



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 3, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Council Chambers on May 3, 2022, at 4:45 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
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.

22-05-193 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-05-194 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

22-05-195 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held May 5, 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

22-05-196 Mental Health Awareness Week May 2-8, 2022

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring May 2 – May 8th as Mental Health Awareness Week in the City of Mount Pearl.

The Mayor acknowledged the presence of Kimberly Yetman-Dawson, CEO of the Canadian Mental Health Association for the reading of the proclamation and pictures with Council.

Councillor Fry spoke of the importance of the proclamation and noted that mental health is something that should be spoken about throughout the year and of the importance of empathy for those afflicted. She also noted that she was happy to be a part of Municipal Mental Health Taskforce and spoke of the important information they provide.

Councillor Rice spoke of the importance of mental health especially for frontline workers. He highlighted a recent decision to move the mental health crisis line to 811 services to provide additional support for those affected by mental health issues. He noted that more support is always needed for those who suffer from mental health issues.

Deputy Mayor Kieley spoke of the importance of empathy and of mental wellness in the community and noted the toolkit and resources provided by the CMHA-NL.

22-05-197 Municipal Awareness Week May 9-13, 2022

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring May 9 – May 13th as Municipal Awareness Week in the City of Mount Pearl.

The CAO reported on planned events for the week, noting the city was collaborating with local schools to coordinate activities.

22-05-198 World Ovarian Cancer Day May 8, 2022

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring May 8th, 2022 as World Ovarian Cancer Day in the City of Mount Pearl.

Councillor Fry spoke of the Women of Hope started by Susan Glynn. She noted that Ms. Glynn was a strong advocate for Ovarian Cancer awareness, education, and support. She also noted the 4B Poster created by Ms. Glynn and stated that she would continue to educate women on this in honour of Ms. Glynn who passed away from ovarian cancer.

Mayor Aker advised the lights at City Hall would be teal on May 8th in awareness of ovarian cancer.

22-05-199 World Press Freedom Day May 3, 2022

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring May 3rd as World Press Freedom Day in the City of Mount Pearl.

Deputy Mayor Kieley acknowledged and thanked local journalists, noting the important role they play in democracy, accountability and transparency.

Councillor Locke spoke of critical analysis education being done with students to assist them in discerning accurate information and the importance of relying on the professional journalism sites which employ a standard and level of ethics.

22-05-200 MS Awareness Week

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring May as MS Awareness Month in the City of Mount Pearl.

Councillor Antle spoke of the S'mylen Warriors, a local non-profit support group started by a Mount Pearl resident for people living with MS and led by volunteers living with MS. He noted the group was available on Facebook and Instagram for anyone in need of support.

CORRESPONDENCE None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

22-05-201 Contract Recommendation – 2022 Asphalt Crack Sealing – TP22-009

Motion: Councillor Rice /Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the contract for 2022 Asphalt Crack Sealing – TP-22-009 be awarded to Crown Contracting Inc., for the bid amount of \$52,325.00 (HST included), which is within budget.

Discussion

The IPW Director advised Council that cracks in the asphalt were highly variable and could be a result of age, settlement and frost. He reported that budgeted amounts will address the streets where life of the asphalt can be adequately extended. The IPW Director also noted that the city does not assess the amount of cracking annually as it would be too time consuming.

Councillor Antle inquired regarding the lack of additional bids and the cost in comparison to 2021. The IPW Director advised that there are few contractors who provide this type of service, and it was not unusual to receive only one bid as a result. The IPW Director noted that the amount is higher than previous years and reflective of current asphalt and oil prices.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-05-202 Status Reports

Councillor Fry provided an update on ongoing winter and other maintenance, potholes water consumption, as well as repairs to bridges and boardwalks on the trails. She encouraged residents to complete the Citizen Reporter form on the city's website to report any maintenance issues so that they can be addressed. She noted work on the pedestrian underpass and line painting would begin in June. She encouraged residents to reduce speeds in the work areas.

Councillor Fry also spoke of Earth Day recognizing the city's initiatives and work to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. She particularly noted the city's reduction in water consumption, reporting that the city is one of the lowest per capita water consuming municipalities in NL.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

22-05-203 Mount Pearl Sport Alliance – 2nd Installment 2022 Community Grant Allocation

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, approval be granted to release the Sport Alliance 2nd (final) installment of the 2022 grant – Community Grant Program, in the amount of \$80,000, which will be distributed for each of the 13 Sport Alliance member sport organizations, as per the MOU between the City and the Mount Pearl Sport Alliance.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-05-204 Admiralty House Communications Museum – 1st Installment 2022 Operating Subsidy

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, approval be granted to release the Admiralty House Communications Museum's 1st installment of the 2022 operating subsidy in the amount of \$45,000; as per the MOU between the City and the Museum.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-05-205 Summer Day Camp – Registration for July 4 to August 26, 2022

For the information of the public, Registration will commence on Tuesday, May 31st for Mount Pearl residents and Thursday, June 2nd for non-residents. Note that registration is online only, and space is limited.

Councillor Fry inquired whether camps would be returning to full capacity and if there were any COVID restrictions for the summer day camps. The CD Director reported that currently as there are no Public Health measures in place the city would return to full capacity camps.

Councillor Rice inquired whether there was consideration for extra camps or resources for same. The CD Director noted that the set number of camps has been sufficient in the past to manage the capacity and CD has not explored options to expand the number camps at this time.

The Mayor requested CD explore options to create capacity if there were an excessive number of applications above what could be managed with the current camps.

The CD Director noted that previously, the city had been able to expand into local schools and if waitlists for camps were long, the city would explore this as an option and CD had already reached out to local schools for availability.

22-05-206 20 Minute Makeover / Waterford River Clean Up Launch Date, Saturday, June 4, 2022

The City welcomes the 2022 Annual 20 Minute Makeover and Waterford River Clean up on Saturday, June 4th. More details on locations, supplies and sponsors are being finalized and will be posted on the City's website.

22-05-207 Order Issued – For Ratification - Registered Property Owner, Nickel Properties Inc AND Elizabeth Fry Society NL - 53 Greenwood Crescent

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the issuance of the order as outlined be ratified by Council, pursuant to Section C-16 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000, the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010, the City of Mount Pearl Building Regulations 2019, and

the Occupancy and Maintenance Regulations.

Deputy Mayor Kieley highlighted the need for proper permitting to ensure rights, safety and protection in the work being done.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-05-208 Development Permit List April 4 – April 29, 2022

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the following development permit be approved as presented for the period of April 4 – April 29, 2022

<u>Development Permit #</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Company/Name</u>	<u>Type of Use</u>	<u>Civic Address</u>
DP22-0093	April 11, 2022	Rostotski Dog Training & Cat Grooming	Home Office	46 Baffin Drive
DP22-0039	April 12, 2022	Spruce Cottage Designs & Decor	Home Based Business Discretionary Use	31 Yetman Drive

Councillor Fry inquired about home office use for animal grooming and noted that a previous application for animal grooming was denied. The CD Director will follow up and bring back to council.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-05-209 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | April 4 – April 29, 2022

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the building permit issued for the period of April 4 – April 29, 2022, showing a total construction value of \$1,195,300.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

CORPORATE SERVICES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

22-05-210 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieleley

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Ignite Technology IT Care & Analytics Security Agreement	\$ 5,912.54
2	MVT Canadian Bus February 2022 Operating Fees	\$ 26,517.34
3	MVT Canadian Bus March 2022 Operating Fees	\$ 40,570.16
4	Park Place Community Centre Reimbursement for NL Power & Irving Invoice Payments	\$ 5,072.36
5	St. John's Transportation Commission Admin Fee January - March 2022	\$ 25,369.00
6	Avalon Salt & Oil 2822 Tons Road Salt for January 2022	\$ 352,534.45
7	Babb Lock & Safe Silicon Wrist Bands for the Summit Centre	\$ 5,232.50
8	City Of St. John's January 2022 Water Consumption	\$ 240,748.95
9	City Of St. John's February 2022 Water Consumption	\$ 209,509.54
10	City Of St. John's March 2022 Water Consumption	\$ 230,786.25
11	City of St. John's February 2022 Tipping Fees	\$ 38,747.90
12	Municipal Assessment Agency Second Quarter Assessment Fees	\$ 67,613.00
13	Pro Circuit Power's Pond Electrical Upgrade	\$ 6,056.13
14	Workplace NL 2022 Assessment	\$ 304,820.14
	Total	\$ 1,559,490.26

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-05-211 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the payment register for March 31 to April 14, 2022 totaled \$ 1,833,318.17 and the purchase card for February 28 to March 25, 2022 totaled \$ 559,318.17.

22-05-212 ACOA Agreement – IFC-Adapting and Re-imagining Community Spaces

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/ Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, approval be granted for the Mayor and CAO to execute the above agreement under the ICF-Adapting and Re-imagining Community Spaces (CCRF).

Question called – Motion carried with 6 votes.

Councillor Fry abstained from voting due to conflict.

NEW BUSINESS

22-05-213 Marie's Mini Mart

Councillor Antle noted that a resident in Marie's had a heart attack. He commended the quick response of staff in providing first aid. Councillor Antle reported that the employer of Marie's offers first aid and CPR training to staff. He wanted to recognize those involved formally.

Councillor Locke agreed that recognition for the two individuals was in order. He noted the family credits the efforts of the staff in saving the life of their loved one.

