



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on December 12, 2023, at 4:30 pm.

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

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting

23-12-627 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Lane/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-12-628 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-12-629 Adoption of Minutes

Motion –Councillor Locke/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held November 28, 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 presented

PROCLAMATIONS – None presented

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

23-12-630 2 Stapleton Road – Former Pool – Underground Storage Removal Request for Change Order #1 – Contractor Associated Fees – Tank Removal

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Change Order #1, payable to Pinchin Ltd for contractor associated fees – tank removal, in the amount of \$3,375.25 HST Included.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-12-631 Notification of Funding Approval 2023-2026 Multi-Year Capital Works – Recommendation of Funding Acceptance and Distribution

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Rice

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

Holden Street Upgrading: \$2,856,529.57

New Community Centre: \$3,610,556.43

AND FURTHER THAT, Council agree to provide the Ultimate Recipient (City) share value of \$3,631,265 to be distributed as follows:

Holden Street Upgrading: \$1,224,227

New Community Center: \$2,407,038

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-12-632 77 Westminster Drive Seamstress/Tailoring – Your Tailor - Home Occupation (Discretionary) – RMD Use Zone

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the application subject to meeting all regulatory requirements of the City of Mount Pearl

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-12-633 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | November 20 – December 1, 2023

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period showing a total construction value of \$1,130,400.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-12-634 Capital Projects Update

All Capital Projects throughout the City have ended for the season and cleanup is underway. Thank you again to the residents for their patience.

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-12-635 Glacier Arena – Final Skate

A reminder to the public, the final skating dates for 2023 (week of Dec 17th) have been posted at the Glacier Arena and on the City's website.

23-12-636 Holiday Hours – Recreational Facilities

For the information of the public, the hours of operation for the Summit Centre, Reid Centre, Glacier Arena and Gloria Pearson Centre are posted at each facility and located on the City's website.

23-12-637 Family First Night Celebrations December 31, 2023 | Summit Centre & Glacier Arena

For the information of the public, on December 31st from 10:30am to 12:30pm, the Summit Centre is offering a free public swim, all families are invited. The annual first night skate celebrations will take place at the Glacier Arena from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, and families are invited, free of charge, to this non-alcohol family event.

23-12-638 Fireworks | New Year's Eve

A reminder to the public that the City's Noise Regulations stipulate that fireworks can only be discharged between dusk on New Year's Eve (Dec 31) to 12:30am on January 1.

23-12-639 Summit Centre Pool – Swimming Registration for January 2024 Lessons

For the information of the public, the registration dates for the winter session January 2024 swimming lessons will take place as follows:

Residents – Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 5:00 pm

Open Registration – Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 5:00 pm

23-12-640 Upcoming Registration – January 2023 Programs – Fitness Programs and Seniors Independence Group Programs

Information on the registration dates (January 3rd and January 5th) for the winter programs for Fitness Classes and the Seniors Independence Group programs is posted on the City's website.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

23-12-641 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Armour Lock and Safe Labour & Materials RNC	\$ 24,840.00
2	City of St John's City's Share Regional Fire Dept Dec 2023	\$ 460,283.37
3	Esiance Inc Gift Cards for Staff	\$ 8,400.00
4	Everbridge Subscription	\$ 8,239.68
5	Harbourside Transportation Consultants Professional Svcs	\$ 6,986.25
6	KBRS 2022 Ltd Recruitment	\$ 30,177.61
7	King's Plumbing & Heating Ltd RNC Renovations	\$ 16,791.78
8	King's Plumbing & Heating Ltd RNC Renovations	\$ 25,875.00

9	Municipal Assessment Agency Fourth Qtr Assessments 2023	\$ 67,470.00
10	Madsen Power Systems Annual Maintenance Contract	\$ 7,791.25
11	Paul Davis Restoration Mould Abatement	\$ 6,678.29
12	Pro Circuit Electrical Inc RNC Upgrades	\$ 37,734.81
13	Universal Power Systems Service Agreement Contract Jan-Dec 2024	\$ 7,072.50
14	Wolseley Canada Inc Water Repair	\$ 12,054.00
	Total	\$ 720,394.54

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-12-642 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for November 23-December 6, 2023, totaled \$3,017,443.27. The Purchase Card Report for November 7, 2023, totaled \$ 367,298.57.

23-12-643 Tax Deferral – Low Income Earners

Motion – Councillor Rice /Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted for the following in accordance with Council's policy for low income earners.

Account #	Amount Deferred
646003	\$ 1,395.61
600030	\$ 2,427.81
702550	\$ 1,536.30

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-12-644 Banking Services – RFP-23-018

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to accept the proposal from CIBC for banking services for the five-year period commencing January 1, 2024.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-12-645 Leave of Absence – Deputy Mayor Kieley

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, a medical leave of absence be approved for Deputy Mayor Kieley pursuant to section 20(e)(ii) of the City of Mount Pearl Act, where a councillor may be absent from meetings of the council for three or more successive months with the leave of council and section 2.4 of the City of Mount Pearl Council Renumeration and Reimbursement Regulations.

Question Called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-12-646 2023 Public Council Meeting Calendar

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the 2024 Public Council Meeting calendar be approved as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-12-647 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Lane provided the following update: for Public Works and highlighted the start of the winter shift with a primary focus on snow clearing and ice control. She noted the outdoor rink structures were in place and waiting for the right weather to ready them for use. Councillor Lane reported that work continues at the Team Gushue Baseball field, fleet maintenance is ongoing as well as UTM general service calls and inspections.

23-12-648 2024 Budget Presentation

Councillor Rice provided an overview of the budget process and the City’s plans for 2024.

23-12-649 2024 Tax Rates

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with The City of Mount Pearl Act, establish the following tax rates for the 2024 taxation year

Property Tax - Residential (minimum \$ 200 per year) 7.7 mils

Property Tax - Commercial (minimum \$ 400 per year) 12.4 mils

Automated Waste Collection Fee	\$20 per annum per bin (maximum 2 bins per house)
WATER AND WASTEWATER FEES	
Water/Wastewater Fee - Residential	\$625 per unit
Water/Wastewater Fee - Commercial base (minimum)	2.4 mils

\$600)	
Commercial Water Meter(per property):	
0 - 100,000 gallons	No additional charge
100,000 - 20 million gallons	\$6.00 per 1000 gallons
Over 20 million gallons	\$5.50 per 1000 gallons
School Boards - Water/Wastewater Fee	\$11.00 per student
Provincial Government Buildings - Water/Wastewater Fee	6.0 mils
BUSINESS TAX RATES	
General Commercial	18.1 mils
Banks and Financial Institutions	80.2 mils
Bulk Storage and Oil Companies	40.8 mils
Agricultural Operations	3.1 mils
Hotels and Motels	16.6 mils
Large Department Stores	21.6 mils
Oil and Gas Service Industry	21.6 mils
Private Schools	16.6 mils
Professional Operations	24.8 mils
Recreational and Non-Profit Facilities	12.1 mils
Self-storage	64.9 mils
Billboards	\$100 per side per year
Personal Care Homes	Exempt
Daycares	Exempt
All businesses subject to taxation under the Taxation of Utilities and Cable Television Companies Act and commercial establishments without a fixed place of business within the City	2.5 % of annual gross revenue

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-12-650 2023 Rates & Fees

Motion – Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with The City of Mount Pearl Act, approve the presented Schedule of Rates & Fees, to take effect January 1, 2024.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-12-651 Interest Rate

Motion –Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with *The City of Mount Pearl Act*, approve an annual rate of interest of 10% to be levied on all past due taxes and accounts receivable.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-12-652 Revenue and Expenditures

Motion –Councillor Rice/ Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with *The City of Mount Pearl Act*, approve the 2024 Budget with operating Revenues and Expenditures totaling \$58,483,356.00

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

23-12-653 Budget 2024

Council members acknowledged the challenge of the 2024 budget process and expressed their support of the budget, which they agreed was sound and practical. They highlighted budget items such as the focus on a transportation plan to improve transit services, the City's Accessibility Plan and investment in the City's future growth. Council also highlighted the investment in urban forestry, T'Railway lighting and recreation programs. They noted the importance of listening to residents and acknowledging their feedback in this budget process. Council agreed the budget was a balanced one for the current economic climate and would move the City forward in 2024.

Council extended appreciation and thanks to everyone involved in the 2024 budget deliberations and preparation.

The Director of Corporate Services acknowledged the dedicated work of staff in developing the budget with Council and thanked her colleagues, staff and Council. She noted the budget was sound and practical and reflective of the current environment and the City's future growth.

23-12-654 Christmas Greetings

Council members extended Christmas greetings to the residents of Mount Pearl, council colleagues and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm on a motion by Councillor Rice and seconded by Councillor Lane.

Chairperson

City Clerk