



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on September 21, 2022, at 4:40 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Mayor Dave Aker	Dana Spurrell, Chief Administrative Officer
Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley	Cassie Pittman, Director of Corporate Services
Councillor Jim Locke	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works
Councillor Isabelle Fry	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
Absent	Absent
Councillor Mark Rice	Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

22-09-481 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-09-482 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

22-09-483 Adoption of Minutes

Motion –Councillor Lane/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held September 6, 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

22-09-484 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) September 2022

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring the month of September, 2022 as FASD Awareness month in the City of Mount Pearl.

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

22-09-485 Farrell Drive Upgrading between Holden Street and Evans Place - Water, Sanitary/Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb, and Sidewalk Replacement

Motion: Councillor Fry/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the City proceed with an application for funding of \$7.1M from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for Farrell Drive Upgrading between Holden Street and Evans Place - Water, Sanitary/Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb, and Sidewalk Replacement.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-09-486 Spruce, Birch, Roosevelt Avenues; and Carroll Drive - Water, Sanitary/Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb, and Sidewalk Replacement; and Billard Avenue Watermain Lining

Motion: Councillor Fry/ Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the City proceed with an application for funding for \$7.3M from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for Spruce, Birch, Roosevelt Avenues; and Carroll Drive - Water, Sanitary/Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb, and Sidewalk Replacement; and Billard Avenue Watermain Lining.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-09-487 Water, Sanitary, Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb, and Sidewalk Replacement – Barbour Drive – Notice of Approved Funding

Motion: Councillor Fry/ Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, we, the Ultimate Recipient, City of Mount Pearl, accept cost-shared funding as outlined in the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure project approval letter dated the 26th of August, 2022, Project number 17-GI-23-00014, Project name Water, Sanitary Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb, and Sidewalk Replacement – Barbour Drive Area with a total project value of \$4,000,000.00. This council agrees to provide the Ultimate Recipient share value of \$1,088,202.00 in funding for this project and authorize the Mayor and CAO to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure on behalf of the City of Mount Pearl.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-09-488 Variance Application Request - 13 Badger Place – Side Yard Minimum Variance

Motion: Councillor Fry/ Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, a Development Permit be approved and issued for 13 Badger Place -Side Yard Minimum Variance, subject to the conditions as outlined by the following:

1. City of Mount Pearl – Inspection Services, Finance, Planning and Engineering Services Divisions
2. City of Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 and all related requirements.

22-09-489 National Tree Day

Councillor Fry explained the significance of National Tree Day. Council noted that it is proud to support National Tree Day on Wednesday September 21, 2022 and council members noted the significance of outdoor space in the city and the impacts it can have on improving mental health.

22-09-490 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | September 5 – September 16, 2022

Motion: Councillor Fry/ Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period showing a total construction value of \$1,991,300.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-09-491 Development Permit Listing | September 5 – September 16, 2022

Motion: Councillor Fry/ Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the following development permits be approved as presented for the period of September 5 – September 16, 2022

<u>Development Permit #</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Company/Name</u>	<u>Type of Use</u>	<u>Civic Address</u>
DP22-0483	September 07, 2022	River Rascals	Open Air Assembly use	Various City Trails
DP22-0479	September 14, 2022	Norman's Contracting	Residential Variance	13 Badger
DP22-0494	September 14, 2022	Salvation Army	Open Air Assembly Use	106 Ashford Drive
DP22-0479	September 14, 2022	Marlay Construction	Residential Subdivision	Moffat Road (Phase 7)

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-09-492 Status Report - Capital Projects Update

Councillor Fry 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. Councillor Fry advised residents that starting tomorrow September 22, 2022 the Dunn's Road bridge area of Park Avenue would experience a lane reduction from 7:00a.m. -5:30p.m. daily for approximately 2 weeks and then there would be brief period, approximately 2-3 days where the area would be closed to traffic. The PED Director noted that the closure timeframe would be weather dependent and once the dates had been set communications would be sent to emergency services and schools.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

22-09-493 Summit Centre | Fitness Spaces and Pool

Councillor Lane noted for the information of public that the Summit Centre (fitness spaces and pool) will reopen on Sunday, September 25.

22-09-494 Fitness Program Classes | Fall Sessions

Councillor Lane noted for the information of public that the fitness programs will begin the week of October 9. Registration dates to be posted in the coming days.

22-09-495 Swim Lessons & Recreation Swim Schedules | Fall Sessions

Councillor Lane noted for the information of public that the fall session of swimming lessons and registration dates will be posted next week, and the recreation swim schedule will be posted to the City's website on Friday, September 23.

22-09-496 Glacier Arena

Councillor Antle noted for the information of public that the making of the ice at the Glacier Arena is continuing for the upcoming season. An update will be provided to user groups and the public once the opening date is determined.

The Mayor noted that he had spoken with Mount Pearl Minor Hockey who are pleased that the ice surface will be reinstated shortly and excited to get back to playing at the Glacier this Fall.

