



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2025

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on May 13, 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	Stephanie Walsh, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
Councillor Chelsea Lane	Ann Picco, Executive Assistant

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

25-05-253 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-05-254 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker.

25-05-255 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley / Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the minutes of the Public Meeting held April 29, 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

25-05-256 National Public Works Week

Mayor Aker read the proclamation and designated the week of May 18 – 24, 2025, as National Public Works Week.

Council spoke to the proclamation providing information on work completed by the Mount Pearl Public Works Department, staff resources, commitment to asset management, infrastructure maintenance, and major services provided to City residents. Council congratulated and thanked the Public Works Director and team, noting their appreciation for exemplary service to the community.

25-05-257 Huntington Disease Awareness Month

Mayor Aker read the proclamation and proclaimed the month of May, 2025, as Huntington Disease Awareness Month in the City of Mount Pearl.

In attendance to speak to the proclamation were Jamie and Lorraine Thornhill and Jill Ford, representing the Huntington Society of Canada NL Chapter. Information on the disease was provided to spread awareness, and the importance of fundraising and research was noted.

Council thanked Jamie, Lorraine, and Jill for attending this evening's meeting, commending them for bringing awareness and ensuring hope and resilience for those living with Huntington Disease.

25-05-258 MS Awareness Month

Mayor Aker read the proclamation and proclaimed this month of May, 2025, as MS Awareness Month for MS Canada.

In attendance to speak to the proclamation and MS Canada were Zita Taylor, members of the Taylor family, and Holly Miller. Zita and Holly provided information to Council regarding Multiple Sclerosis, supports including group meetings, medical research, upcoming events including the MS Walk taking place on May 25th, and the importance to bring awareness.

Council thanked the organization for having a Chapter here in the province, and Zita and Holly for the work they do around advocacy and awareness.

25-05-259 Melanoma Month

Mayor Aker read the proclamation and proclaimed the month of May, 2025, as Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Mount Pearl.

Council spoke to the proclamation commenting on skin cancer and the importance of early prevention and detection.

PRESENTATIONS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

25-05-260 Glencoe Drive Storm Culvert Upgrade – Contract Recommendation

Motion – Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the contract for Glencoe Drive Storm Culvert Redesign and Upgrade be awarded to Coady Construction & Excavating Limited, for the bid amount of \$473,685.00 (HST included) be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-05-261 Electrical Maintenance Services – Contract Extension Recommendation

Motion – Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the extension of the existing Electrical Maintenance Service contract TP-21-023 with Pro Circuit Electrical for an additional one (1) year for the period of September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026, for the annual bid amount of \$129,375.00 (HST Included), at the same terms and conditions of the existing contract.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-05-262 Plumbing Maintenance Services – Contract Extension Recommendation

Motion – Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the extension of the existing Plumbing Maintenance Service contract TP-21-022 with King's Plumbing and Heating Ltd. for an additional one (1) year for the period of September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026, for the annual bid amount of \$60,375.00 (HST Included), at the same terms and conditions of the existing contract.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-05-263 Traffic Signal Pole and Base Replacement – Topsail Road and Commonwealth Avenue Intersection – Contract Recommendation

Motion – Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the contract for Traffic Signal Pole and Base Replacement, Topsail Road and Commonwealth Avenue Intersection, be awarded to Dexter Construction Company Limited, with a bid amount of \$95,898.50 (HST Included).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

It was confirmed that the project is expected to be completed within the next couple of months, with as little disruption as possible.

25-05-264 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | April 21 – May 02, 2025

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley / Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the residential and commercial building permits issued for this period, having a total construction value of \$978,750.00, be approved; and, furthermore, the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Fry questioned if she was in a conflict of interest, as one of the permits listed is related to her property. It was agreed that there is no conflict, as the motion is endorsing permits already issued according to regulations.

25-05-265 Development Permit Listing | April 21 – May 02, 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
DA25-0153	April 24, 2025	Combined Shop and Retail Warehouse	82 Clyde Avenue

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-05-266 Capital Works Update

For information, an update was provided regarding Capital Works:

- Farrell Drive (Topsail Rd to Evans Place) Construction is ongoing. Detour is ongoing until June 27th, 2025.
- Farrell Drive Pumphouse - Request for Contractor Qualifications closed on April 16th. A tender call is anticipated by early May.
- Water Tower & Associated Works - Tender call is anticipated mid-May.
- Sewage Lift Station, Request for Contractor Qualifications closed April 30th, 2025. Tender call anticipated early May.
- Wyatt Boulevard Upgrading and Mount Carson Connection – Tender call anticipated mid-May.
- Jackman Drive Upgrading - Design is ongoing.
- Holden Street Upgrading - Design is ongoing. Tender call anticipated fall 2025.

Deputy Mayor Kieley encouraged residents to refer to the City's website and pages for updates on projects within Mount Pearl.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

25-05-267 MS Canada | Annual Walk – Sunday, May 25, 2025

The annual MS Walk is scheduled for Sunday, May 25, 2025 commencing at 11:00am at the Reid Community Centre parking lot and ending in the same location. While participants normally walk on sidewalk, motorists will be advised that there could potentially be traffic delays in the areas of Old Placentia, Smallwood, Commonwealth, Richard Nolan Drive and Ashford Drive.

25-05-268 Summer Day Camp Registration – May 2025

Registration for Summer Day Camp will commence on Tuesday, May 27th for Mount Pearl residents and Thursday, May 29th for non-residents. Registration is online only. The camps will begin on June 30th and will run for 8 weeks, until August 22nd. Camp runs daily, Monday to Friday, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Early drop off (7:45am – 8:30am) and late pick-up (4:30pm – 5:30pm) will be available for an additional fee. All information relating to the summer day camp is posted on the City's website.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

25-05-269 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

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

1	City of St John's Water Consumption March 2025	\$ 200,245.98
2	City of St John's Wastewater Flow Quarter 1 2025	\$ 166,764.14
3	Coffee Matters Breakfast with the Easter Bunny	\$ 7,197.05
4	Insight Canada Inc. Cisco Cloud Email	\$ 6,699.90
5	King's Plumbing & Heating Limited Glacier Washrooms Refurbishments	\$ 18,649.73
6	Petroservice Limited Underground Storage Tank Removal - Farrell Drive Pumphouse	\$ 14,118.29
7	St. John's Transportation Commission Transit Service Cost March 2025	\$ 14,961.50
8	Tract Consulting Inc. Municipal Plan Review and Renew and Transportation Plan	\$ 8,881.99
9	United Ventures Fitness Summit Equipment Upgrades	\$ 5,174.20
10	Urban Flooring Contractors Ltd. Flooring Repairs to Glacier Washroom	\$ 7,360.00
11	Urban Flooring Contractors Ltd. Flooring Repairs to Glacier Canteen	\$ 10,580.00
12	Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2025-2026 Membership Renewal	\$ 6,482.03
	Total	\$ 467,114.81

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-05-270 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for May 1 - 6, 2025 totaled \$669,269.80.

25-05-271 2025 Municipal Election

Vote by Mail:

Motion – Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the city take a hybrid approach that will allow for in-person voting at advance and ordinary polls as well as vote by mail.

Appointment of Alternate Returning Officer:

RESOLVED THAT, the Director of Corporate Services be appointed as the Alternate Returning Officer under the Act.

Advance Poll:

RESOLVED THAT, the City hold an advance poll on Saturday, September 27, 2025, between the hours of 8 am – 8 pm at the Reid Community Center.

Nomination of Candidates:

RESOLVED THAT, in accordance with section 14(4) of the Municipal Elections Act, the Returning Officer will conduct the nomination of candidates between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM on August 28 and 29.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-05-272 Public Works Status Report

A status update for Public Works was provided for information. Under the Roads Division, sidewalk and street maintenance are ongoing, litter cleanup is ongoing, pre-scheduled paid bulk garbage collection on Monday's has started and runs from May 1 – November 30, 2025, and the annual free bulk garbage collection starts on May 26, 2025. In the Parks Division, prep work is underway for the new playground structure for the GPCC, Canada summer games work is underway, and maintenance on the sports fields is underway. Information was provided on UTM general calls, leak detection, water and sewer repairs, and catch basin cleaning and sewer jetting is underway. Water levels at Bay Bulls Big Pond as of April 22, 2025, were attached for information. It was reported that the month of April 2025 has the lowest water consumption on record at 318,970 M3. Approximately 46,000 M3 less than the previous record set in April 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

25-05-273 City Communications

Deputy Mayor Kieley commended the Marketing and Communications team for their “Did You Know” social media campaign, to spread information and awareness to the community on various City events and programs.

25-05-274 Congratulations to City Staff

Councillor Antle recognized and congratulated a member of the Planning, Engineering, and Development team, Alanna Felt, on recently completing a master’s degree, receiving her MCIP designation, and membership to the Canadian Institute of Planners.

25-05-275 Congratulations to Mount Pearl Resident

Councillor Antle extended a congratulations to Korona Brophy, recently honoured with the ECMA Honourary Stompin’ Tom Award, a tribute to her outstanding contributions to traditional music in Newfoundland and Labrador. With over 32 years of leadership in the Celtic Fiddlers, and a deep commitment to teaching traditional music in schools across the province, Korona has been a cornerstone of the East Coast music scene.

25-05-276 UTM Division

Councillor Rice discussed water levels at Bay Bulls Big Pond, discussing that the month of April 2025 has the lowest water consumption on record. He advised that UTM are doing great work, and congratulations was extended to staff.

25-05-277 Congratulations to Wrestling Athlete

Councillor Lane congratulated Wrestling Athlete Luke MacPherson with the Team NL at Canada Games. She reported that he has been training extremely hard for this event, and wished Luke well in the upcoming games.

25-05-278 Pathfinders Mock Council Meeting

Councillor Fry reported on the recent Pathfinders’ visit to Council Chambers, advising they were an impressive group, with great debating skills. She further noted that it is nice to see our youth getting involved in civic responsibilities.

25-05-279 Cinderella Production by Mount Pearl Senior High

Councillor Fry advised she attended the recent Cinderella show put off by Mount Pearl Senior High School. She commented on the amazing talent and incredible acting and

vocals. All actors and cast were flawless, and it was an enjoyable production. Hats off to all involved.

25-05-280 284 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Marconi 42nd Annual Ceremonial Review

Councillor Fry advised that she had the pleasure of serving as Reviewing Officer during the Annual Ceremonial Review over the weekend. She discussed how impressed she was by the pride and discipline by all Cadets. This program builds young leaders, and it was a pleasure to be there. Councillor Fry further recognized and congratulated all award recipients including categories of Best Dressed Cadet, Royal Canadian Medal of Excellence, Navy League Medal of Excellence, and Cadet of the Year.

25-05-281 2025 Focus on Youth Awards Gala

Councillor Fry wished Mount Pearl youth the best of luck during tomorrow's event, advising it is a great show.

Councillor Locke also discussed the Gala, advising he is looking forward to the event.

25-05-282 Artificial Turf at Team Gushue

Councillor Locke announced that the turf is complete and looks amazing.

25-05-283 20 Minute Make Over Event

Councillor Locke discussed the event, noting it is amazing the amount of garbage you can pick up in 20 minutes. Supplies can be picked up at City Hall and at the Reid Centre.

Councillor Antle further noted the garbage around post offices, inquiring if Canada Post can leave garbage receptacles.

25-05-284 Moose Hide Campaign

Councillor Locke discussed the indigenous led grassroots movement of men and boys, and all Canadians, to stand up against violence towards women and children. Wearing the moose hide signifies commitment to honour, respect, and protect women and children, and work together to end violence. Councillor Locke further advised it was an honour to meet the campaign founder, and he encouraged everyone to share.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Councillor Fry.

Chairperson

City Clerk