



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Council Chambers on June 14, 2022, at 4:30 pm.

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

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

22-06-292 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-06-293 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

22-06-294 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held May 31, 2022, be adopted with the following amendments: \.

Errors & Omissions: -

Councillor Antle noted an error in 22-05-288 which should read Charles Starkes

rather than Bob Starkes.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

22-06-295 From minute 22-05-288 - Mr. Starkes was contacted and he advised that he had previously received a quilt of valour and the city could withdraw its proposed nomination.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

CORRESPONDENCE None Presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

22-06-296 2022 CCTV Video Inspection Services Standing Offer (TP-22-014) Contract Recommendation

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, that the contract for 2022 CCTV Video Inspection Services Standing Offer be awarded to Afonso Group Ltd., for the bid amount of \$306,371.50 (HST Included).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Aker questioned why there was only one bidder. The PED Director noted that in certain instances there are a limited number of vendors with the equipment to perform the required services and noted that in this instance there is only one such vendor.

22-06-297 Golfshotz Parking Relief 181-183 Commonwealth Avenue

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Golfshotz property parking relief.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-06-298 Glacier Arena, Summit Centre, Library and Reid Centre Parking Lot Light Upgrade Removal of Existing Lighting/Upgrade of Parking Lot and Building Lighting

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to proceed with Newfoundland Power, in the amount of \$6,900 (HST included), for the supply and installation of the lights as well as the monthly fee of \$1,455.47 (HST included),

AND FURTHER THAT approval be given for the budget of \$110,360.00 (HST included) for removal of the existing light poles and concrete bases and wall mount brackets for reuse.

Question called - Motion carried unanimously

The PED Director advised that it was his understanding that this work would commence in late summer with completion through the fall; however, the PED Director advised he will confirm for Council. The PED Director also advised that the existing lights would not be removed until the new lights were in place.

22-06-299 2022 Gas Tax Application Request for Approval to Proceed with Application Multiple Streets - Asphalt Renewal

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to apply for 2022 Gas Tax funding for 'Multiple Streets - Asphalt Renewal', for the following seven (7) locations – Mount Carson Avenue, Commonwealth Avenue, Richard Nolan Drive, Maisonneuve Drive, Worrall Crescent, Talon Place and Benson Place.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-06-300 Pedestrian Walkway Underpass Remediation Request for Approval to Proceed Removal and Replacement of Lighting and Protective Fixtures

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to proceed with Pro Circuit Electrical for the removal and replacement of lights and light fixtures in the Old Placentia Road Pedestrian Underpass in the amount of \$3,302.18 (HST included)

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

The PED Director noted that repair work would begin by the end of June and would continue through July and August, with the electrical work being done at that time or shortly after and while there would be traffic disruptions on Old Placentia Road the PED Director advised that he did not believe it would impact back to school travel.

22-06-301 Surface Course Asphalt Smallwood Drive Old Placentia Road to Commonwealth Avenue (RFP-22-020) Contract Recommendation

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the contract for RFP-22-020 - Surface Course Asphalt Smallwood Drive - Old Placentia Road to Commonwealth Avenue be awarded to Modern Paving Ltd. in the amount of \$883,320.75 (HST Included).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-06-302 Locksmithing Services TP-22-025 Contract Recommendation

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the contract for Locksmithing Services, TP-22-025 be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, Armour Lock and Safe Ltd, for the bid amount of \$46,934.37 (HST included) for the period of July 01, 2022 to June 30, 2025 with the right to extend the Contract by increments of one (1) year for a period of up to no more than two (2) years.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-06-303 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | May 30 – June 10, 2022

Motion: Councillor Rice /Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period of May 30 – June 10, 2022, showing a total construction value of \$663,850.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-06-304 Development Permit Listing | May 30 – June 10, 2022

Motion: Councillor /Councillor

RESOLVED THAT, the following development permits be approved for the period of May 30 – June 10, 2022

Development Permit #	Date of Issue	Company/Name	Type of Use	Civic Address
DP22-0098	May 30, 2022	Veterinary Specialty Centre of NL	Temporary Placement of Trailer	860-866 Topsail Road
DP22-0274	June 9, 2022	River Rascals	Open Air Assembly Use	Power's Pond Park and Various City Trails
DP22-0194	June 9, 2022	-	Consolidation of Land	2 Blandford Place
DP22-0030	June 9, 2022	Kent Building Supplies	Drive Thru Warehouse & Laydown Area	60 Old Placentia Road
DP22-0097	June 9, 2022	Great Benjamin Circus	Open Air Assembly Use (Circus)	2 Arena Road (Team Gushue Sports Complex)
DP21-0730	June 9, 2022	Donna's Daycare	Site Work	1010 Topsail Road

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

Council asked for clarification whether the daycare was a new or existing business. Director Antle advised he would take away to confirm. He reported back to Council in an email after the meeting that the permit was for an existing daycare renovation.

22-06-305 Status Reports

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

CORPORATE SERVICES & PUBLIC WORKS

22-06-306 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	City of St. John's Adjustment for 2021 Operating & Capital Expenditures	\$ 170,987.21
2	City of St. John's April 2022 Water Consumption	\$ 227,115.14
3	City of St. John's Share of 2021 Operating Deficit & Adjustment for Capital Expenditures	\$ 1,019,318.21
4	Coffee Matters Catering for Focus on Youth Awards	\$ 9,707.15
5	Newfoundland HVAC Ltd Supply & Installation of Heat Pump System	\$ 10,338.50
6	St. John's Transportation Commission (Metrobus) April 2022 Transit Costs	\$ 102,844.62
7	Urban Flooring Contractors Supply & Installation of Carpet Tile & Vinyl at City Hall	\$ 9,487.50
	Total	\$ 1,378,811.12

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Rice inquired regarding the payment for the supply and installation of a heat pump system and whether it was a new install or a repair and the location. The CS Director the question away for clarification. The Director updated Council after the meeting clarifying the NL HVAC heat pumps invoice; \$10k was for new heat pumps installed at the Power's Pond Washroom to permit a wintertime operation/use.

22-06-307 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for May 25 to June 6, 2022, totaled \$ 484,193.75.

22-06-308 TP22-012 Supply of Heavy Equipment

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the contract TP22- 012 Supply of Heavy Equipment to be awarded as follows to the lowest qualified bidders for the three types of equipment:

- 3 loaders – Reefer Repair Services - \$1,201,789.84 (incl HST);
- 2 blowers – Vohl Inc. - \$412,091.00 (incl HST); and
- 1 backhoe – Harvey & Company Ltd. - \$227,617.20 (incl HST)

For a total amount of \$1,841,498.04 (including HST) which is within the Fleet Plan Budget.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-06-309 TP22-019 Supply of Two Municipal Tractors

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the contract TP22-019 Municipal Tractors as per specifications to be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, Saunders Equipment Ltd., in the amount of \$396,499.30 (including HST), which is within the Fleet Plan Budget.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-06-310 Tax Deferral – Low Income Earners

Motion: Deputy Councillor Locke/Councillor Antle

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

Account #	Amount Deferred
790014	\$ 700.71
210036	\$1,945.40
000210	\$1,301.66

Question Called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-06-311 Commemorative Bench and Tree Program - Pricing

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the cost of the Commemorative Bench and Tree Program's Metal Bench and Plaque increase from \$2,475.00 to \$3,017.50 be approved This would cover the cost of the city's purchase of the metal bench, plaque, and cement, with the city to contribute the labour/equipment for installation as well as the 10 years of maintenance (as per the program guidelines). The new fee will commence with applications going forward. Any applications received before now will be charged \$2,475.00.

Question Called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-06-312 Public Works Status Update

Councillor Locke provided an update on Public Works items such as fleet vehicles, roads, parks and UTM

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

22-06-313 Upcoming Registration Dates – Summer 2022 Programs Aquatic Lessons & Registered Fitness Classes

Swimming lesson registration will take place on Monday, June 20th (online only @ 5:00pm) for Mount Pearl residents and Wednesday, June 22nd for non-residents. The lessons will commence early July.

Registered fitness classes which are offered during the summer months will have registration taking place (online only @ 5:00pm) on Tuesday, June 21st for Mount Pearl residents and Thursday, June 23rd for non-residents.

All information will be posted on the City's website.

22-06-314 Sensory Friendly Swimming | Summer Trial Basis – Registration

Each Sunday commencing July 3rd from 1:00 -2:20 pm (trial basis for the Summer months) there will be "Sensory-Friendly" swim times introduced at the Summit Centre

Sensory Friendly Swimming is a swimming experience for swimmers of all ages, whereby the lights will be dimmed, and all noise will be kept to a minimum. Both pools will be available during this swim time; however, there will be no use of waterslide or splash pad.

Registration to reserve your swimming experience will take place on Monday, June 20th (online only @ 5:00pm) for Mount Pearl residents and Wednesday, June 22nd for nonresidents.

No payment during registration; however, the recreation swim cost will be collected at each swim date by Customer Services. The session will run from July 3 to September 4, 2022.

22-06-315 June is "Recreation Month"

Residents are encouraged to "get up, get out and get active;" enjoy the beautiful scenery and explore 60 kilometers of our walking trails! There are over 50 playgrounds throughout the city, linked to our scenic walking trails. The city is also host to great outdoor facilities; all field and court locations are listed on the City's website.

NEW BUSINESS

22-06-316 Congratulations

Councillor Lane offered congratulations to Mount Pearl Senior High students, Eric Goulding and Gavin Hull for achieving first place and second place, respectively in Memorial University's W.J. Blundon Math Contest.

Councillor Lane also offered congratulations to Jennifer Mackey on being selected as one of the 2022 Newfoundland and Labrador's Roses of Tralee

Councillor Locke offered congratulations to the Mount Pearl Senior High robotics team who will be traveling to Long Beach, CA for international competition and wished them the best of luck. He also acknowledged teacher sponsors, Paul King and Maggie Hyslop.

22-06-317 20 Minute Makeover

Councillor Locke commended those who attended the Waterford River cleanup on June 11 and noted that over 30 bags of garbage were collected during the event. Councillor Locke thanked the Lions, Sobey's and the volunteers for their participation in the event and the city's events coordinator and summer students for putting the event together. Councillor Locke also noted that anyone wishing to continue the cleanup efforts could obtain gloves and bags from the city.

22-06-318 Seniors Independence Group Dinner and Dance

Councillor Locke attended the closing dinner and dance for the Seniors Independence Group and noted that it marked the end of another successful season. Councillor Locke noted that the RCS Director was investigating other opportunities for offerings and activities for the seniors over the summer months.

22-06-318 National Public Service Week. June 12-18

Councillor Locke noted the objective of the week is to acknowledge all public service employees and offered appreciation to the city's team for the work they do all year. He noted that events are planned throughout the week to thank city workers and encouraged them to participate.

22-06-319 Tourism Operators Session June 15

Councillor Locke advised that the city was hosting a tourism operators session in partnership with the Provincial Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation on Wednesday June 15 from 8:30am-3:00pm. The session will bring together tourism operators, businesses, investors, destination managers, hospitality, recreation and entertainment representatives and other stakeholders to discuss tourism development opportunities in the city.

22-06-320 Landwash Brewery

Councillor Antle extended congratulations to Landwash Brewery for successfully bidding on the Fitz's Cold Beer sign and noted that the proceeds from the auction were donated to The Cancer Society. Councillor Antle requested that staff prepare a letter of recognition/congratulations from council.

22-06-321 St. Peter's Elementary Mural

On June 8, 2022, Councillor Rice attended the unveiling of a Pride mural at St. Peter's Junior High celebrating inclusion, diversity and support for the LGBTQ2SIA+ community. Councillor Rice commented on the beauty and meaning of the piece and noted it was designed by student, Sy Coady.

22-06-322 City Events

Councillor Rice reminded residents of upcoming events in the city this summer, including the Canada Day celebrations, and noted the list of planned events in the city can be found on the city's website.

22-06-323 City Construction Zones

Councillor Rice cautioned residents to be aware of the many construction zones within the city and reminded residents to be careful navigating through these zones and advised to take another route if necessary.

22-06-324 Acknowledgement

Before adjournment, Mayor Aker acknowledged all the staff who had joined the meeting in chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm on a motion by Councillor Rice and seconded by Councillor Locke.

Chairperson

City Clerk