



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held virtually on August 9, 2022, at 4:31 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 Jim Locke	Gerry Antle, Director of Planning Engineering & Development
Councillor Chelsea Lane	Jason Collins, Director of Recreation & Community Safety
Councillor Bill Antle	Stacey Pratt, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
Councillor Mark Rice	Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

22-08-409 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-08-410 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

22-08-411 Adoption of Minutes

Motion –Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held July 26, 2022, be adopted

Errors & Omissions: - none noted

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

22-08-412 Councillor Fry asked for an update on 22-07-391 regarding construction on Dunn's Bridge and the resurfacing of Smallwood Drive

The PED Director reported that they were coordinating with contractor to reduce traffic disruption as much as possible during the work on Dunn's Bridge and noted some details had taken a little longer than anticipated to resolved. He stated the work would start in the next two weeks with the bridge closure lasting to one to two weeks.

The PED Director further noted that surface course asphalt and some concrete repairs remained outstanding on Smallwood Drive. He advised that the work is weather dependent and would resume as soon as weather permitted and would take approximately two days to complete.

Councillor Fry requested that an announcement be made as soon as possible as to when work will start on Dunn's Bridge so that residents can make alternate travel arrangements.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - None presented

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

22-08-413 103-115 Mount Carson Avenue – Proposed Personal Care Home Inquiry

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the Discretionary Use application be approved and FURTHER THAT a Development Permit be issued subject to Section 7.13 of the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010, and subject to the conditions as set out by the following:

1. Service NL – Environmental Health
2. Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment, Water Resources Management Division
3. St. John's Regional Fire Department
4. City of Mount Pearl – Inspection Services, Municipal Enforcement Division
5. City of Mount Pearl – Finance Division
6. City of Mount Pearl – Planning Division, and
7. City of Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 and related requirements

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-08-414 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | July 25 – August 5, 2022

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period of July 25 – August 5, 2022, showing a total construction value of \$45,000.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-08-415 Glacier Phase Loss Protection

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, approval be granted to proceed with this work as planned via the Electrical Service Contract for the total Sum of \$15,883.39 HST Included.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-08-416 Capital Projects Update

Councillor Rice provided an update on the status of ongoing Capital Projects such as the asphalt renewal on Park Avenue and Smallwood Drive and the Smart Accessible Playground.

CORPORATE SERVICES & PUBLIC WORKS

22-08-417 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	MVT Canadian Bus Transit Services - June 2022	\$ 51,438.58
2	Provincial Investigative Services Video/Security Services	\$ 24,880.25
3	Provincial Investigative Services Video/Security Services	\$ 19,029.63
4	St. John's Transportation Commission Metrobus Admin Fees Apr-Jun	\$ 26,898.51
	Total	\$ 122,246.97

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Kieley provided information regarding the use of paratransit and Go Bus and noted that the amount also reflected charges for 67 “no shows”. Councillor Fry inquired

about what would be considered a “no show”; specifically whether situations where the Go Bus is late and resident has to make alternative arrangements would be considered a “no show”. Councillor Fry requested the total amount spent on “no shows” annually. The CS Director noted the fee was a reduced for “no shows” and would take the matter back for review.

22-08-418 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for July 26-29, 2022, totaled \$ 2,023,276.97.

22-08-419 Public Works Service Updates

Councillor Locke provided an update on Public Works services such as garbage pickup and recycling efforts.

Councillor Antle inquired when city parks may be mowed. The PW Director noted the current focus is on core services and mowing the parks would be done as soon as resources are available.

22-08-420 Negotiations Update

Deputy Mayor Kieley provided an update on current negotiations for the information of the public, noting that Council acknowledged and understood the impact the labour disruption has had on residents. She advised residents that the city is working to reach an agreement that can be delivered within existing budgets, while balancing the sustainability of ongoing operations.

22-08-421 Financial Statements Update

Councillor Locke provided a financial update for the information of the public highlighting the financial statements brought forward during the last public meeting. He noted the decrease in revenue and increase in expenses and advised that the decisions made now will have a lasting effect on the future cost of operations. He also noted the city’s mandate to maintain current expenditure levels and still meet the changing needs of the community. He spoke to the city’s competitive wage package and the need to work within the city’s means to negotiate and reach a collective agreement that is balanced and fair.

