



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 24, 2023**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on January 24, 2023, at 4:30 pm.

| MEMBERS PRESENT            | STAFF PRESENT  |
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| 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**

23-01-031 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-01-032 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-01-033 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held January 10, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: none

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

23-01-034 St. David's Park Christmas Lights – Frosty Festival

Deputy Mayor Kieley asked for an update on item 019 from the January 10, 2023 minutes regarding the lights in St. David's Park and whether some lights would be left on during the Frosty Festival.

The RSC Director reported that the lights would remain until after the Frosty Festival noting that the Christmas decorations had been removed.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PRESENTATIONS – None presented.

PROCLAMATIONS – None presented.

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-01-035 Association for the Arts – City of Mount Pearl Memorandum of Understanding January 1, 2023 to December 31 2025

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to execute an MOU between the City and the Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025, which includes the provision of an annual operating subsidy in the amount of \$10,000.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-01-036 Admiralty House Communications Museum - 1<sup>st</sup> Installment Operating Subsidy 2023

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to release the first installment of the Admiralty House Communication Museum's operating subsidy in the amount of \$57,500; as per the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Museum.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-01-037 Frosty Festival – 1<sup>st</sup> Installment Operating Subsidy 2023

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to release the first installment of the Frosty Festival's operating subsidy in the amount of \$35,000; as per the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Frosty Festival Inc.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-01-038 Swim for Hope 2023 – Summit Centre, February 3, 2023

For the information of the public, the Swim for Hope Relay is scheduled for Friday, February 3. There will be no cancellations to aquatic programming or swimming lessons.

23-01-039 Artistic Swimming Winterfest | Summit Centre Pool Cancellations

The Mount Pearl Artistic Swimming (Synchro) will be hosting Winterfest on February 11 & 12 at the Summit Pool with expected 100-120 competitors. The schedule on both days of this Winterfest (Sat, Feb 11 – 1 to 6pm and Sun, Feb 12 – 8am to 1:30pm) will involve cancellations of City programming, swim lessons and recreation swims. There will be no swimming lessons, with the exception of the National Lifeguard course. These cancellations will be posted on the City's website and at the facility, as well as shared on social media.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

23-01-040 10 Avery Place – Briefing Session – Planned Unit Development

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to proceed with a Development Permit, subject to meeting all conditions of Section 4.21.3 Planned Unit Development of the City's Development Regulations, as well as all conditions and regulatory requirements as outlined in the referral process and planning review.

Question called – Motions carried unanimously.

23-01-041 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | January 3 – January 13, 2023

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period showing a total construction value of \$546,000.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-01-042 Development Permit Listing | January 3- January 13, 2023

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the following development permits be approved as presented for the period of January 3 – 13, 2023

| <u>Development Permit #</u> | <u>Date of Issue</u> | <u>Company/Name</u> | <u>Type of Use</u>    | <u>Civic Address</u>       |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| DP22-0641                   | Jan 3, 2023          | River Rascals       | Open Air Assembly Use | Power's Pond & City Trails |

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-01-043 Capital Projects Update

It was noted that tender documents are currently being prepared for upcoming 2023 construction season.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

23-01-044 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

| Detail for Invoices for Council Approval at Meeting of January 24, 2023 |   |                      |
|---|---|----------------------|
| 1   | Afonso<br><i>Liner Installation</i>   | \$ 5,922.50          |
| 2   | Audio Systems Limited<br><i>Modifications to Audio System at Summit Centre</i>    | \$ 6,782.70          |
| 3   | Avalon Coal Salt & Oil<br><i>Road Salt - 511.43 Metric Tonnes (December 2022)</i> | \$ 71,688.93         |
| 4   | Biomaxx Environmental<br><i>Wireless Flow Meter Bundle with Camera</i>            | \$ 8,620.40          |
| 5   | City of St. John's<br><i>November 2022 Tipping Fees</i>                           | \$ 51,354.40         |
| 6   | City of St. John's<br><i>December 2022 Water Consumption</i>                      | \$ 222,473.13        |
| 7   | City Tire<br><i>Tire Repairs</i>  | \$ 5,749.36          |
| 8   | McInnes Cooper<br><i>Professional Fees</i>  | \$ 6,236.80          |
| 9   | McInnes Cooper<br><i>Professional Fees</i>  | \$ 21,759.73         |
| 10  | McInnes Cooper<br><i>Professional Fees</i>  | \$ 31,631.23         |
| 11  | McInnes Cooper<br><i>Professional Fees</i>  | \$ 35,661.00         |
| 12  | MVT Canadian Bus<br><i>December 2022 Transit Fees</i>                             | \$ 46,480.52         |
| 13  | Saunders Equipment<br><i>Unit 727 Packer Parts</i>                                | \$ 6,845.41          |
|   | <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$ 521,206.11</b> |

