



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 28, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on November 28, 2023 in City Council Chambers at 4:47 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 Chelsea Lane	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works
Councillor Mark Rice	Cassie Pittman, Director of Corporate Services
	Stephanie Walsh, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
Absent	Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant
Councillor Bill Antle	
Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley	

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

23-11-599 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Fry/ Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-11-600 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-11-601 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Locke/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held November 14, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

23-11-602 Olympic Drive Construction

Councillor Locke referred to minute number 23-11-589 of the November 14 Public meeting. He had noted the resident concerns Olympic Drive Construction had been resolved and he wanted to commend staff for completing work.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS - None

PRESENTATIONS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

23-11-603 Moffatt Road Phase 7 – Newfoundland Power Servicing

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to Newfoundland Power for servicing Moffatt Road Phase 7.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-11-604 20 Bannister Street – Demolition Order

Councillor Locke declared a conflict for this motion, exited the meeting at 4:57 pm and returned at 5:02 pm.

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the issuance of the order as outlined be approved by Council and further that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to issue the order, pursuant to Section (238)2 of the City of Mount Pearl Action, Section 55 of the Mount Pearl Building Regulations 2019 and Section 42 (1)(b) of the Occupancy and Maintenance Regulations.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-11-605 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | November 6 - 17, 2023

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$3,465,800.00 be approved and FURTHER THAT the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-11-606 Capital Projects Update

All Capital Projects throughout the City are nearing completion for the 2023 construction season. The City wishes to thank all residents for their patience.

- Birch Avenue Upgrading – estimated completion date November 29, 2023.
- Farrell Drive (Holden Street to Evans Place) - seasonal suspension of work November 29, 2023, to resume 2024 construction season
- Asphalt and Concrete – Maintenance hole repairs ongoing and nearing completion.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-11-607 Recreational Facilities Holiday Hours

For the information of the public, the recreational holiday hours of operation will be posted at each facility and on the City's website.

23-11-608 Glacier Arena – Holiday Season Final Skate

For the information of the public, the final skating dates have been posted at the Glacier and on the City's website. All public skates will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Councillor Fry reminded the public of the annual free skate on December 31

23-11-609 Breakfast with Santa, Sunday December 17, 2023

The annual breakfast with Santa will take place at the Reid Centre on December 17 from 9 am to 11 am. Tickets are \$7 each and free for children under 2 yrs. Tickets will go on sale through Eventbrite on Monday, December 4th.

23-11-610 Washroom Paper Tender – TP23-022

Motion: Councillor Locke/ Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to award the tender to Bilroc (Rockwater Professional Products) at the lowest estimated annual cost of \$36,330.80 plus \$7,586.55 for dispensers.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-11-611 Gas Tax Funding Canada Games Baseball Upgrades (Team Gushue) - Project #165-2023-8012

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the approved Gas Tax funding of \$475, 298.00 for Project # 165-2023-8012 be returned to the City's gas tax allocation.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Fry declared a conflict with this motion, exited the meeting 5:11 pm and returned at 5:14 pm.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

23-11-612 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	BDO Audit Services	\$ 17,139.60
2	Chandler Scrubber SC 500	\$ 10,118.85
3	City of St John's Robin Hood Bay Tipping Fees Sept 2023	\$ 54,560.27
4	City of St. John's City's Share of SJRFD Nov 2023	\$ 460,283.33
5	Coastline Specialties Ltd Supply and Install Platforms	\$ 6,877.00
6	FTP Financial Times GIS Annual fee for Invest In Mount Pearl Website Tool	\$ 8,971.18
7	Honda Town Snowblower	\$ 5,400.00
8	Honda Town Snowblower	\$ 5,400.00
9	Ignite Annual billing 2023-2024	\$ 41,400.00
10	Ignite Security Cameras, accessories & licensing/support	\$ 7,615.30
11	Saunders 12" Wheels (864)	\$ 18,957.75

12	St. John's Transportation Commission Accessible Services July23 - Sept23	\$ 18,768.00
13	St John's Transportation Commission Transit Svcs Oct 2023	\$ 98,282.49
14	Urban Flooring Supply and Install Gamelines and Logo at Reid Centre	\$ 9,959.00
	Total	\$ 763,732.77

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-11-613 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for November 9 - 22, 2023, totaled \$ 469,463.14.

