antle asked if there was a limit to the number of years that taxes could be deferred in this way. Councillor Locke noted this could be ongoing until the property is sold at which time the costs would be recovered. The CSED Director advised that eligible residents must submit annual income statements to the City for validation that their income falls below the \$40,000 threshold. The CSED Director also noted that any taxes deferred would not be permitted to exceed the value of the property and these accounts are monitored annually to prevent this.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

22-02-079 Powers Pond Boat House

Councillor Rice reported that snow shoeing and cross-country skiing was available at Powers Pond and noted there was limited gear available at no cost on a first come, first serve basis.

22-02-080 St. Peter’s Junior High – Coaches

Councillor Rice commended Coaches Richard and Jesenta Christopher who have coached a team of students, starting in St. Peter’s Junior High and on through Grade

12 at O'Donel High. He reported that these players are now being scouted by universities to play volleyball including:

- Patrick Beresford signed with Dalhousie University
- Nathan Marshall signed with University of New Brunswick
- Kalan Noonan signed with University of New Brunswick
- Kalan and Nathan will join their former teammate Adam James at UNB
- Ethan Tucker signed with University of New Brunswick Saint John
- Liam Gulliver signed with Holland College

22-02-081 Youth Action Team

Councillor Lane reported that the City was looking for students in grades 10-12 to join the Youth Action Team, which helps shape how the City engages with and learns from youth in the community.

Councillor Fry also spoke of the importance of youth involvement. She noted there were still open positions and encouraged youth to apply. She explained it was an opportunity have a voice in City matters and have their views and opinions heard.

22-02-082 Takeout Pancake Supper

Councillor Lane also noted for the information of the public that the Church of the Good Sheppard would be offering a takeout pancake supper on March 1st and would consist of pancakes, beef/moose sausage, beans, and dessert. Contact the church office between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm from Tuesday to Thursday at 747-1022 to book your meal. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children.

22-02-083 Northeast Avalon Joint Council

Councillor Fry gave an update on the recent meeting and noted the guest speakers were MHAs Tony Wakeham and Joedy Wall. Councillor Fry raised the issue of the completion of Team Gushue Highway at the meeting. She also gave an update on the regular touch point with the Joint Council and Eastern Health noting it was reported that EH staff are moving back to their regular roles and normal services are continuing. She noted that there was still community spread and the reported numbers did not reflect that as the requirements for testing have changed.

22-02-084 Valentine's Day Initiatives

Councillor Locke offered congratulations and thanks to staff for the success of this initiative. He noted the valentines for Seniors, as well as the message posted at the Summit, all of which were well received.

Councillor Fry also commented on the success of the Days of Kindness campaign and congratulated staff on their work.

22-02-085 Ocean Ranger 40th Anniversary

Deputy Mayor Kieley noted that today was the anniversary of the sinking of the Ocean Ranger and that there are residents and Newfoundlanders still affected by the tragedy. She wanted to send condolences on behalf of Council to anyone affected.

22-02-086 Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

Deputy Mayor Kieley reported that February 13th – 19th as Teacher Appreciation week and wanted to acknowledge Councillors Locke and Lane as well as other teachers and staff in our schools. She encouraged residents to reach out to a teacher or staff member to show appreciation.

22-02-087 Condolences

Councillor Antle offered condolences the families of Ralph Neil, Mrs. Elsie Mosbacher, and Keith Johnson on the passing of their loved ones.

22-02-088 Welcome and Appreciation

Mayor Aker wanted to welcome Council back after a three-week break and offered thanks and appreciation to staff for their work during the most recent COVID restrictions and in helping the City to operate through the winter.

22-02-089 Return to Work Plan

The CAO report that the City has started its return-to-work plan beginning with a transition back for administrative staff. She noted that all IPW workers are back in our facilities, and, through the transition, we will be back to full staff in-person capacity in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chairperson

City Clerk