



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on February 21, 2023, at 4:30 pm.

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

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting

23-02-081 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-02-082 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-02-083 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Rice / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held February 7, 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

23-02-084 Municipal Heritage Proclamation 2023

Mayor Aker proclaimed February 20, 2023 as Heritage Day and February 20 -26, 2023 as Heritage week in the City of Mount Pearl.

Council members spoke of the of the rich history of the City of Mount Pearl and acknowledged businesses such as O'Neil Motors for the preservation of the history of the McGrath Summer House by incorporating the home's front door into their location. Also acknowledged was the Admiralty House Museum and Archives for their efforts in preserving Mount Pearl's history.

23-02-085 World Lymphedema Day, March 6, 2023

Mayor Aker proclaimed March 6, 2023 as World Lymphedema day in the City of Mount Pearl and noted City Hall would be lit in teal on that day.

PRESENTATIONS – None presented

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

23-02-086 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Afonso Group Limited <i>Pike Place - Installation of 4" Liner</i>	\$ 5,922.50
2	Audio Systems Limited <i>Repairs, modifications & upgrades to audio system at Summit Centre</i>	\$ 6,782.70
3	City Tire & Auto Centre <i>Retread & casing repairs</i>	\$ 5,749.36

4	Lisa M. Gallivan Professional Services	\$.....87,946.00
4	James J. Piccott Equipment Rentals <i>Rental of equipment for water line repair at 8 Oxford Place</i>	\$ 7,440.50
5	Scott's Maintenance Limited <i>Utility Invoice Assistance November 2022 - January 2023</i>	\$ 7,503.75
6	Kings Plumbing <i>Replacement of valves and faucets at boat house</i>	\$ 9,775.00
7	Reefer Repair <i>Service, Repair and Inspection of 2014 Freightliner</i>	\$ 14,402.62
	Total	\$ 145,522.43

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-02-087 Investigation Update – Former CAO Steve Kent

Deputy Mayor Kieley delivered an update that the workplace investigation into allegations of misconduct by the former Chief Administrative Officer Kent had concluded. The Deputy Mayor advised that the investigator reviewed several allegations and determined that a violation of the City’s Respectful Workplace Policy and Procedure occurred. To maintain full transparency, the City has publicly documented the cost of the investigation. As of February 16, 2023 the City of Mount Pearl has spent over \$325,000 on professional fees related to the investigation.

23-02-088 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the following payment register for February 1-16, 2023, totaled \$2,113,876.53.

23-02-089 Travel Requests – Deputy Mayor Kieley, Councillors Fry, Antle, Locke and Rice – 2023 MNL Symposium May 4-6, 2023, Gander

Motion: Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley and Councillors Isabelle Fry, Bill Antle, Jim Locke and Mark Rice to attend the 2023 Municipal Symposium that will take place in Gander from May 4-6, 2023.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-02-090 Travel Requests – Mayor Dave Aker and Councillor Isabelle Fry – Federation of Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference and Trade Show May 25-28, 2023 in Toronto, ON.

Motion: Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Mayor Dave Aker and Councillor Isabelle Fry to attend the 2023 FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show, which will take place in Toronto, from May 26-28, 2023.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-02-091 Contract Recommendation – Urban Forestry Plan – Phase 2 – TP23-002

Motion: Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, that, pending the bidder's minor correction of \$0.33 to the total bid, the contract for the Urban Forestry Plan – TP23-002 be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, O'Neill's Gardenland Ltd., for the bid amount of \$103,420.31 (HST included), which is within budget.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-02-092 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Locke provided the following update:

- Public Works crews working 24/7 to clean up from the latest weather event.
- Individual pre-paid bulk collections ongoing for 2023.
- Winter equipment maintenance and preparation work is ongoing.
- Working on outdoor rinks to attempt to make usable again after recent snow events.
- Trail grooming ongoing.
- Road maintenance ongoing (manhole repairs, asphalt and potholes).
- Reviewing equipment for summer season maintenance (tractors, mowers).
- Water levels at BBBP as of February 13, 2023.

Council acknowledged the efforts of Public Works crews in clearing the snow and thanked them for their hard work.

Councillor Lane reminded residents not to shovel or move snow into roads and sidewalks when clearing snow from their driveways.

Councillor Antle asked for an update on snow clearing at Canada Post Community mailboxes noting that, in instances, snow is being plowed into the road or is not being sufficiently cleared. The PW Director noted Canada Post has indicated it is working on preventing these situations from happening in the future. The PW Director requested that any concerns be brought to him to be brought to his contact within Canada Post.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

23-02-093 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | January 30 – February 10, 2023

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period showing a total construction value of \$212,000.00 be approved, and FURTHER THAT the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-02-094 Capital & Maintenance Projects Update

Councillor Fry provided an update on the following:

- 2023 Crack Sealing tender – Tender to be issued week of February 2023
- 2023 to 2026 Line Painting Tender (3 year) – Tender to be issued week of February 2023
- 2023 Asphalt and Concrete Tender – Tender to be issued March 2023
- Parks Shed Fuel Switching Tender – To be issued February 2023
- Pedestrian Underpass Project – Scheduled to be complete June 2023
- St. David's Avenue Smart Accessible Playground Project – Scheduled to be complete July 2023

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-02-095 Frosty Festival – 2nd Installment Operating Subsidy 2023

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to release the second (final) installment of the Frosty Festival' s operating subsidy in the amount of \$10,000; as per the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Frosty Festival Inc.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Antle offered thanks and congratulations to everyone involved in making the Frosty Festival a huge success; special thanks to the Frosty Festival Board, volunteers and City staff. The events were well received and attended by both the City's residents and residents of neighboring communities.

NEW BUSINESS

23-02-096 Pink Shirt Day February 22, 2023

Councillor Lane spoke of the importance of the anti-bullying campaign and noted that it began in Nova Scotia with students supporting a fellow student who was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. She noted that this one act of kindness and support has led to February 22 being acknowledged nationwide as a day to stand up against bullying.

23-02-097 Frosty Festival

Council members acknowledged the success of the Frosty Festival and thanked staff, volunteers and the Frosty Board for their work in putting all the events together, specifically Wanda Tiller, Chairperson.

23-02-098 Mount Pearl Senior High Speak Out

Councillor Fry offered thanks to the Mount Pearl Lions Club for the organization of the Mount Pearl Senior High Speak Out on February 20. She congratulated the winner, Anna Patterson, the runner-up, Ella Morecombe, and all participants for a job well done.

23-02-099 Black History Month February 2023

Deputy Mayor Kieley acknowledged February as Black History Month. She noted the importance of diversity and inclusion in our community and the efforts of MNL to recognize and celebrate Black community builders in the province.

23-02-100 Easter Explorers Camp

Councillor Antle noted for the information of the public that the City of Mount Pearl's Easter Explorers Day Camp will run from April 10 – 14, 2023. The camp runs daily from 8:30am to 4:30pm at the Reid Community Centre, 126 Smallwood Drive, Mount Pearl. Children must be in grades K-6 to participate. Registration will open for Mount Pearl residents on Tuesday, March 7 at 5pm, and non-residents on Thursday, March 9 at 5pm. For information on fees and early/late drop off, please visit the City's website.

The RCS Director noted that the capacity was approximately 75 children and encouraged early registration to secure a space.

23-02-101 Pedestrian and Driver Safety

Councillor Rice offered a reminder to pedestrians to wear bright colors and/or reflective strips to ensure they are visible when walking, to always walk facing traffic and to ensure that pets also have a bright light on their collar. He noted that drivers should share the road with all users, including pedestrians and cyclists and be courteous and slow down when visibility is low, especially at night or during inclement weather. All road users should be aware of their surroundings and be mindful of other users. He noted that safety is a shared responsibility.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm on a motion by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Antle.

Chairperson

City Clerk