



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 10, 2023**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held virtually on January 10, 2023, 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**

23-01-001 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-01-002 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-01-003 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley / Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held December 13, 2022 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: none

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 & DEVELOPMENT

23-01-004 New Pedestrian Underpass Remediation Project Recommendation to Transfer in MYCW Request for Approval to Proceed – Contractor Change Order #3

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Change Order #3 to be issued, payable to contractor Eric Taylor Ltd. to adjust the Quantities for a total change order of \$51,000.00 (HST included), and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT approval be given to transfer \$50,000 from the St. David's Avenue MYCW funding 17- MYCW-20-00140 to the Pedestrian Underpass Project 17-MYCW-20-00137 project funding to cover the projected deficit.

Question called – Motions carried unanimously

Councillor Locke inquired whether work was complete on the underpass. The PED Director stated the structural work has been completed noting that asphalt and landscape work would continue in the spring.

23-01-005 Water, Sanitary/Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb, and Sidewalk Replacement - Spruce, Birch & Roosevelt Avenues; Carroll Drive; and Watermain Lining, Billard Avenue (17-GI-23-00084) - Project Funding Acceptance

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

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 20th day of December, 2022, Project number 17-GI-23-00084 Project name Water, Sanitary/Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb and Sidewalk Replacement – Spruce, Birch, Roosevelt Avenues; and Carroll Drive; and Watermain Lining Billard Avenue with a total project value of \$6,700,307.00. This council agrees to provide the Ultimate Recipient share

value of \$1,822,821.00 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

- 23-01-006 Water, Sanitary/Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb, and Sidewalk Replacement – Farrell Drive Upgrading between Holden Street and Evans Place (17-GI-23-00083) - Project Funding Acceptance

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

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 20th day of December, 2022, Project number 17-GI-23-00083 Project name Water, Sanitary/Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb and Sidewalk Replacement – Farrell Drive (from Holden Street to Evans Place) with a total project value of \$6,935,441.00. This council agrees to provide the Ultimate Recipient share value of \$1,886,790.00 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

- 23-01-007 Water, Sanitary/Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb, and Sidewalk Replacement - Spruce, Birch & Roosevelt Avenues; Carroll Drive; and Watermain Lining, Billard Avenue (17-GI-23-00084) - Contract Recommendation

Motion: Councillor Rice /Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the contract for Water, Sanitary/Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb, and Sidewalk Replacement - Spruce, Birch & Roosevelt Avenues; Carroll Drive; and Watermain Lining, Billard Avenue (Project Number 17-GI-23-00084) be awarded to Dexter Construction Company Limited for the bid amount of \$6,382,500.00 (HST included).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

- 23-01-008 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | December 12 – December 30, 2022

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period showing a total construction value of \$952,000.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-01-009 Development Permit Listing | December 12 – December 30, 2022

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the following development permits be approved as presented for the period of December 12 – December 30, 2022

<u>Development Permit #</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Company/Name</u>	<u>Type of Use</u>	<u>Civic Address</u>
DP22-0730	Dec 16, 2022	Chatter Box Daycare	Site Work	1010 Topsail Road
DP22-0387	Dec 16, 2022	Bright Minds Leaning Centre Inc.	Home Office	5 Parsons Avenue
DP22-0528	Dec 21, 2022	Pinehill Construction Ltd.	Interior Renovations to Existing Building	222 Park Avenue

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

23-01-010 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

<b>1</b>	<b>Afonso</b> <i>Liner Installation</i>	<b>\$ 5,686.75</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Avalon Coal Salt &amp; Oil</b> <i>September &amp; October 2022 Road Salt</i>	<b>\$ 230,250.39</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Black &amp; McDonald</b> <i>Holdback Payment - Pole Base Replacement</i>	<b>\$ 8,070.31</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>City of St. John's</b> <i>November 2022 Water Consumption</i>	<b>\$ 217,606.50</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>City of St. John's</b> <i>October 2022 Tipping Fees</i>	<b>\$ 51,935.88</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Control Pro</b> <i>Summit Humidifier Parts &amp; Service</i>	<b>\$ 6,282.45</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Cox &amp; Palmer</b> <i>Professional Fees</i>	<b>\$ 6,161.12</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Insight</b> <i>3 Year License Renewal &amp; IT Equipment</i>	<b>\$ 5,786.29</b>

<b>9</b>	<b>LifeWorks</b> December 2022, January & February 2023 Fees	\$ 8,116.47
<b>10</b>	<b>McInnes Cooper</b> Professional Fees	\$ 8,075.88
<b>11</b>	<b>McInnes Cooper</b> Professional Fees	\$ 8,859.60
<b>12</b>	<b>Municipalities NL</b> 2023 MNL & PMA Membership Fee	\$ 17,659.88
<b>13</b>	<b>MVT Canadian Bus</b> November 2022 Transit Cost	\$ 48,231.69
<b>14</b>	<b>Polar Imaging</b> Document Scanning Service	\$ 46,000.00
<b>15</b>	<b>Questica</b> 2023 Annual Maintenance Fee	\$ 6,905.76
<b>16</b>	<b>Saunders Equipment</b> Vehicle Parts	\$ 8,523.50
<b>17</b>	<b>Spartan Fitness</b> Gym Equipment	\$ 9,178.25
<b>18</b>	<b>St. John's Transportation Commission</b> November 2022 Metrobus Fee	\$ 100,454.54
<b>19</b>	<b>Universal Power Solutions</b> Glacier Gamatronic UPS Contract 2023	\$ 6,762.00
	<b>Total</b>	\$ 800,547.26

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-01-011 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for December 8, 2022 – January 4, 2023, totaled \$ 2,530,087.80.

23-01-012 Management and Council Remuneration

Motion – Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieleley

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted for a 2% remuneration increase for management (non-bargaining unit) employees and Council effective December 22, 2022 and retroactive to July 1, 2022. 4.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-01-013 23<sup>rd</sup> Veterans Service Recognition Book – The Royal Canadian Legion Newfoundland and Labrador

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieleley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, a ¼ page black and white advertisement in the 23rd Veterans Service Book: The Canadian Legion Newfoundland & Labrador Command at a cost of \$350.00 (HST included)

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-01-014 Public Works Status Report

Deputy Mayor Kieley provided the following update:

- 2 new Vohl blowers , 2 new trackless sidewalk machines, and an MEO vehicle have arrived and are being prepared for service.
- Individual pre-paid bulk garbage collections are ongoing for 2023.
- Winter equipment maintenance and preparation work is ongoing.
- All three outdoor ice rinks at Team Gushue, Murley Drive Tennis Court, and Montclair Avenue, are prepared and ready for use, dependent on weather conditions.
- Water Consumption:
- Water consumption for December 2022 was the second lowest December month usage on record from recorded years 1997 to 2022.
- Total water consumption for 2022 decreased compared to 2021.
- Water consumption decreased in 7 of the last 8 years – with only increase being in 2021.
- Annual Water Billing decreased from 2021.
- Annual water meter readings are underway.

Councillor Antle asked that an update be added to the City's Facebook page to let residents know that bulk garbage collection is still available. Council referred the matter to CS to update the City's social media with the information.

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-01-015 Mount Pearl Frosty Festival | City of Mount Pearl Memorandum of Understanding – January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to execute a MOU between the City and Mount Pearl Frosty Festival for the period of one year, January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, which includes the provision of an annual operating subsidy in the amount of \$45,000.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

23-01-016 Winter Weather

Deputy Mayor Kieley spoke on the mental and physical impact that winter weather can have

and encouraged residents to check on their neighbours and offered thanks for those helping to clear snow for other residents and seniors who would otherwise find it difficult do so. She also encouraged residents to be careful and safe driving during weather events.

23-01-017 Summit Hours

Councillor Antle noted for the information of the public that the Summit hours have changed to open at 8:00a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. He noted that additional information can be found on the City's website.

23-01-018 2023 Garbage and Recycling Guide

For the information of residents, Councillor Antle reported that the 2023 brochure for garbage and recycling had been mailed out and the information could also be found on the City's website.

23-01-019 Christmas Lights – St David's Park

Councillor Antle inquired about when the lights at St. David's Park were scheduled to be turned off. He requested that residents be advised of the date. The PW Director advised that he would confirm the schedule and update Council.

Councillor Rice requested consideration be given to having the lights, or a portion of the lights, lit during the Frosty Festival.

23-01-020 Breakfast with Santa

Members of Council attended the City's Breakfast with Santa and noted the success of the event. Council extended thanks to the organizers noting both parents and kids enjoyed the event.

23-01-021 First Night Events

Councillor Rice attended the family skate on December 31 and noted that the event was well attended and received a lot of positive comments from those who attended. He thanked the event organizers and Glacier staff.

Councillor Fry also spoke of the First Night events noting that they were well attended and successful.

23-01-022 Frosty Festival February 8 -14, 2023 - Volunteers

Councillor Rice noted that the Frosty Festival was looking for 500 volunteers and encouraged residents to fill out the application and view the list of events on the website, <https://frostyfestival.ca/>.

Councillor Fry noted how fortunate the City was to have the community involvement in the

Festival. She also noted that tickets would be going on sale online on January 14.

23-01-023 Men's Recreational Hockey League

Councillor Rice acknowledged the Men's Recreational Hockey League who raised \$1550 to sponsor 7 families over the holiday season.

23-01-024 Congratulations – Zach Dean

Council members extended congratulations to Zach Dean on Team Canada's gold medal win at the International Ice Hockey Federation's World Junior Championship on January 5, 2023. Councillor Rice asked Council to consider how the City could recognize his achievements.

23-01-025 Outdoor Rinks

Councillor Lane noted for the information of the public that the outdoor rinks were now open for use at the Team Gushue Sports Complex, Murley Drive and Montclair Street. She noted there were set times for hockey, 9-10a.m. 12-1p.m. and 3-4p.m. and asked that residents abide by the designated times to share the ice for everyone's enjoyment.

Councillor Fry requested that a social media post of the hockey times be made so residents are aware.

Councillor Locke noted he had the opportunity to visit the rinks over the holiday and thanked staff for their efforts. He asked if there were signs in place to noting the times for use of the rinks. The PW Director noted that signage was in place for use of helmets but would follow up on other signage for use of the ice.

23-01-026 Congratulations – Mount Pearl Paradise Open Starlight Synchronized Skating Team

Councillor Lane congratulated the skating team on becoming the 2023 Atlantic Canadian Champions.

23-01-027 Masonic Breakfast Club

For the information of the public, Councillor Fry noted the breakfast would take place on January 17 at 9a.m. at the Masonic Hall and the cost will be \$8 per person.

23-01-028 Fireworks Regulations

Councillor Locke referred to media coverage around fireworks in the City on New Year's Eve and concerns that fireworks were fired unsafely. He noted the City did investigate under its Regulations but acknowledged the difficulty in enforcing the Regulations. He stressed the need for Provincial Regulations.



23-01-029 Winter Storm Events- Facility Parking Lots

The Mayor acknowledged that during a storm the focus for snow clearing would center on city streets. He asked the PW Director to speak to the snow clearing schedule for facility parking lots. The PW Director advised that facility parking lots would be treated as part of a clearing route when the facilities are open; however, when closed, facility lots would be cleared and ready for use in advance of the facility opening the following day.

23-01-030 Mount Pearl Sports Alliance

The Mayor spoke to the recent budget and the decision to decrease the funding for the Mount Pearl Sport Alliance (MPSA). The Mayor assured residents that Council would continue to be supportive of the MPSA and the decision would in no way impact the grants paid to any of the sports in the City. The Mayor acknowledged the good work the MPSA does on behalf of the sporting groups.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm on a motion by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Antle.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk