



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 10, 2025**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on June 10, 2025 at 4:30 pm

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

**Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.**

25-06-316 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Rice / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-06-317 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker.

25-06-318 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Fry / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the minutes of the Public Meeting held May 27, 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

25-06-319 Cheque Presentation - Participating Community Organizations for Yard Waste Bag Deliveries

The City partnered with local community groups to help distribute yard waste bags and promote sustainable waste practices. Each group earned fifty cents per delivery, with the total amount distributed reaching \$4,159.50. Participating groups included:

- Mount Pearl Soccer Association Challenge Cup Team
- 1<sup>st</sup> Mount Pearl Lions Scouting Group
- Mount Pearl Marlins
- O'Donel High School Relay for Life Participants

Recognition and sincere thanks was extended to all groups for their enthusiasm, hard work, and commitment to making Mount Pearl a cleaner, greener place to live. Council thanked the Marketing and Communications Team for their work on this great initiative, supporting environmental and green goals and awareness in the community.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

25-06-320 Renaming of June Holiday

Motion – Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the City of Mount Pearl rename the June Holiday to National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

Council commented that this change promotes public education and community engagement around Indigenous cultures, and is a meaningful step toward decolonizing municipal practices and building a more inclusive community.

Shawn Broomfield and Heidi Dixon were in attendance from First Light. They discussed their work with the organization, meetings with the City, and their appreciation to see change. They commended Mount Pearl for doing a great job of building community. Council recognized the work between First Light and City staff, referencing their support. Information was provided on the National Indigenous Peoples Day Sunrise Ceremony and Celebrations which can be found on First Light's website.

25-06-321 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

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

1	Canadian AV Inc. <i>Focus on Youth Awards Event</i>	\$ 8,264.04
2	CDW Canada Corp. <i>Adobe Acrobat Pro Renewal</i>	\$ 5,233.36
3	City of St. John's <i>City's Share of the 2025 SRFD Costs</i>	\$ 5,345,157.84
4	GHD Limited <i>ESA Former Landfill Olympic Drive</i>	\$ 17,020.00
5	Memorial University Gardiner Centre <i>Customer Service Training</i>	\$ 10,459.25
6	Pro Circuit Electrical Inc. <i>Supply and Install Bus Shelter Solar Light</i>	\$ 6,979.95
7	Tarkett Sports Canada Inc. <i>Soccer Field Turf Replacement Tariff Charge</i>	\$ 53,964.65
8	The Idea Factory <i>Recycling Campaign Phase</i>	\$ 8,050.00
9	TOK Transit Newfoundland Limited <i>Bus Trips &amp; No Shows March 2025</i>	\$ 34,489.44
10	TOK Transit <i>Taxi Trips March 2025</i>	\$ 11,824.89
11	Tract Consulting Inc. <i>Trailway Crossing</i>	\$ 16,247.20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,517,690.62</b>

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

Clarification was provided that City of St. John's invoice regarding 2025 SRFD costs is for the full year.

25-06-322 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the following payment register for May 22 – June 4, 2025 totaled \$2,184,998.13.

25-06-323 Uncollectable Account Write-Off

Motion – Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the remaining balance of \$3,501.81 be written off. This account is included in the City's allowance for doubtful accounts and is within budget for bad debt expense.

Name	Account	Operated to	Address	Reason for Write-Off	Principal	Interest	Total
Big Cheese Pizza Ltd.	BIGCH0001	Dec 2022	29-31 Commonwealth Ave	Settlement offer in matter 0125C00093 before the Hon. Judge Lois J. Skanes.	\$2,735.08	\$766.73	\$3,501.81

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-06-324 Façade Improvement Program Application

Motion – Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, a Façade Improvement Grant to Island Dog Spa in the amount of \$5,333.00 be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

Information was clarified on program and scoring criteria, timelines, categories, and proposed remediation and improvement plans. Committee were encouraged to continue review to ensure the program achieves anticipated outcomes.

25-06-325 Public Works Status Report

A status update for Public Works was provided for information. Work is ongoing under the Roads and Parks Divisions. Work continues on site work for Kiosks at the Team Gushue complex and accessible board room at City Hall. A new playground structure has been installed at GPCC. Service and maintenance is ongoing in the Fleet Division, and information was provided under UTM Division. Water levels at Bay Bulls Big Pond were attached for information, and lowest water consumption on record for the month of May was reported.

Concerns of water levels at Bay Bulls Big Pond were noted, despite efforts by Mount Pearl to conserve. The City is doing its part regionally, and it is hoped that all municipalities will look into more aggressive water reduction measures.

#### RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

##### 25-06-326 Summer Day Camp – Bus Services Tender 2025 – TP-25-021

Motion – Councillor Locke / Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to award Bursey's Taxi Inc. the contract for 2025 summer day camp transportation, as they were the lowest qualified bidder, with amount of \$33,177.50 inclusive of HST.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

##### 25-06-327 Upcoming Registration Dates for Summer Fitness and Swimming Programs

Online registration for the Summer Fitness and Swimming Programs will open soon. Registration information for resident and non-residents was provided. Proof of residency is required and must be submitted prior to the resident registration dates.

#### PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

##### 25-06-328 5 Putney Place – Rear Yard Setback Variance

Motion – Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the requested rear yard setback variance of 3.53 metres, to accommodate installation of a sunroom at the rear of the single detached dwelling at 5 Putney Place be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

##### 25-06-329 Notice of Motion – Development Regulations Amendment Sunroom Development

Councillor Antle provided information regarding a Notice of Motion for approval to undertake the revision of current draft Development Regulations.

##### 25-06-330 Building Permit Listing | May 19 – May 30, 2025

Motion – Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the residential building permits issued for this period, having a total construction value of \$1,730,950.00 be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-06-331 Building Permit Listing | May 19 – May 30, 2025

Motion – Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the commercial building permits, with a total construction value of \$36,800.00. be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-06-332 Development Permit Listing | May 19 – May 30, 2025

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley / Councillor Antle

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

Development Permit #	Date of Issue	Type of Use	Civic Address
DP25-0240	May 27, 2025	Home Based Business	8 Kean Place

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-06-333 Capital Works Update

For information, an update was provided regarding Capital Works: Farrell Drive (Topsail Rd to Evans Place) Construction is ongoing with detour in place until June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025; Farrell Drive Pumphouse – Tender closed May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025; Sewage Lift Station – Tender issued on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with a closing date of June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025; and, Wyatt Boulevard Upgrading and Mount Carson Connection – Tender issued on May 21<sup>st</sup>, with a closing date of June 13<sup>th</sup>.

25-06-334 Occupancy Permit Listing | May 19 – 30, 2025

The Occupancy Permit listing for May 19 – 30 was provided for information.

City Clerk confirmed that no motion of Council is required for occupancy permit listings, and are for the information of Council and the public.

NEW BUSINESS

25-06-335 Neighbourhood Cleanup

Councillor Rice discussed the Twenty Minute Makeover, encouraging residents to take part in the initiative. The City supplies bags and gloves, which can be obtained at City Hall or the Reid Centre.

25-06-336 FCM Board of Directors

Councillor Rice congratulated Councillor Locke on being elected as Newfoundland and Labrador Representative to the FCM Board of Directors. He further discussed the recent FCM Convention in Ottawa, commenting on the trade show and vendors, including new prefab houses coming into the market.

25-06-337 Special Olympics Award Ceremony

Councillor Lane discussed the recent Awards Ceremony, advising it was a great time. She noted the sportsmanship and congratulated award winners, athletes, and volunteers.

25-06-338 Mount Pearl Lions Club Award

Councillor Lane congratulated community volunteer Alex Taylor, recipient of the Mount Pearl Lions Club, Lion Alex Noseworthy Memorial Student Volunteer Award.

25-06-339 O'Donel High School Annual Relay for Life

Councillor Lane discussed the fundraiser this past weekend, advising there was a huge turnout to the event. She congratulated staff, students, and volunteers for their fundraising efforts to raise money for cancer. It was a fun evening for a great cause.

Mayor Aker acknowledged the event, advising that \$22,000 was raised. He congratulated school staff and the many participants and volunteers at O'Donel High School.

25-06-340 Kin Canada / Mount Pearl Kinsmen Club

Councillor Fry congratulated Mount Pearl residents, Donna Collins - named the new District Service Director for Kin Canada for the Atlantic Zone. She also congratulated Mount Pearl Kinsmen Roy Locke on becoming the Zone D District Governor.

25-06-341 Summit Centre and Glacier Closures

Councillor Fry provided information on upcoming closures commencing June 16<sup>th</sup>. The Summit Centre Pool will be closed for annual maintenance from June 16<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>, and the Glacier Arena will be closed for annual maintenance from June 16<sup>th</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup>. Some rentals will continue in Glacier 1.

25-06-342 Community Safety

Councillor Locke provided an update on the Community Safety Plan. He reported that the Committee have made significant progress. A draft of the survey for residents has been received and plans are ongoing for a focus group with stakeholders in the community. Work is progressing and the City is hoping for a draft plan by mid-August.

25-06-343 Men's Health Week

Councillor Locke discussed Men's Health Week taking place this month and held annually in June the week leading up to and including Father's Day. The week focuses on raising awareness around men's health issues including mental health and encouraging men to prioritize their well-being. He highlighted prevalence of depression and anxiety, providing information on statistics and the importance of resources and support systems to obtain appropriate treatments.

25-06-344 Community Highlights

Deputy Mayor Kieley provided updates and highlights of the many events in the community that both her and Councillor Antle attended while colleagues attended the FCM Convention in Ottawa. She discussed the important work of volunteers and the large impact they have in our community.

25-06-345 National Public Service Week

Councillor Antle advised that next week, June 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, is National Public Service Week. This week recognizes the dedication and contributions of public servants. It is a time to celebrate the essential services municipalities provide, services that support quality of life. He acknowledged the efforts and commitment of public servants and expressed Council's gratitude on continued dedication and excellence in service delivery for the City, advising our community is stronger and better connected because of our staff. He encouraged everyone to take time next week to reflect on the value of our municipal services and thank those who help make Mount Pearl such a great place to live.



25-06-346 Hockey NL Awards

Councillor Antle advised that last week Hockey NL held their Awards Ceremony in Gander. Dave Murphy, of the Mount Pearl Junior Blades, was awarded the Gerry Taylor Memorial Eastern Junior Council Merit Award. This award is presented annually to a volunteer who has made a substantial contribution to the fostering and development of junior hockey in their region of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Councillor Antle extended his congratulations to Dave, commenting on his contributions to the community.

25-06-347 2025 Canada Games

Councillor Antle discussed volunteering for the upcoming Canada Games, and the process involved. He advised there are approximately 4,500 volunteers, and encouraged everyone to volunteer. Information on volunteering can be found on the Canada Games website or by visiting the office located at Corpus Christi on Waterford Bridge Road.

25-06-348 Statue Installation

Mayor Aker questioned statue installation and unveiling at Team Gushue. It was confirmed that the statue has arrived and will be installed this summer after service connection for the new building.

25-06-349 Happy Father's Day

Mayor Aker advised that Father's Day is this weekend coming and wished everyone a Happy Father's Day. He encouraged everyone to enjoy this coming weekend, to acknowledge fathers and celebrate family.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Councillor Locke.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk