



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 6, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held virtually on September 6, 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	Guest – Leigh Bursey

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

22-09-458 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-09-459 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

22-09-460 Adoption of Minutes

Motion –Councillor Fry/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held August 24, 2022, and the special meeting of council held August 25, 2022 be adopted

Errors & Omissions: - none noted

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

None noted

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

22-09-461 World Suicide Prevention Day, September 10, 2022

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring September 10, 2022 World Suicide Prevention Awareness day in the City of Mount Pearl.

Mr. Leigh Bursey spoke to his personal experiences and to the importance of initiatives to promote awareness and remove the stigma around this issue.

Council members also spoke to personal experiences and expressed thanks to Mr. Bursey for bringing this proclamation forward. They acknowledged the importance of communication. Deputy Mayor Kieley spoke about the ASIST Suicide Prevention training program, noting she had participated in this training and encouraged others to do the same.

22-09-462 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, September 2022

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring the month of September Childhood Cancer Awareness month in the City of Mount Pearl.

Councillor Rice recognized the Courage family of Mount Pearl and their experience with this disease and noted the family were now members of Candlelighters Newfoundland & Labrador.

22-09-463 Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, September 2022

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring the month of September Ovarian Cancer Awareness month in the City of Mount Pearl.

Councillor Fry spoke of the importance of Ovarian Cancer Awareness. She gave special recognition to Susan Glynn, friend and founder of Women of Hope Ovarian Cancer NL and encouraged all women to get tested if they have experienced symptoms. Other council members also spoke of the importance of bringing this topic forward and promoting women's health.

22-09-464 Arthritis Awareness Month, September 2022

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring the month of September Arthritis Awareness month in the City of Mount Pearl.

Deputy Mayor Kieley and Councillor Fry spoke of their personal experiences with the disease.

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

22-09-465 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Provincial Investigative Services <i>Video/Security Services</i>	\$ 25,836.18
2	City of St. John's <i>Water Consumption for July 2022</i>	\$ 259,163.64
	Total	\$ 284,999.82

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-09-466 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for August 23-31, 2022, totaled \$ 753,872.24

22-09-467 Public Works Status Report

Deputy Mayor Kieley reviewed the Public Works Status Report and noted that graffiti is being addressed, parks and playgrounds are open, and garbage continues to be collected bi-weekly. She also noted that three recycling drop-off days took place in August.

Councillor Rice inquired about plans for recycling if labour disruption continues. The Director of PW noted that PW is working on both short- and long-term plans and will communicate with Council the work is complete.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

22-09-468 New Civic Centre, Splash Pad, Ice Rink Facility Prime Consultant Services – Owner's Advisor Contract Recommendation.

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, awarding of the contract for Owner’s Advisor Services for Development of a Design-Build RFP for Construction of a New Civic Centre, Splash Pad, Ice Rink Facility and Site Upgrades to Wood Environmental and Infrastructure Solutions, for the proposal bid price of \$552,895.47 (HST Included) be ratified.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-09-469 Park Avenue, Commonwealth Avenue Asphalt Renewal – Contractor Change Order #1

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, Contractor Change Order #1, payable to Modern Paving, in the amount of \$35,629.39 (HST Included) be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-09-470 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | August 22 – September 2, 2022

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period showing a total construction value of \$31,500 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-09-471 Development Permit Listing | August 22 – September 2, 2022

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the following development permit be approved as presented for the period of August 22 – September 2, 2022.

<u>Permit #</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Company/Name</u>	<u>Type of Use</u>	<u>Civic Address</u>
0372	August 30, 2022	Game Changer Coaching	Commercial School, Recreational and Group Fitness Use	8 Panther Place

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-09-472 Status Report - Capital Projects Update

Councillor Rice provided an update on the status of ongoing Capital projects, such as asphalt renewal on Park Avenue and Smallwood Drive, as well as the Smart Accessible Playground at St. David’s.

The Mayor inquired when the playground was expected to be completed. The Director of PED noted that the expected completion would be later in the Fall and not September as previously noted.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

22-09-473 Fitness Programs/Classes

Councillor Antle noted for the information of public that those who have registered for various fitness programs (Aqua Fit, Deep Water Fitness, Sculpt, Yoga, Pound, Tabata) which were to conclude on Sep 1st, will be refunded.

People who registered and paid online, will receive refunds automatically. Anyone who registered or paid in person, will be contacted regarding their refund. Please be patient as city staff work through the refunds.

22-09-474 Swim Lessons – Fall Session

Councillor Lane noted for the information of public that swim lessons for the fall session continue to be placed on hold due to the ongoing labour disruption. Information related to registration and programs will be provided, when possible.

22-09-475 Pool Chemicals (Muriatic Acid) New Vendor Recommendation

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to award Eastchem (second lowest bidder) the contract to supply and deliver Muriatic Acid to the City of Mount Pearl at the price of \$467.13 per drum for the remainder of 2022 fiscal year with the option to extend based on maintaining the existing price.

Question called - Motion carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

22-09-476 Mount Pearl Blazers Car Wash

Councillor Fry noted her support of the Blazer's fundraising car wash for their upcoming trip to P.E.I. and wished the team luck in their fundraising efforts.

22-09-477 Back to School

Councillor Fry wished all parents and children a happy first day back to school. Deputy Mayor Kieley thanked the summer students who worked with the city during the summer and noted with the return to school, safety was important. She encouraged everyone to be aware of their speed in and around school zones and to watch out for students as they

make their way back to school.

22-09-478 Labour Disruption – Secondary Picketing

Deputy Mayor acknowledged the workers on the picket line noting that this was a challenging time for all. She asked that where there is conflict, that there is also respect. She acknowledged the worker's right to picket and spoke of the difficulty of having her home and the home of her colleagues targeted as these neighborhoods have seniors and children living there.

Councillor Antle also spoke of the picketing at his home. He noted that he respected the worker's right to strike and to picket, but he also noted the disruption in his neighbourhood. Councillor Antle noted that the picketing upset and scared his family and neighbors, including many seniors. Councillor Antle requested that the picketing at council member's homes stop.

Councillor Rice spoke of his experience in previous strike situations and encouraged conversation and respectful picketing.

22-09-479 Congratulations

Councillor Lane offered congratulations to the Mount Pearl Boys U17 Tier 1 team on their gold medal performance at the Premier Youth League Soccer Championship She also offered congratulations to the Mount Pearl Boys U13 Tier 1 team on their silver medal performance and the Mount Pearl Girls U15 Tier 1 team on their bronze medal performance.

22-09-480 Labour Disruption

Mayor Aker acknowledged the challenges in the community and noted that Council are thinking about the employees, both unionized and management, during this time. He noted that his wife was alone when their home was picketed and the RNC had to be called to enable her to leave. He recognized that there are residents and families that are impacted by the dispute and encouraged residents not to engage. He noted that the city wanted all residents and employees to be safe. The Mayor also offered his gratitude to the RNC and the MEOs. He noted that the city has tabled a very reasonable offer and Council stands firmly behind it. He wanted everyone to remain safe and respectful and stand together to ensure health and safety is first and foremost.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Councillor Lane.

Chairperson

City Clerk