22-08-422 Proactive Earnings Disclosure

Deputy Mayor Kieley reported that the city has proactively disclosed the earnings of all city employees. The information is available on our website at www.mountpearl.ca. The Deputy Mayor noted that this is information the city is considering releasing annually.

The Mayor noted the hourly rates in the table were before benefits. The CS Director confirmed these were hourly rates only and not reflective of the total compensation costs. The CS Director also confirmed the overtime rates and noted the overall cost to the city

was approximately 37% higher than the hourly wages.

The Mayor inquired about wage increases over the last four years. The CS Director confirmed a 4% overall wage increase for union staff and explained that management wages have been frozen for two years in an effort to work with challenges in revenue.

Councillor Antle requested that the salaries and expenses of council be included in the disclosure. This request was referred to the CS Committee for consideration.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

22-08-423 Cancellations and Refunds Update - Facility Rentals, Memberships and Aquatics

Councillor Antle noted for the information of public that most refunds for cancelled facility rentals, memberships and aquatics up to August 7th have been completed. 600 plus manual refunds have been completed and there are less than 10 refunds remaining.

22-08-424 Swim Lessons – Fall Sessions

Councillor Lane noted for the information of public that swimming registration for the fall session is currently on hold due to the ongoing labour disruption. Information related to registration and programs will be provided as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

22-08-425 City Finances and Services

Councillor Rice spoke to the updates provided by members of council and acknowledged the impact that the labour disruption has had on residents and services. He noted that the city was doing the best it could with limited resources and hoped that a fair deal for both sides can be reached.

22-08-426 Recycling

Councillor Rice acknowledged the concerns of residents regarding recycling and the presence of picket lines at drop off locations. He advised residents that, as an alternative, household recycling can be brought to Robin Hood Bay.

22-08-427 Fire Ban

Councillor Lane reminded residents of the current fire ban and the need to adhere to the provincial regulations. Council members acknowledged the residents affected by current fires in the province and expressed gratitude to first responders.

22-08-428 Paradise Sunsplash Soccer Tournament

Councillor Lane offered congratulations to the Mount Pearl U13 Boys soccer team for taking home a silver medal at the Sunsplash Soccer Tournament. She also offered

congratulations to the Mount Pearl Girls U11A soccer team on taking home gold in the tournament.

22-08-429 2022 Canada Summer Games

Councillor Fry noted the Games started on August 6 and will run until August 21 in the Niagara Region of Ontario. She offered congratulations to Mount Pearl Marlins, Thomas Pelley (100m free (SOC)) and Chris Weeks (Men's 100m free) who both earned silver medals in their categories at the Canada Games.

Councillor Rice wished the male and female provincial volleyball teams and all competitors from Newfoundland and Labrador good luck at the Canada Games.

Deputy Mayor Kieley acknowledged all the athletes representing Mount Pearl and the province at the Canada Games, and made special note of pitcher, Jaida Lee, who became the first female to play men's baseball at the Canada Games.

22-08-430 Wreath Laying Ceremony

Councillor Fry noted that she was honoured to attend the official Dedication and Wreath Laying Ceremony of the new Memorial Gardens Field of Honour on August 4 and to lay a wreath on behalf of the city.

22-08-431 Condolences

Councillor Locke offered condolences to the family of Tom Hedderson on the passing of their loved one.

22-08-432 Horizon Laminates

Councillor Locke reported that Horizon Laminates is opening retail store in their location on Sagona Avenue. He noted the business had been in operation in the city for 32 years doing in-house manufacturing. Councillor Locke requested that Council take a tour of facility and the matter was referred to EA to schedule.

22-08-433 Increase accessibility and inclusion

Deputy Mayor Kieley acknowledged the success of Wireless Pedestrian Mobility pilot project and noted for residents the Key2Access system which allows for pedestrian crossing signals without the need to touch request buttons. She noted residents can use the Key2Access app on their smartphones.

22-08-434 Congratulations

Councillor Antle wanted to offer congratulations to Councillor Lane on her upcoming wedding on August 13.

22-08-435 Labour Disruption & Continuing Negotiations

Councillor Antle noted his support for the earlier remarks of other council members regarding the labour disruption.

Mayor noted the need to continue negotiations and highlighted that council has a mandate to represent taxpayers in the business of the city. He acknowledged the work and service delivery provided by all staff and hoped for resolution in the short term.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm on a motion by Councillor Fry and seconded by Councillor Rice.

Chairperson

City Clerk