



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
 November 15, 2022**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on November 15, 2022, at 4:30 pm.

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

**Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.**

22-11-614 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-11-615 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

22-11-616 Adoption of Minutes

Motion –Councillor Fry/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held November 1, 2022 be adopted

Errors & Omissions:

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING - none

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PRESENTATIONS – None presented

PROCLAMATIONS – None presented

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

22-11-617 Park Avenue, Dunn's Bridge, Commonwealth Avenue Bridge Repairs – Contractor Change Order # 2 Erosion Repairs Commonwealth Avenue Bridge

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, Change Order #2, payable to Modern Paving, for the approximate amount of \$9508.78 (HST Included) to accommodate erosion repairs at Commonwealth Avenue Bridge be approved. Please note that this amount will be deducted from the \$10,000 cash allowance included in the initial project budget

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-11-618 Park Avenue, Dunn's Bridge, Commonwealth Avenue Bridge Repairs – Contractor Change Order # 3 Dunn's Road Bridge Railing – Change in Materials

Motion: Councillor Rice/ Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, Contractor Change Order #3 be approved, at zero cost.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

21-11-619 St. David's Avenue – Smart Accessible Playground – NL Power Modified Easement Agreement

Motion: Councillor Rice/ Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, Newfoundland Power be granted approval to extend their existing easement (originally approved at Public Council on March 21, 2021), located at St. David's Smart Accessible Playground.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-11-620 St. David's Avenue Upgrading (2019) – Change Order # 8 Quantity Adjustment & Liquid Asphalt/Fuel Price Adjustment

Motion: Councillor Fry / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, Change Order #8, unit price quantity readjustment and liquid asphalt and fuel price adjustment, in the approximate amount of \$18,223.65 (HST included) payable to Modern Paving Ltd. be approved to pay out the remaining completed surface course asphalt work.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-11-621 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | October 31 – November 10, 2022

Motion: Councillor Fry/ Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period showing a total construction value of \$979,300.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-11-622 Capital Projects Update

Councillor Fry provided the following update:

- 2022 Capital Project work ongoing:
  - Pedestrian Underpass
  - Commonwealth Avenue Bridge Repairs
- Centennial Street to undergo repairs later this week (Brick to be replaced in front of City Hall)

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

22-11-623 Frosty Festival Additional City Support

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to provide monetary support in the amount of \$30,000 in year 2022 to assist with the planning of the 2023 Frosty Festival. This monetary support is outside of the MOU discussions ongoing; and is considered a one-

time funding.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-11-624 Aquatics Cancellations November 18 -20, 2022 Provincial Invitation Swim Meet

Councillor Lane noted for the information of the public that a provincial swim meet is being held at the Summit Centre, November 18 – 20, 2022. As a result, there will be Aquatics cancellations. Further details will be available on the City website.

22-11-625 Mount Pearl Lions Club Santa Claus Parade

Councillor Antle noted for the information of the public, that the annual Lions Club Santa Claus Parade takes place on Saturday, December 3 commencing at 10:00am. Further details will be available on the City’s website or by contacting the Lions Club at 368-6186. Appreciation is expressed to the Lions Club for their efforts. The event will be held on Sunday in the case of inclement weather.

22-11-626 Lighting of the Park, Saturday December 3, 2022

Councillor Antle noted for the information of the public, that the annual lighting of the park takes place on Saturday, December 3 at 6:00 pm at St. David’s Park, which will include the singing of favorite Christmas carols and performances. Further details will be available on the City’s website. The event will be held on Sunday in the case of inclement weather.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

22-11-627 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	<b>Baker Flooring</b> Flooring Installation	\$ 6,900.00
2	<b>BDO</b> Professional Services	\$ 50,369.31
3	<b>City of St. John's</b> August 2022 Water Consumption	\$ 248,546.42
4	<b>City of St. John's</b> October 2022 Water Consumption	\$ 233,563.73
5	<b>Murray's Landscaping</b> Trees & Shrubs	\$ 5,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 544,379.46</b>

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-11-628 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the following payment register for October 27 – November 8, 2022, totaled \$ 1,689,065.24. The purchase card report for September 26-October 25, 2022 totaled \$ 194,714.25.

Councillor Antle asked for clarification on the multiple payments to the same vendors. The PED Director advised that these charges were related to life safety inspections and fire extinguisher inspections which are completed annually and may also include, as a part of those inspections, replacement equipment.

Councillor Fry asked for clarification on duplicate charges for another vendor. The Manager of Finance advised these were related to gift card purchases for gas for city vehicles during the labour disruption as some employees do not have PCards for gas purchase. The Manager of Finance also noted that the dates listed are invoice dates, not the date on which the charge was incurred.

Councillor Rice also asked for clarification on multiple payments paid to the same vendor. The Manager of Finance advised these were landscaping deposit returns. Councillor Rice also requested clarification on an amount relating to reefer repair services. The PW Director reported that the City was awaiting delivery of two loaders tendered from the previous year and this charge was related to the delivery of same.