22-05-214 Punk Rock Pearl Exhibit – June 3, 2022

Councillor Antle provided information on the upcoming festival noting that it was a new exhibit offered by the Admiralty House in partnership with the Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl, the Mount Pearl Public Library and Secret East, and recognizing the city's contribution to punk rock.

22-05-215 Motorcycle Awareness Month

Councillor Antle reported that May is also Motorcycle Awareness Month and noted the theme for this year was 'let's watch out for each other'. He encouraged everyone to look out for motorcyclists as it could save a life.

22-05-216 Bulk Garbage

Councillor Rice reminded residents of the bulk garbage collections ongoing for the month of May. He noted that this type of collection would only take place in the spring and noted that zone information could be found on the city's website.

22-05-217 Earth Week April 18-22, 2022

Councillor Rice noted the slogan in 2022 was 'be water wise'. He spoke about water consumption and encouraged residents to be mindful of their consumption. He spoke of exploring ways to improve the recycling program, as the city pays \$84 per metric ton for

bulk garbage and \$22 for recycling.

22-05-218 Mount Pearl Sports - Congratulations

Councillor Rice offered congratulations to the O'Donel Sr. High male volleyball team for their win in the U18 Provincial Championships. He noted the team would be attending the nationals in Edmonton on May 18th – 25th. He also noted that most had received postsecondary scholarships.

Councillor Lane offered congratulations to the Mount Pearl Intermediate Gr. 8 Boys Volleyball Team for taking home Gold and the Sports NL Regionals. She also congratulated the St. Peter's Jr. High grade 9 basketball team for their Silver medal performance. Councillor Lane congratulated Brady Lawlor of O'Donel High School for taking first place at the Mundy Pond 5K.

22-05-219 Administrative Professionals Day Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Councillor Fry noted Wednesday was Administrative Professionals Day and offered appreciation and thanks to the Executive Assistant for the CAO and Council as well as all other administrative professionals in the city for their support.

22-05-220 National Day of Mourning April 28th

Councilor Fry spoke of the National Day of Mourning and noted the city strives to ensure that its workplaces are as safe as possible. She noted the efforts of the city's occupational, health and safety team and offered thanks to Public Works team for their efforts during the last couple of years and coordinating shifts and resources to ensure that staff were available and safe.

22-05-221 Volunteer Appreciation Week - April 24-30

Councillor Fry wanted to acknowledge and express gratitude for the many volunteers in the city. She noted that many of the events, activities and initiatives in the community were due to the work of those volunteers and would not be possible without them.

22-05-222 Resident Email inquiry – Crosswalk Safety

Councillor Fry received an email from a resident regarding the crosswalk at Richard Nolan and Jackman Drive. She noted that line and crosswalk painting was planned but asked if MEOs could keep an eye on the area for those who are stopping as it is utilized by school children. She stated that even though the lines are not prevalent, it was still a crosswalk and subject to violations.

Councillor Locke noted that this crosswalk was also on a turn and wondered if we could install flashing lights or more signage in the area. Councillor Fry noted that she had forwarded the information to the IPW Director, and that he was looking into it.

Deputy Mayor Kieley also spoke regarding crosswalk safety noting its importance to the safety of residents.

22-05-223 Upcycling

Councillor Locke stated the city had a plan for upcycling where bulk items could be placed outside residences the day before collection so that people could take and upcycle. He asked if this is still an initiative. He stated it was another step to reduce waste. He also noted the city was doing a lot toward climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions and our ecological footprint over and above water consumption.

22-05-224 Best in Business Nominee Awards Gala

Deputy Mayor Kieley reported that she attended the gala with some of her fellow Councillors and wanted to acknowledge the Mount Pearl Paradise Chamber of Commerce for the work they are doing and for recognizing small business in the community. She also wanted to thank the small business owners who have taken on so much in light of the events of the last two years. The presentation of awards will take place on May 12th at the Reid Centre.

22-05-225 National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Woman and Girls and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S) - May 5

Deputy Mayor Kieley noted May 5th as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People . She wanted to acknowledge and support and give visibility to Indigenous families and communities that are directly impacted.

22-05-226 Mayor Aker noted for the information of the public that the city was in the middle of departmental reorganization referenced in Budget 2022. He also noted the new department names and directors and stated that the committee structures will align.

The CAO noted they hoped to have the new Director in place in the next couple of weeks. She noted that physically, the move was underway for the relocation and that operations were ongoing during transition.

22-05-227 Mother's Day

The Mayor acknowledged Mother's day this coming Sunday May 7th and acknowledged all the mothers and families. He wished a happy Mother's Day to all.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm on a motion by

Councillor Rice and seconded by Councillor Locke.

Chairperson

City Clerk