



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on May 2, 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 Jim Locke	Gerry Antle, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development
Councillor Bill Antle	Sean McKenna, Manager of Community Services & Programs
Councillor Mark Rice	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works
Councillor Chelsea Lane	Stacey Pratt, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
	Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant
Absent	Absent
Councillor Isabelle Fry	Jason Collins, Director of Recreation & Community Safety

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting and noted an amendment for the Invoices for Approval

23-05-220 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Locke/ Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-05-221 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-05-222 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Lane/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held April 18, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: none

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

23-05-223 In relation to Item 199 from the April 18, 2023 minutes, Deputy Mayor Kieley asked whether the Mount Pearl Sport Alliance Community Grants had, in fact, been distributed as the action report noted they were in process. The CS Director reported that the groups were being transitioned to an electronic funds transfer option for ease of distribution of funds noting this was near completion.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS

23-05-224 Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month May 2023

Mayor Aker proclaimed the month of May as Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Week in the City of Mount Pearl. The Mayor welcomed Zita Kavanagh, Margie Stead and Nancy Constantine of The S'Myelin Warriors Newfoundland and Labrador.

Council members spoke of the importance of community support through groups like the S'Myelin Warriors. Council also acknowledged the annual Paws for MS Dog Walk on May 7 in support of MS.

23-05-225 Municipal Awareness Week May 8 – 12, 2023

Mayor Aker proclaimed the week of May 8 – 12, 2023 as Municipal Awareness Week in the City of Mount Pearl.

Councillor Locke spoke to the some of the activities planned such as the launch of the City's Strategic Plan, the 'Show us your Mount Pearl' photo contest which asks residents submit a photo of their favourite places in the City, and free public swims on May 12.

Councillor Rice highlighted items in the Strategic Plan for the Planning, Engineering and Development Committee such as the development of an achievable 10-year Municipal Plan, improvement of the existing transportation network and trails, as well as development, growth and improvement through an environmental lens.

PRESENTATIONS – None

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

23-05-226 Commercial Street Excavation Permit – Preset Security Deposits

For the information of the public, in order to ensure a consistent, clearer, and simpler application process, the City's Commercial Street Excavation Permit has been updated to include a set cost for security deposits rather than the previous estimation of costs. The values assigned for classifications of streets are based upon average assessment and are considered reasonable for possible restoration costs.

The purpose of the security deposit continues to be to enable the City to complete repair and restore the driving surface at no extra cost. The set costs for Commercial Street Excavation Permit security deposits can be found on the City's website and are as follows:

\$10,000 (refundable)	Old Placentia Road, Commonwealth Avenue, Topsail Road and other Arterial Roads
\$7,500 (refundable)	Richard Nolan Drive, Smallwood Drive, Ruth Avenue, Sagona Avenue
\$5,000 (refundable)	Residential streets and collector streets
\$550 (non-refundable) (unchanged)	Assessment fee for new waterline, sanitary or storm connection or upgrade

23-05-227 20 Whelan Avenue (DA22-0577) – Proposed Family Childcare (Discretionary Use)

Motion: Councillor Rice/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for a Development Permit to be issued subject to Section 7.18 of the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010, and subject to the conditions as set out by Planning, Engineering and 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

and FURTHER THAT drop off and pick up of children relating to the family child care use be located at 20 Whelan Avenue only, and there be no parking or stopping of vehicles on Jeffers Drive associated with this development use.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-05-228 59 Clyde Avenue Park Shed Fuel Switching Project – Required Changes to Easement

Motion: Councillor Rice/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the proposed easement, the zero-cost change order to Newfoundland Power, and to authorize this via a Contribution in Aid of Construction agreement.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-05-229 Multi-street Upgrading and Farrell Drive Upgrading – Owner’s Project Management Services Contract Recommendation

Motion: Councillor Rice/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to award the contract for Owner’s Project Management Services – Farrell Drive Upgrading and Multiple Street Upgrading to WSP E&I Canada Limited for the sum of \$233,169.40 (HST included).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

The Deputy Mayor asked for an update on resident communication regarding this project and potential disruptions. The PED Director noted that communications have been delivered via the City’s social media and website, as well as direct delivery of handouts to residents living on the impacted streets.

