



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on April 18, 2023, at 4:30pm.

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	Gerry Antle, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development
Councillor Jim Locke	Blair Tilley, Superintendent of Municipal Enforcement
Councillor Bill Antle	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works
Councillor Mark Rice	Stacey Pratt, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
Councillor Chelsea Lane	Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant
	Absent - Jason Collins, Director of Recreation & Community Safety

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting

23-04-192 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-04-193 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-04-194 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Rice/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held April 4, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: none

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

23-04-195 Tender TP23-011 – Mowing Equipment Update

Deputy Mayor Kieley asked for an update on Item 179 from the April 4 minutes, specifically whether the City could expect this equipment for this summer. The PW Director reported he expected delivery in late summer or early fall.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS

23-04-196 Volunteer Week April 16 – 22, 2023

Mayor Aker proclaimed April 16-22, 2023 as Volunteer Week in the City of Mount Pearl. The Mayor welcomed Colin Corcoran, CEO of the Community Sector Council (CSC) and Lloydetta Quaiocoe, CSC Board Member, who both spoke on importance of volunteers in the community.

Council members also spoke of their experiences through volunteerism and acknowledged volunteers within the City, such the Seniors Independence Group, and their contribution to the community. Also noted were the volunteer options for students as part of their graduation requirements, which was an important way to introduce volunteerism to young people.

PRESENTATIONS

23-04-197 Seniors Independence Group – 25th Anniversary.

The Mayor acknowledged the Seniors Independence Group and noted their long history working with and supporting seniors in the community. The Mayor congratulated the group on their anniversary and presented them with a Certificate of Recognition.

CORRESPONDENCE - none presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-04-198 Winter Parking Ban

For the information of residents, the winter parking ban will be lifted effective midnight, tonight; however, in the event of a storm, the ban will come back in effect for the duration to the storm and for 12 hours after.

23-04-199 Mount Pearl Sport Alliance – Community Grant Program

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to release the 2023 Community Grant Program allocation, in the amount of \$80,000, which will be distributed to each of the 13 City Sport Organizations as in previous years.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-04-200 9th Annual Downhome Expo – Mount Pearl April 21 – 23, 2023

The City is pleased to host the 9th annual Downhome Expo at the Glacier Arena from April 21 to April 23. This Expo is the largest consumer trade show in Newfoundland and Labrador, filling both arenas with games, giveaways, a children's play area and more than 100 exhibitors selling a wide variety of items. Check out their website for more information, downhomeexpo.com.

23-04-201 Youth Week | May 1 – 7, 2023

Youth Week is May 1 to May 7. Celebrate Youth Week 2023 with FREE activities and events, taking place at the Youth/Reid Centre, Summit Centre and Glacier Arena. Please visit the City's website and Facebook page for further information.

23-04-202 Notice: Motorists, Cyclists and Pedestrians - City Streets, Crosswalks, and Intersections

A reminder to motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians, be alert! Remember you share the road with other people who are driving, riding bikes, and walking. Be cautious of crosswalks and intersections as it is springtime, and more people are on the move.

23-04-203 Summer Day Camp Registration | July 3 – August 25, 2023

For the information of the public, registration will commence on Tuesday, May 30 for Mount Pearl residents and Thursday, June 1 for non- residents. Note that registration is online only, and space is limited.

Camps will begin on July 3 and will run for 8 weeks, until August 25. Camp runs daily, Monday to Friday, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Early drop off (7:45am – 8:30am) and late pick- up (4:30pm – 5:30pm) is available with an additional fee for each.

All information is noted on the City's website.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

23-04-204 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Avalon Coal Salt & Oil <i>Road Salt Inv Dated 12/20/2022</i>	\$ 58,635.97
2	Avalon Coal Salt & Oil <i>Road Salt Inv Dated 01/31/2023</i>	\$ 278,279.45
3	Brandt <i>Vehicle Repairs</i>	\$ 6,661.10
4	Brandt <i>Vehicle Repairs</i>	\$ 6,812.07
5	City of St John's <i>Tipping Fees Jan 2023</i>	\$ 44,880.54
6	Dehumidified Air Solutions <i>Sersco Unit Maintenance</i>	\$ 7,566.83
7	Fort Property Construction & Renovation <i>Roof Repairs Soccer Hut</i>	\$ 26,209.65
8	Paul Davis <i>Water Damage Repairs Tennis Club</i>	\$ 11,108.51
9	Paul Davis <i>Water Damage Mitigation Tennis Club</i>	\$ 5,715.90
10	Saunders Equipment <i>Vehicle Parts</i>	\$ 5,508.34
	Total	\$ 451,378.36

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-04-205 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the following payment register for March 30 – April 13, 2023, totaled \$1,057,709.08; and the Purchase Card Report for January 26 – February 27, 2023, totaled \$667,485.39.

