



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on October 17, 2023, at 4:40 pm.

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

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

23-10-530 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Fry/ Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-10-531 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-10-532 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held October 3, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING - None

23-10-533 Councillor Fry asked for an update on 23-10-527 of the October 3, 2023 minutes regarding resident engagement for the budget process. The CAO reported that the City has seen the best response it has had yet with the engagement process.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS:

23-10-534 2023 Foster Families Month October 2023

Mayor Aker proclaimed the month of October as Foster Families Month in the City of Mount Pearl. He welcomed Kelli Hodder, Executive Director with Foster Families NL who spoke to the proclamation and acknowledged and celebrated the work of foster families who are caring for the most vulnerable. She encouraged families to consider fostering.

23-10-535 International Stuttering Awareness Day October 22, 2023

Mayor Aker proclaimed October 22, 2023 as International Stuttering Awareness Day in the City of Mount Pearl. He welcomed Greg O'Grady who spoke to the proclamation, his personal experience and the importance of bringing awareness.

PRESENTATIONS

23-10-536 Presentation of City Flag to Warrant Officer Delaney

The Mayor welcomed Warrant Officer Johnathon Delaney of the Canadian Armed Forces and presented him with a Mount Pearl City Flag to take with him on his deployment to Iraq. WO Delaney spoke about Operation Impact to create stability in the region and noted he would be supporting NATO Mission Iraq while deployed.

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-10-537 Swimming Lessons Registration (2nd Set)

The 2nd set of Fall Swimming lesson registration will take place on Monday, October 30th @ 5pm for Mount Pearl residents and Wednesday, November 1st @ 5pm for non-residents.

All registrations will be online. The swimming lesson information is available on the City's website.

23-10-538 Annual Safety Skeleton – Tuesday October 31, 2023

The annual safety skeleton will take place on Tuesday, October 31st. The City's Municipal Enforcement Officers will patrol the streets within Mount Pearl to ensure safety is being followed, while giving treats to those seen.

23-10-539 Annual Pumpkin Parade | St. David's Park November 1, 2023

The annual pumpkin parade is planned for Wednesday, November 1st from 6-8pm. Residents are invited to bring their pumpkins to help light up the night at the Park. All pumpkins will be collected and composted after the event compliments of the City of Mount Pearl.

23-10-540 Beverage Sponsorship Agreement (Browning Harvey)

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Fry

The Committee recommends approval to execute an agreement between the City and Browning Harvey for the period of ten (10) years, 2023 to 2033, with \$25,000 per year provided to the City. The agreement will include sponsorship terms, which have been negotiated by both parties.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

23-10-541 Building and Occupancy Permit Listing | July 13 – September 22, 2023

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Locke

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.

23-10-542 North of Topsail Road Owners' Advisor Request for Proposal

Council's Strategic Plan, Building Tomorrow, includes Goal 3 Support Smart Development and Redevelopment. A key action is North of Topsail Road development. A major component of this work is seeking an 'Owner's Advisor' which includes a team of expertise in planning, engineering, business, legal, and others to assist us on this substantial undertaking. A request for proposals is being issued this week.

23-10-543 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,

Asphalt and Concrete – Maintenance hole repairs ongoing with and nearing completion.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

23-10-544 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Canada Post <i>BRM Annual Fee, Tax Bill Postage and Letter Mail</i>	\$ 10,265.77
2	Grand Concourse Authority <i>Garbage Receptables, Team Gushue</i>	\$ 14,000.00
3	McInnes Cooper <i>Legal Fees</i>	\$ 71,618.56
4	TOK Transit <i>Taxi Trips August 2023</i>	\$ 11,747.37
5	City of St John's <i>Water Consumption September 2023</i>	\$ 224,995.42
6	Stewart McKelvey <i>Legal Fees</i>	\$ 14,928.15
	Total	\$ 347,555.27

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-10-545 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for September 29 - October 12, 2023, totaled \$1,509,565.78.

23-10-546 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Lane provided an update on ongoing maintenance for roads and parks. She also noted that work continues at the Team Gushue baseball field in preparation for the 2025 Summer Games and reported ongoing fleet maintenance and winter preparation for the 2023-24 season, as well as general UTM service calls.

NEW BUSINESS

23-10-547 Christmas at the Glacier

Councillor Lane reminded the public that Christmas at the Glacier will begin on October 18 and encouraged residents to attend. She noted this was one of her favourite events.

23-10-548 Congratulations

Councillor Fry wished a Happy Birthday to Joan O'Keefe of Hillcrest Estates on her 98th birthday.

23-10-549 Congratulations

Councillor Fry congratulated Captain Patrick Power, a firefighter with the St. John's Regional Fire Department, on receiving the St. John's Rotary Club 2023 Firefighter of the Year Award. She noted he had been a firefighter for 42 years.

23-10-550 Haunted Walk

Councillor Locke reminded residents and guests to the City of the Haunted Walk at Power's Pond, running October 20 – 29 from 7-10pm. . Admission is a monetary donation to the food bank.

23-10-551 St. David Accessible Playground Opening

Councillor Locke acknowledged the official opening of the playground and the attendance of the children from Morris Academy. He noted the positive response from residents regarding the safety of the playground and the pride of city staff who helped to design and build the park. He congratulated staff for a job well done.

23-10-552 Salvation Army Trunk -or- Treat

Councillor Antle advised that the annual Trunk or Treat will take place at 106 Ashford Drive on October 26th. He noted that residents would contact the Citadel or Major Hillier if they wanted to attend.

Councillor Fry asked what a trunk or treat was. Councillor Antle explained that trunks would be filled with treats and decorated and children to go to each to get a Halloween treat.

23-10-553 Construction Zones

Councillor Antle reminded residents of the construction zones around the City and advised residents to be cautious and stay safe.

The Mayor closed the meeting noting the completion of the Octoberfest event this past weekend as well as the Annual Fall Craft Fair, which he noted was a tradition in the City of Mount Pearl. He thanked the Recreation

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Director and staff for their work in putting the events together.

AJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Councillor Fry.

Chairperson

City Clerk