



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 4, 2022

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

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

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

22-10-516 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-10-517 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

22-10-518 Adoption of Minutes

Motion –Councillor Fry/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held September 21, 2022 be adopted

Errors & Omissions:

Item # 501 from the September 21, 2022 notes – Councillor Antle noted an incorrect date in this item, which was updated.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

None noted

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

22-10-519 Disability Employment Awareness Month, October 2022

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring the month of October, 2022 as Disability Employment Awareness month in the City of Mount Pearl. Shelley Andrews, representing Avalon Employment, spoke of the importance of awareness and inclusion for those with disabilities and acknowledging their contributions.

Council members spoke to the impact and benefits of this type of program to communities.

22-10-520 Fire Prevention Week October 9-15, 2022

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring the month of October 9-15, 2022 as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Mount Pearl. Deputy Chief Paul Chaytor and Inspector Cara Pardy represented the St. John's Regional Fire Department. Inspector Pardy provided information on the planned activities and locations where the public can get information. She also spoke of the importance of planning an escape route with your family and noted the availability of various types of smoke alarms for individuals who are blind, visually impaired or hard of hearing

22-10-521 World Homeless Day October 10, 2022

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring October 10, 2022 as World Homeless Day in the City of Mount Pearl. Leigh Bursey represented Mount Pearl Street Friends.

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

22-10-522 Smallwood Drive Asphalt Renewal – Request for Approval – Contractor Change Order # 1: Additional Storm Sewer Materials

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the City approve Contractor Change Order #1, payable to Modern Paving, for installation of new storm sewer materials, in the amount of \$1,903.57 (HST Included).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-10-523 Smallwood Drive Asphalt Renewal – Request for Approval – Contractor Change Order # 2 Liquid Asphalt Adjustment

Motion: Councillor Fry/ Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the City approve Contractor Change Order #2, payable to Modern Paving, for Petroleum Cost Adjustment in the amount of \$11,511.95 (HST Included).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-10-524 Notice of Motion – Windsor Building Capital Projects (Depot Yard Expansion – Rezoning Amendment)

Councillor Fry gave notice that she would, at a regular meeting of Council, move an amendment to the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 that, if enacted, will:

1. Within Section 12 - Maps, amend Map 1 – Land Use Zoning Map, rezone an area of land, located at the rear of 59 Clyde Avenue (H. Neil Windsor Building) from Open Space (OS) to Industrial – Light (IL).
2. Amend Map 1, Future Land Use Map, Mount Pearl Municipal Plan, as follows:

Rezone an area of land, located at the rear of 59 Clyde Avenue (H. Neil Windsor Building) from Open Space to Industrial.

The purpose of this amendment is to provide Council with the authority to undertake an expansion of the existing depot storage yard to accommodate additional snow storage, and the potential future development of additional equipment storage facilities.

22-10-525 2022 Asphalt and Concrete – Request for Approval – Contractor Change Order # 01 Additional Contract Allowance

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the City approve Contractor Change Order #1 allowance of \$50,000 (HST included) to account for slight modifications to contract quantities throughout the operations of this contract.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-10-526 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | September 19 – September 30, 2022

Motion: Councillor Rice/ Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period showing a total construction value of \$35,000.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-10-527 Road Closure – Dunn’s Road Bridge Waterproofing and Paving

Dunn’s Road will be closed to through traffic for 5 days for asphalt replacement following concrete repairs. Local traffic only will be permitted access during this time. Council is advised that communication to this effect has been posted on the City’s social media platforms.

22-10-528 Status Report - Capital Projects Update

Councillor Rice provided an update on the status of ongoing Capital projects, such as the Dunn’s Road Bridge repairs, equipment and rubberized surface installation at the Smart Accessible Playground at St. David’s, as well as asphalt and concrete working continuing at various locations.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

22-10-529 Fall Craft Fair – October 10, 2022

Councillor Lane noted for the information of the public, the City’s annual fall fair will take place on Thanksgiving Monday, October 10 at the Reid Community Centre.