23-05-230 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | April 10 – April 21, 2023

Motion: Councillor Rice/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$620,330.00 be approved and FURTHER THAT the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-05-231 Development Permit Listing – April 10 – April 21, 2023

Motion: Councillor Rice/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the following permit listing be approved as presented for the period of April 10 – April 21, 2023

Development Permit #	Date of Issue	Company/Name	Type of Use	Civic Address
DP20-0875	April 10/23	R.J.C Services	Three building Planned Unit Development	10 Avery Place

DP22-0629	April 10/23	Canada Fire Storm Property Restoration	Office Fit Up and Generator Installation	1045 (1045-1047) Topsail Road
DP23-0042	April 13/23	East Rock Autoplex	Automotive Sales (Change of Use)	871-873 Topsail Road (Unit B)
DP23-0055	April 17/23	Fluid Home Services Inc.	Home Office	29 Dalhousie Crescent
DP23-0074	April 19/23	Walmart Canada Corp.	Outdoor Garden Market	60 Merchant Drive
DP22-0240	April 21/23	New Lab Engineering	Building Extension	16 Thomas Byrne Drive

Question called - Motion carried unanimously

23-05-232 Capital Projects Update

Councillor Rice provided an update on scheduled construction dates for ICIP Multi Streets and Farrell Drive Upgrading, noting that these days are subject to change, barring construction unknowns :

Location	Scheduled Start Date	Scheduled Completion Date
Spruce Avenue	April 16, 2023	August 30, 2023
Birch Avenue	August 16, 2023	October 06, 2023
Roosevelt Avenue (Ruth Avenue-Donovan Street)	June 15, 2023	August 22, 2023
Billard Avenue	May 24, 2023	June 28, 2023
Carroll Drive	April 15, 2024	July 10, 2024
Farrell Drive (Holden to Evans Place) *Please note that landscaping and final layer of asphalt planned to be completed in 2024	May 11, 2023	October 31, 2023

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Aker noted the City’s Strategic Plan would be tabled as part of the CS Committee Report.

23-05-233 Strategic Plan- Building Tomorrow

Deputy Mayor Kieley tabled the City’s Strategic Plan, Building Tomorrow. She noted the plan would guide the City toward transformational change for the future.

Councillor Locke presented highlights of the plan and goals including:

- A Development and investment attraction plan for City-owned property and land.
- Continuing implementation of the Find Your Centre Renewal Plan
- A 5-year Economic Development Strategy
- Focus on the workplace to continue to make the City an employer of choice.

Councillor Lane acknowledged that resident attraction and immigration were priorities for the province which would help promote the City to new-comers and immigrants. She noted part of the Strategic Plan would be to attract new residents and highlighted the following:

- Continuing to foster equity and diversity
- The opening of a new Community Centre
- Continuing to implement the City’s Urban Forestry Plan

Councillor Antle noted safety as a priority in the City and highlighted relevant key items in the Strategic Plan such as:

- Developing and adopting a Traffic Calming Policy
- Continuing to implement the Trail Master Plan with a focus on connections, lighting and upgrade to City trails.
- Building an Integrated Active Transportation Plan.

The Mayor advised the Strategic Plan would be available on the City’s website, www.mountpearl.ca/buildingtomorrow and encouraged residents to complete the form and provide their feedback

The CAO noted that the Strategic Plan provides focus that allows delivery of the City’s priorities.

23-05-234 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kielely/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Armour Lock and Safe Summit Door System	\$ 5,721.25
2	City of St John's Tipping Fees	\$ 35,008.84
3	City of St John's Water Consumption March	\$ 228,867.30
4	Electro Mechanical Zamboni Maintenance	\$ 18,183.02
5	Ignite Technology Security Subscription	\$ 6,550.17
6	Mclnnes Cooper Professional Fees	\$ 13,113.66
7	Mclnnes Cooper Professional Fees	\$ 5,434.37
8	Municipal Assessment Agency 1st Quarter Assessment Fees	\$ 67,470.00
9	Saunders Equipment Trackless Ice Breaker	\$ 34,730.00

10	St John's Transportation Commission Metrobus Svc March	\$ 113,657.86
	Total	\$ 528,736.47

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

The Deputy Mayor noted that Item #5 in the Invoices for Approval table as contained in the agenda package was a duplicate entry and the amount of \$26,209.65 for Fort Property Construction and Renovation, Roof Mount Pearl Soccer Hut was approved during the April 18 public council meeting and as such it did not form part of the recommendation and motion.

23-05-235 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the following payment register for April 14-26, 2023, totaled \$241,524.92.

