



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on January 9, 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	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works
Councillor Mark Rice	Jason Collins, Director of Recreation & Community Safety
Councillor Chelsea Lane	Stephanie Walsh, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
Absent	Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant
Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley	

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting

24-01-001 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Locke/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-01-002 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

24-01-003 Adoption of Minutes

Motion –Councillor Rice/Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held December 12, 2023 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 – None presented

CORRESPONDENCE

24-01-004 Municipal Assessment Agency (MMA) Board Update

The Mayor tabled correspondence from MMA regarding updates to their Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

24-01-005 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Lane/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment:

1	Avalon Coal & Salt Road Salt	\$ 229,078.55
2	Baker Flooring Contracts Ltd RNC Upgrades	\$ 31,384.54
3	City of St John's Tipping Fees Oct 2023	\$ 54,653.28
4	City of St John's Water Consumption Nov 2023	\$ 219,150.53
5	Dehumidified Air Solutions Service Contract	\$ 22,613.60
6	Island Propane Ltd GPH Vaporizer	\$ 11,465.20
7	James J Piccott Equipment Rental	\$ 13,455.00
8	Loylap Armbands for Summit	\$ 7,000.00
9	Memorial University of Newfoundland Training	\$ 68,361.75
10	Municipalities NL 2024 Membership Fees	\$ 21,877.22

11	MVP Athletics <i>Pitching Machine Baseball</i>	\$ 6,668.85
12	Paul S Leskew & Assoc Inc <i>Scoreboard</i>	\$ 36,061.99
13	Pro Circuit Electrical <i>Basketball Nets</i>	\$ 14,048.02
14	Reefer Repair <i>Repairs</i>	\$ 5,433.54
15	Shed City & Outdoor Living Ltd <i>Garage</i>	\$ 13,386.30
16	St John's Transportation Commission <i>Transit Cost Nov</i>	\$ 99,586.92
17	Steele Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram <i>Fleet Cost</i>	\$ 19,438.50
18	Tok Transit <i>Taxi Trips</i>	\$ 11,613.76
19	Tok Transit <i>Paratransit Bus Trips</i>	\$ 22,919.16
20	Urban Flooring Contractors Ltd <i>Admiralty House Flooring Upgrade</i>	\$ 17,566.25
	Total	\$ 925,762.96

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

24-01-006 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for December 8, 2023 – January 4, 2024, totaled \$2,368,764.13. The Purchase Card Report for October 16 – November 27, 2023, totaled \$685,282.38.

24-01-007 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Rice provided an update for Public Works and highlighted the winter shift and recent storms with a primary focus on snow clearing and ice control. He noted the outdoor rink structures were in place and Murley Drive rink was open. Public Works are waiting for the right weather to ready the remaining rinks for use. Councillor Rice reported that crews had responded quickly and affected repairs for the recent water main breaks in the City.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

24-01-008 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | December 4 – December 15, 2023

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period showing a total construction

value of \$1,130,400.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SAFETY

24-01-009 Frosty Festival 2024 – First Installment Operating Budget Subsidy Request

Motion: Councillor Locke/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to release the 1st installment of the Frosty Festival's 2024 operating grant in the amount of \$32,500.00 as per the one year Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Frosty Festival.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

24-01-010 Shrek the Musical

Councillor Lane advised residents that O'Donel High School were presenting Shrek the Musical on February 1, 2, and 3 at Arts and Culture Centre. She noted that she would be attending and encouraged residents to go and enjoy the show.

Councillor Fry stated she would be attending the Saturday show as it would be the last production done by O'Donel's music teacher, Sean Carroll.

24-01-011 Snowshoe & Cross Country Ski Rental Program

Councillor Fry advised residents the cross country ski/snowshoe rental program was now open at Power's Pond on Monday to Friday from 2:30 – 9:30 pm, Saturday and Sunday from 10 am – 6 pm. Free rentals are available at the Boathouse (enter from Clyde Avenue). She encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy the winter weather. She noted operation was weather dependent and residents could call (709) 764-7635 before heading to Power's Pond.

24-01-012 2024 Winter Registration

Councillor Locke advised that the registration for aquatics, seniors' fitness , and recreation programs took place last week noting most programs were filled with limited space remaining. He encouraged residents to check the City's website for more information.

24-01-014 Watermain Breaks.

Councillor Locke acknowledged the recent watermain breaks in the City and wanted to commend crews for the quick response times and repairs. He asked that the Public Works Director pass thanks along to staff for their diligence and professionalism.

24-01-013 Trail Grooming

Councillor Antle noted that the trails were well groomed and thanked staff for a job well done and referenced the trail map on the city's website.

He also asked that the public help to keep the trails clean by using the supplied bags when walking your pets.

24-01-014 Pearl Pulse

Councillor Rice introduced the new Pearl Pulse guide which has been mailed to each household in Mount Pearl. He noted it was also available online but would be mailed to every resident in the City twice yearly in January and July. He explained the guide was designed to advise the public about the City's programs, services and events, noting it was important to reach everyone including those who may not have access to an online version.

24-01-015 Snowclearing

Councillor Rice reported he had heard from residents regarding snowclearing during the recent weather event. He asked the Public Works Director to clarify the process of snowclearing that is used for the public.

The Director of Public works explained the following general rules on the level of service for the City:

- When snowfall amounts are under 25cm, the City will visit each route within 4-6 hours after the snow ends.
- When snowfall amounts are above 25cm, the City will visit each route within 6-8 hours after the snow ends.
- As a general rule, any amount less than 5cm is handled with our flyers and salters. The City has 10 flyers, 8 of which are tandem trucks with blades on the front.
- The City's loaders will go out if snowfall amounts are greater than 5cm. There is a loader for each of the City's 14 routes.

The Director noted that each storm is different, and that wind will also play a factor as it causes drifting. The Director noted that the snowclearing process has improved over the years with equipment changes and additions.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm on a motion by Councillor Fry and seconded by Councillor Antle

Chairperson

City Clerk