22-10-530 City Days 2022 – Fall Edition

Councillor Lane advised residents and members of the public to stay tuned for what’s coming up during City Days on the weekend of October 13-16. Check out the City’s website, Facebook and Twitter for updates.

22-10-531 Upcoming Registration – Fall 2022 Swim Lessons

Councillor Antle noted for the information of public the following registration dates for the fall session of swimming lessons: October 17, 2022 at 5 pm for residents, and open registration on October 19, 2022 at 5 pm.

22-10-532 30th Annual Christmas at the Glacier

Councillor Antle noted for the information of public that the 30th annual Christmas at the Glacier, a 5 day festival of craft and art, will take place at the Glacier Arena from October 19 – 23, 2022.

22-10-533 Notice: Cyclists and Pedestrians on City Trails

Councillor Antle added a reminder to cyclists and pedestrians to be alert! Remember you share the trails with other people who are riding bikes, running and walking. Be cautious as during the fall season approaches more people may be on the move. Also, keep watch for our Municipal Enforcement Officers, who will be handing out bicycle bells to trail users

Mayor Aker inquired whether signage would be placed on the trails regarding the use of bicycle bells. The RCS Director advised that some signage was planned, but the majority of information would be via social media posts. Both the Mayor and Councillor Locke felt that the trail signage was important and would help to promote etiquette on the trails.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

22-10-534 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	City of St. John's Share of Regional Fire Services - August & September 2022	\$ 902,358.84
2	Mount Pearl Soccer Association Revenue Reimbursement January - May 2022	\$ 11,737.90
3	MVT Canadian Bus Transit Services - July 2022	\$ 44,589.50
4	MVT Canadian Bus Transit Services - August 2022	\$ 42,464.76
5	Provincial Investigative Services Video Surveillance August 28 - September 10 2022	\$ 9,082.15
6	St. John's Transportation Commission Metrobus Transit Services August 2022	\$ 108,582.64
7	Armour Lock & Safe Card Access Installation	\$ 6,095.00
8	Armour Lock & Safe Lock Supplies for Facility Lock Changes	\$ 10,329.27
9	Armour Lock & Safe Glacier Phase 2 Card Access	\$ 12,983.50
10	Mark's Work Wearhouse Summit Centre Clothing	\$ 5,765.24
11	Pro Circuit New VRD & Breaker for Damaged Units	\$ 21,936.81
12	Short Atlantic Basketball Backstop Repairs and Curtian Installation	\$ 5,175.00
13	City of St. John's June 2022 Tipping Fees	\$ 61,311.90
14	City of St. John's July 2022 Tipping Fees	\$ 37,548.30
	Total	\$ 1,279,960.81

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Antle requested information relating to the YTD cost of Metrobus and MVT and a comparison to the amount spent in 2021. The CS Director to bring back at a future meeting.

22-10-535 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the following payment register for September 21 - 27, 2022, totaled \$256,456.24. The purchase card report for June 26 – July 25, 2022 totaled \$209,622.21 and July 26 – August 25, 2022 totaled \$184,145.86.

The CS Director noted that entries for clothing costs often related to the need for staff to purchase PPE for use during the labor disruption and further that the variety of fuel purchases also related to the labour disruption as the city was unable to secure a fleet account at any particular vendor.

22-10-536 Professional Development Training – Director Recreation and Community Safety Athletic Business Conference & Expo 2022 November 16 – 19, 2022

Motion: Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the Director of Recreation and Community Safety to attend the Athletic Business & Expo's Annual Conference, held in Orlando, FL from November 16 to 19, 2022.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-10-537 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Locke reviewed the Public Works Status Report and noted the regular schedules for city services have resumed. He also noted bulk garbage pickups were being scheduled for Mondays as of September 26, and new loaders and side by side were delivered. Councillor Locke also advised that maintenance and inspection on winter equipment is underway.

Councillor Locke reminded residents that while the city would accept yard debris (e.g. tree limbs, branches, etc.), it would need to be bundled and loose items would not be accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

22-10-538 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Council members attended the flag raising ceremony at City Hall and other events at St. David's Park in honor of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Council noted there were many representatives and leaders of Indigenous communities in attendance and recognized the performances by the Indigenous groups who attended.

Council members noted how moving and impactful the event was and requested that more promotion could be done for next year to encourage more residents to attend. Council extended thanks to staff for organizing the event.

22-10-539 Sister's in Spirit Vigil – October 4, 2022

Deputy Mayor Kieley noted that a vigil will take place at 6 pm at the First Light Centre on Cochrane Street in St. John's to honor the lives of missing and murdered women and girls, in NL. She noted that Lisa Lake would be in attendance and was a strong advocate against gender-based violence. The Deputy Mayor noted she was wearing red in support.

22-10-540 Hurricane Fiona Relief Benefit Concert

Councillor Antle noted that Alex Taylor would be holding a benefit concert on October 14 at Mount Pearl Intermediate School at 7 pm. He also noted that tickets were \$10 and more

information could be found on Alex's Facebook page.

22-10-541 Seniors Week Oct 3-7, 2022

Councillor Rice noted that this week is Seniors Week. He referred to the recent proclamation on homelessness and commented that many seniors also struggle with day-to-day living and expenses. He encouraged the public to reach out to the seniors in their communities and help where possible.

22-10-542 City Functions and Activities in Facilities

Councillor Rice noted that he was glad to see that functions and activities were resuming in the city. He encouraged residents to attend and advised that information on various activities was available on the city's website.

Council noted their excitement for the upcoming City Days events and encouraged residents to attend.

22-10-543 Labour Disruption

Councillor Rice expressed how glad he is to have all employees returned to work and a resumption of normal services in the city.

22-10-544 Hurricane Fiona

Councillor Rice acknowledged the trauma and destruction on the southwest coast of the province during the hurricane and was glad to see the support efforts across the province.

22-10-545 Glacier Arena Opening

Councillor Lane noted the Glacier would re-open on October 5

22-10-546 Holiday Season - Foodbanks

Councillor Lane noted that holiday season was coming up and it is not always easy for everyone. She reminded residents that the Salvation Army will soon start their registration for hampers for those in need and encouraged residents to donate to help those struggling during the season.

22-10-547 Dunn's Road Bridge Closure

Councillor Fry wanted to acknowledge the impact on residents during the Dunns' Road bridge closure. She noted the importance of the work and thanked the public for its patience during this time.

22-10-548 Regional Rate Increases

Councillor Fry acknowledged the communication from the Eastern Regional Service Board regarding rate increases for 2023-2024. She noted the amount paid per tonne for landfill-materials was significant, especially in comparison to recycled materials. She encouraged residents to recycle to save on this cost, noting that those savings could be invested back into the city.

22-10-549 Mount Pearl Kinette's Club

Councillor Fry offered congratulations to Lucy Stoyles who was recently elected as the new Kinette president. Councillor Fry extended thanks to the outgoing president and noted the club's on-going work in the city.

Councillor Fry advised that the Kinette's Club would soon have their annual turkey drive to help support local foodbanks and noted the upcoming annual Christmas auction in December.

22-10-550 Animal Control Services

Councillor Fry reminded residents to visit the city's website if they have a lost animal as any animals found by the city will have their picture posted.

22-10-551 2023 Budget

Councillor Locke noted for the information of public that consultations for Budget 2023 were live at <https://heymountpearl.ca>. He encouraged residents to participate and noted Council was asking for input and feedback.

22-10-552 Condolences

Mayor Acker offered condolences to the family and friends of Brian McArthur on the passing of their loved one. The Mayor also acknowledge the contributions and service of Mr. McArthur to the City of Mount Pearl and expressed his gratitude for all that Mr. McArthur did for the City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm on a motion by Councillor Rice and seconded by Councillor Antle.