23-05-236 Tax Consideration

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to exempt 2023 business taxes, in accordance with the policy for charitable and non-profit organizations, for the following:

Name	Address	Type	Annual Amount
Lifewise NL Mental Health Peer Services (was CHANNAL name change)	878 Topsail Road	Business (100%)	\$5,106.59
Masonic Park – Freemason Hall	115 Mount Carson Ave	Business (100%)	\$24,107.74
NL Safety Council	3 Moffatt Road	Business (100%)	\$9,486.54
CAMPIA Gymnastics	21 Old Placentia Road	Business (100%)	\$29,446.89

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-05-237 Professional Development - Mayor Dave Aker Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) Urban Municipalities Committee (UMC) – May 3, 2023 – Gander

Motion: Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Mayor Dave Aker to attend the meeting of the MNL's Urban Municipalities Committee (UMC) on May 3, 2023

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-05-238 Professional Development – Deputy Mayor Kieley Atlantic Mayors’ Congress – June 8-10, 2023 – Amherst, NS

Motion: Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Deputy Mayor Kieley to attend the Atlantic Mayors’ Congress in Amherst, NS, from June 8-10, 2023.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-05-239 Landline Phone System Changes – Additional Expenditure

Motion: Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the contract for the land line phone system services be awarded to Ignite Technology, in the amount of \$21,746.45 (including HST) annually, for a total of \$116,765.02 (including HST) for monthly fees and one-time fees over the five-year period 2023-2027, which is within operating budget for 2023 and would be incorporated within future operating budgets of 2024-2027

Question called- Motion carried unanimously

23-05-240 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Locke provided a Public Works update, highlighting items such as the free annual bulk garbage collection, summer season preparation with sports field maintenance, trail repairs and litter clean-up. Councillor Locke also acknowledged NAOSH week from May 1 – 5, 2023 noting some of the training sessions that will take place for City employees.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-05-241 Upcoming Swim Meets (May 19-21, May 26-28) – Swimming Schedule Changes

For the information of the public, there will be swimming schedule changes from May 19 to May 21 due to the ARC 2023 Competition (Artistic Swimming) as well as May 26 to May 28 due to the Mount Pearl Marlins Swim Meet.

All schedule changes will be posted throughout the facility as well as on the City’s website.

NEW BUSINESS

23-05-242 20-Minute Make Over

Councillor Antle advised that the City’s Annual 20-Minute Makeover would be occurring during May and June and encouraged residents to clean up their gardens, neighborhoods, and community playgrounds. He noted that free bags and gloves would be provided to residents

or sports groups who wanted to participate and these items can be picked up at City Hall, the Summit Centre, Reid Centre or Gloria Pearson Centre.

23-05-243 City Activities and Events

Councillor Rice reminded the public that information regarding City events, activities or any other relevant City information and announcements is be posted on the City's website.

23-05-244 Recreational Pickleball.

Councillor Rice advised that courts are now available on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 am and 11 am, at the Reid Centre. Councillor Rice encouraged the public to check the City's website as available timeslots were quickly filling.

23-05-245 Youth Week May 1 – 7

Councillor Lane advised that Youth Week would take place from May 1 to May 7 with free activities and events scheduled. She noted further information was available on the City's website. Councillor Lane acknowledged the amazing youth in the City such as Alex Taylor who had been present in Chambers during the Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month proclamation noting his past fundraising initiatives.

23-05-246 Congratulations

Councillor Locke congratulated the Seniors Independence Group's newly elected Board of Directors and noted that members of Council has recently joined the group for the 25th Anniversary Dinner.

23-05-247 Into the Woods

Councillor Locke acknowledged Mount Pearl Senior High's production of 'Into the Woods' at the Holy Heart Theatre and congratulated them on a wonderful performance

23-05-248 Highway Infrastructure Announcement

Councillor Locke acknowledged the May 1, 2023 funding announcement that would see the completion of Team Gushue Highway. He thanked Minister O'Regan and MHA Lucy Stoyles for advocating for the completion of the highway.

23-05-249 National Day of Mourning.

Deputy Mayor Kieley noted that she had attended the National Day of Mourning ceremony at Confederation Building on April 28, 2023. She thanked the organizers of the event and acknowledged the impact that a workplace accident can have on all affected and stressed the importance of safety in the workplace. She noted the City puts safety first and foremost and takes pride in promoting a culture of safety.

The Mayor noted that a wreath was laid at the ceremony on behalf of the City and that CUPE2099 and the City have attended each year.

23-05-250 North American Occupational Health and Safety Week (NAOSH) May 1 – 7, 2023

The Mayor acknowledged this week as NAOSH week and noted the importance of reviewing standards and procedures and reinforcing the message of safety as the number one priority whether physical or in regard to mental health.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm on a motion by Councillor Rice and seconded by Councillor Antle.

Chairperson

City Clerk