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-01-045 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the following payment register for January 5-16, 2023, totaled \$737,340.54, and Purchase Card Report for November 26 – December 25, 2022, totaled \$589,927.05.

It was noted that the entry on the Payment Register relating to Cabot Ford Sales limited was in respect of the new MEO vehicle which should be placed in service in the next two weeks following the installation of enforcement accessories and parts.

23-01-046 Façade Improvement Grant Program Recommendation

Motion: Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for a grant in the amount of \$8,200.00 to be given to the property owners of 974 Topsail Road with regard to their project application under the Façade Improvement Grant Program.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-01-047 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Locke provided the following update:

- Individual pre-paid bulk garbage collections are ongoing for 2023.
- Winter equipment maintenance and new equipment preparation work is ongoing.
- Repair/preventative maintenance work underway on a bridge on the T-Railway to improve culvert and water flow, as well as the bridge railing to improve safety and appearance.
- Phase # 2 of the Urban Forestry Plan going to tender soon.
- Draft tenders for new equipment being reviewed/finalized in preparation to release soon. (1 loader, 2 lawn mowers, 1 farm tractor, and 8 pickups)
- Outdoor Christmas lights/decorations removed from City Hall and St. David's Park.
- Road maintenance ongoing (manhole repairs, asphalt, and potholes)
- Water levels at BBBP as of January 16th, 2023.

Councillor Locke also provided an update on the ongoing snow clearing efforts throughout the City.

NEW BUSINESS

23-01-048 Snow Clearing

Councillor Antle reported that he had received concerns from residents regarding pickup trucks with plow blades plowing snow on adjacent properties or into the road. He noted that the City's regulations prohibit these activities and MEOs would be actively monitoring the City and operators will be ticketed.

The Mayor questioned whether the City should ban plow blades on private vehicles or increase fines for violations. The matter was referred back to the RCS Committee to review and confer with other municipalities practices.

23-01-049 Assistance with Snow Clearing

Councillor Rice asked residents to be mindful of neighbours, seniors and those living basement apartments who may need help to clear the snow.

23-01-050 Frosty Festival - Volunteers

Council members acknowledged the upcoming festival noting that help was still needed and encouraged residents to volunteer.

23-01-051 Congratulations

Councillor Lane congratulated Jenny Mallard of Mount Pearl on being chosen for the Music NL Audio Production Mentorship Program where she will be mentored by Juno Award winning producer and songwriter, Denise De'ion.

23-01-052 Acknowledgement & Appreciation

Council members thanked the Public Works team for their hard work during the recent snowstorm. It was note that resident concerns were addressed immediately by PW.

23-01-053 Sparks Visit

Councillor Fry acknowledged the Sparks group that recently visited and toured City Hall. She thanked their leaders for raising civic awareness and noted the enthusiasm and curiosity of the group.

23-01-054 Tax Bills

Deputy Mayor Kieley noted for the information of the public that Tax Notices are being sent out this week and provided information on the different methods of payment available. The Deputy Mayor also provided information on the available supports and programming for low-income earners and seniors. It was noted that the City endeavors to work with residents through payment plans and other options for the tax bill payment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm on a motion by Councillor Locke and seconded by Councillor Antle.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk