



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2025

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on April 15, 2025 at 4:30 pm

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

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

25-04-202 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-04-203 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker.

25-04-204 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Fry / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the minutes of the Public Meeting held April 1, 2025, be adopted, as presented.

Errors & Omissions:

Under Corporate Services and Public Works, Motion 25-04-190 to read motioned by Councillor Rice and seconded by Councillor Lane.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

BUSINESS ARISING - None

PROCLAMATIONS - None

PRESENTATIONS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

25-04-205 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

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

1	Canadian AV Inc. <i>Focus on Youth Awards Event</i>	\$ 11,670.68
2	Canadian AV Inc. <i>Frosty Festival AV Services</i>	\$ 44,350.85
3	City of St. John's <i>SJRFD 2024 Operating and Capital Adjustment</i>	\$ 239,782.54
4	City of St John's <i>Water Consumption December 2024</i>	\$ 182,913.55
5	City of St John's <i>Regional Water 2024 Operating Adjustment</i>	\$ 89,100.63
6	City of St. John's <i>Water Consumption for February 2025</i>	\$ 182,416.16
7	Ignite Technology <i>Firewall Refresh</i>	\$ 9,654.25
8	Universe Software Canada <i>Annual Universe Rec Book King Subscription April 2025 - March 2026</i>	\$ 18,283.70

	Total	\$ 778,172.36
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Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-04-206 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for March 27 - April 8, 2025, totaled \$ 866,983.15.

25-04-207 EOI Stapleton Road Redevelopment

The City has announced it is now accepting Expressions of Interest for the sale and development of the site of the former Mount Pearl Swimming Pool on Stapleton Road for a High-Density Housing Development. The Housing Accelerator Fund program, aligning with the Strategic Plan, presented an opportunity to prepare this site by removing the building and remediating the land to facilitate development. Preference will be given to plans that maximize the space and feature over 50 units. Full details can be found on the Bids & Tenders platform, which is accessible from the City's website.

Council commented on their memories of the former swimming pool and facility. The need for high-density residential housing was discussed, and that this area is now an opportunity for development which will provide a positive impact on the area. The softball field was questioned and it was clarified that it will remain, as outlined in the EOI.

25-04-208 Public Works Status Report

A status update for Public Works was provided for information. Under the Roads Division, sidewalk and street sweeping are underway, litter cleanup is ongoing, and ice control as required. Trail maintenance is ongoing in the Parks Division. Service and maintenance continue in the Fleet Division and summer equipment preparation and maintenance is underway. Information was provided on UTM general calls, leak detection, and water and sewer repairs. Water levels at Bay Bulls Big Pond as of April 7, 2025 were attached for information.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

25-04-209 Locksmith Services – Contract Extension

Motion – Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the extension of the existing Tender for Locksmith Services contract TP-22-025 with Armour Lock and Security Systems for an

additional one (1) year for the period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, for the annual bid amount of \$46,934.37 (HST Included), using the same terms and conditions of the existing contract.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-04-210 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | March 24 – April 04, 2025

Motion – Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the residential and commercial building permits issued for this period, having a total construction value of \$1,958,600.00, be approved; and, furthermore, the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-04-211 Development Permit Listing | March 24 – April 04, 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
DP25-0028	April 3, 2025	Family Child Care Use	7 Stonegate Crescent
DP25-0105	April 3, 2025	Daycare Centre	949 Topsail Road
DP25-0102	April 3, 2025	Double Dwelling	37 & 37A Spruce Avenue

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-04-212 Capital Works Update

An update was provided regarding Capital Works:

- Glencoe Drive Culvert Upgrading Tender closed on April 1st - submissions are currently being reviewed.
- Farrell Drive (Topsail Rd to Evans Place) Construction to start mid-April.
- Farrell Drive Pumphouse - Request for Contractor Qualifications to be issued early April, with a mid-to-late April Tender call.
- Water Tower & Associated Works - Late April Tender call
- Sewage Lift Station, Request for Contractor Qualifications to be issued early April, with a late April Tender call.
- Jackman Drive Upgrading Design is ongoing, with Preliminary Construction Cost Estimates being reviewed.

Road closure at Topsail Road/Blackmarsh Road to Farrell Drive was questioned. It was clarified that the road closure will be corrected in the coming days. Intent is to maintain one lane of traffic, which is expected to continue for approximately one month.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

25-04-213 Volunteer Appreciation Week

Thank you to all volunteers for your selfless dedication, kindness, and unwavering support. Your efforts truly make our community a better place. The City will be celebrating volunteer appreciation week from April 28th to May 3rd. The City of Mount Pearl was shaped by the dedication of volunteers and the collective efforts of our sports and community organizations. We invite everyone to join us in recognizing and honoring the incredible impact volunteers have on our community.

25-04-214 Battery Recycling – Summit Centre

Each year millions of household batteries end up in our landfills causing pollution of our water systems and environment. To help curb this concern the City of Mount Pearl is collecting household batteries and have recently enhanced this service by adding an additional collection site at the Mount Pearl Summit Centre. Residents can drop off the approved recyclable batteries during the Mount Pearl Summit Centre during regular daily operational hours. Clarification was provided that recycling pertains to household use batteries only.

25-04-215 U11 Provincial Hockey Tournament – April 25 – 27, 2025 | Glacier Arena

For the information of the public, Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association is pleased to be the host of the U11 Provincial Hockey tournament taking place April 25 to 27, 2025 in both Glacier Arenas. This tournament will be made up of 8 teams from across the province competing for the HNL U11 Provincial banner. Best of luck is extended to all teams.

25-04-216 11th Annual Downhome Expo – Mount Pearl May 2 – 4, 2025

The City is hosting the 11th annual Downhome Expo at the Glacier Arena on May 2nd to May 4th. This Expo is the largest consumer trade show in Newfoundland and Labrador, filling both arenas with games, giveaways, a children's play area and more than 100 exhibitors selling a wide variety of items. Check out their website for all details at www.downhomeexpo.com.

NEW BUSINESS

25-04-217 Fitness Classes

Councillor Fry reminded residents that registration for fitness classes begins today. Registration for non-residents starts April 17th.

25-04-218 Pickle Ball

Councillor Fry announced the grand opening of the pickle ball courts at Stephen Thistle Park on Park Avenue, advising all are welcome.

25-04-219 Easter Eggsplorers Hunt

Councillor Lock advised that the event runs from April 14th to the 25th. Head to Powers Pond and join in the fun as colorful eggs await discovery. All information can be located on the City's website.

25-04-220 Mayor's Outlook Luncheon

Councillor Antle congratulated Mayor Aker on the successful event last week, advising the business community appreciated the outlook. Mount Pearl has a great future ahead.

25-04-221 St. Peter's Primary Ches Team

Councillor Antle congratulated the Ches Team on winning bronze at the recent NL School Ches Championship. The team included Ryan Pickard, Alina Oad, George Dyke, Isaiah Pratt, Seamus McMeekin, and Nicholas Grant.

25-04-222 Parkinsons Society Fundraiser

Councillor Antle advised that Mount Pearl Musician Alex Taylor is holding a concert in support of the NL Parkinson's Society. The concert takes place on April 25th at the Mundy Pond Road Salvation Army and tickets are \$25 each.

25-04-223 National Public Service Week

Councillor Rice advised that May 18 - 24, 2025 is National Public Service Week and that he is looking forward to events.

25-04-224 Garbage Collection

Councillor Rice reported that garbage collection previously scheduled Good Friday will be rescheduled to Saturday.

25-04-225 Recycling Blitz

Councillor Rice discussed an upcoming recycling blitz, Curbside Crusaders Campaign. He reported the necessity that residents do better to work towards a greener vibrant community and prevent recyclable items from going into the landfill. He further noted the City's costs per ton for household garbage versus recycling, advising he is looking forward to the upcoming campaign and recycling initiatives.

25-04-226 Girl Guides Mock Election

Councillor Lane advised that she and Councillor Fry recently met with members of Girl Guides of Canada to hold and complete a mock election. Elections Canada has resources and tools in place to engage youth to learn about elections and voting, and to encourage interest in politics.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm on a motion by Councillor Locke and seconded by Councillor Antle.

Chairperson

City Clerk