



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on January 23, 2024, at 4:30 pm.

| MEMBERS PRESENT | STAFF PRESENT |
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| 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

24-01-016 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Locke/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-01-017 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

24-01-018 Adoption of Minutes

Motion –Councillor Antle/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held January 9, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: none

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING - none

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PRESENTATIONS – None presented

PROCLAMATIONS

21-01-019 Eating Disorders Awareness Week February 1 – 7, 2024

The Mayor signed a proclamation declaring the week of February 1 – 7, 2024 as Eating Disorders Awareness Week in the City of Mount Pearl. Mr. Paul Thomey was present and spoke to the proclamation and the importance of involving family in the recovery process. Council members also spoke to the proclamation and thanked Mr. Thomey for bringing awareness.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

24-01-020 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

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| 1 | Amtruck Rental Truck - Freightliner M2-106 | \$ 15,151.25 |
| 2 | City of St John's Tipping Fees Nov 2023 | \$ 58,811.93 |
| 3 | City of St John's Water Consumption Dec 2023 | \$ 217,340.08 |
| 4 | Island Propane Radiant Tube Refurbishment | \$ 20,987.50 |
| 5 | Mount Pearl Paradise Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 6 | North Shore Roofing Summit Roof Repairs | \$ 8,268.50 |
| 7 | On Deck Sports Helmet & Bat Combo Storage (Invoiced in USD \$4,475.60) | \$ 6,290.81 |

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| 8 | On Deck Sports Weighted Covers (Invoiced in USD \$5,198.73) | \$ 6,227.91 |
| 9 | Pro Circuit Electrical Inc Modifications to Depot Training Room to accommodate EOC Office | \$ 6,996.08 |
| 10 | Questica Annual Maintenance | \$ 7,320.11 |
| 11 | Spartan Fitness Fitness Equipment for Summit Centre | \$ 9,380.55 |
| 12 | St. John's Transportation Commission Transit Service Cost Dec 2023 | \$ 90,837.58 |
| 13 | Tiller Engineering Engineering Services - Salt Shed Structural Connectors | \$ 14,317.50 |
| 14 | Whelan Dispute Resolution Employee Matters | \$ 5,139.06 |
| | Total | \$ 472,068.86 |

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

24-01-021 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for January 5-18, 2024, totaled \$ 828,071.86. The Purchase Card Report for November 28-December 26, 2023, totaled \$ 358,809.48.

24-01-022 Request for Professional Development – Director Jason Collins US Indoor Facilities Operators Conference and Trade Show April 29-May 2, 2024 – St. Petersburg, Florida

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the request for professional development by Director Jason Collins to attend the 2024 US Indoor Facilities Operators Conference and Trade Show in Florida on April 29- May 2, 2024.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

24-01-023 City of Mount Pearl Accessibility Plan

Councillor Rice highlighted key points within the Accessibility Plan, noting it was a living document and adopted the plan on behalf of the City. He noted the plan is available on the City's website. The City Clerk acknowledged staff, community partners, and Inclusion NL who participated and provided input.

24-01-024 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Rice provided an update for Public Works and highlighted that all three outdoor rinks opened today. He noted the primary focus is on snow clearing and ice control and trail grooming would continue as weather conditions allow.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

24-01-025 48 Moffatt Road Family Childcare Use – Discretionary Use

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the application and a Development Permit be issued subject to Section 7.18 of the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010, subject to the conditions as set out by Planning, Engineering and Development, specifically conditions as outlined by the following:

1. St. John's Regional Fire Department
2. City of Mount Pearl – Inspection Services, Municipal Enforcement Division
3. City of Mount Pearl – Finance Division
4. City of Mount Pearl – Planning Division, and
5. City of Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 and related Requirements.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-01-026 22 Pollux Drive Family Childcare Use - Discretionary Use

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the application and a Development Permit be issued subject to Section 7.18 of the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010, subject to the conditions as set out by Planning, Engineering and Development, specifically conditions as outlined by the following:

1. St. John's Regional Fire Department
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4. City of Mount Pearl – Planning Division, and
5. City of Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 and related Requirements.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-01-027 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | December 18 – December 29, 2023

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the residential and commercial building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$35,235.00.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-01-028 Development Permit Listing | December 4 – December 29, 2023

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the following Development Permits be approved as presented for the period of December 04 – December 29, 2023

| Development Permit # | Date of Issue | Company/Name | Type of Use | Civic Address |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| DP23-0648 | December 06, 2023 | Power's Pond and Neighbouring Trails | Open-Air Assembly | 20 First Street |
| DP23-0128 | December 07, 2023 | J&T Construction Ltd. | Consolidation of Land; Siteworks; New Development | 60-62 Glencoe Drive |
| DP23-0580 | December 21, 2023 | | Home Office use | 77 Westminster Drive |
| DP22-0630 | December 21, 2023 | | New Building and Associated Site Works | 83 Commonwealth Avenue |
| DP23-0169 | December 27, 2023 | CJ Auto Repair | New Building and Associated Site Works (Commercial Use) | 962-964 Topsail Road |

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Fry noted that 83 Commonwealth Avenue has been the object of some discussion among the neighborhood residents. Director Antle noted that a development permit is valid for two years during which the applicant would prepare a design and submit an application for a building permit.

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SAFETY

24-01-029 Registration for February 2024 Babysitting Course

For the information of the public, the February 2024 babysitting course will be held at the Reid Community Centre youth room on Sunday, February 18th (9am to 4pm). The course is open to ages: 11-15 and the price is \$60

Registration is online only on the following dates:

Mount Pearl residents: Monday, January 29th at 9am

Non-residents: Wednesday, January 31st at 9am

24-01-030 Swim for Hope – February 2, 2024 – Mount Pearl Marlins

For the information of the public, the Swim for Hope Relay is scheduled for Friday, February 2 at the Summit Centre. There will be no cancellations to aquatic programming or swimming lessons.

24-01-031 Winterfest – February 3-4, 2024 – Artistic Swim Club

The Mount Pearl Artistic Swimming (Synchro) will be hosting Winterfest on February 3 & 4 at the Summit Pool with expected 100-120 competitors.

The schedule on both days of this Winterfest (Sat, Feb 3 – 1:30 to 8:00 pm and Sun, Feb 4 7:00am to 1:30pm) will involve cancellations of city programming, swim lessons and recreation swims. There will be no swimming lessons during these dates and times. These cancellations will be posted on the City's website and at the facility, as well as shared on social media.

NEW BUSINESS

24-01-032 Literacy Week

Councillor Fry acknowledged Literacy Week, noting that she had read to students in Mrs. Riche's grade class 4 and Ms. Robert's grade 5 class at Newtown Elementary School. She encouraged her colleagues to get involved in the program.

24-01-033 Congratulations

Councillor Fry offered congratulations to CBS Councillor Andrea Gosse who was elected as Treasurer of the Northeast Avalon Joint Council.

24-01-034 Newfoundland and Labrador Human Rights Award

Councillor Fry acknowledged and offered congratulations to Mount Pearl resident, Courtney Clarke, co-chair of Equal Voice NL, on receiving the Human Rights Commission's 2023 Human Rights Award.

24-01-035 Condolences

Councillor Locke offered condolences to MHA Derek Bragg's family and friends on his recent passing. He noted Mr. Bragg was a friend to Mount Pearl and a champion for his community.

24-01-036 Outdoor Rinks

Councillor Locke noted the excitement around the outdoor rinks and wanted to acknowledge the work of staff in preparing them for public use. He asked that the public practice safety for the upcoming frigid temperatures.

24-01-037 Regional Services

Councillor Antle reviewed, for the information of the public, the amounts that the City pays for regional services such as water, transit and waste. He noted the City is a partner in regional services and contributes significant amounts to each.

24-01-038 Community Supper

Councillor Rice noted that Wednesday's Community Supper would take place at Church of the Good Sheppard. He noted anyone interested in volunteering to help could call church office at 368-2194.

24-01-039 Frosty Festival

Councillor Rice noted that the Frosty Festival was looking for volunteers sign up on the festival's website. He advised there were still events with some tickets left. He noted the festival would take place from February 9-17 and that this was the 42nd year. He acknowledged work of the city and the board and volunteers.

24-01-040 Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Investigation

The Mayor closed the meeting by acknowledging the RNC investigation regarding incidents that occurred in the City. He wanted to thank Municipal Enforcement Officers for their assistance. He asked that the public call the RNC to report any issues or concerns. He also acknowledge and thanked the Reid Centre Staff who helped one of the victims. The Mayor stated that the City's number one priority is safety.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm on a motion by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Rice.

Chairperson

City Clerk