



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 8, 2022**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held via virtual conference on March 8, 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.**

22-03-090 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-03-091 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

22-03-092 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held February 15, 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

22-03-094 Kidney Health Month – March 2022

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring the month of March 2022 as Kidney Health Month and March 10, 2022, as World Kidney Day in the City of Mount Pearl.

22-03-095 Easter Seals Month

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring the month of March 2022, as Easter Seals Month in the City of Mount Pearl.

CORRESPONDENCE None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

22-03-096 Operational Updates

Councillor Rice provided an update on ongoing snow clearing, ice control and weekly bulk garbage collection appointments. Also noted was the preparation of annual City maintenance tenders for 2022, and ongoing winter maintenance in all facilities.

Councillor Rice offered thanks and congratulations to the IPW staff on a job well done with snow clearing in the City noting that recent, varying weather conditions have made the work difficult and advising residents to use extra caution in parking lots and entrances as they are managed after street clearing work is completed.

22-03-097 Capital Projects – Status Updates

Councillor Rice provided an update on capital projects such as the new Civic Centre and St. David's Smart Accessible Playground.

Councillor Antle asked if the date of August 5<sup>th</sup> for completion for St. David's was firm and wondered if they could coincide completion with Mount Pearl City Days. The IPW Director noted the completion date was provided by contractor based on delivery and supply of materials, but he would inquire about possibility.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

##### 22-03-098 Mount Pearl Sport Alliance – 1<sup>st</sup> Installment Operating Grant 2022

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to release the first installment of the Mount Pearl Sport Alliance's 2022 operating grant in the amount of \$87,000 to cover the administration costs; as per the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Alliance.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

##### 22-03-099 Mount Pearl Frosty Festival – 1<sup>st</sup> Installment Operating Grant 2022

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to release the first installment of the Frosty Festival's 2022 operating subsidy in the amount of \$17,500: as per the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Mount Pearl Frosty Festival Inc.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

#### Discussion

Councillor Rice and Deputy Mayor Kieley offered support and appreciation for the work of the volunteers behind the Frosty Festival.

##### 22-03-100 Swimming Lessons Registration (9 & 10 Week Sessions) – Winter 2022

For the information of the public, registration has begun for the winter aquatic swim lessons. Mount Pearl residents commenced on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and non-residents to take place on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Online registration only. The information is posted on the City's website and circulated through social media.

22-03-101 St. Patrick's Tailgate Party – March 19, 2022

Weather dependent, the City will be hosting a family-friendly Tailgate party from 2 pm – 4 pm on March 19, 2022 at the Team Gushue Sports Complex. Admission is a nonperishable food item and will be on a first-come basis; notice will be given on Facebook when the parking lot is at capacity. Guidelines posted on the City's website.

22-03-102 Easter Day Camp (April 18 – 22, 2022) – Reid Centre

Registration for residents takes place on March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm and non-residents on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. Registration is online only and for children K – 6. Information is posted on the City's website and will be circulated through social media.

22-03-103 29-33 Commonwealth Avenue – Big Cheese Pizza DA21-0725 – Proposed Lounge Use (Discretionary Use) - Commercial - General (CG) Use Zone

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the application submitted by Big Cheese Pizza to introduce a Lounge Use within the existing business located at 29-33 Commonwealth Avenue be approved as a discretionary use application and that a development permit be issued subject to Section 4.20 of the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010, and subject to the following conditions:

- Department of Service NL
- St. John's Regional Fire Department
- Inspection Services, Municipal Enforcement Division
- Finance Division
- Planning Division
- City of Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 and related requirements

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-03-104 Development Permit List – February 14 – March 4, 2022

Motion – Councillor Lane/ Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the following development permit list for February 14– March 4, 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>
DP22-0036	March 4, 2022	CMT Inc.	Building Extension and Site Work	1174 Topsail Road

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-03-105 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | February 14 – March 4, 2022

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the building permit issued for the period of February 14 to March 4, 2022, showing a total construction value of \$5,050,500.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

22-03-106 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Baker Flooring Repairs to Summit Centre Splash Pad	\$ 8,437.78
2	City of St. John's Wastewater for October - December 2021	\$ 144,632.87
3	Lifeworks Monthly Fee December 2021 - February 2022	\$ 7,515.26
4	MVT Canadian Bus January 2022 Transit Fee	\$ 18,445.08
5	MVT Canadian Bus November 2021 Transit Fee	\$ 37,598.05
6	Ricoh Change of Licensing Model & Professional Services	\$ 31,806.70
7	St. John's Transportation Commission January 2022 Transit Fee	\$ 99,083.25

8	Toromont Vehicle Engine Repairs	\$ 10,224.13
9	Triad Train the Trainer Project - Conflict Competent Workplace	\$ 9,200.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 366,943.12</b>

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

Discussion

Councillor Antle inquired about price differential between items # 4 and #5 (MVT Canadian Bus). Councillor Locke noted that January was slower month and with recent COVID restrictions, there were likely changes in ridership and trips in January. The CSED Director noted that the numbers of trips were significantly higher in November versus January. Committee referred the matter back to CSED to determine why the December bill was not listed.

22-03-107 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the following payment register for February 10 to March 1, 2022 totaled \$ 1,064,653.20.

22-03-108 Professional Development Request - Mayor and Council Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference and Trade Show 2022 June 2 – 5, 2022, Regina, SK.

Motion: Councillor Locke /Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Mayor Aker, Deputy Mayor Kieley, Councillor Antle, Councillor Fry, Councillor Lane and Councillor Rice to attend the FCM Annual Conference Trade Show 2022 in Regina, SK from June 2-5, 2022 in accordance with the City's professional development policy and budget.

Question called: Motion carried unanimously.

22-03-109 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
700400	\$2,474.73

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-03-110 Notice of Motion – Amendment to Rules of Procedure

Deputy Mayor Kieley gave notice that she would, at a regular meeting of Council, move to amend the text of the City of Mount Pearl's Rules of Procedure that, if enacted, will:

1. Under Section 4.6
  - delete “following completion with a statement to the effect that such minutes are not the official transcript, which can only be provided following their adoption at the next meeting of Council” and replace with “following their adoption at a public meeting of Council.”.

The section would then read: “Minutes of the Public Council Meeting will be placed on the City's website within three (3) working days following their adoption at a public meeting of Council.”

2. Throughout the Rules of Procedure, make any secondary/grammatical edits required to effectively incorporate the changes described under 1 above.
3. Throughout the Rules of Procedure, make any other correction/formatting required edits that may be identified, i.e., typos, and which do not alter any intent of the current Rules of Procedure.

The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the public is presented with an accurate and complete set of council minutes from the respective public council meeting in a timely manner.

NEW BUSINESS

22-03-111 International Woman's Day

Councillor members wished female Council and staff a Happy International Woman's Day and recognized the strong women who influenced them and who made significant strides in the promotion of equality and leadership for women and girls

Mayor Aker, Councillors Rice, Locke and Antle noted the strength, intelligence, and work of their female colleagues on City Council, and City staff. They noted that council and staff would continue to work to keep an open mind and break the bias.

The CAO noted it was great to be part of a team that is breaking the bias. She offered her commitment to continue this work.

22-03-112 Adaptive Sleds – Power’s pond.

Councillors Lane and Antle noted the City has two new adaptive sleds for public use on a first-come basis at Power’s Pond.

22-03-013 Mental Health Task Force Webinar

Councillor Fry reported on the webinar in February hosted by Gary Summers on Post Holiday Season Mental Health. She noted it was a powerful session and encouraged participation in the Task Force’s free webinars, which are offered on the third Thursday of every month.

22-03-114 Admiralty House – Frosty Festival Exhibit

Deputy Mayor Kieley and Councillors Fry and Rice offered congratulations to Admiralty House on their exhibit celebrating 40 years of the Frost Festival. Councillor Fry noted that she had the opportunity to attend the official opening of the exhibit along with other Council members on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

22-03-115 National Launch of St. John’s Ambulance - Opioid Poisoning Response Training.

Councillor Fry attended the national launch on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and noted the importance of this type of training. She commended St. John Ambulance for their important work in providing guidance of what to do in the event of an opioid poisoning.

22-03-116 Eastern Health and NE Avalon Checkpoint

Councillor Fry attended the checkpoint and noted while health measures are being lifted, cases are still rising and she urged individuals to continue to use caution to stay safe.



22-03-117 EDAC Marketing Canada Awards

Councillor Locke wanted to offer congratulations and accolades to the Corporate Services and Economic Development on receiving two prestigious awards:

1. Single Publication 5+ pages
  - The City of Mount Pearl – Upgrade To Mount Pearl
2. Website
  - The City of Mount Pearl – upgradetomountpearl.ca

All other Council members also offered congratulations to the team and to their Director for their outstanding work.

22-03-118 Starlites – Skate Canada Champions

Councillor Locke offered congratulations to the Starlite Synchronized Skating Team on winning the gold medal as the 2022 Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships in Calgary on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

22-03-119 Winterlude National Ice-Carving Championship

Councillor Locke offered congratulations to Steve Watson and his son Jonathon on their ice carving entry which placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the National Ice-Carving Championship in Corner Brook

22-03-120 Support for Ukraine

Council members voiced their support for those affected by the current hostilities in the Ukraine and thanked staff for quickly obtaining and raising flags, as well as displaying and carrying out other acts of support. They offered their hope for a quick resolution.

Mayor Aker noted that we live in a good place, both in Newfoundland Labrador and, also, in Canada and noted we would provide as much moral and economic support as possible.

22-03-121 Little Free Pantry

Councillor Antle and other Council members attended the launch of the Little Free Pantry outside of City Hall on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and congratulated Cindy Hall for her

initiative in creating these free pantries and placing them around the City with the help of IPW.

22-03-122 Special Olympics – Thrift Store

Councillor Antle reported that the Special Olympics would be opening a thrift store at 1154 Topsail Road and encouraged the public to stop by and support the Special Olympics.

22-03-123 Cross-Country Skiing and Snowshoe Programs.

Councillor Antle noted that the cross-country skiing and snowshoe programs were still operating and being utilized by the residents in the City.

22-03-124 St. Patrick's Day Tailgate Party.

Councillor Rice encouraged residents to come out and enjoy outdoor activities and events such as these.

22-03-125 Mount Pearl Senior High – Boys Soccer

Councillor Rice acknowledged and congratulated the three school soccer players who would be travelling to Vancouver this summer to participate in the Whitecaps FC Training Camp: Colin Dyer, Logan Holloway and Nathan Osbourne.

22-03-126 IPW Snow Clearing

Councillor Rice acknowledged and thanked IPW for their ongoing snow clearing and ice control efforts, as well as sidewalk clearing and trail grooming.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm on a motion by Deputy Mayor Kieley and seconded by Councillor Rice

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Chairperson

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City Clerk