



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on July 11, 2023, at 4:30pm.

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

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting noting two orders outside the agenda that would be included and presented by the Planning, Engineering and Development Committee.

23-07-354 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Locke/ Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-07-355 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-07-356 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held July 4, 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.

PRESENTATIONS – None

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

23-07-357 City Centre Gateway Signage – Design Build RFP-23-016

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the contract for City Centre Gateway Signage – Design Build, RFP#23-016, be awarded to Mills & Wright Landscape Architecture, the bidder with the highest evaluation score, for the bid amount of \$140,505.85 (HST Included), which is within the budget allocated for this project.

Councillor Fry wanted the record to show that she does not support the use of the funds for the signage when they could be spent in other areas.

Question called – Motion carried 4 approved and 1 opposed.

23-07-358 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | June 19 – June 30, 2023

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$156,600.00 be approved and FURTHER THAT the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-07-359 Development Permit Listing | June 19 – June 30, 2023

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the following Development Permits be approved as presented for the period of June 19 – June 30, 2023.

Planning, Engineering & Development				
Permit List				
June 19 – 30, 2023				
Date of Issue	DP#	Name of Applicant/Business	Type of Use	Civic Address
June 20, 2023	DP23-0270	Sea Force Diving	Subdivision of land	62-64 Glencoe Drive
June 27, 2023	DP23-0867	Dexter Construction Limited	Temporary Storage Area	153 Commonwealth Ave

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-07-360 Capital Projects Update

Location	Scheduled Completion Date
Billard Avenue Infrastructure Upgrades	July 14, 2023
Spruce Avenue Infrastructure Upgrades	August 30, 2023
Old Placentia Road – Pedestrian Underpass Remediation	July 17, 2023
Farrell Drive Infrastructure Upgrades	June 24, 2023*
Smart Accessible Playground	July 19, 2023
*Note: 2023 work on Farrell Drive Infrastructure Upgrades is currently scheduled to conclude October 31, 2023, weather pending.	

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

23-07-361 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Advocate Strategic Plan Direct Mailer	\$ 7,598.05
2	City of St John's Annual Regional Fire Costs for 1st Half	\$ 2,761,699.98
3	Ignite Security Cameras, accessories & licensing/support	\$ 10,194.29
4	Lifeworks EFAP Quarterly fees	\$ 8,116.47
5	MclInnes Cooper Professional fees	\$ 5,833.05
6	Narrative Research Resident Attraction & Retention - Focus Groups and Interviews	\$ 16,025.25

7	Narrative Research Resident Attraction & Retention - Online	\$ 7,043.75
8	St. John's Transportation Commission Para Transit, Taxis and No Shows for February 2023	\$ 40,719.92
9	St. John's Transportation Commission Para Transit, Taxis and No Shows for January 2023	\$ 44,841.06
10	TOK Transit Para Taxi Trips for April 2023	\$ 12,293.86
11	TOK Transit Para Taxi Trips for March 2023	\$ 16,406.19
12	TOK Transit Para Transit - April 2023	\$ 22,876.04
13	TOK Transit Para Transit - May 2023	\$ 25,634.88
	Total	\$ 2,979,282.79

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-07-362 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for June 28 – July 5 2023, totaled \$173,994.64.

23-07-363 Remuneration – Management Staff and Council

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for an increase in remuneration by 2% to the Management Staff and Council effective July 1st, 2023.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-07-364 Professional Development – Director Gerry Antle ASCE CECON Engineering Conference - September 20-22, 2023 – San Marcos, Texas

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the request for professional development by Director of Planning, Engineering, and Development, to attend the ASCE CECON Engineering Conference, September 20-22, 2023, in San Marcos, Texas.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-07-365 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Locke provided an update Public Works, highlighting road work, parks maintenance, fleet service, winter preparation, vehicle replacement and utility maintenance.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-07-367 Youth Leadership Program

A reminder for the public that the City of Mount Pearl is offering a four-week Youth Leadership Program in August. This program will provide the opportunity for participants to develop their leadership and community engagement skills.

The second leadership program will run from July 31st to August 25th, 2023. The cost of the leadership program is \$200 per participant. It is open to ages 12 to 15.

23-07-368 Summer Canoe Kayak Program

The City's free canoe/kayak program is now open for the season. The 2023 program takes place daily, as follows:

- Monday, Tuesday, Saturday, and Sunday: 12:30pm to 8:00pm
- Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 3:30pm to 8:00pm

23-07-369 Youth Activities

A schedule of youth activities for 2023 for the summer are available on the City's website. Our Youth activities are targeted for youth ages 13 to 18 years old. People can register for youth activities and events by emailing youthactivity@mountpearl.ca

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Locke declared a conflict and recused himself from the discussion of the following item and left the meeting at 4:59 pm.

23-07-370 Order for Ratification - 20 Bannister St.

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be granted to ratify the Order issued, pursuant to the City of Mount Pearl Act, RSNL 1990, C-16, the Mount Pearl Building Regulations 2019, and the Occupancy and Maintenance Regulations.

Question called- Motion carried unanimously

Councillor Locke returned at 5:02 pm.

23-07-371 Order for Ratification - 10 Tweedsmuir Place

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to ratify the Order issued, pursuant to the City of Mount Pearl Act, RSNL 1990, C-16, the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000, and the Occupancy and Maintenance Regulations.

Question call – Motion carried unanimously

23-07-372 City Days

Councillors Locke and Rice gave notice to residents of the upcoming Mount Pearl City Days July 20-23 noting the number of great activities planned during event. Both noted they were looking forward to the event and encouraged residents to attend.

23-07-373 Commercial Kiosk – Forest Avenue

Councillor Locke noted the opening of the kiosk was scheduled for Thursday July 13th to kick off. Eva's Chimneys NL who are the vendor for kiosk for the summer season. He encouraged the public to visit the kiosk location on Forrest Avenue.

23-07-374 Summer Art Competition – Graffiti Project

Councillor Antle noted that there were 17 artists registered for graffiti project competition which would be held in the tunnels by O'Donel on July 15-16, 2023. He acknowledged the Municipal Enforcement Officers (MEOs) for their proactiveness. He reported they are out in community and organizing events such as the recent Bike Rodeo, the upcoming graffiti art competition, as well as their work to educate seniors to recognize and avoid scams. He noted residents would see the MEOs and Park Patrol on e-bikes throughout the summer season.

23-07-375 Summer Concert Series

For the information of the public, Councillor Antle noted that there will be a concert in Centennial Park every Friday from 12 pm – 1:30 pm with live, local performers, and encouraged the public to attend.

23-07-376 Congratulations

Councillor Rice offered congratulations to the U15 Boys Newfoundland Rock Ruby team for their recent gold medal win in the Atlantic Championships. He acknowledged the Mount Pearl athletes such as Drew Anstey, Aiden Snelgrove, Max Sheppard, Dawson Chaulk, Matthew Powel, Luke MacPherson and Alex Coles.

23-07-377 City Events and Activities

Councillor Fry acknowledged Councillor Antle's reference to the number of activities for youth in the City noting how lucky we are to live in Mount Pearl. She offered thanks to staff for putting a focus on youth and seniors and organizing the activities for youth and the events for City Days. Councillor stated she was looking forward to City Days, noting it was always well attended.

23-07-378 Mount Pearl Public Library Activities

For the information of the public, Councillor Fry acknowledged the many activities taking place at the library such as, create your own graphic novel, family board games, Lego play and story time. She also highlighted events such as trivia night, youth climate camp, and the Growler's story time with Buddy Jr., which was scheduled for July 22, 2023. She stated there were any number of events and activities in the City to keep kids active during the summer.

The Mayor extended birthday wishes to Carmel McCarthy who will turn 90 years old on July 21. He noted that she worked with the Town of Mount Pearl during the '60s and '70s and was the first female Town Clerk at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Councillor Fry.

Chairperson

City Clerk