



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 5, 2025**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on August 5, 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 Isabelle Fry	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works
Councillor Bill Antle	Catherine Power, Strategic Initiatives Manager
Councillor Mark Rice	Janice Mullins, Director of Corporate Services
Councillor Chelsea Lane	Stephanie Walsh, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
	Ann Picco, Executive Assistant
Absent:	Absent:
Councillor Jim Locke	Scott Batt, Director of Planning, Engineering, & Development

**Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.**

25-08-445 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-08-446 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker.

25-08-447 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Fry / Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the minutes of the Public Meeting held July 22, 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

##### 25-08-448 Swearing In of Municipal Enforcement Officer

Jordan Cole was sworn in as the City's new Municipal Enforcement Officer. Oath of Office was read aloud by Jordan and he provided information regarding his work experience.

Recreation and Community Safety Director spoke to the MEO role and enforcement in the community, noting the importance enforcement plays in the new Community Safety Plan.

Council discussed their commitment to enforcement and safety, welcoming Jordan to the team.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

#### PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

##### 25-08-449 Mount Pearl Integrated Transportation Plan

Motion – Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, Council accept the Integrated Transportation Plan (ITP) as completed and utilize it as a guiding framework for transportation planning, investment, and problem-solving, in alignment with the strategic priorities set by Council.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO provided information on impact to the City's Municipal Plan and regulations, advising the ITP is a guiding framework for the City to assess risk and outcome to make informed decisions.

Council discussed the document as it relates to the City's plans and various means of transportation throughout the community. Council noted the tremendous amount of work put forward and extended a thank you to staff for their team efforts.

25-08-450 Building Permit Listing | July 14 – July 25, 2025

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

- Residential building permits submitted during this period totaling \$405,100.00.
- Commercial building permits submitted during this period totaling \$3,350,000.00.
- Combined total construction value for all permits to date is \$22,351,645.00.

25-08-451 Capital Works Update

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

- Sewage Lift Station Tender has been awarded, and work has commenced.
- Farrell Drive Pump House Upgrades Tender has been awarded, with work expected to start mid-August.
- Asphalt & Concrete Tender has been awarded, with work anticipated to start early August.
- Line Markings contract is 95% complete.

25-08-452 Community Centre Update

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

- The design phase of the Community Centre project is mostly complete, and construction activities are progressing. Landscaping around the newly completed Canada Games parking lot is finished and ready for the upcoming event. Several critical components of underground infrastructure required for the splash pad and ice surface have been delivered to site in preparation for installation. The Planning, Engineering and Development department remains in active communication with the contractor to ensure steady progress and coordination across all aspects of the project.

25-08-453 Occupancy Permit Listing | July 14 – July 25, 2025

The Occupancy Permit listing for July 14 – July 25, 2025, was provided for the information.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

25-08-454 Canada Games August 2025 – Welcome!

The City warmly welcomes all athletes, coaches, officials, and visitors participating in the Canada Games to our province and city. We are thrilled to host such incredible events and look forward to celebrating Mount Pearl's strong sense of community, spirit of sport, and commitment to excellence with you all. Enjoy your time in Mount Pearl and best of luck to everyone competing, especially our athletes.

25-08-455 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan – Public Update

Work on the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan is actively underway. Consultations are continuing through August 5th, led by Thinkwell Research. A full schedule of focus group sessions has been shared, and there has been strong interest from the community, with over 130 people expressing interest in taking part.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

25-08-456 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

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

1	Baker Flooring Contracts Limited <i>Supply and Install Carpet on Splash Pad</i>	\$ 7,133.66
2	Canadian AV <i>Audio for Oktoberfest October 6, 2023</i>	\$ 6,029.67
3	Coffee Matters <i>Best in Mount Pearl Catering Services</i>	\$ 5,635.18
4	Grand Concourse Authority <i>Payment 1 T'Rail Solar Lights</i>	\$ 91,673.71
5	Grand Concourse Authority <i>Payment 2 T'Rail Solar Lights</i>	\$ 191,241.29
6	Municipal Assessment Agency <i>Third Quarter for Assessment Fees</i>	\$ 68,094.00
7	St. John's Transportation Commission <i>Transit Costs June 2025</i>	\$ 98,959.24
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 468,766.75</b>

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

In relation to Item 2, clarification to be provided by the Director of Corporate Services as it relates to the invoice date.

25-08-457 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the payment register report for July 17 - 30, 2025, totaled \$861,471.22.

25-08-458 Professional Development and Training Request – Recreation and Community Safety  
Director Jason Collins

Motion – Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the Director of Recreation and Community Safety to attend the SpoHox Sport Hosting Conference in Regina, SK, on October 29-30, 2025.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

25-08-459 Public Works Status Report

A status update for Public Works was provided for information. Under the Roads Division, work continues on asphalt repairs, street sweeping, holes and catch basin repairs, lawn repairs, and the accessible boardroom at City Hall. In the Parks Division, landscape and maintenance work continues, and preparation for Canada Games. 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 July 28, 2025, were provided.

Council noted the declining regional water levels, discussing the importance of conserving water and following the water conservation order located on the City's website.

NEW BUSINESS

25-08-460 Recent Wildfires

Deputy Mayor Kieley commented on the devastating wildfires in neighbouring communities, advising thoughts and best wishes are with all individuals directly impacted. There is a need to look at ways in which we can recognize climate change and encourage respect and adherence of fire bans and water conservation.

Councillor Rice discussed wildfires and the provincial fire ban currently in place to September 7<sup>th</sup>. He asked that residents abide by the ban, reporting on recent fires within the City which are putting the community in danger as outcomes can be devastating during this dry weather. He further reported that Municipal Enforcement are looking into reports. Councillor Rice commented on the tireless work of firefighters noting that many are volunteers and are exhausted battling these fires. He extended best wishes and prayers to all in neighbouring communities, with hopes of getting these fires under control.

25-08-461 Canada Games

Councillor Antle commented on the Canada Games and the City's contribution, extending a thank you to the Director of Recreation and Community Safety for a job well done.

25-08-462 Shakespear by the Sea

Councillor Antle provided positive commentary on the event recently held at Centennial Square, advising it was very well attended and enjoyed by all in attendance.

25-08-463 Republic of Pets

Councillor Lane discussed a recent tour of the business' new building, commenting on their facility and great space for pets. She further noted that the owners have offered to house any animals displaced due to ongoing wildfires. She thanked the owners for this service and congratulated them on opening.

25-08-464 Kinette Club Rock Painting Event

Councillor Fry advised that September 21 – 27, 2025 is Wellbeing Week. The Kinette Club are holding a rock painting event on September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 pm. The event is taking place at former kiosk location on Forest Avenue and all are welcome to attend and participate. The rocks will include messages of kindness and will be placed along trails.

25-08-465 Wildfire / Fire Index Communications

Mayor Aker discussed the recent wildfires, and upcoming events over the summer as a distraction from these serious issues that are on everyone's minds. He referenced and credited those in leadership and emergency measures fields of work, including forestry workers, fire departments, and water bomber pilots for their relentless work during this year's fires.

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The Mayor noted the importance of alerts and best ways to spread messages. He encouraged residents to sign up for citizens alerts and requested that staff issue social media posts and communications with connection to warnings in relation to fire. He suggested City signage to indicate fire index, to ensure everyone is aware. Director of Corporate Services to review further.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm on a motion by Deputy Mayor Kieley and seconded by Councillor Lane.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk