



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2025

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on July 8, 2025 at 4:30 pm

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

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

25-07-384 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-07-385 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker.

25-07-386 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley / Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the minutes of the Public Meeting held June 24, 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 - None

PRESENTATIONS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

25-07-387 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

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

1	AIMS Ltd. <i>Electric Forklift</i>	\$ 50,255.00
2	CDW Canada Corp. <i>Microsoft Office 365 Renewal</i>	\$ 6,261.75
3	Daytech Limited <i>Supply and Delivery of Bus Shelter</i>	\$ 17,365.00
4	Forward Consulting <i>Professional Services for Firewall Migration</i>	\$ 8,625.00
5	Insight Canada Inc. <i>CISCO Subscription Renewal</i>	\$ 5,143.67
6	Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group <i>SIG Programs and Activities Revenue Spring 2025</i>	\$ 7,574.00
7	Pinchin Ltd. <i>Former Pool Remediation and Demo</i>	\$ 11,465.50

8	TOK Transit Newfoundland Limited <i>Bus Trips & No Shows April 2025</i>	\$ 35,395.06
9	TOK Transit <i>Taxi Trips April 2025</i>	\$ 12,081.84
10	Traffic Structures Limited <i>Pole Replacement</i>	\$ 29,782.70
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	Total	\$ 213,732.22

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-07-388 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the payment register report for June 19 – July 3, 2025, totaled \$1,867,950.60.

25-07-389 Notice of Motion

Pursuant to section 4.11 of the City's Rules of Procedure, the Corporate Services and Public Works Committee brought forward this Notice of Motion to adopt the City of Mount Pearl Municipal Election Vote by Mail Regulations.

City Clerk/Legislative Officer provided clarification to Council regarding the notice of motion as it relates to the City's Rules of Procedure. As per the Municipal Elections Act, the City's regulations will come forward at the next Public Meeting for adoption by Council.

25-07-390 Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) Funding for Masonic Park

Motion – Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, Masonic Park's application for HAF funding, which will range from \$85,520.00 to \$100,000.00, depending on the timeframe to obtain their occupancy permit, be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-07-391 Public Works Status Report

A status update for Public Works was provided for information. Under the Roads Division, road work continues, as well as the accessible boardroom at City Hall. In the

Parks Division, landscape and maintenance work continues, and hanging baskets and planters are being installed. Service and maintenance are ongoing in the Fleet Division, and information was provided under UTM Division. Water levels at Bay Bulls Big Pond as of June 30, 2025, were provided for information.

Councillor Lane reported that water consumption levels for Mount Pearl are at an all-time low, and she thanked staff for their leak detection efforts.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

25-07-392 Kenmount Hill Development - Construction of New Lift Station and Associated Site Works and Decommissioning of Existing Wyatt Boulevard Lift Station Contract Recommendation

Motion – Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to award the contract for the construction of a new Lift Station, as well as associated Site Works and the Decommissioning of the existing Wyatt Boulevard Lift Station to Rodco Mechanical (2014) Ltd., in the amount of \$2,166,903.60 (HST included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-07-393 Building Permit Listing | June 16 – June 27, 2025

Motion – Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT the residential building permits issued during this period, with a total construction value of \$108,600.00, and the commercial building permits, with a total construction value of \$620,000.00 be approved. The total residential and commercial permits submitted for approval this period is \$728,600.00.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-07-394 Development Permit Listing | June 16 – June 27, 2025

Motion – Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

The development permits issued for this period were provided for information and accepted as presented.

Development Permit #	Date of Issue	Type of Use	Civic Address
DP25-0273	June 16, 2025	Open Air Assembly Use	777 Topsail Road

DP25-0358	June 17, 2025	Open Air Assembly Use	20 First Street
DP25-0274	June 25, 2025	Change of use & Interior Renovations	35 Glencoe Drive
DP25-0212	June 25, 2025	Landscaping Variance	62 Glencoe Drive
DP25-0301	June 26, 2025	Site Work (New Foundation and Silo Development	12 Bruce Street

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-07-395 Capital Works Update

The following update was brought forward for the information of the public:

- Crack Sealing work is complete.
- Line Painting work is ongoing throughout the City, with the Spring painting expected to be completed by mid-July.
- Asphalt & Concrete Tender closed on June 25th, with a contract recommendation forthcoming.

25-07-396 Community Centre Update

The following update was brought forward for the information of the public:

- Work on both the building and the splash pad is ongoing.
- Significant progress has been made with the parking lot preparation. The parking lot is mostly complete in preparation for the Canada Games, with the lot partially opening on Monday, July 7th to alleviate traffic congestion. The asphalt work is complete, with landscaping and line painting remaining as the final tasks to finish this area.
- Progress continues on the steel structure.

25-07-397 Occupancy Permit Listing | June 16 – June 27, 2025

The Occupancy Permit listing for June 16 – June 27, 2025, was provided for the information of the public.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

25-07-398 Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl (AAMP) – 2025 Operating Subsidy

Motion – Councillor Locke / Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the 2024 program and financial reports submitted by AAMP; and, Council authorizes the release of AAMP's 2025 operating

funds in the amount of \$10,000, in accordance with the terms outlined in the current Memorandum of Understanding.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

25-07-399 Mount Pearl Safety Plan

Councillor Fry reported that 246 online submissions have been received for the Mount Pearl Safety Plan, not including paper copies. There is still time to get involved, as the current deadline is July 16th. Submit yours today at heymountpearl.ca/safetyplan. You can also complete a paper copy by visiting the Reid Centre, City Hall, and Park Place, or by emailing mysafecity@mountpearl.ca to request a copy.

Councillor Locke further encouraged residents to participate and forward their submissions.

25-07-400 Smallwood Drive

Councillor Fry commented on how well Smallwood Drive is manicured and neatly mowed, extending a thank you to Public Works staff. She further recognized the flower baskets throughout the community, commenting on the obvious care put into the work.

25-07-401 Best in Mount Pearl Awards

Councillor Fry referenced the awards categories, advising that the deadline for nominations is tomorrow, July 9th. She encouraged residents to visit the City's website and take the time to nominate someone as there are a lot of deserving people.

25-07-402 City Days

Councillor Locke discussed City Days, happening July 17–20. Check out the full schedule of events on the City's website and there is something fun for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mayor Aker reported that City Days 2.0 takes place mid-August and to stay tuned for upcoming events.

25-07-403 Canada Day

Councillor Locke thanked staff for Canada Day celebrations, advising he was impressed with this year's turnout. He received a lot of feedback on the multicultural music and dance component, advising it was very well done.

Mayor Aker advised that events this year were hosted by the Youths of the Year Emma Neville and Falon McLoughlan.

25-07-404 Disability Pride Month

Deputy Mayor Kieley discussed Disability Pride Month. She asked that everyone take time to become aware, celebrate, reflect, and advocate on how important this month is for persons who experience disability, seen and unseen, to honour identities and culture, and recognize positive contributions to society. She reflected on her own experiences with disability and the reality to recognize and respect. Disability is not a weakness, and inclusion must be designed in policies, consultations, streets, playgrounds, transit systems, and hiring practices. The month is about voice, dignity, representation, opportunity, and for anyone listening to know they are not alone.

25-07-405 Safety

Councillor Antle commented on community safety, advising that the City is working on trailways in Mount Pearl. The trails are now completely lit from St. John's to Paradise and he invited everyone to visit and walk the trails as they are well lighted and safe.

He further reported that the City is completing upgrades to the T'Railway crossing on Commonwealth to address safety concerns.

25-07-406 Yard Waste Bags

Councillor Rice reported that 89 tons of yard waste has been collected. He provided information on yard waste collection guidelines, noting that clear plastic bags are not accepted for organic yard waste. Councillor Rice thanked the City and staff for this program and initiative.

25-07-407 Bay Bulls Big Pond Regional Water Levels

Councillor Rice referenced water levels, which are down significantly with the shoreline clearly visible. He noted the City's rules around watering lawns, and to be mindful of water usage.

Mayor commented on the importance of water conservation, indicating timelines for watering lawns. He advised that the City is doing its share to conserve with leak detection and hopes that other municipalities are doing same to ensure the management of regional water in a responsible way.

25-07-408 Call for Indigenous Arts – Design of Permanent Mural at Centennial Park

Councillor Rice announced that the City has issued a call for the design work of a permanent public mural on the stage at Centennial Park next to City Hall. The initiative is part of our commitment to truth and reconciliation and reflects our intent to create inclusive spaces that recognize and celebrate Indigenous culture. Artists with connection to Indigenous communities are encouraged to apply. All details are located on the City's website and the deadline is August 8th.

25-07-409 Graffiti

Councillor Lane advised that graffiti, including slanderous graffiti, is occurring more and more, especially during the summer months when the weather is nice. She encouraged residents to have conversations with youth about the issues of graffiti, which takes away people's enjoyment in the City. She also encouraged residents to report graffiti so it can be cleaned up in a timely manner.

25-07-410 Pride Flag Raising

Mayor Aker reported that the City proudly raised the Pride Flag at Centennial Square in celebration of Pride. The event was well attended and is important to the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and residents. We want to ensure inclusiveness, accessibility, respect, and stand up to violence at all levels.

He advised the City is participating in the St. John's Pride Parade on July 20th. City vehicles will lead and close the parade.

Mayor Aker discussed the Pride in the Pearl event on July 19th at St. David's Field, and encouraged all residents to attend this family friendly event for all ages. He further advised of *The Traitors: Drag Edition*, hosted by Landwash Brewery, taking place later in the evening.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm on a motion by Councillor Fry and seconded by Councillor Lane.

Chairperson

City Clerk