



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**September 5, 2023**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on September 5, 2023, at 4:39 pm.

| MEMBERS PRESENT            | STAFF PRESENT  |
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| 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       | Stephanie Walsh, Legislative Officer/City Clerk              |
|                            | Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant                          |
| Absent                     |  |
| Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley |  |

**Mayor Aker chaired the meeting and advised of an item outside the kit for the Planning, Engineering and Development Committee.**

23-09-454 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Lane / Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-09-455 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-09-456 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Antle/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held August 22, 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

PROCLAMATIONS:

23-09-457 Arthritis Awareness Month September 2023

Mayor Aker proclaimed September as Arthritis Awareness Month in the City of Mount Pearl.

Councillor Antle acknowledged the importance of bringing awareness noting his own experience with the disease.

Councillor Fry also acknowledged the importance of awareness, highlighting the different types of Arthritis and the effect it has on those suffering from it.

23-09-458 Sharing Our Cultures Welcoming Week September 8 – 17, 2023

Mayor Aker proclaimed September 8 -17, 2023 as Welcoming Week in the City of Mount Pearl and welcomed Lloydetta Quaicoe who spoke to the proclamation and the importance of services and supports for newcomers to Canada and the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-09-459 Milestone Event Funding Application – Mount Pearl Public Library (Ross King)

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to release the Milestone Event Funding to the Mount Pearl Public Library in the amount of \$5,000 once all receipts have been received from their 35th Anniversary celebration event. The celebration event scheduled for Oct 14th will acknowledge the importance of the Ross King Memorial Library to the Community as well as provide awareness of the programs currently being offered.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-09-460 Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl | 2023 Operating Subsidy

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to release the Association's 2023 operating grant in the amount of \$10,000, based on the current MOU with the City and the future activity plans for the Association.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-09-461 Glacier Arena Fall 2023 – Public Skating Dates

For the information of the public, the Glacier Arena Fall 2023 public skating dates are posted on the City's website, highlighting the times for the Adult/Senior Noon Skate, Parent/Tot Skate, Family, and General Skate.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

23-09-462 Olympic Drive Resurfacing – Widening of Sidewalks

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Change Order #1, payable to Farrell's Excavating Ltd., for the widening of sidewalks on Olympic Drive from 1500mm to 1800mm, at an approximate additional cost of \$41,715.00, which is within the available budget.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-09-463 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | August 14 – August 25, 2023

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$ 1,965,040.00 be approved and FURTHER THAT the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-09-464 Development Permit Listing | August 14 – August 25, 2023

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the following Development Permits be approved as presented for the period of August 14 – 26, 2023.

| Development Permit # | Date of Issue   | Company/Name       | Type of Use           | Civic Address     |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| DP23-0159            | August 26, 2023 | Xylo's K9 Kingdom  | Kennel Use            | 952 Topsail Road  |
| DP23-0228            | August 24, 2023 | The Salvation Army | Open Air Assembly Use | 106 Ashford Drive |

23-09-465 Capital Projects Update

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

23-09-466 5 – 7 Commonwealth Avenue – Proposed Kennel Use

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the Discretionary Use application and that a Development Permit be issued subject to Council's satisfaction that adequate noise mitigations are met so as to not disturb neighbouring property owners or businesses and subject to regulatory conditions as set out by the Department of Planning, Engineering and Development, specifically Regulation 7.21 of the City's Development Regulations.

Question called – Motion carried with Councillor Lane declaring a conflict of interest and not voting on this item.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

23-09-467 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

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| 1 | Action Car & Truck<br>Truck Cap Installed                          | \$ 5,880.97   |
| 2 | Apex Construction<br>Supply & Install New Gate Operator City Depot | \$ 8,066.50   |
| 3 | City of St John's<br>Water/Wastewater 2nd Qtr 2023                 | \$ 191,838.95 |

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| 4  | City of St John's<br>Water Consumption July 2023                           | \$ 245,722.62          |
| 5  | City of St John's<br>Regional Fire Costs August 2023                       | \$ 460,283.33          |
| 6  | Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group<br>Senior's Bus Tours July & August | \$ 6,900.00            |
| 7  | Saunders Equipment Ltd<br>Repairs & Maintenance Unit 1532                  | \$ 9,970.19            |
| 8  | St John's Transportation Commission<br>Transit Svc Cost July 2023          | \$ 104,295.95          |
| 9  | Steelfab Industries Ltd<br>Repairs Truck Runway Ramps                      | \$ 24,437.50           |
| 10 | Uline<br>Inground Mount Bench  | \$ 10,541.14           |
| 11 | Uline<br>Picnic Table  | \$ 10,777.86           |
|    | <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$ 1,078,715.01</b> |

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Antle highlighted the invoices for regional services, noting that the City pays its fair share of regional service costs.

23-09-468 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the following payment register for August 17-30, 2023, totaled \$2,453,250.37. The Purchase Card Reports for April 25-May 25 and May 26- June 26, 2023, totaled \$628,125.19.

23-09-469 Appointment of City Clerk

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, this Council, in accordance with Section 68 of the City of Mount Pearl Act, appoints Stephanie Walsh as City Clerk for the City of Mount Pearl effective August 28, 2023.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-09-470 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Locke provided an update on ongoing roads, parks, and fleet maintenance as well as UTM service calls, He noted a checklist of storm preparations, and a review of the City's Emergency Response Plan were underway as well as an inspection of Emergency and Environmental Response trailers.

NEW BUSINESS

23-09-472 Flowers and Gardens

Councillor Fry acknowledged the beautiful flowers, baskets and gardens around the City and wanted to thank all staff and the horticulturalist for the work they do and noted that it doesn't go unnoticed.

23-09-473 Super Soccer Saturday and Street Jam

Councillor Fry offered thanks to volunteers who come together to make these events possible for the kids. She stated the City is fortunate to have strong recreational programs and noted the volunteers who participate in these programs play a part in that.

23-09-474 Forest Avenue Kiosk Opening

Councillor Locke attended the opening of the kiosk on Forest Ave on Thursday. He noted the Accessible Community Gardens opening as well. He stated that the event was well attended, and the kiosk and gardens were part of find your centre plan to bring more people to the T'Railway.

23-09-475 First Day of School

Councillor Locke advised that schools are now open for the new school year and asked that the public keep in mind that the children are more focused on returning to school than watching the traffic. He asked that motorists be extra vigilant and drive cautiously in all school zones.

The Mayor noted the City's Municipal Enforcement would be monitoring school safety as well.

23-09-476 Pickleball – Stephen Thistle Park

Councillor Antle announced that a new Pickleball court had been installed alongside the basketball court at Stephen Thistle Park on Park Ave. He encouraged residents to bring their equipment and try the new court, noting the game was fun, easy to learn and has become quite popular.

23-09-477 Summer Concert Series.

Councillor Antle noted the summer concert series had concluded and acknowledged local writer and storyteller Christine Hennebury's performance. He stated he enjoyed the story about Count Silvernose.

23-09-478 Mount Pearl Paradise Chamber of Commerce Job Fair

Councillor Rice noted the Chamber will hold a job fair on September 6 at the Reid Centre.

23-09-479 Mount Pearl Paradise Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament August 24

Councillor Rice noted he and Councillor Antle attended and participated in the tournament.

23-09-480 Team Canada World Ball Hockey Championships

Councillor Rice congratulated the team on their gold medal win at the World Ball Hockey Championships and highlighted team member Terry Ryan from Mount Pearl as well as other Newfoundlanders, Ryan Delaney, Chris Sparkes, Michael Williams and Jeremy Bishop.

23-09-481 Community Supper

For the information of the public, Councillor Lane reported that the Community Supper Program would resume on September 13 from 5 – 6 pm at the Church of the Good Sheppard, 111 Richard Nolan Drive.

23-09-482 Food Drive Fundraiser

Councillor Lane acknowledged Alex Taylor for his recent concert fundraiser for foodbanks in the City. She noted that he has held a number of fundraisers and thanked him for doing so.

23-09-483 Powers Pond Salvation Army Event

Councillor Lane attended the Salvation Army Summer Celebration in the Park, held on August 27 at Power's Pond Park. The community event was well attended and had fun activities for children and families.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm on a motion by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Rice

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Chairperson

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City Clerk