



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on February 7, 2023, at 4:45 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
	Guest – Wanda Tiller, Frosty Festival Chair
	Guest – Renee Christopher-Pendergast, Frosty Festival Immediate Past Chairperson
	Guest – Paul Thomey; Executive Director Eating Disorder Foundation

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting

23-02-055 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-02-056 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-02-057 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Fry / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held January 24, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: none

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING - none

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS

23-02-058 Eating Disorder Awareness Week February 1 – 7, 2023

Mayor Aker proclaimed February 1 – 7, 2023 as Eating Disorders Awareness week in the City of Mount Pearl. He welcomed Mr. Paul Thomey, Executive Director of the Eating Disorders Foundation and invited him to speak.

Council members spoke of the importance of the initiative and thanked Mr. Thomey for the foundations efforts and education around eating disorders.

23-02-059 211 Day February 11, 2023 – Lighting Announcement

For the information of the public, the Mayor provided information on this initiative and noted that City Hall would be lit in red on February 11, 2023 for 211 Day.

PRESENTATIONS

23-02-060 Frosty Festival February 8-14, 2023

The Mayor acknowledged the commencement of the Frosty Festival on February 8, 2023 and welcomed the festival chairperson, Wanda Tiller as well as immediate past chairperson, Renee Pendergast. They provided information on the history on the Frosty Festival and noted some of the upcoming events, as well as acknowledging the work of the Festival volunteers.

Council members thanked the board members for all their work in making the Festival a success.

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

23-02-061 16 Harvard Drive -Maranatha Therapeutics (Discretionary Use Permit)

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, a discretionary use application be approved be approved for Maranatha Therapeutics to operate a Home Occupation (registered massage therapy) at 16 Harvard Drive, and FURTHER THAT a Development Permit be issued subject to Section 7.18 of the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010, subject to the conditions as set out by the Department of Community Development, specifically conditions as outlined by the following:

1. St. John's Regional Fire Department
2. City of Mount Pearl – Inspection Services, Municipal Enforcement Division
3. City of Mount Pearl – Finance Division
4. City of Mount Pearl – Planning Division, and
5. City of Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 and related requirements.

Question called – Motions carried unanimously.

23-02-062 5A Sunrise Avenue – Sunrise Massage Therapy (Discretionary Use Permit)

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, , a discretionary use application be approved for Sunrise Massage Therapy to operate a Home Occupation (registered massage therapy) at 5A Sunrise Avenue and FURTHER THAT a Development Permit be issued subject to Section 7.18 of the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010, subject to the conditions as set out by the Department of Community Development, specifically conditions as outlined by the following:

1. St. John's Regional Fire Department
2. City of Mount Pearl – Inspection Services, Municipal Enforcement Division
3. City of Mount Pearl – Finance Division
4. City of Mount Pearl – Planning Division, and
5. City of Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 and related requirements.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-02-063 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | January 16 – January 27, 2023

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period showing a total construction value of \$59,900.00 be approved, and FURTHER THAT the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-02-064 World Wetlands Day

For the information of the public, it is recognized that World Wetlands Day was February 2, 2023, a day that celebrated our wetlands and raised global awareness about the important role of wetlands for people and our planet. The City of Mount Pearl continues its commitment

to preserving and protecting our wetlands.

23-02-065 Capital & Maintenance Projects Update

Councillor Rice provided an update on the following:

- 2023 maintenance tenders,
- Capital Projects to be completed in 2023 such as the pedestrian underpass and the Smart accessible playground.
- Capital Projects.
- Civic Centre Project
- Climate Change Funding (limited call for tender)
- Multiyear Capital Works projects

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-02-066 Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to execute a MOU between the City and the Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025, which includes the provision of an annual operating subsidy in the amount of \$50,000.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-02-067 Mount Pearl Lions Club – City Support with Christmas Parade Insurance Cost 2022

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to support the Mount Pearl Lions Club by paying the Christmas Parade insurance invoice in the amount of \$1,764.10.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

22-02-068 Milestone Funding – Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to release the Milestone Event Funding to the Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group in installments, \$5,000 once approved by Council and the remaining \$5,000 to be released once all receipts have been received. A total of \$10,000 in year 2023 for their Milestone Event, celebrating 25 years.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

23-02-069 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Locke /Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	City of St. John's <i>October 2022 Waste Water Flow</i>	\$ 209,755.42
2	Islandwide Promotions <i>500 Summit Centre Branded Bookbags</i>	\$ 5,175.00
3	McInnes Cooper <i>Professional Legal Services</i>	\$ 9,907.99
4	Municipal Assessment Agency <i>First Quarter Assessment Fees</i>	\$ 67,470.00
5	Park Place Community Centre <i>Utility Invoice Assistance November 2022 - January 2023</i>	\$ 5,609.00
6	Questica <i>2023 Annual System Maintenance</i>	\$ 6,905.76
7	Saunders <i>864 Garbage Cart Wheels & Freight</i>	\$ 16,428.90
8	St. John's Transportation Commission <i>October & December 2022 Admin Fees</i>	\$ 18,020.50
9	St. John's Transportation Commission <i>December 2022 Transit Cost</i>	\$ 99,740.52
Total		\$ 439,013.09

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Antle asked whether the property assessments currently done by the Municipal Assessment Agency could be done by the City to save costs. Council directed the inquiry to the CAO and the Director of Corporate Service for review.

23-02-070 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the following payment register for January 17th to January 31st, 2023, totaled \$97,435.04.

23-02-071 Commemorative Bench and Tree Program – 2023 Pricing

Motion: Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to increase prices for commemorative items associated with the City's Commemorative Tree and Bench Program in order to reflect the increased

price of plaques for 2023 with the new prices, as follows, to take effect February 8, 2023:

Item	New Price
Wooden Bench and Plaque	\$2,090.00
Metal Bench and Plaque	\$3,052.00
Plaque Only (to be affixed to existing city infrastructure)	\$435.00
Maple Tree and Plaque	\$930.00
Austrian Pine Tree and Plaque	\$985.00

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-02-072 Textile Diversion Report

Deputy Mayor Kieley provided an overview of the Report noting the impact that the disposal of these items have on the environment. She acknowledged the increase in the amounts diverted from our landfills since the start of the initiative and commended City staff and the public for their efforts.

23-02-073 Public Works Status Report

The Deputy Mayor provided the following update:

- Individual pre-paid bulk garbage collections are ongoing for 2023.
- Winter equipment maintenance and new equipment preparation work is ongoing.
- Phase #2 of the Urban Forestry Plan tender closing on February 6, 2023.
- Tender for Park Playground Equipment being prepared for release.
- Working on outdoor rinks to attempt to make usable again after recent snow events.
- Trail maintenance ongoing (removal of deadfall trees, grooming, snow events).
- Work being planned/carried out to prepare for Frosty Festival events.
- Road maintenance ongoing (manhole repairs, asphalt and potholes).
- Reviewing equipment for summer season maintenance (tractors, mowers).
- Water levels at BBBP as of January 30, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

23-02-074 Snowshoe and Ski Program

Councillor Rice noted for the information of the public, the City's free snowshoe and cross country ski program would open for the season on February 8th at the Power's Pond boat house.

23-02-075 Frosty Festival

Council members noted their excitement for the upcoming Festival and encouraged residents to participate and enjoy the events.

23-02-076 Fundraiser

Councillor Rice thanked the organizers and supporters of the fundraising event in support of resident, Scott Hillyer, and sent his thoughts and positive wishes to Mr. Hillyer.

23-02-077 Mount Pearl Public Library

Councillor Lane acknowledged the many weekly activities and events hosted by the library for both children and adults. She noted an upcoming, free, watercolor painting event for adults on February 9, 2023 6-7:30p.m. She encouraged the public to visit library's Facebook page to see the details of upcoming events.

23-02-078 Congratulations.

Councillor Fry offered congratulations to Juno nominees Becca Simms (Classical Composition of the Year), Susan Evoy (Music Counts Teacher of the Year) and Andrew James O'Brien of the group The Fortunate Ones (Contemporary Roots Album of the Year, You and Me).

Councillor Locke offered congratulations to the City's Economic Development team on winning the Economic Developers Association of Newfoundland and Labrador award for Community Projects over 3000 people. He noted Council members attended the Economic Development Awards of Excellence where the City was recognized for its Find Your Centre Renewal Plan.

23-02-079 First Voice Urban Indigenous Coalition

Deputy Mayor Kieley wanted to bring attention to the First Voice Community Action Plan which would be released on February 9, 2023 at 10a.m. at the First Light Centre for Performance and Creativity located at 42 Bannerman Street in St. John's. She noted the action plan identified 42 specific calls for change in collaboration with community and government partners to advance truth and reconciliation.

23-02-080 City Trails

Councillor Antle reminded residents to please pick up after their animals when using the City's trails. He noted that the City provides the bags for pick-up which are readily available along the trails.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm on a motion by Councillor Locke and seconded by Councillor Antle.