22-09-497 Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group | Weekly Card Game

Councillor Antle noted for the information of public that the Senior' s Independence Group weekly card game will resume on Wednesday, September 28th. Councillor Antle also noted that the Group would also be resuming its bingo games.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

22-09-498 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Municipal Assessment Agency Assessment Fees	\$ 67,613.00
2	MVT Canadian Bus, Inc. Go Bus/Para Transit Services	\$ 38,733.48
3	Cal Legrow Cyber Insurance	\$ 35,880.00
4	Island Office Furniture Office Furniture	\$ 13,917.05
5	Canada Post BRM Annual Fee,Postage and Letter Mail	\$ 11,282.67
6	Saunders Equipment Limited Boom hose assembly	\$ 7,639.02
7	Saunders Equipment Limited Trackless 5-way Plow	\$ 10,465.00
8	Saunders Equipment Limited Garbage cart wheels	\$ 7,411.75
9	City of St. John's Shared MDB Insight Inc.	\$ 5,120.40
	Total	\$ 198,062.37

Councillor Antle inquired whether item #7 was related to the trail snow grooming. The PW Director noted that the item was a blade for sidewalk clearing, not trail maintenance.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-09-499 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for September 9 - 13, 2022, totaled \$439,256.04.

22-09-500 Public Works Status Report

Deputy Mayor Kieley reviewed the Public Works Status Report and noted the regular garbage and recycling collection would resume tomorrow. She also noted that animal control services would resume in the city tomorrow. The Deputy Mayor also advised that the city is preparing for the impacts of Tropical Storm Fiona.

22-09-501 New Collective Agreement with CUPE 2099

Background:

The City's collective agreement with its unionized employees represented by CUPE Local 2099 expired on June 30, 2022. A tentative agreement was reached on September 17, 2022, and CUPE ratified the agreement on September 20, 2022.

The agreement covers a four-year period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026. The agreement includes a wage increase 9% as follows:

- July 1, 2022 4.0%
- July 1, 2023 3.0%
- July 1, 2024 1.0%
- July 1, 2025 1.0%

Other agreement details include:

- a wage agreement within the City's fiscal constraints,
- improved service delivery to residents and business community through an increase from four (4) to six (6) employees scheduled for weekend maintenance and snow clearing during the winter season,
- the introduction of two (2) personal leave days for employees,
- a reduction in sick-leave days from twenty-one (21) to eighteen (18) days, and
- an increased meal allowance.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the Collective Agreement between the City of Mount Pearl and CUPE Local 2099, as negotiated by both parties, be approved AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor, CAO and bargaining team be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor and Council welcomed all employees back to the city. The Mayor and Council acknowledged the impact the strike had on residents and businesses and expressed gratitude for the patience shown. The Mayor and Council thanked the members of the

city's bargaining team for their hard work and leadership and extended thanks as well to the employees who continued to provide city services throughout the disruption.

NEW BUSINESS

22-09-502 City Social Events

Councillor Locke noted that he would like to see a focus on city social events in the coming months to bring residents back together.

22-09-503 Post Tropical Storm Fiona

Councillor Locke noted that the city was making the necessary arrangements for the upcoming storm and advised residents to take precautions and be safe.

Deputy Mayor Kieley highlighted a provincial government resource: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/beprepared/be-prepared/> which residents can avail of to help ensure that they are prepared for emergency events.

Councillor Lane noted that residents should also ensure that all domestic animals are brought in during the storm or have adequate shelter.

22-09-504 International Economic Development Awards of Excellence

Council members extended their congratulations and commended the members of the city's Economic Development team for winning 3 awards:

- Special Purpose Website: Upgrade to Mount Pearl – Gold
- Special Event: Hacking Mount Pearl – Silver
- Multimedia/Video Promotion: Donovans. – Gold

22-09-505 Smiles Cookies – Tim Hortons

Deputy Mayor Kieley reminded residents that Smile Cookies can be purchased at local Tim Hortons until September 25 and 100% of the proceeds support local charities and community groups.

22-09-506 Condolences

Councillor Antle offered condolences to the family of Paula Buck on the passing of their loved one.

22-09-507 New Deputy Chief of Support Services – Regional Fire Department

Councillor Antle extended congratulations to Paul Chaytor on his appointment to the role of Deputy Chief of Support Services. Deputy Chief Chaytor has been with the Department for 28 years and moved into his new role from Platoon Chief on September 19.

Councillor Antle requested that Council sent a note of congratulations on his new role.

22-09-508 Mount Pearl Marlins – FINA World Cup

Councillor Lane noted that Mount Pearl Marlin, Chris Weeks will be participating in the FINA World Cup in Toronto October 28-30, 2022 and wished him the best of luck in his competitions.

22-09-509 National Coaching Week – September 17-25

Councillor Fry extended thanks to all the coaches within the city and around the room for the services and leadership they provide.

22-09-510 Tely 10

Councillor Fry advised residents that the Mount Pearl Sports Alliance is seeking volunteers for the upcoming Tely 10 on October 8. Anyone interested can reached out to mpsportsalliance@mountpearl.ca.

22-09-511 Crafternoon – Mount Pearl Public Library

Councillor Fry advised residents that on October 8, the Mount Pearl Public Library will be hosting a wood slice pumpkin painting “crafternoon” from 2p.m – 4p.m. and the event is open to the public.

22-09-512 Girl Guides

Councillor Fry noted that local sparks, brownies and guiding groups are looking for guide leaders.

22-09-513 Permits & Planning

Councillor Fry noted that the city’s Planning Division is working to improve turnaround times on permits and other planning related requests.

22-09-514 Thank you to Residents

Council extended thanks to residents for their patience, support and understanding during the labour disruption.

22-09-515 Council Meetings

The Mayor noted that Council will continue its work on the Strategic Plan and begin work on the upcoming budget. He advised council that meetings will begin to double up to accommodate the work to be done.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:57pm on a motion by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Antle.

Chairperson

City Clerk