



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on March 5, 2024, at 4:30 pm.

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

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting

24-03-101 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Lane /Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-03-102 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

24-03-103 Adoption of Minutes

Motion –Councillor Rice/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held February 20, 2024, be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: none

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING - none

24-03-104 Life Skills Slow cooker Update

Councillor Fry ask what the response has been to the class offering and if there were any registrations. The Recreation and Community Safety Director advised registration was still open and there were some nighttime slots still available.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PRESENTATIONS – None presented.

PROCLAMATIONS

24-03-105 Easter Seals Month March 2024

The Mayor signed a proclamation declaring the month of March 2024 as Easter Seals Month in the City of Mount Pearl.

Councillor members acknowledged the importance of the work of Easter Seals NL. Breanna Pelley, Easter Seals was present for the reading and joined Council for a picture. Lane light city hall red and white and post.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

24-03-106 St. David's Accessible Playground | Contractor Change Order # 8 – Concrete Apron Adjustment and Water Testing Station Repair | Contractor Change # 3 – Additional Inspection Services

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Contractor Change Order #8, payable to Modern Paving, for the concrete apron adjustment and water testing station repair, totaling \$6,574.93 (HST included) and FURTHER THAT, approval be given for Consultant Change Order #3, payable to TRACT Consulting, for additional inspection services on the project, totaling \$1,667.50 (HST Included).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-03-107 New Community Centre Splash Pad , Ice Surface/Path and Site Upgrades Owner's Advisor Services Request for Change Order # 2 | Supplemental Environmental Site Assessment

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Change Order # 2 – Supplemental Environmental Site Assessment, payable to WSP E&I Canada Limited, in the amount of \$49,154.85 (HST Included).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-03-108 H. Neil Windsor Building - Climate Change Improvements – Park Shed Fuel Switching Project Contractor Change Order #4 - CU-2 Disconnect Upsizing | Contractor Change Order #5 - Panel DP1 Breaker Replacement

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Change Order #4, in the amount of \$2,765.29 (HST Included) for CU-2 disconnect upsizing and approval of Change Order #5, in the amount of \$18,447.50 (HST Included) for Panel DP1 Breaker replacement, both payable to JMJ Holdings.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-03-109 National Engineering Month

Councillor Antle advised that March was National Engineering Month and highlighted the work of the engineering staff on behalf of the City. Councillor Rice also acknowledged the importance of the Planning, Engineering and Development staff and thanked them for all the work that they complete for the City.

24-03-110 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | January 29 – February 9, 2024

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the residential and commercial building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$31,000.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

24-03-111 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RELOLVED THAT, approval be given for payment of the following invoices:

1	Cimco Partial payment for Glacier Gasket Chiller	\$ 18,584.00
2	Ignite Technology Cisco Security Subscription	\$ 6,550.17
3	Paul S Leskew & Associates Inc Scoreboard for Team Gushue Softball Field	\$ 12,020.78
4	St John's Transportation Commission Admin Fee - Accessible Services	\$ 17,687.00
	Total	\$ 54,841.95

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-03-112 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register February 17 – 28, 2024, totaled \$1,746,860.67.

Councillor Fry ask for clarification on the Destination St. John’s payment in the register. The Corporate Services Director explained the payment was for the Sport Tourism Partnership Step Annual Membership for 2024.

24-03-113 Funding Announcement – Government of Canada’s Housing Accelerator Fund – Helping Build More Homes, Faster in Mount Pearl

Councillor Lane spoke to the funding agreement between the Federal government and the City. She provided highlights and information on how the funding would be used to help reach the goal to accelerate the process of developing additional housing units in the City.

Council members spoke to the funding the City has received and acknowledged the crucial need for housing. They also acknowledged the interest the announcement has generated, and the contacts Council members have received from developers and residents. They noted the funding was provided, not to construct housing, but to accelerate the process and planning that will lead to the development. Council members noted the City is reaching out to residents regarding the Municipal Plan Review and asking for their input as the plan will dictate how the City moves forward with a focus on intensification. Residents were encouraged to participate.

