



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2022**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on December 13, 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 Isabelle Fry	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works
Councillor Jim Locke	Jason Collins, Director of Recreation & Community Safety
Councillor Bill Antle	Gerry Antle, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development
Councillor Mark Rice	Stacey Pratt, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
Councillor Chelsea Lane	Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting

22-12-679 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted with the requested change by Mayor Aker to move the round table discussion ahead of the budget presentation.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-12-680 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

22-12-681 Adoption of Minutes

Motion –Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held November 29, 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

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SAFETY

22-12-682 Glacier Arena – Final Skate

For the information of the public, the final skating dates have been posted at the Glacier and on the City's website, as follows:

- Sunday, December 18th – Family Skate
- Monday, December 19th – General Evening Skate
- Wednesday, December 21st – Adult / Senior Noon Skate AND Parent / Tot Skate

22-12-683 Christmas Hours – Recreational Facilities

The recreational facilities Christmas hours of operation are as follows:

Summit Centre / Reid Centre	
December 23 rd	6 am – 10 pm
December 24 th	6 am – 1:30 pm
December 25 th -26 th	CLOSED
December 27 th – 30 th	6 am – 10 pm
December 31 st	6 am – 1:30 pm 10:30 am – 12:30 pm FREE Public Swim
January 1 st	CLOSED
January 2 nd	6 am – 10 pm

Gloria Pearson Centre	
December 23 rd – 31 st	CLOSED
January 1 st	CLOSED

Glacier Arena	
December 23 rd	7 am – 12 am
December 24 th – 26 th	CLOSED
December 27 th – 30 th	7 am – 11 pm
December 31 st	7 am – 1:30 pm 3 pm – 5 pm FREE First Night Skate
January 1 st	CLOSED

These hours of operation will be posted at each facility and located on the City's website

22-12-684 Family First Night Celebrations December 31, 2022 | Summit Centre & Glacier Arena

For the information of the public, on December 31st from 10:30am to 12:30pm, the Summit Centre is offering a free public swim, all families are invited. The annual first night skate celebrations will take place at the Glacier Arena from 3:00 pm to 5:00pm, and families are invited, free of charge, to this non-alcohol family event.

22-12-685 Fireworks | New Year's Eve

A reminder to the public that the City's Noise Regulations stipulate that fireworks can only be discharged between dusk on New Year's Eve (Dec 31) to 12:30am on January 1.

22-12-686 Summit Centre Pool – Swimming Registration for January 2023 Lessons

For the information of the public, the registration dates for the winter session January 2023 swimming lessons will take place as follows:

Residents – Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 5:00 pm
Open Registration – Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 5:00 pm

22-12-687 Upcoming Registration – January 2023 Programs – Fitness Programs and Seniors Independence Group Programs

Information on the registration dates (January 4th and January 6th) for the winter programs for Fitness Classes and the Seniors Independence Group programs is posted on the City's website.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

22-12-688 Park Ave, Dunn's Bridge, Commonwealth Avenue - Contractor Change Order #3

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Change Order #3, payable to Modern Paving, for the amount of \$7,866.67 (HST Included) to accommodate items for the Dunn's Bridge and Commonwealth Avenue Bridge portions of the scope. Please note that this amount will be

deducted from the unused cash allowance included in the project budget.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-12-689 Petroleum Produces Adjustments – Revision to Change Order # 1

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, Change Order # 1 be approved for 2021 Asphalt Renewal, Smallwood Drive, in the amount of \$22,002.46 and further that the invoice adjustments be completed.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-12-690 ICIP Funding – Jackman Drive Reapplication

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be giving for the following:

- Cancel ICIP Project funding 17-GI-22-00031 Full Replacement of Water, Sanitary & Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb, and Sidewalk – Jackman Drive area. The total project funding cancelled will be \$4,500,000.00 (HST included)
- ICIP Re-application: Full Replacement of Water, Sanitary & Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb, and Sidewalk – Jackman Drive area. The total project funding being applied for will be \$5,014,254.00 (HST included)
- Ratification of the decision to allow for an email to be sent to Municipal Infrastructure Department with Transportation and Infrastructure to meet the December 9 deadline requirement until a formal Council meeting minute is available.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-12-691 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | November 28 – December 10, 2022

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period showing a total construction value of \$4,403,162.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

21-12-692 Development Permit Listing | November 28 – December 10, 2022

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the following development permits be approved as presented for the period of November 28 – December 10, 2022:

<u>Development Permit #</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Company/Name</u>	<u>Type of Use</u>	<u>Civic Address</u>
DP22-0504	November 24, 2022	Ellsworth Upholstery	Home Office	26 Westminster Drive
DP22-0556	November 24, 2022	TOK Transit Newfoundland Ltd.	Change of Use	56 Clyde Avenue
DP22-0589	November 24, 2022	84392 Newfoundland and Labrador Inc.	Subdivision of Land	110 and 112 Ashford Drive
DP22-0539	November 24, 2022	Coastal Wave Elite	Change of Use	10 Panther Place (Unit B)

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-12-693 Facilities Maintenance & Capital Projects Update

Councillor Fry provided the following update on facilities maintenance:

- Installation of new perimeter-based parking lot lighting is ongoing at the Summit Centre, Reid Centre, Library & Glacier – to be completed next week.

Councillor Fry also provided an update on the following capital project:

- 2022 Capital Works projects are now complete, except for the Pedestrian Underpass.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

22-12-694 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Conception Bay Auto 6 Roadmaster Tires	\$ 5,089.59
2	Everbridge 3 Years Public Communication Standard - International	\$ 8,239.68
3	Ignite 1 Year Care Analytics & Security Renewal	\$ 31,682.78
	Total	\$ 45,012.05

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-12-695 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for November 24 – December 7, 2022, totaled \$ 1,284,236.20.

22-12-696 Request for Tax Exemption

Motion – Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

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

Name	Address	Type	Annual Amount
NL Safety Council	3 Moffatt Road	Business (100%)	\$8,805.18

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-12-697 Council Remuneration and Reimbursement Regulations

Motion: Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the proposed amendments to the Council Remuneration and Reimbursement Regulations (as presented) be approved and adopted with staff to take appropriate actions for implementation. The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the City of Mount Pearl supports accessibility, diversity, and the inclusion and dignity of all people. The amendment will also remove the need to obtain the discretionary approval of council prior to taking maternity or parental leave which approval would present a gap to full inclusivity, diversity and inclusion.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-12-698 2023 Public Council Meeting Calendar

For the information of the public, the previously approved 2023 Public Council Meeting Calendar incorrectly noted the observance days for St. Patrick's Day and Remembrance Day. These holidays will be observed on Monday March 20 and Monday November 13, respectively. The 2023 Public Council Meeting Calendar will be updated accordingly prior to being placed on the city website. The dates for council meetings are not affected by these corrections.

22-12-699 Public Works Status Report

Deputy Mayor Kieley provided the following update:

- All three outdoor ice rinks at Team Gushue, Murley Drive Tennis Court, and Montclair Avenue, are prepared and ready for use, awaiting weather conditions.
- Winter equipment maintenance and preparation work is ongoing.
- Winter seasonal staff started on December 5, 2022.
- Leak detection is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS

22-12-700 Congratulations

Council members offered congratulations and well wishes to Councillor Lane and her family on the birth of her son, Max.

22-12-701 Canada World Junior Hockey

Councillor Locke acknowledged Zach Dean, a Mount Pearl hockey player who was added to the Canada World Junior Hockey roster for the 2023 World Junior Championship. He noted Zach was the only Newfoundlander on the roster.

22-12-702 Santa Claus Parade

Councillor Locked commended the success of the Lion's Club Santa Claus parade which was held on December 3, noting the great weather and turnout. He gave kudos to staff for the construction of the City's float

22-12-703 All is Bright

Council attended the lighting of St. David's Park on December 3 and noted the overwhelmingly positive feedback they received on the event and the light display. They thanked staff for organizing the event and placing the lights.

22-12-704 Holiday Greetings

Council thanked staff for their hard work during 2022 and wished staff, residents and their fellow Councillors a Merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year.

22-12-705 Thank You to Community Organizations

Deputy Mayor Kieley wanted to acknowledge the volunteers, and community organizations and initiatives such as the Mount Pearl Lion's Club, and the Salvation Army kettles for their community fundraising efforts at this time of year.

Councillor Fry also acknowledged the City's community groups and noted the strong community spirit in the City of Mount Pearl.

22-12-706 Caroling – St. David's Park

Councillor Antle noted that Alex Taylor would be hosting a caroling event at St. David's Park on December 18. Councillor Antle advised that the event is free to attend, and residents are encouraged to bring a nonperishable donation to support local foodbanks.

22-12-707 Seniors Independence Group

Councillor Rice noted that he and other Council members attended the Christmas dinner and dance for the Seniors Independence Group. He noted that the event was well-attended and enjoyed by all. Councillor Rice also acknowledged the organizers and their efforts to bring seniors out into the community.

22-12-708 Staff Christmas party.

Councillor Rice noted that he and other Council members attended the staff Christmas party. Councillor Rice acknowledged and thanked staff for a well-organized and well-attended event.

22-12-709 Men's Recreational Hockey

Councillor Rice acknowledged the Mount Pearl Men's Recreational Hockey League and congratulated them on their upcoming milestone 50th anniversary. He noted that the League has been fundraising for more than 30 years with the 'Toonies for Turkeys' event and wanted to thank the League members for their efforts and community involvement.

22-12-710 Salvation Army Kettle Drive

Councillor Rice acknowledged the kettle drive and noted that council members were happy to have volunteered for the drive. Councillor Rice thanked the Salvation Army for their outstanding work in many relief efforts, such as Hurricane Fiona, and community foodbank fundraisers.

22-12-711 Art Fusion Show

Councillor Lane attended the Art Fusion Show hosted by the Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl on December 4 and acknowledged the many talented artists and performers in the City.

22-12-712 Breakfast with Santa

Councillor Lane reminded residents of the Breakfast with Santa which would be held at the Reid Centre on December 18 at 9 a.m.

22-12-713 Kinette’s Turkey Drive

Councillor Fry noted that the Kinette’s held their annual turkey drive at Sobey’s on December 10 collecting turkeys and monetary donations. She noted that 34 turkeys were donated and \$1300 was raised which allowed for a total donation of 91 turkeys to local foodbanks.

22-12-714 Heavenly Creatures Pet Food Drive

Councillor Fry advised that Heavenly Creatures is having a pet food drive and encouraged resident to donate .

22-12-715 JAC Mount Pearl.

Councillor Fry noted that she and other Council members were recently given a tour of JAC, a new business in Mount Pearl and welcomed the owners and employees to the City.

22-12-716 2023 Budget Presentation

Deputy Mayor Kieley provided an overview of the budget process and plans for 2023.

22-12-717 2023 Tax Rates

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with The City of Mount Pearl Act, establish the following tax rates for the 2023 taxation year

Property Tax - Residential (minimum \$ 200 per year) 7.7 mils
 Property Tax - Commercial (minimum \$ 400 per year) 12.4 mils

Automated Waste Collection Fee	\$20 per annum per bin (maximum 2 bins per house)
WATER AND WASTEWATER FEES	
Water/Wastewater Fee - Residential	\$600 per unit
Water/Wastewater Fee - Commercial base (minimum \$600)	2.3 mils
Commercial Water Meter(per property):	
0 - 100,000 gallons	No additional charge
100,000 - 20 million gallons	\$6.00 per 1000 gallons
Over 20 million gallons	\$5.50 per 1000 gallons
School Boards - Water/Wastewater Fee	\$11.00 per student

Provincial Government Buildings - Water/Wastewater Fee	6.00 mils
BUSINESS TAX RATES	
General Commercial	18.1 mils
Banks and Financial Institutions	80.2 mils
Bulk Storage and Oil Companies	40.8 mils
Agricultural Operations	3.1 mils
Hotels and Motels	16.6 mils
Large Department Stores	21.6 mils
Oil and Gas Service Industry	21.6 mils
Private Schools	16.6 mils
Professional Operations	24.8 mils
Recreational and Non-Profit Facilities	12.1 mils
Self-storage	64.9 mils
Billboards	\$100 per side per year
Personal Care Homes	Exempt
Daycares	Exempt
All businesses subject to taxation under the Taxation of Utilities and Cable Television Companies Act and commercial establishments without a fixed place of business within the City	2.5 % of annual gross revenue

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

22-12-718 2023 Rates & Fees

Motion –Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with The City of Mount Pearl Act, approve the presented Schedule of Rates & Fees, to take effect January 1, 2023.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-12-719 Interest Rate

Motion –Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with The City of Mount Pearl Act, approve an annual rate of interest of 10% to be levied on all past due taxes and accounts receivable.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-12-720 Revenue and Expenditures

Motion –Deputy Mayor Kieley/ Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with The City of Mount Pearl Act, approve the 2023 Budget with operating Revenues and Expenditures totaling \$56,122,056.00

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

22-12-721 Budget 2023

Council acknowledged the challenge of the 2023 budget but expressed their support of the budget, noting the focus on community safety, investment in the City’s future growth and maintenance of the City’s infrastructure. They agreed the budget was a balanced one for the current economic climate and would move the City forward in 2023.

Council extended appreciation and thanks to everyone involved in the 2023 budget deliberations and preparation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm on a motion by Councillor Rice and seconded by Councillor Antle.

Chairperson

City Clerk