



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Council Chambers on May 17, 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 Recreation & Community Safety
Councillor Jim Locke	Cassie Pittman, Director of Corporate Services
Councillor Isabelle Fry	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works
Councillor Bill Antle	Clifford Smith, Manager of Engineering
Councillor Chelsea Lane	Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant
Councillor Mark Rice	ABSENT
	Gerry Antle, Director of Planning Engineering & Development
	Stacey Pratt, Legislative Officer/City Clerk

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

22-05-228 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Rice/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-05-229 Welcome to Glen Dollimount – New Director of Public Works

The Mayor informed Council that the new Director of Public Works, Mr. Glen Dollimount, was present and asked the CAO to offer a welcome on behalf the City.

22-05-230 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

22-05-231 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held May 3, 2022, be adopted.

Errors & Omissions: None noted

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

22-05-232 Councillor Fry requested an update on her request for more information on item 22-05-208 from the May 3 minutes regarding permit DP22-0093 for a dog training and cat grooming home-based business. The RCS Director clarified that the permit was for office use only; training and grooming would not be taking place at the residence.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

22-05-233 Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring the month of May Cystic Fibrosis Awareness month in the City of Mount Pearl.

Mr. John Bennett brought the proclamation and spoke of his involvement in promoting awareness and in funding efforts. He thanked city for reading the proclamation and noted the amazing research being done and upcoming walk for Cystic Fibrosis (CF) in Bowering Park on May 29.

Deputy Mayor Kieley along with Councillors Rice and Fry spoke of the efforts of Mr. Bennett in promoting awareness and advocating for those with CF.

CORRESPONDENCE None Presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

22-05-234 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | May 2 – May 13, 2022

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, that the building permits issued for the period of May 2-May 13, 2022, showing a total construction value of \$537,000.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-05-235 Status Reports

Councillor Rice provided an update on facilities maintenance and capital projects.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

22-05-236 Youth Week May 22-28, 2022

Youth Week is May 22 to May 28, 2022. Celebrate Youth Week 2022 with free activities and events taking place at the Youth/Reid Centre, Summit Centre and Glacier Arena. Please visit the City's website and Facebook page for further information

22-05-237 Canada Day Celebrations

For the information of the public, plans for the annual Canada Day celebrations are underway. All details will be available soon and posted on the City's website. The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 36, Memorial Ceremony / Parade will take place, as well as the City's Family Celebration. This year the city is excited to feature The Fables for the family celebration.

22-05-238 City Days Schedule – July 21 – 24, 2022

The annual Mount Pearl City Days will take place this year on dates of July 21 to July 24, 2022. Details on the events scheduled will be available soon on the City's website and Facebook page.

22-05-239 Notice: Motorists, Cyclists and Pedestrians City Streets, Crosswalks and Intersections

A reminder to motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians, be alert! Remember you share the road with other people who are driving, riding bikes, and walking. Be cautious of crosswalks and intersections as it is springtime, and more people are on the move.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

22-05-240 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Avalon Coal Salt & Oil Bulk Road Salt - Invoice Dated February 28 2022	\$ 196,799.81
2	City of St. John's March 2022 Tipping Fees	\$ 43,164.58
3	Ignite Technology Cloud Subscription Annual Billing	\$ 15,983.97
4	Provincial Fence Products St. David's Park Fence Repair	\$ 10,190.15
	Total	\$ 266,138.51

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-05-241 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for April 28 to May 11, 2022 totaled \$ 467,002.77 and the purchase card report for March 28 – April 25, 2022 totaled \$ 403,181.94.

Councillor Fry inquired about the amount paid to Hebert's Recycling. The CS Director noted this was a property tax refund only.

Councillor Antle inquired about the amount paid to Walmart and the CS Director informed Council this was also a property tax refund. Councillor Antle noted a description of the items would be helpful.

Councillor Rice requested clarification on the Afonso Group payment. The CS Director explained this was a tender for video inspection services for sewage.

22-05-242 Tax Deferral – Low Income Earners

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the following for tax deferrals be approved, in accordance with Council's policy for low-income earners:

Account #	Amount Deferred
711650	\$2,361.46
700120	\$1,906.78
400780	\$1,413.75
600030	\$995.43
700040	\$1,176.90

Question Called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-05-243 Public Works Status Reports

The Deputy Mayor provided an update on:

Fleet:

- Maintenance ongoing, repairs, prep work on summer equipment
- Tenders closed for heavy, contract awards to come soon

Roads:

- Bulk garbage collection ongoing each Monday, as requested
- Staff recalled for Spring season
- Lawn damage repairs prep work ongoing

Parks:

- Repairs completed at St. David's Park
- Men's softball dugout complete
- Flower baskets being prepped for Summer season

The Mayor asked for an update on the proposed lawn damage repairs, the areas for repair which have been identified and whether any dates for the repairs have been put in place. The PW Director stated the intent would be to complete the work by the end of June, but it would depend on the delivery of sods. He noted that prep work had already started in terms of assessing damage. The Mayor requested that a further update be provided at the next Council meeting.

Councillor Fry asked how a resident could report damage. The PW Director advised there was a form on the City's website that residents could complete, and the Department would then assess the damage.

NEW BUSINESS

22-05-244 April 24-30th Volunteer Week.

Councillor Rice offered congratulations to City for the information on the website on this initiative.

22-05-245 April 24-30th National Organ Donor and Tissue Donor Awareness Week

Councillor Rice noted the importance of becoming a donor.

22-05-246 May 19th -26th – Edmonton National Volleyball Competition

Councillor Rice offered congratulations to the O'Donel High School volleyball team who are travelling to Edmonton to compete in the national competition.

22-05-247 Congratulations – Public Works Director

Councillor Rice offered congratulations to the new Public Works Director noting the knowledge and expertise Mr. Dollimount brings to the role.

22-05-248 Mount Pearl Senior High School Fundraiser

Councillor Lane congratulated and thanked Mount Pearl Senior High for their fundraising efforts for families from Ukraine, which they donated to the Red Cross. She noted the school raised of \$2,200 for the families.

Councillor Locke also spoke of the efforts of the students in fundraising for the Red Cross and congratulated the not only the Mount Pearl Senior High student's but all youth for all that they do.

22-05-249 Public Library Saturday Story Time.

Councillor Lane noted that the Public Library were offering story time and songs every Saturday in May at 1:30 pm for children 0-5 yrs. and encouraged residents to attend.

22-05-250 Mount Pearl School of Dance

Councillor Lane offered congratulations to the students of the Mount Pearl School of Dance for their performance at the recent Dance Quest competition May 4 -8, 2022.

22-05-251 World Health Organization

Councillor Fry noted that on May 17, 1990 the World Health Organization removed homosexuality from its list of mental disorders She wanted to acknowledge this and noted that since 2005, May 17 has been observed as International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia. She also noted the importance of this observance stating she stood against discrimination in all forms.

22-05-252 Best in Business Awards May 12th

Councillor Fry stated that she attended the awards gala with other Council members and offered congratulations to nominees and recipients. She also congratulated the Mount Pearl Paradise Chamber of Commerce on organizing the awards gala.

Councillor Locke also noted his attendance and highlighted the award to Mr. Scott Hillier noting that it was well deserved.

22-05-253 Cheer Sport Sharks Newfoundland

Councillor Fry reported that she and other Council members attended a tour of Cheer Sport Sharks, a new cheerleading and tumbling facility and business in Mount Pearl catering to children 3 years and older.

22-05-254 Council Meeting with New Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Chief

Councillor Fry wanted to thank Chief Patrick Roche and Deputy Chief Lagace for meeting with Council members and staff on May 4.

22-05-255 MNL Symposium in Gander May 5-7, 2022

Deputy Mayor Kieley attended the Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador Symposium in Gander. She noted it was a well-organized conference which focused on building essentials, with key topics such as regionalization, asset management and green sustainability. She also highlighted the pre-symposium mental health summit.

22-05-256 Traffic Calming

Deputy Mayor Kieley reported that traffic calming efforts had begun with the installation of curbs on Park Avenue and Smallwood Drive. She reminded residents to be cautious of the changes in these areas.

22-05-257 Municipal Awareness Week

Councillor Antle noted Municipal Awareness Week from May 2-6, 2022. He spoke of the winners of the plow naming contest, St. Peter's Jr. High, who named the snowplow Plowabunga.

22-05-258 Condolences

Councillor Antle and the Mayor offered condolences to the family of Gen Bishop.

22-05-259 Royal Welcome Reception May 17, 2022

Mayor Aker attend the Royal welcome reception at Confederation Building and noted it was well attended and noted the theme of the tour was centered around Indigenous history and relations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm on a motion by Councillor Rice and seconded by Councillor Locke.

Chairperson

City Clerk