



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 31, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on October 31, 2023, at 4:00 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	Cassie Pittman, Director of Corporate Services
Councillor Mark Rice	Stephanie Walsh, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
Absent	Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant
Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley	

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

23-10-554 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Lane/ Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-10-555 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-10-556 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Rice/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held October 17, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING –

23-10-557 Haunted Walk – Foodbank Donation

Councillor Antle asked for an update on minute number 23-10-550 from the October 17 meeting regarding funds/donations raised/collected during the Haunted Walk for the City's foodbanks. The Mayor advised that there would be a presentation made to the foodbanks in two weeks' time and that the donations and collections of food were still being tallied. He noted that representatives from the foodbanks would be invited to the next public meeting and presented with the donations raised during the walk. The matter was referred to the Recreation and Community Safety Committee to make those arrangements.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS - None

PRESENTATIONS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

23-10-558 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	City of St John's Tipping Fees Aug 2023	\$ 59,777.92
2	City of St John's Water/Wastewater 3rd Qtr 2023	\$ 150,717.62
3	City of St John's City's Share of SJRFD Oct 2023	\$ 460,283.33
4	Harvey & Company Ltd Repairs Unit 732	\$ 5,000.00
5	Municipal Assessment Agency Inc 4th Qtr Assessment Fees 2023	\$ 67,470.00
6	Metal Manufacturing Bridge Work	\$ 7,820.00

7	NLESD Facilities Division Summer Rentals	\$ 7,200.00
8	Saunders Equipment Ltd Repairs Door 12 Depot	\$ 9,889.03
9	St John's Transportation Commission Accessible Bus Svcs Sept 2023	\$ 7,818.92
10	St John's Transportation Commission Gas Expenses for Bus Trips Apr-June 2023	\$ 10,935.48
11	St John's Transportation Commission Transit Svcs Aug 2023	\$ 100,677.68
12	St John's Transportation Commission Transit Svcs Sept 2023	\$ 102,164.56
13	Stewart McKelvey Legal Svcs	\$ 14,928.15
14	TOK Transit Taxi Trips Sept 2023	\$ 11,040.17
15	TOK Transit Accessible Bus Trips Sept 2023	\$ 21,036.81
	Total	\$ 1,036,759.67

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-10-559 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the following payment register for October 12-25, 2023, totaled \$1,145,618.00. The Purchase Card Report for October 6, 2023, totaled \$384,999.17.

23-10-560 Request for Tax Consideration

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the 2023 business taxes be exempted for the following in accordance with the City's policy for charitable and not profit organizations:

Name	Address	Type	Annual Amount
St. John Ambulance	8 Thomas Byrne	Business (100%)	\$22,882.02
Newfoundland and Labrador Employers' Council	129 Glencoe	Business (100%)	\$8,664.99
Alzheimer Society NL	833-839 Topsail Road	Business (100%)	\$3099.23

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-10-561 Request for Sponsorship of the DARE Program for 2023-2024

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the request by the Northeast Avalon Region's DARE Committee to maintain the \$3,000 donation to the DARE (Drug Abuse and Resistance Education) Program for 2023 be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-10-562 Façade Improvement Program Recommendation

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the application for a grant of \$9,700.00, under the city's Façade Improvement Program, be approved for the O'Neill Group / Countryside Farms Butcher Shop at 969 Topsail Road. The amount is within budget.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-10-563 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Rice provided an update on ongoing maintenance for roads and parks. He also noted that preparation had started for outdoor rinks and work continues at the Team Gushue baseball field in preparation for the 2025 Summer Games. He reported that crews had started work on the tree lighting at St. David's Park and noted ongoing fleet maintenance and winter preparation for the 2023-24 season.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

23-10-564 Notification of Funding Approval 2023-2024 Multi-year Capital Works – Notification of Funding Acceptance and Distribution

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the 2023-2026 Multi-Year Capital Works funding in the amount of \$6,467,086.00 (Net of Rebate) be accepted and FURTHER THAT, the funds be distributed as follows:

Holden Street Upgrading: \$2,856,529.57
New Community Centre: \$3,610,556.43.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-10-565 Building and Occupancy Permit Listing | October 9 – October 20, 2023

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Rice

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.

23-10-566 629 Kenmount Road

Site work – clearing, grubbing and back fill - commenced October 18th, 2023. All permits are in place, and all required documentation has been received by the City.

23-10-567 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 mid November 2023, to resume 2024 construction season,

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

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-10-568 Mount Pearl Frosty Festival | City of Mount Pearl Memorandum of Understanding January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to execute a MOU between the City and Mount Pearl Frosty Festival for the period of one year, January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, which includes the provision of an annual operating subsidy in the amount of \$65,000.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-10-569 Remembrance Day Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony | Saturday, November 11, 2023

On Saturday, November 11th, the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 36, will pay tribute to all those who fought to preserve the values that we hold so dear with a wreath laying ceremony at St. David's Park.

The Parade formation will commence at Mount Pearl Intermediate School parking lot and at 10:40 am proceed down Ruth Avenue, for the wreath laying ceremony directly in front of the Cenotaph.

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23-10-570 Stride Running Club, Run to Remember Trail Race | Saturday, November 11, 2023

For the information of the public, the annual Run to Remember trail race is scheduled for Saturday, November 11, 2023 commencing at 8 am in the City of Mount Pearl and estimated to be concluded by 10:00am. Motorists are advised there could potentially be traffic delays in the Donovan Industrial Park, Corisande Drive area as runners will cross the road onto the Trail.

NEW BUSINESS - None

AJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Councillor Lane.

Chairperson

City Clerk