



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 18, 2025**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on February 18, 2025 at 4:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Mayor Dave Aker	Jason Collins, Director of Recreation and Community Safety
Councillor Jim Locke	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works
Councillor Isabelle Fry	Scott Batt, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development
Councillor Bill Antle	Stephanie Hynes, Manager of Finance / Acting Director of Corporate Services
Councillor Mark Rice	Stephanie Walsh, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
Councillor Chelsea Lane	Ann Picco, Executive Assistant
Absent	Absent
Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley	Cassie Rideout, Chief Administrative Officer

**Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.**

25-02-079 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-02-080 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker.

25-02-081 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Fry / Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the minutes of the Public Meeting held February 4, 2025, be adopted, as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

#### ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

BUSINESS ARISING - None

#### PROCLAMATIONS

25-02-082 Kin Canada Day / Kin Canada Week

Mayor Aker read the proclamation aloud and declared February 20, 2025 as Kin Canada Day and February 16 – 22, 2025 as Kin Canada Week.

In attendance from the Mount Pearl Kinette Club were Sandra Milmore, Sandra Anstey, Donna Collens, as well as Councillors Isabelle Fry and Chelsea Lane. Information was provided on the Kinette Club of Mount Pearl and the community service they provide. Their motto is, "Serving the Community's Greatest Need," and the Kinettes are proudly celebrating 105 years serving the community. They discussed past and upcoming volunteer fundraising and events, and thanked Council for acknowledging and signing the proclamation.

Council commended and congratulated the Kinette Club, and thanked them for the great work they do in the community.

PRESENTATIONS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

#### PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

25-02-083 Jackman Drive Upgrading: Full Replacement of Water, Sanitary, Storm, Asphalt, Curb and Sidewalk – Contract Recommendation

Motion – Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the contract for Full Replacement of Water, Sanitary, Storm, Asphalt, Curb and Sidewalk for Jackman Drive be awarded to the qualifying bidder with the highest overall score, Englobe Corp. in the amount of \$365,268.75 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-02-084 Building and Occupancy Permit Listing | January 27 – February 07, 2025

Motion – Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the residential and commercial building permits issued for this period, having a total construction value of \$1,315,900.00, be approved; and, furthermore, the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-02-085 Development Permit Listing | January 27 – February 07, 2025

Motion – Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the development permits issued for this period be accepted as presented.

Development Permit #	Date of Issue	Type of Use	Civic Address
DP24-0728	January 31, 2025	Home Based Business (home office use)	56 Jackman Drive
DP25-0020	January 31, 2025	Interior renovations and expansion	1090 Topsail Road
DP24-0483	February 7, 2024	Combined gas bar, shop use and subdivision of land	629 Kenmount Road

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-02-086 Capital Works Update

2025 Maintenance Contracts - Tenders for 2025 maintenance contracts are under final review. Crack Sealing and CCTV Video Inspection Services Tenders to be issued by the end of February.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

25-02-087 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mount Pearl Frosty Festival February 6-16, 2025

The annual Mount Pearl Frosty Festival was a huge success. Congratulations were extended to City staff, Frosty Committee, the many volunteers, and community groups for all their work in putting all the events together.

Council discussed and thanked everyone involved in planning events for the Frosty Festival, including the Recreation and Community Safety staff, Public Works staff, volunteers, sponsors, and community groups. With the City playing a bigger role in the Festival this year, Council commended staff for their work in planning and scheduling of events, commenting on the team effort and great work by all.

25-02-088 Replacement of Starter Blocks

Motion – Councillor Fry / Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to award to the lowest bidder, Water and Ice (a Canadian company) in the amount of \$76,312 plus HST, based on the quotes, procurement process and budget allocation. This amount is budgeted within the RCS 2025 budget.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-02-089 Replacement of Diving Board

Motion – Councillor Locke / Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to award to the lowest bidder (meeting all specifications and Canadian company) Water and Ice in the amount of \$29,882.46 plus HST. This amount is budgeted within the RCS 2025 budget.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-02-090 Community Public Safety Plan Update

For public awareness, in addition to the ongoing recruitment for a Steering Committee for the community public safety plan, the following information has been added to the City's website under the "Safety" section. Access to the link is on the main page under Residents: <https://www.mountpearl.ca/residents/safety/>. Through this link you will find:

- Links to Municipal Enforcement Quarterly Statistics on Incidents and Citations.
- Neighborhood Watch Program
- Road Safety
- Community Safety Resources section, with links to the Community Conversation on Public Safety, Winter Safety Guide for Parents, Safety Snowplow Activity Book, Winter Driving Tips, and Road Safety Tips for Kids.

Also stay tuned for some wintry safety initiatives.

Councillor Locke further reported that meetings are scheduled every two weeks with the Department of Justice and other stakeholders. The Steering Committee configuration is in process of being finalized, and funding has been received from the Provincial Government for this project. The Community Public Safety Plan will be brought forward to a future public meeting.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

25-02-091 Invoices for Approval

Motion - Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

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

1	Amtruck Limited Truck Rental January 2025	\$ 10,695.00
2	Big Star Lights Christmas Lights - All is Bright	\$ 7,134.60
3	Chillybrain Productions Frosty Festival Standup Comedy Performance	\$ 5,750.00
4	Econolite Canada Traffic Light Control	\$ 28,039.06
5	Gibbons Snow Architects Architectural Services	\$ 7,233.50
6	Grand Concourse Authority Member Contribution to Operating Overhead 2025	\$ 7,784.45
7	Insight Canada Inc. Cisco Umbrella Security License 2025	\$ 16,122.41
8	Insight Canada Inc. Cisco Advance Malware Protection License 2025	\$ 16,737.96
9	Insight Canada Inc. Cisco Duo License 2025	\$ 22,634.36
10	King's Plumbing & Heating Ltd. Summit Tempered Water Mix	\$ 5,906.06
11	Laughing Heart Music Ltd. Frosty Festival Entertainment - Rum Ragged	\$ 10,350.00
12	Modern Printing Services Window envelopes, Inserts and Tax Levy Mail Prep	\$ 5,042.75
13	Morel Music International Inc. Frosty Festival Entertainment - The Irish Descendants	\$ 8,050.00

14	Morel Music International Inc. Frosty Festival Entertainment - The Navigators Music Inc.	\$ 8,050.00
15	Omnigo Software International Ticketing Software License Renewal 2025	\$ 9,344.76
16	Fireside Catering Catering for Frosty Festival Events	\$ 31,670.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 200,544.91</b>

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-02-092 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the following payment register for January 31-February 12, 2025, totaled \$ 703,769.37, and the purchase card report for December 26, 2024-January 25, 2025, totaled \$ 195,931.11.

25-02-093 Travel Request - Mayor Aker - Urban Municipalities Committee (UMC) Meeting - Marystown, NL – March 28-29, 2025

Motion - Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given approving for Mayor Aker to attend the UMC Meeting in Marystown, NL from March 28-29, 2025.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-02-094 Professional Development Request – Deputy Mayor Kieley, Councillors Locke, Fry, Rice and Lane - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Convention, Ottawa, ON, May 29-June 2, 2025

Motion - Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Deputy Mayor Kieley, Councillors Locke, Fry, Rice and Lane to attend the FCM Annual Convention in Ottawa, ON from May 29-June 2, 2025.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-02-095 Travel Request – Mayor Aker - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Convention, Ottawa, ON, May 29-June 2, 2025

Motion – Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Mayor Aker to attend the FCM Annual Convention in Ottawa, ON from May 29-June 2, 2025.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-02-096 Public Works Status Report

A status update for Public Works was provided. Winter shift schedules are underway, work continues on the outdoor rinks, and snow removal continues under the Roads Division. Trail maintenance and grooming are underway in the Parks Division. Service and maintenance continue in the Fleet Division and winter equipment maintenance is ongoing. Information was provided on UTM general calls, water and sewer repairs, record low water consumption, and water levels at Bay Bulls Big Pond as of January 27, 2025 were attached for information.

Council further discussed water consumption, the new record low of 31 million liters less than reported in January, 2020, noting it has a lot to do with the replacement and upgrades of older infrastructure and leak detection by the City.

NEW BUSINESS

25-02-097 Easter Explorers Day Camp

Councillor Fry reminded residents that the registration dates for the Easter Explorers Day Camp is fast approaching. Registration for residents is Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> (Proof of Residency is required prior to registration day) and open registration will take place on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

25-02-098 Free Ski and Snowshoe Rental Program

Councillor Locke advised that Mount Pearl's FREE Ski & Snowshoe Rental Program is back. Cross-country skis or snowshoes can be borrowed at the Power's Pond Boat House to explore the beautiful trails at Power's Pond. The hours of operation are weekdays 6:00 - 9:00 pm and weekends 10:00 am-6:00 pm (weather permitting). Don't miss out on this fantastic way to enjoy winter.

25-02-099 Water Usage / Climate Change

Councillor Locke discussed the City's water consumption record low for the month of January, and 31 million liters less compared to January 2020. He reported that he attended the Province's Climate Change Fund announcement event and highlighted projects that Mount Pearl are doing to help mediate climate change. He encouraged the City to promote the positive work and great initiatives being taken to counteract climate change, conserve water, and protect our environment. The City is doing its job to

protect the environment, and should be celebrated. He further noted the importance that residents know we are doing a great job to help reduce impacts on our climate.

Council discussed the record low water consumption for this month, commenting on the City's initiatives. It was indicated that the Northeast Avalon is growing and the importance that conversations be held regionally as it pertains to water.

25-02-100 2025 Tax Notices

Councillor Rice advised that the first 2025 invoices have been sent out with a deadline for first tax installment due February 28.

25-02-101 Community Skating Rinks

Councillor Lane discussed the outdoor skating rinks, advising they are being well utilized, especially by children who want to go for a skate or play hockey.

25-02-102 Congratulations

Councillor Lane congratulated resident, Emma Neville on receiving Conservatory Canada's Medal for Excellence in Level 7 Contemporary Idioms Voice, and awarded for the highest mark in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. She was also the recipient of the Helen Ingrid Memorial Scholarship.

25-02-103 Thank you

Mayor Aker thanked everyone for this evening's meeting, advising there were good conversations and a lot of things happening in the City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm on a motion by Councillor Locke and seconded by Councillor Lane.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk