



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**October 3, 2023**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on October 3, 2023, at 4:40 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Mayor Dave Aker	Cassie Pittman, Director of Corporate Services
Councillor Jim Locke	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	
Councillor Isabelle Fry	Absent
Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley	Dana Spurrell, Chief Administrative Officer

**Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.**

23-10-507 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Lane / Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-10-508 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-10-509 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Rice/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held September 19, 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:

23-10-510 Fire Prevention Week – October 8-14, 2023

Mayor Aker proclaimed the week of October 8 – 14 as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Mount Pearl. He welcomed Cara Pardy, Fire Prevention Officer spoke to the proclamation and planned events.

23-10-511 National Breastfeeding Week – October 1-7, 2023

Mayor Aker proclaimed the week of October 1 – 7 as National Breastfeeding Week in the City of Mount Pearl. He welcomed Lisa Roberts and Tracy English who spoke to the proclamation. Councillor Lane spoke to her experiences and some of the barriers she faced in her occupation.

Councillor Locke spoke to the proclamation noting that he had been in facilities where there were dedicated pods for breastfeeding mothers and asked that the City review that option in its facilities. The matter was referred to Corporate Services and Public Works and Planning, Engineering and Development to discuss partnering with NL Health Services on the ideas presented.

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

23-10-512 Building and Occupancy Permit Listing | July 13 – September 22, 2023

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$1,147,413.00 be approved and FURTHER THAT the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-10-513 Capital Projects Update

Birch Avenue Upgrading – construction has started with an estimated completion date of mid-November 2023,  
Roosevelt Avenue Upgrading - underground replacement underway, estimated completion October 2023,  
Farrell Drive (Holden Street to Evans Place) - underground replacement underway, seasonal suspension of work November 2023, to resume 2024 construction season,  
Olympic Drive Re-surfacing (including sidewalk and curb replacement) - work to start October 2023,  
Asphalt and Concrete – Maintenance hole repairs ongoing with an estimated completion date October 15, 2023.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-10-514 Fall Craft Fair – October 9, 2023

For the information of the public, the City's annual fall craft fair will take place on Thanksgiving Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Reid Community Centre from 10am to 4pm. Admission is \$2 per person; Children under 12 are free. For more information, contact Rosie Stead at [rstead@mountpearl.ca](mailto:rstead@mountpearl.ca) or call 748-1008.

23-10-515 Drive In Movie Night

For the information of the public, the City will host a drive-in movie, Disney's The Haunted Mansion, on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm on the parking lot of the Team Gushue Complex off Smallwood Drive.

23-10-516 Haunted Walk – October 20-29, 2023

The City invites you to join our moonlight walk around Powers Pond. The walk will commence at the boat house entrance, from 6-9pm daily, October 20<sup>th</sup> to October 29<sup>th</sup>. The admission is a donation to the food bank. Join us for a fun, spooky, and safe night. All details will be posted on social media.

23-10-517 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas at the Glacier

For the information of public, the 31st annual Christmas at the Glacier, a 5-day festival of craft and art, will take place at the Glacier Arena from October 18 – 22, 2023.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

23-10-518 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Afonso Group Limited Structural Liner	\$ 5,031.25
2	Cimco Snow Melt Coil	\$ 41,187.25
3	City of St John's Robin Hood Bay Tipping Fees August 2023	\$ 59,777.92
4	City of St John's Water Consumption August 2023	\$ 229,314.49
5	City of St John's City's Share of SJRFD Sept 2023	\$ 460,283.33
6	Municipalities NL Lanyard Sponsorship	\$ 5,750.00
7	TOK Transit Paratransit August 2023	\$ 20,289.61
	Total	\$ 821,633.85

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-10-519 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for September 14-28, 2023, totaled \$442,910.88.

23-10-520 Tax Deferral – Low Income Earners

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Antle

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

Account #	Amount Deferred
702550	\$1,536.30
600003	\$2,427.81

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-10-521 Request for Professional Development – Cassie Pittman - CPA Public Sector Conference – October 17-18 – Ottawa

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the request for professional development by Director of Corporate Services, Cassie Pittman, to attend the CPA Public Sector Conference in Ottawa from October 17-18, 2023.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-10-522 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Locke provided an update on new signage being installed on the T-Rail as well as ongoing maintenance. He also noted that work continues at the Team Gushue baseball field in preparation for the 2025 Summer Games. He reported ongoing fleet maintenance and winter preparation for the 2023-24 season, as well as general UTM service calls.

NEW BUSINESS

23-10-523 Congratulations

Councillor Rice offered congratulations Mount Pearl's Jordan Flynn and Kaden Sajaphal who were selected for Team NL to play in Quebec Major Junior Cup, as well as players from Southlands. He also congratulated Ben Kent of Mount Pearl who was invited to join the Milwaukee Brewers Under 14 Canada Scout Team for the upcoming Arizona Classic Tournament.

23-10-524 Octoberfest and Rocktoberfest

Councillor Rice of the upcoming Octoberfest on October 6 and Rocktoberfest on October 7. He noted both events would be held at the Reid Centre.

23-10-525 Community Supper

For the information of the public, Councillor Lane advised that the next community supper would take place on October 11. She noted this meal would be a Thanksgiving meal and could be picked up at the Church of the Good Sheppard.

23-10-526 Turkey Tea Race.

Councillor Lane acknowledged O'Donel High Staff members, alumni and students who participated in the Turkey Tea Race on October 1.

23-10-527 Budget Process

Councillor Locke advised the City would planning had begun for the 2024 budget and noted the City wanted to hear from its residents. He noted there would be an online survey on the website and two booths for budget 2024 would be set up at City Hall and Summit Centre. Councillor Locke advised each resident who visited the booths would be provided with three chips and they could decide where to spend their chip. He noted that the City would welcome feedback from its residents and the business community and encouraged everyone to provide their input for the budget process.

Mayor Aker asked to ensure the Chamber of Commerce is advised on the plans for the budget process. The matter was referred to Corporate Services.

Councillor Antle noted the Glacier has a number of events and sports and asked if a booth could be set up there as well. The Corporate Services Director advised they were working with Recreation and Community Safety with regard to the schedule of events at the Glacier to determine the best time to move the booth there during the budget process.

23-10-528 Shared Trails

Councillor Antle reminded the public and residents using the City's trails to be respectful of others, pick up after your pets using the bags provided, and for bikers use bells to notify walkers and runners of their presence.

23-10-529 Council Standing Committees – Changes

Mayor Aker advised of the new Committee members for standing Committees effective October 4, 2023 as follows:

- Corporate Services and Public Works - Councillors Rice and Lane, alternate Councillor Locke
- Planning, Engineering and Development - Deputy Mayor Kieley and Councillor Antle, alternate Councillor Rice
- Recreation and Community Safety – Councillors Locke and Fry, alternate Councillor Lane

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Councillor Lane.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk