



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**July 2, 2024**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on July 2, 2024, at 4:30 pm.

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

**Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.**

24-07-343 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Rice / Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-344 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker.

24-07-345 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Locke / Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Public Meeting held June 18, 2024, 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

24-07-346 Presentation of commemorative pins to Council

MHA Lucy Stoyles presented Members of Council commemorative pins, including the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Newfoundland and Labrador National War Memorial and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Confederation 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

MHA Stoyles discussed the July 1st Ceremony at the National War Memorial. Council recognized the battles that many from the Province endured during the 1<sup>st</sup> World War, the sacrifices they made, and expressed their gratitude for those who served.

PROCLAMATIONS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

24-07-347 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Locke

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

1	Amtruck Ltd Truck Rental May 2024	\$ 10,695.00
2	Aquam Aquatic Specialist Inc Wave Breaker Classic Racing Lane Lines	\$ 10,594.35

3	Armour Lock & Security Systems Mount Pearl Softball Door Replacement	\$ 35,533.85
4	Canada Post Mailing Costs - Neighbourhood Mail	\$ 12,256.37
5	Canadian Maritime Engineering 10 Ton Hoist Replacement (50% of total)	\$ 16,549.28
6	City of St John's Robin Hood Bay Tipping Fees - April 2024	\$ 53,106.35
7	City of St John's Water Consumption May 2024	\$ 235,394.89
8	Fireside Catering Hall of Fame Sport Alliance Dinner	\$ 6,370.00
9	Ignite Technology Cisco Flex Calling Subscription 2024-2025 Annual Billing	\$ 19,924.85
10	Pro Circuit Electrical Inc Supply & Install Interior LED Fixtures - Gloria Pearson Ctr	\$ 19,604.70
11	TOK Transit Paratransit Bus Trips & No Shows May 2024	\$ 30,217.46
12	TOK Transit Taxi Trips May 2024	\$ 9,184.12
13	Zurich Claim Payment	\$ 7,190.96
	Total	\$ 466,622.18

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-348 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the payment register for June 13-26, 2024, totaled \$1,952,622.14 and the purchase card report for April 26-May25, 2024 totaled \$314,448.81.

24-07-349 Professional Development / Travel Request – Mayor Dave Aker – American Public Works Association (APWA) PWX Public Works Conference – September 8-11, 2024 – Atlanta, GA

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, ratification of the request by Mayor Aker to attend the American Public Works Association (APWA) PWX Public Works Conference in Atlanta, GA from September 8-11, 2024 be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-350 Travel Request for Mayor Dave Aker – 2024 Municipalities NL Conference, Gander, NL-  
November 7-9, 2024

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the travel request by Mayor Dave Aker to attend the 2024 Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador Conference in Gander from November 7-9, 2024, be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-351 Request for Support of Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the City to sponsor two teams in the annual Mount Pearl-Paradise Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament for 2024.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-352 Housing Accelerator Fund Development Incentives

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the HAF Incentives as below be approved, with all funding incentives to be subject to the terms and conditions established by the City.

Incentive 1: Multi-Unit Build Grant Program

For any housing development build with 4 units or more can qualify for a grant based on the number of units, up to a maximum of \$50,000 per project:

- \$1000 per unit if occupancy permit issued within 3 years.
- \$2000 per unit if occupancy permit issued within 2 years.
- \$3000 per unit if occupancy permit issued within 1 year.

Incentive 2: Waiver of Development Fees to Promote New Home Construction

The following fees will be waived on any new high density housing builds with 4 units or more units and up to a maximum of \$50,000 per project.

- Development Permit
- Site Permit
- Building Permit Fees
- Any application or associated fees

Incentive 3: Redevelopment of Underutilized Parcels of Land

Leverage underutilized land as well as land owned by the city to promote medium and

high-density development via consolidation of smaller land parcels into larger sites to unlock greater density.

- \$10,000 grant per lot to a maximum of 10 lots.

Incentive 4: Tiered Incentive Program

Encourage Mount Pearl's existing property owners to optimize their current parcel of land.

- \$20,000 to promote new accessory dwelling units in existing single-dwelling homes.
- \$10,000 for existing unapproved units to become legal.
- Eligibility under the program is one per civic address.

Incentive 5: Affordable Housing Pre-Construction Soft Cost Grant

Stimulate the commencement and preparation of affordable housing developments within the city via partial funding of soft costs related to activities outside actual construction for four or more units. This could include costs incurred for marketing, design, consultant fees, etc.

- Soft Cost Program will fund 15% of total costs or up to a maximum of \$15,000.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-353 Recommendation for Extension to Agreement for High-Vis Clothing

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the current RFP21-013 Agreement with Campbell's Ship Supplies for high-vis clothing to be extended for the second and final optional one-year term, from August 25, 2024, to August 24, 2025, with minor price increases (average of 1.96%) due to continuing inflation, and all other terms and conditions as per the original agreement.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-354 Public Works Status Report

A status update was provided for Public Works. Work continues on roads including asphalt repair, litter clean up, sidewalk and street sweeping, and lawn repairs. Bulk garbage collection is concluding. Work continues on landscape prep work, maintenance of sports fields, Team Gushue Baseball field upgrades, Urban Forestry Plan – Team Gushue Complex plantings have been completed, Branscombe Pond Trail upgrades are nearing completion and Powers Pond trail upgrades will soon commence. Inspections on all heavy-duty trucks are ongoing and service and maintenance continue. An update was provided on UTM general calls and water levels at BBBP.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

- 24-07-355 Moffat Road – Phase 7 - Request for Approval to proceed with Subdivision Development Agreement -Marlay Construction Limited

Motion: Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to enter into an agreement with Marlay Construction Limited as conditioned in the Development Permit. Public Council to ratify the Subdivision Development Agreement with Marlay Construction.

Question Called – Motion carried unanimously.

- 24-07-356 43 Greenwood Crescent – Nickel Properties Inc.- Residential Proposed 24 Unit Row Dwelling Development

Motion: Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the application be approved and a Development Permit be issued subject to the conditions outlined in the PED report and incorporated into the permit.

Question Called – Motion carried unanimously.

- 24-07-357 Community Centre, Splash Pad, and Ice Surface/Path – Request for Change Order #3- Remedial Action Plan

Motion: Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, Change Order #3, Remedial Action Plan, for the amount of \$11,996.50 + HST to facilitate the timely execution of the Remedial Action Plan, ensuring compliance with environmental standards be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Locke left the Council Chamber at 5:32 due to conflict of interest.

- 24-07-358 20 Bannister Street – Demolition Order

Motion: Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, that Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to issue an Order to the property owner of 20 Bannister Street, Mount Pearl, to remedy the hazardous condition of the property by the demolition and removal of the dwelling and all other structures on the property within 30 days of the Order being served.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Locke returned to the Council Chamber at 5:35 p.m.

24-07-359 Building and Occupancy Permit Listing | June 3 - 14, 2024

Motion: Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the residential and commercial building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$1,338,867.30 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-360 Development Permit Listing | June 3 - 14, 2024

Motion: Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the Development Permits be approved for the period of June 3-14, 2024.

<b>Development Permit #</b>	<b>Date of Issue</b>	<b>Type of Use</b>	<b>Civic Address</b>
DP24-0163	June 7, 2024	Ancillary Exterior Patio, Fence and Retaining Wall	1031-1033 Topsail Road

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-361 Capital Projects Update

An update on the City's capital projects was provided highlighting the tenders and request for proposals for June. Also advised of the construction projects that are ongoing.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

24-07-362 Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl (AAMP) | 2024 Operating Grant

Motion: Councillor Locke / Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to release the 2024 operating grant for the Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl, in the amount of \$10,000, based on the current MOU with the City and the future activity plans for the Association.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-363 2024 Canoe/Kayak Summer Program

For the information of the public, the details for the Summer 2024 Canoe and Kayak Program will be promoted on all platforms of social media within the coming weeks. The program commence date, weather permitting is Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

NEW BUSINESS

24-07-364 Canada Day Celebrations

Councillor Locke discussed this past weekend's Canada Day Celebrations, advising that the events were hosted indoors on Monday due to the weather. He advised that the Prime Minister of Canada was in attendance to join in the celebrations. He thanked the Director of Recreation and Community Safety and all staff for their work on events including planning and participation.

24-07-365 Summer Events

Councillor Locke reminded residents and guests that every Friday in July and August, concerts will be held at Centennial Park. These are free, family friendly pop-up concerts with live performers on stage 12:00 – 1:30 pm.

24-07-366 City Days

City Days are taking place July 18 – 21, 2024, and the schedule will be posted in the coming days.

24-07-367 Emergency Preparedness

Deputy Mayor Kieley encouraged everyone to be prepared with the upcoming heavy rainfall warning and inclement weather. As we are experiencing climate change and changing weather, she suggested that everyone visit the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's emergency services website which offer helpful checklists.

24-07-368 St. John's Regional Fire Department Ceremonies

Councillor Antle discussed the St. John's Regional Fire Department Provincial Fire Service Awards event on June 18th. Best wishes to those who received service awards. He discussed the St. John's Regional Fire Department Firefighter Recruits Ceremony, held on June 21<sup>st</sup>, advising that there were fourteen new recruits.



24-07-369 The Billie Jean King Cup Victory Tour Viewing

Councillor Antle advised that this afternoon he attended the viewing at the Mount Pearl Tennis Club. He discussed that this was formerly the Federation Cup and was launched in 1963. It is now the largest annual international team competition in women's sports.

Councillor Fry reported that this was the first time Canada has won the cup, and congratulated the team. They beat Australia at the international tournament, and Canada ended the year as the number one team in the world for the first time in history.

24-07-370 Alex Taylor Fundraiser

The event is taking place on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Calvary Baptist Church, in support of the foodbank.

24-07-371 Safe Seniors Walk

Councillor Rice recognized the municipal police and park patrol staff for their participation in the Seniors Safe Walk, noting his appreciation of City staff holding this event for seniors. Thank you to all involved.

24-07-372 Mount Pearl HAF Open House

Councillor Rice advised that the Open House was held on June 20<sup>th</sup> for anyone wishing to attend. There was quite a turnout, with positive comments received by those who attended. Thank you to all staff involved.

24-07-373 Canada Day Celebrations

Councillor Rice advised that the Mount Pearl Canada Day and Wreath Laying Ceremony was held on June 30<sup>th</sup> at St. David's Cenotaph.

He advised he watched the City of St. John's service on television, noting the event was very professional and well organized. It was a big celebration and a part of history in the province. Councillor Rice congratulated the Provincial and Federal Governments for putting the event together.

Mayor Aker discussed the City's full eventful weekend past, advising the Prime Minister was in attendance at the Canada Day event. He thanked Recreation and Community Safety staff for their work, including the support of the Public Works Department and other departments. As the weather did not cooperate, events were moved inside to the Glacier. It was a quick move getting into the Glacier, and the Mayor thanked the Director of Recreation and Community Safety and his staff.

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24-07-374 Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Service

Councillor Fry advised that the service will be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. There will be reduced traffic lanes on Topsail Road and Blackmarsh Road commencing at 12 noon.

24-07-375 Councillor Lane

Councillor Fry advised that Councillor Lane is absent tonight as she is due to have her baby any day and was advised to rest. Best wishes to Chelsea.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm on a motion by Councillor Locke and seconded by Councillor Fry.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk