



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on February 6, 2024, at 4:30 pm.

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

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting

24-02-042 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Fry/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-02-043 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

24-02-044 Adoption of Minutes

Motion –Councillor Locke/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held January 23, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: none

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING - none

24-02-045 Registration Babysitting Course

Councillor Locke referenced minute 029 from the January 23rd public meeting with regard to registration for programs or courses, He advised the public that funding is available via P.E.A.R.L. Program and others should anyone find themselves in a financial circumstance and unable afford cost or fees. He encouraged residents to reach out to the City's Recreation Department for information.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PRESENTATIONS – None presented

PROCLAMATIONS

21-02-046 National 211 NL Day Proclamation and Lighting Request February 11, 2024

The Mayor signed a proclamation declaring the week of February 11, 2024 as 211 NL Awareness Day and advised City Hall would be lit in red from February 9 -11. Kim Leonard attended on behalf of the organization who spoke to the proclamation.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

24-02-047 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Central Square Annual License and maintenance fees	\$ 49,734.60
2	Construction Signs Signs - LED	\$ 32,476.00
3	Mount Pearl Frosty Festival Tickets 2024	\$ 6,433.40
4	Municipal Assessment Agency 1st Quarter Assessment Fees	\$ 67,444.00
5	Pinnacle Office Solutions 2 x Epson C4000 Printers	\$ 20,756.35
6	Ricoh Laserfische Annual License	\$ 33,743.40

	Total	\$ 210,587.75
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Question called – Motion carried unanimously

24-02-048 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for January 19-31, 2024, totaled \$ 1,174,784.92.

24-02-049 Recommendation for Award of Contract re Request for Proposals RFP24-002 – Audit Services

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to accept the proposal from BDO Canada LLP for audit services and award them the contract for a five-year period effective January 1, 2024.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

24-02-050 Recommendation for Award of Contract re Request for Proposals RFP24-034 – Medical Review Officer Services

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to award the contract in relation to RFP23-034 to Fit for Work, for the three-year period commencing February 1, 2024.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

24-02-051 Recommendation for Award of Contract re Request for Proposals RFP23-036 – Occupational Health Services

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to award the contract in relation to RFP23-036 to DMC, for the three-year period commencing February 1, 2024.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

24-02-052 Recommendation for Award of Contract re Request for Proposals RFP23-032 – Fleet Monitoring System

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to award the contract for the supply, delivery, installation and maintenance of Fleet Monitoring Services – RFP23- 032 to Air Automotive Tracking Inc. with a proposal submission price of \$64,975 for Year 1, and \$27,600 for each of

Years 2 and 3, for a total of \$120,175.00 (HST Included), which will be within the operating budgets for each year

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

24-02-053 Request for Professional Development – Director Glen Dollimount – North American Snow Conference – April 28 – May 1, 2024 – Kansas City

Motion: Councillor Lane/ Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the request for professional development by Director Glen Dollimount to attend the North American Snow Conference in Kansas City on April 28 – May 1, 2024.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

24-02-054 Request for Professional Development – Director Jason Collins – Atlantic Best Practice Mission February 29 – March 3, 2024 – Montreal

Motion: Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the request for professional development by Director Jason Collins to attend the Atlantic Best Practice Mission in Montreal from February 29 to March 3, 2024

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

24-02-055 Request for Professional Development – Councillors Jim Locke and Mark Rice FCM Annual Conference – June 6-9, 2024 – Calgary, AB

Motion: Councillor Lane/ Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the request for professional development from Councillors James Locke and Mark Rice for travel to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference in Calgary, Alberta from June 6-9, 2024.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

24-02-056 Request for Permission to Travel – Mayor Dave Aker FCM Annual Conference – June 6-9, 2024 – Calgary, AB

Motion: Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the request from Mayor Dave Aker for travel to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference in Calgary, Alberta from June 6-9, 2024.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

24-02-057 Request for Permission to Travel – CAO Dana Spurrell CAMA Annual Conference – June 2-5, 2024 – Banff, AB

Motion: Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the request from CAO Spurrell for travel to the CAMA Annual Conference in Banff, Alberta from June 2-5, 2024.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

24-02-058 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Lane provided an update for Public Works and highlighted that all three outdoor rinks were currently closed. Updates for rink status will be posted on the city's website. She noted the primary focus is on snow clearing and ice control and trail grooming would continue as weather conditions allow.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

24-02-059 Birch Avenue Waterline Loop & Sanitary Trunk Realignment Request for Contractor Change Order #1 Additional costs for the removal of unsuitable material and imported rock and fill

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the Change Order #1 for the Birch Avenue Waterline Loop & Sanitary Trunk Realignment project, payable to Dexter Construction, in the amount of \$19,967.45 (HST included), to cover the additional costs for the removal of unsuitable material and imported rock and fill required for the new sanitary trunk piping installed within the easement.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-02-060 Old Placentia Road, Pedestrian Underpass Walkway Underpass Remediation Request for Contractor Change Order #5 Additional Quantity Adjustments for Abrasive Blasting and Galvanizing

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the Change Order #5 for the Old Placentia Road, Pedestrian Underpass Walkway Underpass Remediation project, payable to Eric Taylor limited for the amount of \$3,708.75 (HST included) to cover the additional quantity amounts required above the tendered values noted for the Abrasive Blast and Recoat Deteriorated Sections, AND FURTHER THAT, approval be given for the project timeline extension to November 15, 2024.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-02-061 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | January 1-12, 2024

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the residential and commercial building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$25,200.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SAFETY

24-02-062 Milestone Event Funding Application – Knights of Columbus

Councillor Antle declared conflict and left the meeting at 5:05 pm

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Locke

RELOLVED THAT, approval be given to release the Milestone Event Funding to the Knights of Columbus in the amount of \$8,000 once all receipts have been received from their 50th Anniversary celebration event in June 2024.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Antle returned to the meeting at 5:08 pm

24-02-063 Family Snowshoe & Cross-country Ski Program

For the information of the public, the Family Snowshoe & Cross-Country Ski Program is open for the 2024 season at Powers Pond. Please note, that days of operation are weather dependent and based on snow cover. To learn more on rentals, please visit the City's website.

24-02-064 Frosty Festival February 9 – 17, 2024

The 42nd Annual Mount Pearl Frosty Festival will run from February 9th to February 17th with more than 40 events over the 9 days. There is something for everyone and members of the public are encouraged to attend. Members of Council will attend many events. Visit the Frosty Festival website for full list of events.

NEW BUSINESS

24-02-065 World Wetlands Day

Councillor Locke advised that February 2 was World Wetlands Day, and that Wetlands and Human Wellbeing was the theme. He recognized the valuable role of wetlands to the

ecosystem and referenced City's wetlands and ponds such as Power's and Branscombe, as well as the Waterford River.

Councillor Antle acknowledged the importance of wetlands noting the City's partnership with the Conservation Corps of Newfoundland and Labrador in 2022 and 2023 to conduct studies on the health of the Waterford River and to develop recommendations for the Waterford River Watershed Management Plan.

Councillor Rice noted the work of the CCNL Green Team under the supervision of the City Planner. The results were cumulated in mapped data that has been integrated into the City's GIS system. This study will be used to inform the City's Waterford River Watershed Management Plan. He offered thanks to the City's Planner and Green Team for this work.

24-02-066 T'Railway Snow Clearing

Councillor Locke acknowledged requests from residents who inquired why the City could not clear the T'Railway during the winter months. He noted he advised the residents that the City could certainly do that, but the City has over 60 km of trails that would require resources and maintenance. He also advised of the potential cost to taxpayers maintain snow clearing on the trails. Councillor Locke explained that City crews compact and level snow on the T'Railway for winter activities.

24-02-067 Library Board Meeting

Councillor Antle attended a recent meeting of the Library Board where he was advised that May 2, 2024 was the 35th anniversary of the Ross King Memorial Library. He advised of offerings such as Makerspace, and the hydroponics area where children are taught how to grow plants. He noted that the library was second busiest library in province with an average of 10,000 books checked out every month. He encouraged residents to visit the library to take part in the different activities the library offers.

24-02-068 Congratulations

Councillor Rice offered congratulations to Tony and Tina Burke of the Print Shoppe who were celebrating 50 years in business in the City of Mount Pearl.

Councillor Rice also congratulated Mr. Lorne Squires of Masonic Park and wished him a Happy 85th Birthday.

Councillor Fry attended the O'Donel High's performance of Shrek, The Musical. She congratulated and acknowledged the talent and commitment of the performers and noted this would be the final production for Sean Carroll, the school's music teacher.

Councillor Fry also offered congratulations to the Summit Artistic Swim Team on their performance this past weekend. She noted the hard work and planning that went into the event.

24-02-069 Pancake Super

Councillor Lane advised that the Church of Good Sheppard would be serving their pancake supper on February 13th in celebration of Shove Tuesday. She noted the supper was delicious and encouraged residents to partake. Tickets are available from the Church of the Good Sheppard.

Mayor Aker ended the meeting by congratulating O'Donel High School on the performance of Shrek, The Musical and he acknowledged the work of staff, volunteers and alumni.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Councillor Lane.

Chairperson

City Clerk