23-04-206 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Locke provided an update on the following:

- Individual pre-paid bulk collections are ongoing for 2023.
- Free annual bulk collection begins on May 1, 2023; advance social media messaging prepared.

- Outdoor rinks are now closed for the season.
- Road maintenance is ongoing (manhole repairs, asphalt, and potholes).
- Building of kiosk continues.
- A new MEO police interceptor is on patrol.
- Water levels at BBBP as of April 10, 2023.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

23-04-207 2023 Asphalt Crack Sealing – Contract Recommendation

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the contract for 2023 Asphalt Crack Sealing be awarded to Crown Contracting Inc., for the bid amount of \$66,700.00 (HST included).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-04-208 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | March 27-April 7, 2023

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$91,500.00 be approved and FURTHER THAT the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-04-209 Development Permit Listing – March 27, 2023 – April 7, 2023

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the following permit listing be approved as presented for the period of March 27, 2023 – April 7, 2023

Development Permit #	Date of Issue	Company/Name	Type of Use	Civic Address
DP23-0077	March 31/23	River Rascals Denise Hennebury	Open Air Assembly Use	Sunrise and neighbouring trails

Question called - Motion carried unanimously

23-04-210 Capital Projects Update

Councillor Rice provided an update on the following:

- Parks Shed Fuel Switching project – contract awarded
- Pedestrian Underpass Remediation – work to be completed includes landscaping, asphalt and other repairs around the actual underpass.

- ICIP Multi-streets
 - Spruce Avenue (Croucher Crescent to Commander Place) – Work to commence in April 2023
 - Birch Avenue – Work to commence August 2023
 - Roosevelt Avenue (Ruth Avenue – Donovan Street) - Work to commence June 2023
 - Billard Avenue (Watermain Structural Lining) – Work to commence June 2023
- ICIP Farrell Drive (Holden to Evans Place section) – Work anticipated to include both 2023 & 2024 construction seasons.

NEW BUSINESS

23-04-211 Easter Egg Hunt

Councillor Antle commented on the Easter Egg Hunt held in Power's Pond during the Easter break and thanked the organizing team for the success of the event. He noted there were 325 submissions, 30 correct entries and three prize winners.

23-04-212 Construction Updates

Councillor Rice reminded residents of upcoming construction in the area of Spruce Avenue and noted that communications had been sent to the residents in the area. Councillor Rice advised that updates would be posted on the website and acknowledged there would be some disruptions to in the areas affected but noted that work would be completed as quickly as possible.

23-04-213 Mother Day's Brunch

Councillor Lane advised that the Mount Pearl Kinsmen and the Mount Pearl Lions Club would be co-hosting a Mother's Day brunch at the Reid Centre on May 14. She noted that there would be two sittings: 10:00am and 11:00am and all proceeds would be donated to the Air Cadets and Sea Cadets.

23-04-214 Congratulations

Councillor Lane offered congratulations to Mount Pearl Soccer Association President, Craig Dyer, on being named Volunteer of the Year at the NLSA 2022 Annual Awards.

23-04-215 Bulk Garbage

Councillor Fry noted that as the City starts its free annual bulk garbage collection residents are encouraged to donate gently used furniture or items. She noted that doing so would keep these items out of the landfills and give them a second life with someone who needs them. Councillor Fry also reminded residents of the guidelines for bulk pickups.

23-04-216 Upcycling Program for Bulk Garbage

Councillor Locke inquired about the upcycling program that the City had in place pre-COVID

where residents could place bulk items to the curb on the Sunday evening prior to the day of pick up and the items were free to take. The Director noted that the practice was stopped due to COVID but was being considered for the future.

23-04-217 Mount Pearl Senior High Fine Arts Program “Into the Woods” April 20 and 21

Councillor Locke encouraged the public to attend the production of “Into the Woods” at the Holy Heart Theatre presented by the Mount Pearl Senior High Fine Arts Program.

23-04-218 Downhome Expo

Councillor Locke acknowledged the 9th Annual Downhome Expo, noting the City will have a booth at the expo and encouraged the public to attend.

23-04-219 Mount Pearl Old Friends Dance – June 10

Deputy Mayor Kieley notified the public of the upcoming dance at the Reid Centre noting that proceeds would be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Foodbank in memory of Paul Kieley, a long time volunteer with the City’s foodbanks. She encouraged those interested to visit the “If You Grew Up in Mount Pearl” Facebook page for more information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:34pm on a motion by Deputy Mayor Kieley and seconded by Councillor Locke.

Chairperson

City Clerk