



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on September 19, 2023, at 4:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Mayor Dave Aker	Dana Spurrell, Chief Administrative Officer
Councillor Isabelle Fry	Cassie Pittman, Director of Corporate Services
Councillor Bill Antle	Catherine Power, Manager of Planning
Councillor Chelsea Lane	Jason Collins, Director of Recreation and Community Safety
Councillor Mark Rice	Corey Harvey, Superintendent of Public Works
	Stephanie Walsh, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
	Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant
Absent	Absent
Councillor Jim Locke	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works
Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley	Gerry Antle, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

23-09-484 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Fry / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-09-485 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-09-486 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held September 5, 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:

23-09-487 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month September 2023

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

Councillor Rice spoke to the proclamation and experiences with the children affected by the disease through his coaching career. He noted in particular the Courage Family and their work on behalf of the Candlelighters and their daughter's experience with the disease.

Councillor Lane also spoke, noting that she went to school with Rebecca Courage and acknowledged the importance of bringing awareness.

Councillor Fry acknowledged that September was also Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and spoke of Susan Glynn who was an incredible advocate for Ovarian Cancer. She read portion of the proclamation from last year and the Mayor requested that we light city hall in teal in support one day during the month of September.

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

23-09-488 Building and Occupancy Permit Listing

For the information of the public, the Building and Occupancy Permit Listing process is being upgraded as part of the City's digital transformation and a full listing will be available at the next public meeting.

23-09-489 Development Permit Listing | August 28 – September 8, 2023

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the following Development Permits be approved as presented for the period of August 28 – September 8, 2023.

Planning, Engineering & Development Permit List August 28 – September 8, 2023				
Date of Issue	DP#	Name of Applicant/Business	Type of Use	Civic Address
August 28, 2023	DP23-0159	Xylo's K9 Kingdom	Change of Use (Kennel Use)	952 Topsail Road
August 30, 2023	DP23-0385	Dexter Construction Limited	Temporary Storage Area	Roosevelt Avenue
August 31, 2023	DP23-0492	River Rascals	Open Air Assembly Use	Sunrise & Neighbouring Trails

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-09-490 Municipal Plan and Integrated Transportation Plan Request for Proposals (RFP)

The Request for Proposal for the Municipal Plan and Integrated Transportation Plan will be released in the coming days. This is a large piece of work for the City, and we are anticipating and looking forward to the proposals.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-09-491 Turkey Tea 10K Road Race | Sunday October 1, 2023

For the information of the public, the Turkey Tea 10k road race is scheduled for Sunday, October 1, 2023 commencing at 8am in the City of Mount Pearl and estimated to be concluded by 9:30am. Motorists are advised there could potentially be traffic delays in the Donovan Industrial Park, Old Placentia Road and Smallwood Drive area.

23-09-492 Mount Pearl Frosty Festival 2023

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to provide the Mount Pearl Frosty Festival with a \$25,000 loan in 2023 noting terms and conditions for this loan as agreed upon by the City. This loan would encompass \$ 15,000 in cash and forgiveness of the \$10,000 Glacier Arena payable.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

23-09-493 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Canadian AV Inc \$32,010.70 City Days Staging 2023	\$ 32,010.70
2	City of St John's Tipping Fees July 2023	\$ 54,105.36
3	City of St John's Tipping Fees June 2023	\$ 63,755.31
4	City of St John's Tipping Fees May 2023	\$ 69,779.73
5	ESRI GIS License Fee	\$ 39,031.00
6	Saunders Equipment Ltd UTM Parts	\$ 11,041.68
	Total	\$ 269,723.78

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-09-494 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the following payment register for dates August 31 – September 13, 2023, totaled \$2,246,614.55. The Purchase Card Report for June 27 – July 25, 2023, totaled \$288,152.97 and July 26-August 25, 2023, totaled \$485,855.43.

