



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held virtually on July 12, 2022, at 4:30 pm.

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

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

22-07-364 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-07-365 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

22-07-366 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley/ Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held June 28, 2022, be adopted

Errors & Omissions: - none noted

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

22-07-367 Councillor Fry wanted to speak to item 22-06-342 from the June 28 minutes. She noted the incredible turnout and wanted to thank those involved in coordinating the event.
The Mayor noted the event and the turnout as well. He thanked the Public Works staff, the Director of RCS and the Events Coordinator for their efforts.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - None presented

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

22-07-368 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | June 13 – June 24, 2022

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period of June 27 – July 8, 2022, showing a total construction value of \$1,017,400.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-07-369 Status Reports – Capital Works Update

Councillor Rice provided status update on the ongoing construction and capital works projects within the city.

CORPORATE SERVICES & PUBLIC WORKS

22-07-370 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Benson Buffett Professional Services - Tax Appeal	\$ 9,961.88
2	CDW Veeam Backup for Microsoft License Renewal - 3 Years	\$ 13,404.40
3	Change Enterprises Inc Canada Day Fables Concert	\$ 9,200.00
4	City of St. John's Regional Fire Services - July 2022	\$ 451,179.42
5	McInnes Cooper Professional Services - Notice of Appeal	\$ 35,928.13
6	MVT Canadian Bus Transit Services - May 2022	\$ 46,905.92
7	Pro Circuit Conduit & Wiring for Phase 2 - Glacier Card Lock System	\$ 12,494.97
8	The Navigators Canada Day Concert	\$ 5,750.00
	Total	\$ 584,824.72

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-07-371 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for June 22 to July 5, 2022, totaled \$3,038,521.47.

22-07-372 RFP-22-017 Council Chambers A/V Upgrade

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/ Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the RFP-22-017 Council Chambers A/V Upgrade contract be awarded to Tucker Electronics in the amount of \$75,118.12 (HST included).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-07-373 TP22-026 Urban Forestry Plan – Phase 1 Tree and Shrub Planting

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor

RESOLVED THAT, the TP22-026 Urban Forestry Plan – Phase 1 Tree and Shrub Planting contract be awarded to O'Neill Landscape in the amount of \$127,954.72 (including HST

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

Councillor Fry noted she was glad to see this item on the agenda and asked when it was anticipated to start. Th Director of Public works stated the work was anticipated to begin this fall.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

22-07-374 City Programs and Services Update

Councillor Antle gave an update on available programs and services during the labour disruption. He noted that the city was continuing to maintain sports fields and parks and that fields would remain open for use. He also noted it was the city's understanding that minor baseball, soccer and rugby had decided to suspended programs and activities in Mount Pearl. He advised residents to reach out to associations with any questions.

Councillor Lane noted that the Canoe and Kayak Program at Power's Pond was temporarily suspended due to the labour disruption. She noted that the status of upcoming events such as City Day's, would be decided on a weekly basis and would be communicated on social media and the city's website.

NEW BUSINESS

22-07-375 Thursday Night Trivia

Deputy Mayor Kieley noted for the information of the public that Admiralty House, Landwash Brewery and the Mount Pearl Public Library will be hosting trivia night on July 21st at the Landwash Brewery on Commonwealth Avenue and teams could sign up on their website at admiraltyhousemuseum.com/events

22-07-376 Community Supper – Church of the Good Sheppard

Deputy Mayor Kieley informed the public that the Church of the Good Sheppard would be offering a community supper on Wednesday July 13th at their location on Richard Nolan Drive.

22-07-377 Labour Disruption

Deputy Mayor Kieley informed the public that the city would do a bi-weekly garbage collection schedule and that this week would be week 1 of the revised schedule. She noted that updated information would be communicated on the city's social media and website.

The Deputy Mayor also informed residents that they would begin to receive their tax bills this week and that they were encouraged to pay the bills online or through their banks. She did note that city hall would be open to accept in person payments during the disruption and let the public know that the city's website was the official channel for any updates or new information. The Deputy Mayor also advised residents that they could call the city at 748-1000 with any questions.

Councillor Fry asked for clarification on arrangements to pick up the garbage missed on July 7th. The Public Works Director reported that one half of the July 7th pick up will be done on July 14th and the other half would be picked up on July 18th.

Councillor Antle asked whether residents who had to wait the additional week could put out extra bags. The Public Works Director noted it was preferred that they wait until the following Thursday and not put yard waste etc. in their bins and to hold any extra bags for the next pick up.

22-07-378 Food Bank Drive

Councillor Antle attend a foodbank drive organized by Alex Taylor. The event was moved to Mitchener Avenue in lieu of St. David's field on Saturday, July 10th and Councillor Antle noted there were a large number of attendees who turned out in support.

22-07-379 Condolences

Councillor Antle expressed condolences to the family of Mrs. Laura Burry on her passing.

Councillor Rice expressed condolences to the family of Mike Kelly on his passing.

22-07-380 Permits and Compliance letters.

Councillor Rice noted for the information of public that the city was continuing to process permit application during the labour dispute, but they should expect a slight delay in receiving permits and compliance letters due to volume. He also noted that capital works projects were continuing around the city and advised residents that updates would be posted via the city's website and social media.

22-07-381 Canada Day Celebrations

Councillor Rice attended the Canada Day Celebrations and noted a good turnout of attendees, good weather, as well as good music. He also noted that Alex Taylor sang Oh Canada.

22-07-382 Congratulations

Councillor Lane offered congratulations the Newfoundland U14 Boys Soccer team on taking home a silver medal at the Atlantic Championships, and to the Newfoundland U14 Girls Soccer team for taking home the gold medal.

22-07-383 Reminder

Councillor Fry wanted to remind residents to watch their speed in residential areas as there are more children outside playing and asked that they be patient in areas where there is construction.

22-07-384 Labour Dispute

The Mayor acknowledged that it was regrettable that the city was in a labour dispute but noted the does strive to work with its employees and values the great services they deliver. He also noted that he hopes to get back to the table and find some common ground. He stated the expectation was to stay professional and respectful and maintain safety. The Mayor stated the

city will continue with core services where they can be provided and asked for continued patience from residents. He noted the city looks forward to getting back to the bargaining table and encouraged the union to be open and focus on the future. He acknowledged the work of staff, both management and non-management.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kieley.

Chairperson

City Clerk