



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on June 13, 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 Chelsea Lane	Lisa Warren, Acting City Clerk
Councillor Mark Rice	Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant
	Darryl Drover, Assistant Manager of Engineering
Absent	Absent
Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley	Gerry Antle, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting and noted a proclamation for the NL Brain Injury Association presented outside the agenda.

23-06-297 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Rice/ Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-06-298 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-06-299 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held May 30, 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

23-06-300 NL Brain Injury Association Awareness Month

Mayor Aker proclaimed the Month of June 13, 2023, as Brain Injury Awareness Month in the City of Mount Pearl.

Representatives of the Association, Keri Lee Sheppard, Jennifer Smith, and Nick Mercer were present for the reading and thanked the City for helping to promote awareness and education.

Council members acknowledged the importance of the proclamation and thanked the representatives for coming and bringing awareness.

PRESENTATIONS – None

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-06-301 Summer Swimming Lessons

For the information of the Public, registration dates for the summer swimming lessons will be held on Monday, June 19th for Mount Pearl residents and Wednesday, June 21st for Non-Residents. The lessons will run from July 2nd to August 26th, 2023. For more information on the lessons offered during the summer 2023, visit the City's website.

23-06-302 Summer Registration Fitness Classes

For the information of the Public, the registration dates for the summer registered fitness classes will be held on Tuesday, June 20th for Mount Pearl residents and Thursday, June 22nd for Non-Residents. The classes run from July 2nd to August 31st, 2023. For more information on the classes offered during the summer 2023, visit the City's website.

23-06-303 Youth Leadership Program – July & August 2023

The City will offer a four week Youth Leadership Program for the month of July and August. Registration will take place online at 5pm on June 20th for Mount Pearl residents and June

22nd for Non-Residents. The cost of the Leadership program is \$200. Visit the City's website for more information.

23-06-304 Pool Scheduled Maintenance

For the information of the public, the Summit Centre, pool only, will be closed for scheduled maintenance from Monday, June 19th to Saturday, June 24th. The pool will reopen on Sunday, June 25th.

23-06-305 Canoe/Kayak Summer Program

For the information of the Public, all details for the Summer Canoe and Kayak Program will be promoted on all platforms of social media within the coming weeks. The program commence date, weather permitting is Tuesday, July 4th.

23-06-306 Bicycle Safety Rodeo June 24, 2023

As a community safety initiative, the City's Municipal Enforcement Division will host a Bicycle Safety Rodeo at the Glacier parking lot on June 24th from 11am to 1pm (weather permitting). Parents are requested to pre-register each child, FREE registration.

All details will be posted on the City's website and posted on all platforms of social media.

23-06-307 Youth Summer Activities (Ages 13 – 18) July 3 to August 25, 2023

For the information of the Public, all details relating to the summer youth programs will be posted on the City's website in the coming weeks. Programs highlighted for the summer will be "Youth Drop In Movie/Game Night," Youth Basketball, Sports and Games, Teen Outings and more.

Councillor Locked wanted to commend the Recreation staff for the work they do and noted he spoke to youth who were very complementary about the programs. He asked the Recreation and Community Safety Director to pass this on to staff.

23-06-308 Street Art Contest

The Street Art Contest will be held on July 15th and 16th in the tunnels on Ruth Avenue. Artists will have from 9am to 5pm each day to complete their murals, after 5pm each day the tunnels will be closed, and artists will not be permitted to continue their work. In the case of severe weather, the contest may be rescheduled. We encourage artists to check their emails during this time.

Entry forms and art samples will be accepted until July 5th, 2023. Artists who are selected to compete in the contest will be notified shortly thereafter. Visit the City's website for all details on this Contest.

Councillor Locke asked why the tunnels were closing at 5 pm and if the City would be

providing painting supplies to the contestants. The Director of Recreation and Community Safety explained the 5 pm closure was to ensure that the days would not be long and that it gives each contestant a fair start and finish time each day. He noted the City would be providing the supplies and the artists would submit samples of what they intended to paint prior to the contest.

Councillor Fry asked that all event dates be placed on an event calendar and capture everything in one place for residents to see.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

23-06-309 2023 Asphalt & Concrete Services – Contract Recommendation

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the contract for 2023 Asphalt and Concrete Services be awarded to Black Diamond Construction Limited, for the bid amount of \$213,911.50 (HST included).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-06-310 ICIP – Farrell Drive Phase 1 – Contract Change Order # 3

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval of Change Order #3, payable to Dexter Construction in the amount of \$19,468.01 (HST Included), for the installation of one valve on the Secondary Transmission Watermain for Farrell Drive Upgrading, Phase 1.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-06-311 Multi-year Capital Works Funding Programs – Project Closures and Transfer of Funds

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to proceed with the following:

a) all completed projects for the 2017-2020 MYCW Program: 17-MYCW-20-00090, 17-MYCW-20-00093, 17-MYCW-20-00097, 17-MYCW-20-00098, 17-MYCW-22-00151 be closed;

b) the remaining funds in these projects in the amount of \$1,576,991.00 (HST Included) be transferred to the following new applications within the 2017-2020 MYCW program:

a.	Surface Course Asphalt, Partial Sidewalk Replacement and Sewer Manhole Adjustments Olympic Drive	Transferred amount: \$1,256,991
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b.	Birch Avenue Water Line Loop and Sanitary Trunk Re-alignment	Transferred amount: \$320,000
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c) completed projects for the 2014-2017 MYCW Program (17-MYCW-20-00140) be closed; and

d) the remaining funds in this project totaling \$128,468.00 (HST Included) be transferred to the Pedestrian Underpass Assessments project (17-MYCW-20-00137), within the 2014-2017 MYCW Program.

Councillor Antle asked for clarification on the transfer. Councillor Fry advised that the amounts being transferred were savings on the completed projects, noting funds were being reallocated to other projects as the amounts were required to be spent this year. The Assistant Manager of Engineering clarified the money would be spent this year with tenders coming in 2023.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-06-312 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | May 22 – June 2, 2023

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$579,470.80 be approved and FURTHER THAT the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-06-313 Development Permit Listing | May 22 – June 2, 2023

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the following Development Permits be approved as presented for the period of May22 – June 2, 2023.

Planning, Engineering and Development – Planning Division				
Development Permit List May 22 – June 2, 2023				
Development Permit #	Date of Issue	Company/Name	Type of Use	Civic Address
DP23-0076	May 29, 2023	JAC HR Consulting & General Services	Home Office Use	16A Bannister Street
DP23-0071	May 29, 2023	Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's	Subdivision of Land	775-785 Topsail Road

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-06-314 Capital Projects Update

Councillor Rice provided an update on the following Capital Projects:

Location	Scheduled Completion Date
Billard Avenue Infrastructure Upgrades	June 20, 2023
Spruce Avenue Infrastructure Upgrades	August 30, 2023
Old Placentia Road – Pedestrian Underpass Remediation	June 25, 2023
Smart Accessible Playground	July 15, 2023

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

23-06-315 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Cimco <i>Parts & Labour Pump - Glacier</i>	\$ 8,441.50
2	City of St John's <i>SJRFD Deficit 2022</i>	\$ 243,906.10
3	Fireside Catering <i>Focus On Youth Awards Dinner</i>	\$ 11,310.00
4	Insight Canada Inc <i>Subscription Renewal</i>	\$ 9,279.01
5	MacNab, Fagan & Murphy <i>Legal Fees</i>	\$ 9,207.63
	Total	\$ 282,144.24

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-06-316 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for May16 - June 7, 2023, totaled \$ 537,487.19.

23-06-317 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Locke provided a Public Works update, highlighting ongoing road repairs, sports field/parks maintenance, litter cleanup, conclusion of bulk garbage with information on tonnage collected, water levels at BBBP and other repairs throughout the City.