22-11-629 Hockey with Heart – Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to donate \$1000 to the Mount Pearl Blades community food bank fundraiser. The money collected will be distributed to the three community food banks in Mount Pearl.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-11-630 Public Works Status Report

Deputy Mayor Kieley provided an update of current public works across the City noting the preparation for the Christmas parade and the placement of Christmas lights at City Hall and St. David's Park.

The Mayor asked if City equipment was winter ready and the PW Director confirmed the PW team was ready. He also confirmed that this equipment was also ready for trail maintenance.

22-11-631 Professional Development Request – AWWC – Aging Well Protecting our Infrastructure November 27-30, 2022

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the request for Councillor Rice and the Director of Planning, Engineering, and Development (PED) to attend the American Water Works Conference, 'Aging Well – Protecting our Infrastructure,' held in Orlando, Florida, from November 27-30, 2022 be approved. The cost is in accordance with the professional development budget.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

22-11-632 Remembrance Day Wreath Laying Ceremony and Parade

Councillor Lane along with other Council members attended the Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony at St. David's on Friday November 11, 2022. She recognized the importance of the event and noted she was glad to see the large number of people who attended this year.

22-11-633 Congratulations

Councillor Lane offered congratulations to the recipients of the upcoming Mount Pearl Soccer Association Hall of Fame Awards. She highlighted the awards for Coach of the Year, the 2022 Dave LeGrow Youth Female Player of the Year and the Neil Bodman Youth Male Player of the Year,

22-11-634 Power's Pond Lighting Update

Councillor Fry asked for an update on the lighting issues in Power's Pond trails. The PW Director noted it was an electrical power supply issue and PW is working the PED electrical contractor to resolve.

22-11-635 Mount Pearl Community Supper

Councillor Fry noted the Community Supper would be resuming on Wednesday, November 23 5 – 6 pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd. She advised that hot meals were available to any who may need them but they would be takeout only.

22-11-636 Food Drive

Councillor Fry acknowledged the efforts of the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association for the fundraising efforts for local food banks. She noted they raised \$13,500.00 and gave special thanks to Tanna Clarke and her team for organizing the drive and for teaching the City's youth the importance of volunteerism.

22-11-637 MNL Conference

Councillor Fry noted that she and other Council members attended the MNL Conference in Gander, NL from November 2-5, 2022. She noted the important discussions on infrastructure, clean drinking water, housing, and climate change. She highlighted the presentation by the Mayors of Port aux Basques and Grand Falls Windsor in relation to recent disasters.

Deputy Mayor Kieley also spoke of the value and importance of the conference. She noted specifically discussions on climate change and gender-based analysis and the City's lead role in the discussions

The Mayor also acknowledged the leadership role taken by the City in a session at the conference.

22-11-638 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa for Seniors

The Deputy Mayor highlighted this event which provides assistance to the many seniors in the city who will be alone during the holidays. She stated that this community endeavor brings care and connection along with gifts and noted that volunteers were collecting and compiling donations at St. Vincent de Paul. She encouraged residents to donate if they are able or to reach out if they know of a senior who would benefit from the initiative and to check on their elderly neighbours over the holidays.

Councillor Rice also acknowledged that seniors may be struggling with the cost of living especially at this time of year. He asked residents to be mindful of those in the community who may need help during the holiday season.

22-11-639 Condolences

Councillor Antle offered condolences to the family of Herb Jenkins on the passing of their loved one. He noted Mr. Jenkins' valuable contributions to Mount Pearl sport associations.

22-11-640 Mount Pearl Soccer Association (MPSA)

Councillor Antle reported that Craig Dyer was elected president of MPSA. He also noted the upcoming Hall of Fame Award ceremony on Saturday, November 19.

22-11-641 Sensory Friendly Swim

Councillor Antle provided information for the public on the sensory friendly swims available at the Summit Centre on Saturday evenings.

22-11-642 Clean Trails

Councillor Antle reminded residents to pick up after pets when walking on the trails. He

noted that clean-up bags are available throughout the trail.

22-11-643 Traffic Control – Santa Claus Parade

Councillor Rice noted that he had been contacted by residents with concerns regarding the traffic on the parade route and wanted to note that the City would take actions around traffic control.

22-11-644 Hockey with Heart

Councillor Rice acknowledged the fundraising efforts by Mount Pearl Minor Hockey and noted that this type of initiative was important role-modeling for youth to show them the importance of giving back to their community.

22-11-645 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Premier's Athletic Awards

Councillor Rice highlighted the awards which took place on November 14 and offered congratulations to the many Mount Pearl athletes who received awards.

22-11-646 Welcome

The Mayor welcomed management staff members, Janice Mullins and Stephanie Hynes, who attended tonight and thanked them for their participation.

22-11-647 Mount Pearl Soccer Association 50<sup>th</sup> year Celebrations.

The Mayor acknowledged the MPSA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. He also spoke of Mr. Jenkins' passing and contributions to sport in the City and offered his condolences to the family.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kieley.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk