



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**August 8, 2023**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on August 8, 2023, at 4:35 pm.

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 Chelsea Lane	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works
Councillor Mark Rice	Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant
Absent	Absent
Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley	Lisa Warren, Acting City Clerk

**Mayor Aker chaired the meeting and advised, due to technical difficulty, the Public meeting would not be livestreamed.**

23-08-407 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Fry/ Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-08-408 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-08-409 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held July 25, 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

23-08-410 Moffatt Road Phase 6D – Three Lots Subdivision DA23-0352 Iron Springs Road

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the Development Application DA23-0352 for the development of three lots on Iron Springs Road, be approved and a Development Permit be issued subject to the Development meeting the requirements of the city, Newfoundland Power, the city's Inspection, Engineering, and Finance Divisions, and any other city requirements.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-08-411 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | July 17 – July 28, 2023

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$1,648,049.000 be approved and FURTHER THAT the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Antle referenced permit DA23-0096 was listed for Crosbie Road in St. John's and asked for clarification. The Planning, Engineering and Development Director noted this was an error and will be updated.

Councillor Rice clarified, for the record that the Crosbie Road address referenced the consultant's location, however the permit was issued for exterior renovations for 1114 Topsail Road.

23-08-412 Capital Projects Update

Councillor Fry provided an update on the City's capital projects highlighting the ongoing multi-street upgrading projects such as Spruce, Roosevelt and Birch Avenue, as well as work on Farrell and Olympic Drive.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

23-08-413 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Athletica Propane Ice Edger	\$ 6,986.25
2	City of St John's Regional Fire Costs July 2023	\$ 460,283.33
3	Fastsigns Banners	\$ 7,103.55
4	Ignite Technology Cisco Subscription	\$ 19,924.85
5	Ignite Technology Professional Svcs	\$ 8,032.75
6	Security Solutions Security Svcs	\$ 5,313.00
7	St John's Transportation Commission Accessible Services Apr-June 2023	\$ 17,061.40
8	St John's Transportation Commission Transit Svc Cost June 2023	\$ 106,953.28
9	TOK Transit Paratransit June 2023	\$ 23,867.51
10	TOK Transit Taxi Trips June 2023	\$ 9,021.47
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 664,547.39</b>

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Antle asked for clarification on invoice #10 TOK Transit Taxi Trips noting the amount seemed high.

The Director of Corporate Services noted these were billed individually for each month and the invoices were no longer combined as was done before the transition to TOK Transit. The Follow up with additional information different since transition. She noted neither the trips nor the prices have increased and will compare June of 2022 and 2023 to provide Council with additional clarification.

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23-08-414 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for July 21 to August 8, 2023, totaled \$1,384,925.79.

23-08-415 Request for Travel – Councillor Isabelle Fry Atlantic Mayors’ Congress – September 20-24, 2023, Goose Bay

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the travel request from Councillor Isabelle Fry to attend the Atlantic Mayors’ Congress in Goose Bay for September 20-24, 2023, be ratified.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-08-416 Request for Travel – CAO and Mayor Urban Municipalities Committee (UMC) - Bonavista, NL – August 17-19, 2023

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the travel request from CAO Dana Spurrell and Mayor Dave Aker to attend the UMC meeting in Bonavista, NL August 17 – 19, 2023 be ratified.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-08-417 Request for Travel – Councillor Jim Locke ASCE CECOM Engineering Conference September 20-22 – San Marcos, TX

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the travel request from Councillor Jim Locke to attend the ASCE CECOM Engineering Conference September 20-22, 2023 – San Marcos, TX be ratified.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-08-418 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Antle provided an update on ongoing road, parks, and fleet maintenance as well as UTM service calls.

Councillor Rice stated he was pleased to see the continuation of the Urban Forestry Plan noting it was good to see the planting and greenery. He also noted comments from residents indicating their approval of the flowers. He acknowledged the work of staff.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-08-419 Pool Chemicals Tender TP-23-020

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to award the tender as follows, as all vendors met specifications on the products they bid; the final decision was based on the pricing offered on each item:

- East Chem: Chlorine (205 litre), Ethylene Glycol, Propylene Glycol \$33,645.00 annually;
- Rockwater: Perlite, Acid, Calcium, Soda Ash, Reagents 1-12 \$32,577.50 annually;
- Clearwater : Chlorine (3.6 litre), Sodium, PH Minus, Sodium Thiosulphate \$16,920.25 annually.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

The Mayor asked the Recreation and Community Safety Director to clarify the reason for the chemical additives. The Director noted the City is following provincial guidelines to balance the pool chemistry for the safety of patrons.

23-08-420 Movie in the Park, August 17, 2023

The City will be showing “Ernest Goes To Camp” on the big screen at St. David’s Park on Thursday, August 17th. The movie will commence at 9pm and details will be posted on all platforms of the City’s social media.

23-08-421 Street Jam August 25-27, 2023

For the information of the public, Old Placentia Road (both sides) between the parking entrance just East of Ruth Avenue, complete to Smallwood Drive intersection, will be closed from August 25 (9:30am) to August 27 (8:00pm) for Street Jam 2023. The road closure notification for these dates will be posted on all platforms of the City’s social media.

NEW BUSINESS

23-08-422 National Ball Hockey Tournament

Councillor Rice noted the tournament held over the past weekend at multiple arenas including the Glacier. He noted more games were held at the Glacier as one of the other locations had to shut down. He congratulated the Newfoundland teams that did well at the tournament such as the U17 Male Team and the U16 Female Team who took silver, the U15 Male Team and the U19 Female who took gold.

23-08-423 Congratulations

Councillor Rice and other members of Council attended the celebration and offered

congratulations to MHA Lucy Stoyles and Reg Stoyles on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Councillor Fry and other Council members also offered congratulations to the Director of Corporate Services on her recent nuptials.

22-08-424 Admiralty House Museum Events

Councillor Lane highlighted upcoming events being featured at the Admiralty House Museum such as the Scavenger Hunt on August 11 at 10 am and a family friendly movie at 6 pm. Both events were free to attend. On August 12 at 7 pm 'The Last Thing He said' murder mystery would be offered and on August 13 at 1 pm, The Blue Dossier Puzzle Game will take place. Both events can be found on the website and would require registration to attend.

23-08-425 Condolences

Condolences were offered by Councillor Fry and other members of Council to the family friends of the resident of Smallwood Drive on her passing. Condolences were also offered by Councillor Locke to the Smith family and Thomas family on the loss of their loved ones.

23-08-426 Summer Concert Series – Centennial Park

Councillor Antle reminded residents of the concert in the park each Friday from 12-1:30 pm. He noted this week's entertainment would be provided by Horatio Fernandez and encouraged everyone to attend.

23-08-427 Kiosk Launch Celebration

Mayor Aker referenced the upcoming opening of the Kiosk and asked the Corporate Services Director to elaborate. The Director advised the official opening was scheduled for Thursday, August 10 weather pending, and Eva's Chimneys NL was first occupant of the Kiosk. She noted August 24 was the backup date in the event of weather and that performers and vendors were confirmed for that date should the change be required. She stated there was a traffic plan in place and encouraged visitors to park and explore the trails to Forest Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm on a motion by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Rice

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Chairperson

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City Clerk