



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 2022**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on November 1, 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 Jim Locke	Gerry Antle, Director of Planning Engineering & Development
Councillor Isabelle Fry	Jason Collins, Director of Recreation & Community Safety
Councillor Chelsea Lane	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works
Councillor Bill Antle	Stacey Pratt, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
Councillor Mark Rice	Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant
	Catherine Power, Manager of Planning and Development
Guest	Reid Eyre, Emergency Management Coordinator for the Red Cross

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

22-11-587 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Locke/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-11-588 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

22-11-589 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held October 18, 2022 be adopted

Errors & Omissions:

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

22-11-590 Budget Consultation Booth Update

Councillor Locke requested an update on the level of participation at the Budget consultation booth during City Days. The CS Director noted that approximately 40 people participated in the survey and 33 were Mount Pearl residents. The two primary considerations were keeping taxes low and providing quality services. A more thorough overview will be provided to Council during the internal budget process.

Councillor Locke encouraged residents to provide their input in budget consultations via www.heyMountPearl.ca and the CS Director noted that they will begin to do polling of the results starting after next week but the form would remain open along with pulse polls until the end of November.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

22-11-591 Red Cross Donation – Fiona Hurricane Relief

Council presented a donation to Red Cross in support of the Southwest Coast devastated by Hurricane Fiona with funds raised during Oktoberfest. Mr. Reid Eyre, Emergency Management Coordinator for the Red Cross accepted the donation of \$5000.

PROCLAMATIONS

22-11-592 World Town Planning Day

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring November 8, 2022 as World Town Planning Day in the City of Mount Pearl. Catherine Power, Manager of Planning was present for the reading.

Council members and the PED Director spoke to the history and importance of planning with regard to the development of the City and offered thanks and appreciation to the Manager of Planning and the PED Department for its contributions.

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

22-11-593 2022 Asphalt and Concrete Installation of Catch Basin – Jacqueline Road

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the installation of a catch basin and associated material on Jacqueline Road for the amount of \$17,710.00 (HST included), payable to Modern Paving Ltd be approved. This amount can be accounted for under the previously approved Change Order #1, which provided an additional \$50,000 allowance for the project.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-11-594 Request for Approval to Proceed with Re-application – ICIP 2019 Multi Streets (Spruce, Birch & Roosevelt Avenue, Carroll Drive & Billard Avenue), Farrell Drive (Holden Street – Evans Place) and Barbour Drive

Motion: Councillor Rice/ Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to proceed with the following to ensure adequate funding is in place for the City's high priority projects.

1. Cancel ICIP Project: 17-GI-21-00044 – Water, Sanitary/Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb, and Sidewalk Replacement – Farrell Drive (from Holden Street to Evans Place). The total project funding canceled will be \$5,100,000 (HST Included).
2. ICIP Re-application: Water, Sanitary/Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb and sidewalk Replacement - Farrell Drive (Holden Street- Evans). The total amount being applied for will be \$6,935,441 (HST Included).
3. Cancel ICIP Project: 17-GI-21-00043 – Water, Sanitary/Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb, and Sidewalk Replacement – Spruce, Birch, Roosevelt Avenues; and Carroll Drive; and Watermain Lining Billard Avenue. The total project funding canceled will be \$5,050,000 (HST Included).
4. ICIP Re-application: Water, Sanitary/Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb, and sidewalk replacement - Spruce, Birch, and Roosevelt Avenues; and Carroll Drive; and Watermain Lining Billard Avenue. The total amount being applied for will be \$6,700,307 (HST Included).
5. Cancel ICIP Project: 17-GI-23-00014 – Water, Sanitary, Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb, and Sidewalk Replacement – Barbour Drive Area. The total project funding canceled will be \$4,000,000 (HST Included). The funding is proposed to be re-allocated to the above re-

applications, and the unallocated balance of funding to be moved to 17-GI-22-00031 – Full Replacement of Water, Sanitary & Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb, and Sidewalk – Jackman Drive Area.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

The Mayor noted the re-application was due to post-Covid inflation and would result now in the proposed updates to Barbour Drive being deferred.

The Deputy Mayor asked about the effects on the City's asset management plan. The PED Director stated that the underground infrastructure at Barbour Drive was at the end forecasted service life from an asset management perspective. He noted that because it was aging, there would be monitoring and repair work to address any deterioration. He also noted this was normal in asset management and Barbour Drive would be an application submitted in 2023.

Councillor Locke asked whether in the design process for large road repairs and replacement, consideration is given to addressing future need and priorities such as traffic calming, or the narrowing/widening of roads. The PED Director noted that these things were taken into consideration and part of the planning process.

22-11-595 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | October 17 – October 28, 2022

Motion: Councillor Fry/ Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period showing a total construction value of \$925,850.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-11-596 City Compliance Letters and Permit Applications

Motion: Councillor Fry/ Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval is given to make the \$250 Compliance Letter Fee, as well as Permit Application Fees be deemed non-refundable once the city has receipted the fee.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

22-11-597 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Central Square Paramount Annual Maintenance Fee May 2022 - May 2023	\$ 8,744.96
2	City of St. John's September 2022 Water Consumption	\$ 244,814.33
3	City of St. John's Wastewater Fee July 2022 - September 2022	\$ 169,465.25
4	Masterless Men City Days Performance	\$ 5,750.00
5	Municipal Assessment Agency Fourth Quarter Assessment Fee	\$ 67,613.00
6	MVT Canadian Bus September 2022 Transit Fee	\$ 45,721.75
7	NL Kubota RTV 1100C Side by Side Vehicle	\$ 39,304.99
8	NL School District Summer Camp Facility Rentals	\$ 7,200.00
9	St. John's Transportation Commission Accessible Services Admin Fee	\$ 19,918.00
10	St. John's Transportation Commission September 2022 Transit Fee	\$ 99,992.53
11	The Irish Descendants City Days Performance	\$ 5,750.00
12	The Navigators City Days Performance	\$ 5,750.00
	Total	\$ 720,024.81

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Antle repeated an earlier request for a comparison of 2021 to 2022 YTD costs for fees for Metrobus and Go Bus. The CS Director noted that the comparison update would be provide in the next two weeks, noting the Department was finalizing the remaining invoicing backlog caused by the labour disruption.

22-11-598 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the following payment register for October 13th - October 26, 2022, totaled \$1,235,450.54.

22-11-599 Professional Development Training – Councillor Locke, Athletic Business Conference and Expo 2022

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to Councillor Locke to attend the Athletic Business & Expo's Annual Conference, held in Orlando, FL from November 16 to 19, 2022 in accordance with the professional development budget.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-11-600 Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador (MNL) Convention Nov 2-5, 2022, Gander, NL

Motion: Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Kieley, Councillor Locke, Councillor Antle, Councillor Fry, and Councillor Rice to attend the annual MNL Convention being held in Gander, November 2 – 5, 2022 in accordance with the professional development budget.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-11-601 Chief Administrative Officer, Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador (MNL) Convention Nov 2-5, 2022, Gander, NL

Motion: Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the CAO to attend the annual MNL Convention being held in Gander, NL, November 2-5, 2022.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-11-602 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Locke reviewed the Public Works Status Report and noted completion of trail repairs behind Clover Brae Crescent and advised that the playground structure on O'Flaherty Crescent is now closed and will be removed due to the structure being unsafe and in disrepair. He noted that it would not likely be replaced until next June/July. He noted the preparation for outdoor ice rinks was underway for the following locations: Montclair, Team Gushue and Murley Drive.

Councillor Rice asked whether there was a plan for clean up and disposal of deadfall trees on the trailways. The PW Director reported that at the start of every fall season City crews will go through the trailway utilizing the UTV and woodchipper to remove the deadfall trees and run them through the chipper and often direct the chips back into the vegetation of the trailway; however, not all downed trees will be removed as some are needed to remain to maintain the natural ecosystem.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

22-11-603 Remembrance Day Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony – St. David's Park November 11, 2022

For the information of the public, on Friday, November 11th, the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 36, will pay tribute to all those who fought to preserve the values that we hold so dear with a wreath laying ceremony at St. David's Park. The Parade formation will commence at Morris Academy School parking lot at 10:30 am and proceed down Roosevelt Avenue, for the wreath laying ceremony directly in front of the Cenotaph.

22-11-604 Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Big Give Food Drive, November 5, 2022

For the information of the public, the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association will be collecting food and monetary donations on November 5th from 9am to 1pm at various locations throughout the city. Additional information can be found on the Minor Hockey Facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS

22-11-605 Congratulations

Councillor Rice offered congratulations to Chris Weeks of the Mount Pearl Marlins who participated in the FINA World Cup in Toronto October 28-30, 2022. He noted Chris swam the fastest time 50m fly (SC) in Canadian history in the 17 and Under category. He noted Chris would now receive a tryout invitation for the national Olympic team.

Councillor Lane offered congratulations to O'Donel High athletes Alex Fahey and Liam Legge who won multiple medals at the Kenpo Karate Tournament on October 29-30, 2022.

22-11-606 Safety Skeleton Patrol

Councillor Rice noted that he and the Mayor participated in the patrol and rode with the City's Municipal Enforcement Officers. He extended thanks to the MEOs and noted their rapport and connection with the children. He also thanked those that had provided donations and support for the event.

22-11-607 Mount Pearl Lions Club – Christmas Parade.

Councillor Lane noted the upcoming parade and advised that the Lion's Club has requested donations of leftover Halloween candy to hand out in loot bags during the parade.

21-11-608 Food Drives

Councillor Fry spoke of the Minor Hockey food drive and their contributions each year to

the foodbanks. She noted there was a bigger demand on foodbanks this year due to COVID.

Councillor Fry also reported that the 807 Mount Pearl Kinsmen Royal Canadian Air Cadets had held a food drive and donated the items to various foodbanks in Mount Pearl at a presentation at MQW Elementary. She noted how children are making a difference in the community.

21-11-609 Crohn's and Colitis Awareness.

Councillor Fry reported that November is Crohn's and Colitis Awareness month noting City Hall would be lit in red in support.

21-11-610 Masonic Breakfast Club

Councillor Fry reported the Masonic Breakfast Club would be holding a breakfast at the Freemasons Hall on November 15 at 9 am at a cost of \$8 per person for anyone who would like to attend.

22-11-611 Holiday Market

Councillor Fry reported that the Admiralty House museum would be hosting the 2nd annual holiday market from November 30th to December 1st The event is presented in partnership with the Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl and tables will be \$20 per night from 6:30-9:30 pm. She noted that anyone who would like a table can email admiraltyhouse@mountpearl.ca

22-11-612 Safety Concerns

Deputy Mayor Kieley spoke to specific safety concerns in light of increased reports of speeding and dangerous driving. She noted that while the City does monitor, address and put calming in place, there is also a responsibility on drivers to stop when school bus is stopped, to slow down, to be mindful, and to adhere to the rules to help ensure safety of children and families. She encouraged residents and the public to recognize their role in keeping their communities safe when driving.

22-11-613 Trunk or Treat

Councillor Antle wanted to acknowledge some the community churches for the success of the Trunk or Treat events this year. He noted it would be discussed at the RCS Committee how to try something bigger for Mount Pearl next year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm on a motion by Councillor Fry and seconded by Councillor Rice.

Chairperson

City Clerk