Mayor asked why week 5 of the bulk collection is higher. The Public Works Director noted that this was similar to previous years due to week 5 having the largest collection area on the route map.

NEW BUSINESS

23-06-318 Babysitting Course Registration

Councillor Lane advised that registration for the babysitting course started today for Mount Pearl residents and will be available on June 15 for non-residents. She noted it was a good learning opportunity and recommended youth to register.

23-06-319 Congratulations

Councillor Lane offered congratulations to Campia Gymnastics members, Cameron Bath and Mollie Rose O'Dea who competed in the 2023 Easter Canadian Championship and were gold medal winners in their respective categories.

23-06-320 Mount Pearl Beavers – Bird Houses

Councillor Fry acknowledged the First Mount Pearl Lions Beaver Colony were building bird houses at St Peter's school to donate to the city for parks and civic spaces. She noted the project was the Capstone for the North Star to be awarded in September when they move from Beavers to Cubs.

23-06-321 Year End Closing Events

Councillor Fry acknowledged the end of year dinners and dances for

- Special Olympics,
- 807 Mount Pearl Kinsmen
- Seniors Independence Group.

She acknowledged that the organizations completed another successful year of serving their community and wanted to thank them for all they do.

23-06-322 Line Painting

Councillor Locke acknowledged the ongoing line painting throughout the City and noted for the information of public that the activity was weather dependent, needing dry pavement and warm temperatures to complete.

23-06-323 Radar Pilot Project

Councillor Locke acknowledged that the response from residents has been positive, and they have asked when there could be more cameras added in their neighborhoods. He noted the project was about changing behaviours and looked forward to seeing data.

23-06-324 Completion of Team Gushue Highway

Councillor Locke acknowledged the announcement at the Annex on the completion of the

Team Gushue Highway on June 3. He noted that residents had advised him that Mayor Breen of St. John's had stated on VOCCM that the capital city would do the maintenance if Mount Pearl would do the same. Councillor Locke wanted to clarify the City of Mount Pearl has not committed to this and is unaware of any expectation. He noted Team Gushue was a provincial highway/regional road started in 2018 and that the current completion announcement would rectify a traffic issue for the City which occurred because of the incomplete condition of that highway. He noted that not only Mount Pearl would benefit from completion of the highway, but the Southern Avalon would also benefit.

23-06-325 Old Time Get Together Dance

Councillor Antle and other members of Council attended the Old Time Get Together dance on June 3. He noted that the dance sold approximately 400 tickets and was hosted by a Facebook group for residents who grew up in Mount Pearl. He reported the event raised \$5800, which the group is donating to St. Vincent de Paul on Friday, June 16. He asked that the City send a letter of appreciation to the group.

23-06-326 Mount Pearl Crime Prevention Committee

Councillor Antle acknowledged and congratulated the Mount Pearl Crime Prevention Committee noting they held a Family Fun Day on June 3 and that it was a great success.

23-06-327 Traffic Calming Curbs

Councillor Rice informed the public that traffic calming curbs will be reinstated at the intersection of Park Ave and Smallwood Dr to enhance safety for pedestrians and motorists.

23-06-328 Line Painting – Blackmarsh Road

Councillor Rice informed the public that changes to Blackmarsh Road within the City's jurisdiction would see the westbound lane reduced to one lane to provide traffic calming to the area. He noted line painting would start on June 17.

23-06-329 Team Gushue Highway Completion

The Mayor added to earlier commentary noting that though the highway was adjacent to a community, it would not mean that there was associated ownership. He agreed that the road was provincial/regional. He commended the province for finishing the road, which would correct the traffic volume concerns on Park Avenue.

23-06-330 Deputy Mayor

The Mayor acknowledged the Deputy Mayor's absence and wanted to assure her and her family that she was there in spirit. He noted she was improving and pointed out a doll that was brought to her as a gift by a resident. The Mayor wanted to let the Deputy Mayor know that she was in everyone's thoughts and wished her health and happiness.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chairperson

City Clerk