24-03-114 Request for Professional Development – Councillors Isabelle Fry and Bill Antle – MNL 2024 Avalon Eastern Regional Meeting March 1 – 2, 2024 Clarenville, NL

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Councillors Fry and Antle to attend the Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) 2024 Avalon Eastern Regional Meeting in Clarenville from March 1-2, 2024

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

24-03-115 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Lane provided a status update for public works noting the primary focus is on snow clearing and ice control with snow removal from streets, sidewalks, cul de sacs and fire hydrants. She advised that service and maintenance were ongoing for snow clearing equipment and as of February 26th, all outdoor rinks are closed. Information on all rinks and daily status updates on which rinks are open/closed can be found on the city's website

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

24-03-116 St. Patrick's Day Tailgate Party, March 16, 2024

The annual Tailgate Party will be held at the Team Gushue Sports Complex. Admission is a non-perishable food item and entrance is on a first come, first serve basis. A post will be made to the City's Facebook page when the lot reaches capacity.

24-03-117 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny March 30, 2024

This year the City of Mount Pearl will be hosting 2 seating events with the Easter Bunny: Breakfast 8-10am and Brunch 12-2pm at the Reid Centre. The menu will consist of hashbrowns, eggs, bacon and pancakes. Tickets will go on sale March 11th at 10am on Eventbrite.

24-03-118 Easter Egg Hunt – March 25-30, 2024

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the Powers Pond trail from Monday, March 25th to Sunday, March 30th. More information will be posted to the City's social media platforms.

NEW BUSINESS

24-03-119 Special Olympics February 27 – March 2 Calgary, AB

Councillor Rice along with Councillor Fry, MHAs Lane and Stoyles were present at the St. John's Airport to welcome the athletes from Special Olympics home. Councillor Rice noted the excitement of the athletes and offered his congratulations.

Councillor Fry noted that the team won 26 medals consisting of 10 gold. She acknowledged the Wolverines Floor Hockey Team and offered congratulations to all athletes especially those from Mount Pearl.

24-03-120 International Women's Day March 8, 2024

Councillor Rice acknowledged March 8th as International Women's Day noting the theme was 'Inspire Inclusion'. He stated that the City embraces inclusion, diversity and equality and noted the City has come a long way in that regard and was supportive of gender equality the

Councillor Lane acknowledged International Women's Day. While she noted society has come a long way in regard to the inclusion of women, but there was more to do. She acknowledged and thanked her female colleagues and the female staff and noted she was appreciative of the support of her male colleagues.

Councillor Locke stated he was delighted to work with all the strong women, both staff and Council. He noted their input brings a different perspective to any discussion and he felt that made him a better Councillor and person.

Councillor Antle also acknowledged his strong female council colleagues and staff.

24-03-121 Wrestling NL Games

Councillor Lane offered congratulations to Luke McPherson from Mount Pearl who won the gold medal in the competition.

24-03-122 Senior High Speak Out

Councillor Fry offered congratulations to the Mount Pearl Lion's Club for the success of their senior high speak out. She noted Council members participated as judges, questioners and scorekeepers. She also congratulated the all the participants and the winners and stated the speeches were impressive and well executed.

24-03-123 Focus on Youth Awards March 19, 2024

Councillor Fry advised that the Focus on Youth Awards were coming up and encouraged residents to nominate extraordinary youths for the focus on youth awards. She explained the criteria for nominations.

24-03-124 Condolences

Councillor Locke offered condolences to the family and friends of Doug Babstock on his recent passing.

24-03-125 Pancake Supper

Councillor Locke and other Council members attend the pancake supper at the Church of the Good Sheppard. He noted one of the women he spoke with had availed of the City's Bench Program after losing her husband. She stated she felt very good about her experience and noted that was due to Paula Foley's patience and compassion. Councillor asked that the Public Works Director pass the messages to Ms. Foley.

24-03-126 MNL Avalon Eastern Regional Meeting (AER)

Councillors Antle and Fry attended AER meeting in Clarenville March 1-2, 2024. Councillor Antle noted there were two full days of round table discussions. He highlighted the discussions on different committee structures provided good ideas the he would bring to

committee.

24-03-127 Community Gardens

Councillor Antle advised that the Community Gardens on Forest Avenue and Gloria Pearson were being prepared for use. He noted residents can contact the city at 748-1000 or visit the City's website for more information.

Councillor Fry advised that the gardens also had accessible beds.

24-03-128 Potential Storm.

Mayor asked the Public Works Director if City staff and equipment ready for the forecasted weather event. The Director advised that the department has been preparing for this since the last storm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm on a motion by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Fry.

Chairperson

City Clerk