23-11-614 Remote Meeting Attendance Policy

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to adopt and implement the amendment to Section 31(5) of the City of Mount Pearl Act as it pertains to authorization of Council to allow a councillor to participate remotely and be considered in attendance at a regular meeting of Council, COTW or committee meeting excluding Special or Privileged Council meetings.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-11-615 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Rice provided an update on ongoing Public Works maintenance, repairs and activities in the City, highlighting the preparations for the outdoor rinks, Tree Lighting at St. David's Park as well as the City's float for this year's Christmas Parade.

NEW BUSINESS

23-11-616 Waterford Valley Rotary Club Luncheon

Councillor Rice and other Council members attended the Rotary Club luncheon. He wanted to thank the club for their invitation as well as City staff who put together a presentation on the City's Find your Centre Plan for the meeting. He noted that the Rotary Club appreciated the presentation and the City's commitment to the health of the Waterford River.

Councillor Locke also spoke of the luncheon and noted that the Rotarians were very moved by the City's focus on the Waterford River in the Find Your Centre presentation. He noted that one member stated that this was the club's vision for the river when he joined over 40 years ago. The

club was very supportive of the City's plan. Councillor Locke wanted to commend staff for the presentation. He noted it was wonderful feedback that the City was heading in the right direction.

23-11-617 Mount Pearl Lions Club Food Drive

Councillor Rice attended at one of the locations for the Mount Pearl Lions Club food drive. He thanked city staff. He acknowledge the Scouts, City staff, and volunteers in attendance as well as vehicles provided by the City to collect donations. Councillor Rice spoke with the president of the Lions Club who advised him they were very pleased with the support from the City.

Councillor Fry also acknowledged the Lions Club for this recent food drive. She stated it was important for residents to know there is a big demand this year and e

23-11-618 68th Annual Mount Pearl Lions Club Santa Claus Parade

Councillor Rice advised that the Santa Claus Parade is taking place this Saturday, December 2nd starting at 10am and will travel from Mount Pearl Senior High, down Ruth Avenue and Park Avenue, and end at Mount Pearl Square.

23-11-619 All is Bright Tree Lighting

Councillor Rice noted that the lighting of St. David's park and tree lighting would also take place on Saturday, December 2nd at 6pm

23-11-620 Congratulations

Councillor Lane offered congratulations to Mount Pearl's Zach Dean on scoring his first goal in the AHL for the Springdale Thunderbirds.

23-11-621 Donations to Charities

Councillor Lane wanted to remind residents that they can donate unopened toys to local charities and churches for children in need and noted in the spirit of giving, it was important to give back to those that don't have.

23-11-622 Community Groups

Councillor Fry wanted to thank all groups and volunteers that make things happen and highlighted the upcoming Kinettes Turkey drive

23-11-623 Good wishes to Paradise and Councillor Laurie

Councillor Fry wanted to send good wishes on behalf of her and her Council Colleagues to the Town of Paradise and Councillor Laurie during this difficult time.

23-11-624 Tipping Fees Robinhood Bay.

Councillor Locke spoke to the tipping fees for Robinhood Bay. He noted that he had spoken to a resident who noticed a decline in the amount of recycling placed at the curb. He asked for some data around the numbers. The resident also inquired why yard waste and clippings were wrapped in plastic when other municipalities use paper bags when there is no tipping fee for paper bags. Councillor Locke noted the \$.89 tipping fee for the yard waste in plastic and asked about the potential savings to incorporate a paper bag yard waste program. The matter was referred to Corporate Services and Public Works to review the possibility of implementing this type of program and to provide details of the amounts collected and any changes. Councillor Locke asked for a report to be brought forward in the new year.

23-11-625 Money Raised for Mount Pearl Food Banks.

Councillor Locke spoke to the amount of money raised during the recent events in the City. He noted the amount was over \$27,000 and acknowledged the generosity. He stated he was touched by the efforts of the youth from minor hockey. Councillor Locke commended the good work of service groups and youth noting the need is great spread some cheer.

23-11-626 Commonwealth T'Railway

Mayor Aker acknowledged the many discussions and concerns regarding a pedestrian crossing at the Commonwealth Avenue T'Railway and advised the public that their concerns were heard. He stated the foremost concern for Council was safety and noted Council was engaged to find a safe and long-term solution and were happy to listen to residents. The Mayor stated the issue had been identified as a concern in the Find Your Centre City Centre Renewal Plan. He noted that the City was developing an Integrated transportation plan that includes this area.

Councillor Locke stated that the City has to rely on expertise and the placement a crosswalk would need study. He noted he was not ready to support a short-term solution.

AJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm on a motion by Councillor Rice and seconded by Councillor Lane.

Chairperson

City Clerk