



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 26, 2022**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held virtually on July 26, 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 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.**

22-07-385 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Rice/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-07-386 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

22-07-387 Adoption of Minutes

Motion –Councillor Lane/ Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held July 12, 2022, be adopted

Errors & Omissions: - none noted

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

None

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - None presented

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

22-07-389     2022 Asphalt and Concrete Services (RFP-22-021) – Contract Recommendation

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, RFP-22-021 be awarded to Modern Paving Ltd. for the proposed bidding price of \$270,129.25 (HST Included).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-07-390     Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | July 11 – July 22, 2022

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period of July 11 – July 22, 2022, showing a total construction value of \$17,550.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-07-391     Status Reports – Capital Works Update

Councillor Fry provided status update on upcoming and completed capital works projects and noted bridge updates and other work were anticipated to begin in 1-2 weeks and work would be done with as little disruption as possible.

Councillor Antle asked how long it would take to complete the bridge work. The PED Director noted that there would be 1-3 days of actual work. He noted the length was dependent on whether a stop and go method for traffic used, which would take longer if local traffic only on the around/on the bridge is considered. He also noted this was being

reviewed by the traffic control planning, but the work would be short term but with significant disruptions.

Councillor Locke asked that messaging be sent out to residents to allow time to plan alternate routes. He also asked about the asphalt work currently done on Smallwood Drive noting the rudimentary line painting. He noted for the information of Council that he had spoken with the PED Director and was told the current layer of asphalt is a base layer and there would be another layer placed and the road would be smooth and lines painted.

While the Agenda was accepted as presented, the Mayor asked to review the RCS Committee report before the CSPW report.

#### RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

##### 22-07-392 Cancellation of Swimming Lessons – July Session 4 weeks / July-August Session 8 weeks

Councillor Antle gave an update on the cancellation of July and August swimming lessons and noted that those who registered and paid online will receive automatic refunds and those who paid in person would be contacted regarding their refunds.

Councillor Fry asked when swimming was rescheduled whether this would include the same participants or would registration re-start. The RCS Director noted they would do a full restart, and everyone would register again. He also noted that in most cases residents would get a spot and that a September restart may not work for residents to provide the same registration with schedules changing when school opens. He stated this was the rationale for re registration.

##### 22-07-393 Fitness Programs / Classes

Councillor Lane noted for the information of the public who have registered for various fitness programs that a decision regarding cancellations would be made in the coming weeks.

#### CORPORATE SERVICES & PUBLIC WORKS

##### 22-07-394 December 31, 2021 Financial Statements PSAB Compliant Financial Statements and Management's Statement of Compliance

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley / Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the PSAB Compliant Financial Statements and Management's Statement of Compliance report by BDO Canada LLP, for the year ended December 31, 2021, be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

Mayor thanked CS Director and staff for their good work on the report and its completion. He noted it was a clean financial audit and he wanted to pass thanks on to all staff on behalf of all

Council.

22-07-395 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Benson Buffett Professional Services - Compliance Issue	\$ 24,933.53
2	Carpe Diem Inc. Façade Improvement Program	\$ 9,000.00
3	Keep Cool Refrigeration & A/C Ltd. Preventative Maintenance HVAC	\$ 7,942.66
4	St. John's Transportation Commission June 2022 Transit Services	\$ 105,685.61
5	St. John's Transportation Commission UTV Trail Groomer	\$ 13,670.05
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 161,231.85</b>

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Locke noted an error in the description for invoice # 5 and stated the vendor was Shop Industrial Incorporated and not the St. John's Transportation Commission.

Councillor Antle asked about Carpe Diem Inc. as he was not familiar with the business name. The Director of CS noted this was the Wellness Centre on Commonwealth Avenue who had new updates on their exterior.

Councillor Locke stated he was glad of the uptake by business for façade program and wanted to acknowledge to the Marketing and Economic Development team for their initiative.

22-07-396 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for July 6, 2022, totaled \$160,245.49.

22-07-397 Public Works Service Updates

Councillor Locke gave an update on the various operations in terms of the services provided to residents. Garbage continues on a biweekly basis and residents are asked to be patient. He noted that the city is exploring options for recycling and parks continue to be open for residents. He reported that water consumption was low and noted that May's consumption was the lowest monthly consumption since May of 1997 and credited the residents and the city's leak detection system. He reported overall savings of \$1.9M

Councilor Locke also noted the current weather conditions and advised residents to follow the water regulations when using sprinklers and not to use outside specified

times.

The matter of reposting sprinkler usage on the city's website was referred back to CS Director.

The matter of water levels was referred the PW Director to bring the information back to the next public council meeting in two weeks.

Councillor Antle noted the water consumption savings enabled the city to keep the taxes low and maintain the mill rates. He noted that money saved goes back to the city and its residents.

Councillor Antle also asked if the city playgrounds will be mowed. The PW Director noted they are working on a plan to do that.

### NEW BUSINESS

22-07-398 Benjamin's Circus

Councillor members noted that the City appreciated the opportunity to have the circus set up in Mount Pearl. They stated it was a great event with a great turnout and enjoyed by the children who attended.

22-07-399 Wayne Andrews Scholarship

Mount Pearl Sport Alliance sponsored scholarship provided by the generosity of the Andrews family for post-secondary education deadline for applications for Mount Pearl Level 4 graduate students is July 31<sup>st</sup>.

22-07-400 Fire Ban

St. John's Regional Fire Department has a fire ban in effect due to the dry, hot weather conditions which includes all open fires.

22-07-401 Tax Payments

Councillor members noted for the information of the public that the City extending deadline for tax payments to Aug 31<sup>st</sup> for residents and businesses and there would be no interest applied to current balances until September 1<sup>st</sup>. Various methods of payments were noted.

22-07-402 Summer Games

Councillor Rice wished good luck to teams travelling to Summer Games Aug 6 – 21<sup>st</sup> and to the Mount Pearl athletes participating.

22-07-403 Thank You

Councillor Rice offered thanks to Management team for their efforts regarding garbage collection and other duties performed during the labour disruption. He recognized that the situation was difficult for both management and CUPE. He noted he hope for a resolution soon.

22-07-404     Congratulations

Councillor Lane offered congratulations to the U13 Triple A Blazers for taking home silver at the Jerry Murray Tournament July 23-24, 2022.

22-07-405     Financial Statements

Councillor Locke spoke to the financial statements presented for Council's approval tonight, noting 2021 was a challenging year. He stated that the City experienced increases in expenses and decreases in revenue operating during the Pandemic. He noted that to work within the operations of the City and maintain services, we had to live within the means of our tax revenue and limit the impact on residents and businesses.

22-07-406     Admiralty House

Deputy Mayor Kieley noted that Admiralty House Museum was hosting a cooling station with water, Gatorade etc., free of charge to the public to help to combat the ongoing heat. She noted the ongoing effects of climate change.

22-07-407     Labour Disruption

Mayor Aker acknowledged that the services offered during the disruption were not what is normally offered and were disruptive to the residents. He noted that the City was doing its best and will continue to provide as much of the core services as possible. He stated that the City would like to see workers come back and acknowledged this would take time at the negotiating table. He stated that items on the table have financial implications and noted the City has always been prudent with financial management. He stated there was a balance to be found between Council's stewardship and management of finances on behalf of the residents and making sure employees are well compensated and continue to enjoy the top tier benefits they have.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm on a motion by Deputy Mayor Kieley and seconded by Councillor Antle.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk