



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 18, 2022**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on October 18, 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	Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant
Councillor Mark Rice	
	Absent - Stacey Pratt, Legislative Officer/City Clerk

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

22-10-553 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-10-554 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

22-10-555 Adoption of Minutes

Motion –Councillor Fry/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held October 4, 2022 be adopted

Errors & Omissions:

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

None noted

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

22-10-556 Clean-up Initiative – Michael Bradbury

Council noted the attendance of 8-year-old Michael Bradbury and his mom and recognized his efforts to keep the City clean through his initiative in cleaning up the litter around O'Donel High School. Councillor Fry spoke to Michael's efforts and hard work noting that he had spent over two hours cleaning. Michael stated when he saw all the garbage around the school and he wanted to clean it up. Council presented him with a small token of appreciation for his efforts.

22-10-557 Child Abuse Prevention Month October 2022

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring the month of October, 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention month in the City of Mount Pearl.

22-10-558 Canadian Downs Syndrome Week October 23 – 29, 2022

Mayor Aker signed a proclamation declaring the month of October 23-29, 2022 as Canadian Downs Syndrome Week in the City of Mount Pearl. In attendance for the Canadian Downs Syndrome proclamation were Bethany Torraville and Vanessa Barrett.

Council members recognized the importance of the initiative and thanked the attendees for their advocacy and work to support those with Downs Syndrome to live, work and thrive in our communities.

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

22-10-559 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Locke / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	City of St. John's January - March 2022 Waste Water	\$ 174,978.68
2	City of St. John's October 2022 Regional Fire Services	\$ 451,179.42
3	Commercial Aquatics Supplies Wave 100 Pool Vacuum & Shipping	\$ 5,093.35
4	Insight Barracuda Email Protection Subscription Feb 2023-Feb 2024	\$ 34,224.00
5	Lifeworks Quarterly Fees September - November 2022	\$ 8,116.47
6	McInnes Cooper Professional Fees	\$ 29,551.69
7	McInnes Cooper Professional Fees	\$ 32,610.71
8	Mount Pearl Senior's Independence Group Reimbursement for Summer 2022 Bus Services	\$ 5,612.86
9	Total Quality Improvement Consulting IPW Workflow Analysis	\$ 7,200.00
10	Urban Flooring Supply of Carpet Floor Tile for City Hall Second Floor	\$ 7,912.00
	Total	\$ 756,479.18

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-10-560 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the following payment register for September 28-October 12, 2022, totaled \$2,568,253.36

22-10-561 Request for Tax Consideration

Motion: Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kielely

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to exempt 2022 business taxes, in accordance with the policy for charitable and non-profit organizations, for the following:

Name	Address	Type	Annual Amount
Canadian Hard of Hearing Association	1081 Topsail Road	Business (100%)	\$9,881.76

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-10-562 Change Order – RFP-22-017 Council Chambers A/V Upgrade

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for RFP-22-017 Council Chambers A/V Upgrade. The change order is to change out three of the components with parts from another manufacturer due to date of delivery issues. The change order is at cost of \$5,707.39 plus HST and is within the project budget.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-10-563 Economic Development Strategy RFP-22-030

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to awarding the contract to KPMG at a total cost of \$80,000 (plus HST). Based on the review, proposal, budget, and scoring criteria, the evaluation committee has deemed the vendor to be capable and qualified to complete the deliverables outlined in the project scope.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

The Mayor noted that Council had considered local and regional options for economic development and marketing of the city and had discussed strategies. Council decided to focus locally on the city and its community, rather than on a regional plan.

22-10-564 Traffic Control Services RFP-22-029

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given, pending the bidder's provision of the additional required \$1,812.67 in security, that the contract for Traffic Control Services – TP22-029 be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, Black & McDonald Limited, for the bid amount of \$138,971.87 (HST included) per year, which is within the operating budget for the current year and anticipated operating budgets for future years.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-10-565 Public Works Status Report

Deputy Mayor Kieley reviewed the Public Works Status Report and noted operations were proceeding as normal and the City was preparing for the winter season with the top up of the salt shed, as well as maintenance and inspection of winter equipment.

The Deputy Mayor reported water and sewer repairs were being addressed and provided an update of water levels at Bay Bulls Big Pond (BBBP). Councillor Rice noted that water levels remained high throughout the summer despite the weather pattern and that there

was no ban put in place for conservation. He questioned whether there were additional reservoirs running into BBBP. The PW Director advised that in his opinion the efforts in leak detection by the City and surrounding areas using BBBP played a significant role in the levels. The Mayor stated that another factor was the previous use of BBBP for electricity which has not been necessary in recent years. The Deputy Mayor noted the regional efforts in water conservation was another factor and spoke positively of the leak detection system.

Councillor Fry requested an update on graffiti around the city. The PW Director reported that unfortunately this continues to be an issue throughout the City and appears to happen cycles. The PW Director noted that crews are addressing as quickly as possible once incidents are reported.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

22-10-566 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | October 3 – October 14, 2022

Motion: Councillor Fry/ Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period showing a total construction value of \$1,184,700.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-10-567 Development Permit Listing | October 3 – October 14, 2022

Motion: Councillor Fry/ Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT the presented development permit be approved as presented for the period of October 3 – October 14, 2022

Development Permit #	Date of Issue	Company/Name	Type of Use	Civic Address
DP22-0033	October 6, 2022	Redwood Construction	Building Ext. & Relocation of Ext. Storage Yard	60 Old Placentia Road

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-10-568 Status Report - Capital Projects Update

Councillor Rice provided an update on the status of ongoing Capital projects, such as the Commonwealth Avenue Bridge and thanked the public for their patience during the two day shutdown of the bridge to expedite the repairs. He noted the Old Placentia Road Pedestrian underpass work would start on October 19 and advised residents of traffic disruptions in that area, including periodic lane closures. He noted communication and

updates would be posted on the City's website and social media.

The Mayor noted the four significant areas of construction this year which were done in sequence to minimize the impact on residents. He thanked PED for their work and initiative to minimize traffic throughout the City. Councillor Locke also gave thanks noting that residents had provided positive feedback on how quickly the work was completed.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

22-10-569 Turkey Tea 10k Race | Sunday, October 30, 2022

Councillor Antle noted for the information of the public, the Turkey Tea 10k Road race is scheduled for Sunday, October 30 commencing at 8am in the City of Mount Pearl and estimated to be concluded by 9:30am. Motorists are advised of traffic delays in the Donovan Industrial Park, Old Placentia Road and Smallwood Drive areas.

22-10-570 Annual Safety Skeleton – Monday, October 31, 2022

Councillor Lane advised residents that the annual safety skeleton will take place on Monday, October 31. The City's Municipal Enforcement Officers will patrol the streets within Mount Pearl to ensure safety is being followed, while giving treats to those seen.

22-10-571 Annual Pumpkin Parade | St. David's Park – November 1, 2022

Councillor Antle noted for the information of the public the annual pumpkin parade is planned for Tuesday, November 1 from 6-8pm. Residents are invited to bring their pumpkins to help light up the night at the Park. All pumpkins will be collected and composted after the event compliments of the City.

Councillor Fry asked when the pumpkins would be removed as residents indicated they would like to see them stay for a couple of days. The RCS Director stated that there were concerns with leaving such a large number of pumpkins in an open area with regard to clean up and possibility of vandalism.

NEW BUSINESS

22-10-572 Minor Hockey Drive in Foodbank November 6

Councillor Antle advised that Minor Hockey would have a drive-in foodbank collection drive on November 6 from 9am to 1pm. He noted that the same parking lots would be used this year as in previous years and once Minor Hockey had finalized the details the information would be posted on the City's social media.

22-10-573 Fiona Relief Concert

Councillor Antle noted that Alexander Taylor's Fiona relief concert took place at Mount Pearl Junior High School and raised \$900 for hurricane relief. He wanted send thanks to Alex for all

his fundraising efforts. Councillor Rice also wanted to acknowledge Alex noting he steps in when needed to help.

22-10-574 Christmas at the Glacier

Councillor Antle noted that Christmas at the Glacier would be occurring October 19 -23. He noted that this was the 30th anniversary of the event and this was the biggest and longest standing craft fair in Newfoundland and Labrador.

22-10-575 City Days Events

Council members attended the City Days Events including Oktoberfest , the Mega Birthday Bash and the Pet Parade. They noted the events were well organized and attended. Council wanted to thank all staff for their hard work in organizing the events on short notice and specifically acknowledged the efforts of the City's Events Coordinator.

22-10-576 Small Business Week October 16 - 22

Councillor Rice and Councillor Fry acknowledged Small Business Week and encouraged anyone wanting to start a new business to visit the Soccer Hut for Kwick Start with the City's Economic Development team on Oct 19 from 1 – 4pm.

22-10-577 Tely10

Councillor Rice noted that the Tely10 road race took place on October 8 and acknowledged the attendance of the Council members as volunteers.

22-10-578 Congratulations

Councillor Rice congratulated the Holy Cross Crusaders Women's Soccer Team who won the Jubilee Trophy in the National Women's Amateur Soccer Championship in Ontario on October 9 becoming the first NL team to capture the National Championship. He wanted to acknowledge Mount Pearl players, Mallory Harris, Hannah Noseworthy, Terri Clarke, Keisha Young, Chelsea Tiller and Alexe Morgan. He also acknowledged the Mount Pearl sports grassroot programs that these players came up through.

The Mayor noted that Mallory Harris played in various sports would be inducted into the Mount Pearl Soccer Hall of Fame this year, recognizing her long and successful career.

Councilor Lane offered congratulations to O'Donel Junior High Hockey team who were this year's Oktoberfest champs.

Congratulations were also given to the Mount Pearl Junior Blades for their win at the 2022 President's Cup Championship. Council members attended the home opener at the Glacier for the raising of the championship banner.

The City Clerk joined the meeting at 5:28 pm.

22-10-579 TD Tree Days

Members of Council joined with volunteers and TD staff to plant trees at the Gloria Pearson Community Centre. Council acknowledged the contributions from TD in the amount of trees provided and planted over the last number of years and also noted the positive effects environmentally and in the community in beautifying spaces.

Councillor Locke noted he and Councillor Fry would like to see a future partnering with TD to plant fruit orchards throughout the City.

22-10-580 Park Bench Dedication

Councillor Fry noted that she and other Council members attended the Clarke family bench dedication in memory of Albert and Kate Clarke at the Glacier Arena.

Councillor Locke also attended and acknowledged that he had benefited from Mr. Clarke's generosity and kindness noting that Mr. Clarke was a true volunteer who did not want recognition. Councillor Locke also wanted to acknowledge Paula Foley and Jim Nolan and other staff who participated in the dedication.

22-10-581 Northeast Avalon Regional Joint Council

Councillor Fry attended the Joint Council meeting and noted that Superintendent Keith McKinnon of the RCMP spoke to the council about body cameras, which they are moving forward with and hoping to have them here soon. She also noted that the RCMP are recruiting and reported that new recruits from Newfoundland and Labrador would be guaranteed to be stationed within the province after completion of training if they so desired.

22-10-582 Budget Consultation Booth

Councillor Locke noted the success of the booth, located at St. David's during the Birthday Bash and requested that additional iPads be used for future events as there were a large number of residents looking to complete the survey and give their input. He also noted that residents appreciated the City Days swag available at the booth. He encouraged residents to complete the online survey at www.heyMountPearl.ca noting that Council would take the comments and suggestions into consideration during the budget process.

22-10-583 Pearl Program

Councillor Locke advised he had spoken to some residents in regard to the cost of programs for children and noted the availability of the P.E.A.R.L. Program (Participation for Everyone in Active Recreation and Leisure). He noted that the program was not widely known and explained the application process and provided a contact, smckenna@mountpearl.ca, for residents. The RCS Director advised that no child has ever been turned down for the program.

22-10-584 Thanks to Community Groups

Deputy Mayor Kieley wanted to acknowledge not only staff, but the community groups who were present and fundraising during the City Days events. She acknowledged the Mount Pearl Lions Club who collected donations from residents during Oktoberfest for hurricane relief and also the St. Vincent de Paul Society who collected donations for foodbanks at the Mega Birthday bash.

22-10-585 NL Change Makers

Deputy Mayor Kieley acknowledged the NL Change Makers as well as Grandmother Salmon, Sylvia Murphy, who offered a smudging during the Mega Birthday Bash. She noted she was glad to see the diversity and support during the event.

22-10-586 Death of Iranian Mahsa Amini.

The Deputy Mayor acknowledged the continued violence and oppression against women internationally and acknowledged the work and efforts of individuals bringing awareness and attention to the injustices.

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