



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on November 14, 2023 in City Council Chambers at 4:30 pm.

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

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

23-11-570 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Lane/ Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-11-572 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-11-573 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Rice/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held October 31, 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 - None

PRESENTATIONS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-11-574 Aquatics Cancellations November 17 -19, 2023 Provincial Invitation Swim Meet
Summit Centre Pool Closures

For the information of the public, a provincial swim meet is being held at the Summit Centre, November 17 – 19, 2023. As a result, there will be recreational swim cancellations; however, swimming lessons will continue on Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19. Further details are available on the City website.

23-11-575 Snow Clearing Regulations | Winter Parking Ban on City Streets and City Owned Land
December 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024

The snow clearing regulations will come into effect December 1, 2023 through to March 31, 2024 inclusive. An unattended vehicle is not permitted to be parked on any street or City owned land within the City between the hours of 1:00am to 8:00am. For further information including fine amounts, visit the City website.

Councillor Locke spoke to the reason why on street parking ban comes into place on December 1 rather than the first snowfall and noted that consistency is key so citizens know when the regulations will begin. Director Dollimount stated the same. Councillor Lane also noted that this timeline is working so it would be prudent to leave it as is.

23-11-576 Mount Pearl Lions Club Santa Claus Parade – December 2, 2023

The annual Lions Club Santa Claus Parade takes place on Saturday, December 2 commencing at 10:00am. Further details will be available on the City's website or by contacting the Lions Club at 368- 6186. Appreciation is expressed to the Lions Club for their efforts.

23-11-577 All is Bright at St. David's Park, Saturday December 2, 2023

The annual lighting of the park will take place on Saturday, December 2 at 6:00 pm at St. David's Park, which will include the singing of favorite Christmas carols and performances by school choirs, hot chocolate served by the Salvation Army. Santa will also make an appearance for photos in the Big Red Chair. Further details will be available on the City's website.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

23-11-578 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	City of St John's Water Consumption Oct 2023	\$ 227,103.05
2	Craig Manufacturing Parts	\$ 43,369.95
	Total	\$ 270,473.00

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-11-579 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for October 24 – November 8, 2023, totaled \$ 1,748,909.23.

23-11-580 Request for Professional Development – Councillor James Locke EcoNext Conference – October 26, 2023 – St. John's, NL

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the that the professional development request from the Councillor James Locke to attend the EcoNext Conference in St. John's on October 26, 2023, be ratified.:

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-11-581 User Group Insurance Renewal

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the renters pay these insurance premiums in addition to rental fees, and that the City accept a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 for those providing their own insurance certificate (i.e., community groups, etc.).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-11-582 December 31, 2022 Financial Statements PSAB Compliant Financial Statements and Management's Statement of Compliance

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the PSAB Compliant Financial Statements and Management's Statement of Compliance report by BDO Canada LLP, for the year ended December 31, 2022, be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-11-583 Public Works Status Report

23-11-584 Contract Recommendation – Flowers and Hanging Baskets – TP23-031

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the contract for the supply and delivery of Flowers and Hanging Baskets – TP23-031 be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, Pat's Plants and Gardens, for the bid amount of \$57,147.24 (HST included) for 2024 and 2025, with an optional additional year of 2026 in the amount of \$32,927.69 (HST Included), which will be within the operational budgets for 2024, 2025, and also for 2026 should the city avail of the option for an additional year.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Director Dollimount noted that the price increase for 2026 is likely due to inflation. Councillor Locke noted that the citizens have provided positive feedback about the colour around the City and it adds to a sense of place. He fully supports the contract award.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

23-11-585 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | October 23-November 03, 2023

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$76,100.00 be approved. be approved and FURTHER THAT the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-11-586 Development Permit Listing | October 23 – November 03, 2023

Motion: Councillor Antle/ Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the following Development Permits be approved as presented for the period of October 23 – November 03, 2023

Development Permit #	Date of Issue	Company/Name	Type of Use	Civic Address
DP23-0539	October 25, 2023	Essential Wellness	Office / Clinic Use	64 Commonwealth Avenue
DP23-0457	October 25, 2023	Green Bin Revive Inc.	Home Office use	89 Michener Avenue
DP23-0548	October 25, 2023		Home Office Use	32 Blade Crescent
DP23-0458	November 03, 2023	Aura Construction	Home Office use	139 Smallwood Drive

23-11-587 Capital Projects Update

Councillor Antle noted that we are nearing the end of the 2023 construction season. November 22 the Birch Avenue construction should be ended. Farrell Drive and Holden Street will be completed in 2024 when the snow melts.

NEW BUSINESS

23-11-588 Remembrance Day Ceremony

Councillor Locke spoke about the Remembrance Day ceremony and noted that despite the weather our citizens came out to support our veterans. Several veterans said that it is heart-warming to see an increase in the number in attendance.

23-11-589 Olympic Drive Construction

Councillor Locke noted a concern from some citizens about the service holes on Olympic Drive being dipped below surface and marked with tape. Director Antle stated that this is a temporary measure, and the asphalt will be raised to grade in the Spring. Mayor Aker gave kudos to staff for using reflective tape to mark the service holes.

23-11-590 Masonic Park Breakfast

Councillor Antle advised that the Masonic Park Breakfast will be taking place on Tuesday, November 22 at 9:00am. Tickets are \$8 each and can be purchased at the door.

23-11-591 Salvation Army Christmas Market

Councillor Antle advised that on November 18, from 10:00am- 4:00pm, the Salvation Army are having their Christmas Market at the church on Ashford Drive.

23-11-592 Congratulations

Mayor Aker provided congratulations to Councillor Rice on his retirement and his service to the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

23-11-593 Men's Softball Dinner and Dance

Councillor Rice thanked the men's softball for inviting members of council to the dinner and dance held on October 28 at the Reid Community Center. He noted that it was a great event and the meal was fantastic.

23-11-594 Safety Skeleton

Councillor Rice noted that he and Mayor Aker had the privilege of participating in the City's Safety Skeleton on Halloween night alongside the Municipal Enforcement Division. He stated it went over well and it was nice to see large amount of children out trick or treating in the streets of Mount Pearl.

23-11-595 Congratulations

Councillor Rice gave congratulations to the Planning and Engineering department, including City Planner Alana Felt and Director Gerry Antle, for hosting the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Professional Planners at the Mount Pearl Soccer Hut on November 8. He noted It was a great event with some interesting speakers.

23-11-596 Salvation Army Kettle Campaign

Councillor Lane noted that the Salvation Army are actively seeking volunteers for their annual kettle campaign. If anyone is interested in helping with the campaign, they can contact Linda Vincent at the Salvation Army Mount Pearl.

23-11-597 Economic Developers Association of Canada Award

Mayor Aker acknowledged that the Marketing and Communications Division won an Economic Developers Association of Canada Marketing Canada Awards for our T'Railway Sundown Series. Director Pittman noted that this team has won a national EDAC award for the fourth year in a row. This event was intended to attract people to our city center and our greatest resource- our railway system.

23-11-598 Park Avenue Water Main Break

Mayor Aker asked the Director of Public Works to provide an update on the water main break the day before, November 13. Director Dollimount stated that the City became aware of the issue around 6:00am and the UTM team were on site shortly thereafter. The crew had to shut down the street and excavate to find the source of the water which was located about 16 feet deep from the elevation of the asphalt. The problem was located where the capital upgrades from a number of years ago joined with the existing infrastructure. A section of pipe was removed and replaced and water was restored to the area around 3:30pm.

AJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10pm on a motion by Councillor Locke and seconded by Councillor Rice.

Chairperson

City Clerk