23-09-495 Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) Convention Sponsorship

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the MNL Lanyard Sponsorship in the amount of \$5,750.00.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-09-496 Leave of Absence – Deputy Mayor Kieley

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Fry

WHEREAS pursuant to section 20(e)(ii) of the **City of Mount Pearl Act**, a councillor may be absent from meetings of the council for three or more successive months with the leave of council; and

WHEREAS section 2.4 of the **City of Mount Pearl Council Remuneration and Reimbursement Regulations** permits a councillor to take a leave of absence with the approval of Council; and

WHEREAS Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley last attended a council meeting on May 16, 2023; and
BE IT RESOLVED THAT, consistent with the City of Mount Pearl Council Remuneration and

Reimbursement Regulations the City of Mount Pearl Council approves a medical leave of absence for Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley for the period of May 21 – December 31, 2023.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-09-497 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Antle provided an update on ongoing roads, parks, and fleet maintenance as well as UTM service calls, He noted continued tasks ongoing for emergency preparedness, review of the Emergency Response Plan, as well as inspection of the City's Emergency and Environmental Response Trailers.

NEW BUSINESS

23-09-498 Octoberfest. - Reid Centre October 6 – 7, 2023

Councillor Antle noted the following for the information of the public:

On Friday, October 6th from 7-10pm, the City will host a Craft Beer Tasting featuring some of the provinces craft breweries.

On Saturday, October 7th from 6-10pm, the City will host Rocktoberfest with music by Bic and the Ballpoints and Sugar. Landwash Brewery will be serving beverages and vendors such as Cojones, Presto and Ziggy Food trucks will be on site for food purchases.

23-09-499 Fall Craft Fair October 9 – Reid Centre

Councillor Rice advised the annual Fall Craft Fair will take place on October 9 from 10 am to 4pm at the Reid Centre.

23-09-500 Sunset yoga – On the T'rail

Councillor Rice advised that Sunset Yoga had been rescheduled to September 21 from 6 pm – 7 pm.

23-09-501 Construction Zones

Councillor Rice noted there were many areas of construction in the city and asked that motorists abide by signage for safety and adhere to direction of flag persons. He advised safety was the main concern for the City and asked that motorists slow down in these areas.

23-09-502 Babysitting Course

Councillor Lane provided a reminder to residents that online registration opened today for the October 15 babysitting course at the Reid Centre. She noted additional information could be found on the City's website and Facebook page and encouraged residents to sign up for the course.

23-09-503 Playgroup Fall 2023

Councillor Lane advised the City is offering a staff led parent and tot play group each Saturday from 10 to 11:30 am at the Reid Centre at a cost of \$5.00 per child. All details will be provided on the City's website and Facebook page.

23-09-504 Mount Pearl Library Events

Councillor Fry reminded residents of the Mount Pearl Library's many offerings and events. She noted in particular, the Paws for Stories with St. John Ambulance Therapy Dogs coming to the library and children could read stories to them.

23-09-505 Property at Smallwood and Commonwealth Intersection Update

Councillor Fry asked for an update on the status of this property /dwelling as a resident had reached out to her. The Manager of Planning advised City Inspectors had been engaged to monitor the property and violations had been issued, one as early as today. She also noted that demolition of the dwelling would take place in the Spring.

23-09-506 TD Bank Tree Planting

The Mayor acknowledged TD Bank for their support with the tree planting program in the City by supplying approximately 130 trees and bushes for the City's annual Tree Day. He also acknowledged and thanked PW and RCS staff, and volunteers for preparing the beds for planting.

23-09-506 Updates for Canada Games 2024.

The Director of Recreation and Community Safety updated Council on the joint effort with all departments to get the process of installing the clay for Team Gushue Field started. He noted a lot of the clay arrived and should be in place this week. He reported that a representative of Baseball Canada was present and was impressed with surface upgrades. The Director also noted the clay supplier, Halifax Seed, would be in the City next week and will work with staff and the Baseball Association to advise how to build mounds and maintain clay.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Councillor Lane.

Chairperson

City Clerk