



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 4, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on July 4, 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	Jason Collins, Director of Recreation and Community Safety
Councillor Bill Antle	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works
Councillor Mark Rice	Lisa Warren, Acting City Clerk
	Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant
Absent	Catherine Power, Manager of Planning
Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley	
Councillor Chelsea Lane	Gerry Antle, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting

23-07-331 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Rice/ Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-07-332 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-07-333 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held June 13, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: none

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

23-07-334 Billard Avenue Updates

Councillor Antle asked for clarification on the Capital Projects updates in the agenda with regard to the completion date for construction on Billard Ave. The date was listed as June 28. The Manager of Planning reported the date list was in error and the correct date for expected completion was July 14, 2023. The agenda item was updated with the correct information.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PRESENTATIONS – None

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

23-07-335 Professional Consulting Services - Sanitary & Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb & Sidewalk Replacement – Jacqueline Road

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the contract for Professional Consulting Services - Sanitary & Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb & Sidewalk Replacement – Jacqueline Road be awarded to WSP E&I Canada Ltd., for the bid amount of \$38,561.63 (HST Included).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-07-336 H. Neil Windsor Building – Park Shed Fuel Switching Project Credit Change Order 001

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the Credit Change Order 001, from JMJ Holdings, in the amount of \$9,200 (HST Included) for relocation of the electrical service entrance be accepted, thus reducing the total contract value to \$245,441.05 (HST Included)

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-07-337 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | June 5 – June 16, 2023

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$1,240,090.00 be approved and FURTHER THAT the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-07-338 Development Permit Listing | June 5 – June 16, 2023

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the following Development Permits be approved as presented for the period of June 5 – June 16, 2023.

Planning, Engineering and Development – Planning Division				
Development Permit List				
June 5 – 16, 2023				
Development Permit #	Date of Issue	Company/Name	Type of Use	Civic Address
DP23-0166	June 6, 2023	City Wide Towing	Change of Use(Automotive Sales)	24 Dundee Avenue
DP23-0228	June 6, 2023	The Salvation Army	Open Air Assembly Use	106 Ashford Drive
DP23-0220	June 13, 2023	Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism -NL Branch	Open Air Assembly	St. David's Park
DA23-0237	June 13, 2023	River Rascals	Open Air Assembly	Sunrise and Neighbouring Trails
DA23-0145	June 14, 2023	RJC Services Ltd	Building Extension (storage bay)	97 Clyde Avenue

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-07-339 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.	

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-07-340 Bus Services Summer Recreation Programs 2023 – TP-23-026

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the Bus Services Summer Recreation Programs 2023 tender be awarded to the lowest bidder, Executive Taxi Services Ltd., with a total cost of \$36,162.90, HST Included, which is covered within the Recreation and Community Safety's budget.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-07-341 Admiralty House Communications Museum – 2nd Installment Operating Subsidy 2023

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to release the second (final) 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

23-07-342 School Summer Close Out | Driver Safety

A reminder to drivers to be extra cautious during these summer months as children may be more visible in and around the streets. At times, drivers are often in a hurry and distracted which can lead to unsafe conditions for children and others walking, bicycling and driving within the City

23-07-343 Centennial Park Summer Concert Series (July and August)

Every Friday in July and August, join us in Centennial Park (next to City Hall) for a free family- friendly pop-up concert! Live local performers will be on stage from 12pm to 1:30pm. Weather permitting.

23-07-344 City Days July 2023

City Days is happening from July 20th to 23rd. Visit the City's website for full details on each event.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

23-07-345 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Atlantic Business Interiors Office Furniture	\$ 9,978.55
2	Atlantic Trailer & Equipment Trailer	\$ 59,517.72
3	Cimco Snow Melt Pit Coil	\$ 22,177.75
4	City of St John's Tipping Fees April 2023	\$ 43,538.10
5	City of St John's Wastewater 1st Quarter 2023	\$ 253,561.75
6	City of St John's Water Consumption May 2023	\$ 219,818.47
7	Commercial Aquatic Supplies Pool Vacuum	\$ 5,573.59
8	Grand Concourse Authority Bench	\$ 6,450.00
9	Granicus License	\$ 10,882.54
10	Harvey & Company Ltd Parts	\$ 6,385.33
11	King's Plumbing Plumbing - Kiosk	\$ 7,788.63
12	Majestic Metals Trailer	\$ 9,712.90
13	PairSoft License	\$ 14,106.68
14	Pro Circuit Electrical Replace Batteries for Emergency Lighting Campia	\$ 7,073.81
15	Pro Circuit Electrical Replace Full Service at Tennis Court	\$ 7,230.83
16	St John's Transportation Commission Transit Service May 2023	\$ 108,726.22
17	Stewart McKelvey Legal Fees	\$ 5,202.76
18	Tobin's Auto Service Fleet Repairs	\$ 5,056.33
	Total	\$ 802,781.96

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-07-346 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for June 8 – 28, 2023, totaled

\$2,050,255.50.

23-07-347 Tax Deferral – Low Income Earners

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given of the following tax deferrals in accordance with Council's policy for low-income earners:

Account #	Amount Deferred
710100	\$1,498.42
700040	\$1,313.31
710520	\$1,010.24
710130	\$1,155.00
300260	\$2,533.30
810060	\$1,264.65
400780	\$5,617.50

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-07-348 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Locke provided a Public Works update, highlighting the new Kiosk on Forest Avenue with the ribbon cutting scheduled for July 13,2023.

Councillor Fry asked whether the accessible beds in community gardens were full. The Director of Recreation & Community Safety reported that all beds in the community gardens were utilized, including the new accessible beds.

NEW BUSINESS

23-07-349 Best in Mount Pearl Awards

Councillor Fry thanked all those who nominated anyone for the Best in Mount Pearl Awards and acknowledged that the effort to do was special and appreciated.

23-07-350 Canada Day and Memorial Celebration

Councillor Locke thanked city staff and the City's Events Coordinator for organizing the celebrations at St. David's Park and noted there was lots of positive feedback from residents who attended. He also noted the Memorial Celebration and the wreaths laid at the cenotaph.

Councillor Antle also offered thanks to the Director of Recreation & Community Safety and team for their organization of the celebrations on Canada Day.

23-07-351 Trailway Crosswalk – Commonwealth/Park/Ruth Avenue

Council members spoke of safety concerns with crossing at the designated crosswalk at the Commonwealth/Park/Ruth Avenue intersection. The item was requested be brought to the PED Committee again to review a safe option similar to other municipalities.

Councillor Locke noted safety concerns already reviewed regarding the placement of a crosswalk at the trailway entrance and stated that while he would not support placement at the trailway that would put the public at risk, he would support a review of the current crosswalk with regard to improving safety. He also noted that future plans for improvements to the bridge in this area would include a pedestrian underpass which would address safety issues.

23-07-352 City Staff Acknowledgements

Councillor Rice wanted to acknowledge and thank Sherry Fitzpatrick and others for organizing events/contests/games during Public Service Week. He acknowledged and thanked staff for the organization and work on the Hall of Fame Banquet, assistance with the Tely 10 and organization of the Canada Day Celebrations.

He asked that more contact be made with Legion, Branch 36 to promote events such as the wreath laying for Beaumont Hamel at the Cenotaph on Canada Day.

23-07-353 Changes to Hall of Fame Banquet and Awards

The Mayor noted that some changes would be seen going forward with more direct involvement by the City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm on a motion by Councillor Rice and seconded by Councillor Fry.

Chairperson

City Clerk