

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2014

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on December 16, 2014 at 4:15 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Randy Simms
Deputy Mayor Jim Locke
Councillor Lucy Stoyles
Councillor John Walsh
Councillor Paula Tessier
Councillor Dave Aker
Councillor Andrew Ledwell

STAFF PRESENT

Michele Peach, Chief Administrative Officer
Stephen Jewczyk, Director, Planning & Development
Jason Silver, Director, Corporate Services
Gerry Antle, Director, Infrastructure & Public Works
Jason Collins, Director, Community Services
Gail Sexton, Human Resources Assistant

STAFF ABSENT

Mona Lewis, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Simms chaired the meeting.

14-12-764 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Stoyles/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-12-765 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Tessier/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on December 2, 2014 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING/ACTION REPORT

No business arose from the previous minutes. The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

14-12-766 Christmas Hours
 Mount Pearl Summit Centre & Kenmount Park Centre

The public was advised of the Christmas reduced hours of operation for the Summit Centre, Kenmount Park Centre and the Glacier Arena. Further details can be viewed on the website.

14-12-767 First Night Celebrations

The public was advised that the First Night Celebrations will take place at the Glacier Arena on December 31, 2014 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm and families are invited, free of charge, to this non-alcohol family event.

14-12-768 2015 Winter/Spring Activity Guide

The public was advised that the Winter/Spring activity guides will be delivered to Mount Pearl households during this week.

14-12-769 Mount Pearl Sport Alliance MOU
 January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Stoyles

RESOLVED THAT a memorandum of understanding between the City and the Mount Pearl Sport Alliance which includes the provision of an annual operating subsidy in the amount of \$167,000 and in-kind support at an estimated amount of \$48,000, for the period of January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016, be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-12-770 City of Mount Pearl – 60th Anniversary

The public was advised that January 11, 2015 marks the City's 60th anniversary since incorporation. On that date, the City will provide 60 minutes free for drop-in programs at the Summit Centre. Other events throughout the year will be arranged to celebrate this milestone.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

14-12-771 Integrated Transportation Study Phase 1A

Motion – Councillor Walsh/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, contingent upon the successful negotiation of the final terms of the Prime Consultant Agreement, the contract for the 2014 Integrated Transportation Study Phase 1A, be awarded to Harbourside Transportation Consultants for the proposal amount of \$20,193.10, including HST.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-12-772 2013 Street Upgrading CP1 (Oxford Crescent, Neal Place)

Motion - Councillor Walsh/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the following change orders for the 2013 Street Upgrading CP1 project be approved:

CO#1	Asbestos cement pipe removal & disposal	\$145,107.26 (HST incl)
CO#2	Additional quantities	\$ 69,848.69 (HST incl)

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-12-773 Winter Activity Report

Council was provided with a report on work undertaken in the Roads, Parks and UTM divisions of the Infrastructure and Public Works Department.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

14-12-774 Proposed Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 Amendment No. 41, 2014 Group Fitness Use Amendment

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 Amendment No. 41, 2014 be adopted and submitted to the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs for registration.

Discussion: It was noted that during a review of the Development Regulations, it became evident that the definition for 'Health Club' use was not adequate to cover fitness and exercise classes that were being established throughout the City and it was determined that it would be necessary to regulate off street parking associated with group fitness and other similar uses separately from health clubs. A text amendment to the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 was proposed to define 'Group Fitness' use and establish parking standards for this use.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-12-775 Development Permits

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT development permits issued for the period of December 1 - 12, 2014 be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-12-776 Building Permits

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Walsh

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of December 1 - 12, 2014, showing a total construction value of \$866,300.00, be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously

REGIONAL SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

14-12-777 Water Levels – Bay Bulls Big Pond

The public was advised that the most recent report shows that the water level at Bay Bulls Big Pond is increasing.

14-12-778 Regional Fire Committee

The public was advised that the Regional Fire Committee met on November 24, 2014 and the 2015 budget was presented. The projected budget is \$28,868,804 with Mount Pearl's share being \$4,824,892 (\$490,320 increase).

14-12-779 Regional Waste Water Committee

The public was advised that a meeting of the Regional Waste Water Committee was held on December 2, 2014 and the 2015 budget was presented. The City's cost for 2015 was anticipated to be a 3.5 to 4% increase. The projected budget is \$11,060,741 for the region and it was suggested that Mount Pearl should apply the 4% increase to prior year's rates and determine the budget by applying this rate to projected flows based on 2014 actuals.

It was also noted that Council recently supported a request from the FCM to call for a new long-term dedicated federal fund matched by local and provincial governments to assist communities with the capital cost of rebuilding their wastewater systems.

14-12-780 Regional Water Committee

The public was advised that a meeting of the Regional Water Committee was held on December 2, 2014 and information on water consumption for the user municipalities was presented. Using the projected water flows, costs per cubic metre and cost to each, the 2015 budget is \$13,604,613 with Mount Pearl's share being \$4,621,849 (\$503,868 increase).

14-12-781 User Fee – Regional Waste Management Facility

The public was advised that the Eastern Regional Service Board has approved its 2015 budget and fees will remain unchanged from 2014. The user fees at the Regional Waste Management Facility located at Robin Hood Bay from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 will be as follows:

- Landfill-bound materials will cost \$67.60 per metric tonne
- Recyclable materials will cost \$20.00 per metric tonne

14-12-782 2014 Winter Drinking Water Quality Report

The public was advised that the 2014 Winter Drinking Water Quality Report (prepared by the Department of Environment and Conservation, Water Resources Management Division) for the City's public drinking water supply was presented. It was noted that the drinking water quality index records the quality of water as "excellent" having achieved a rating of 97/100.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

14-12-783 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	Arena Board of Management (Capital Items for Glacier)	\$ 14,772.94
2.	Bae- Newplan Group (Professional Services)	\$ 11,300.00
3.	Century 2K (Data/Voice Communications Equipment Maintenance Agreement)	\$ 13,560.00
4.	Fairview Investments Limited (2012 Street Upgrading)	\$ 386,943.53
5.	Marco Services Ltd. (CP3 Reid Center Expansion - Progress Payment # 30)	\$ 182,962.73
6.	Newfoundland Design Associates Limited (Pre-Design Services Team Gushue Park)	\$ 9,248.93
7.	Newfoundland Design Associates Limited (Professional Services Team Gushue Park)	\$ 37,133.46
8.	Prospect Development Limited (Partial Cost, Install Berm Phase 1-2)	\$ 6,361.90
9.	Stewart McKelvey (Professional Legal Services)	\$ 8,087.75
10.	Stewart McKelvey (Professional Legal Services)	\$ 12,838.92
11.	Temple Consulting Group Ltd. (MAIS Software Maintenance Program)	\$ 16,048.26
12.	Weir's Construction Ltd. (Payment #4, Team Gushue Park Facility Improvements Ph 1)	\$ 17,428.66
13.	Zurich Insurance Company Ltd. (Insurance Claim)	\$ 10,000.00
	Total	\$ 726,687.08

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-12-784 Budget Presentation

Councillor Aker provided an overview of the budget process, the highlights of 2014 and plans for 2015.

14-12-785 2015 Tax Rates

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with the City of Mount Pearl Act, establish the following tax rates for the 2015 taxation year:

Property Tax – Residential (Minimum \$200/yr)	7.4 mils
Property Tax – Commercial (Minimum \$250/yr)	12.0 mils
Water/Wastewater Fee - Residential	\$600 per unit
Water/Wastewater Fee- Commercial (Minimum \$600)	2.3 mils
Commercial Water Rate	
• 0 - 100,000 gallons	No additional charge
• 100,000 - 20 million gallons	\$6.00 per thousand
• Over 20 million gallons	\$5.50 per thousand
School Boards – Water/Wastewater Fee	\$8.00 per student
Provincial Government Buildings – Water/Wastewater Fee	6.00 mils
Banks & Financial Institutions	77.5 mils
Bulk Storage – Oil Companies	39.4 mils
Professional Operations	24.0 mils
Large Department Stores	20.9 mils
Oil and Gas Service Industry	20.9 mils
Recreational and Non-profit Organizations	11.7 mils
Hotels/Motels/Private Schools	16.1 mils
Self Storage	62.7 mils

General Commercial	17.5 mils
Day Care Facilities	Exempt
Personal Care Homes	Exempt
Agricultural Operations	3.04 mils
All businesses subject to taxation under the Taxation of Utilities & Cable Television Companies Act and Commercial establishments without a fixed place of business within the City.	2.5% of annual gross revenue
Automated Waste Collection Fees	\$20 per annum
Minimum Tax	
• Residential Property	\$200
• Commercial Property	\$250
• Business Tax	\$250
• Billboards (per side)	\$100

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-12-786 2015 Rates & Fees

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with The City of Mount Pearl Act, approve the presented Schedule of Rates & Fees, to take effect January 1, 2015.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-12-787 Interest Rate

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with The City of Mount Pearl Act, approve an annual rate of interest of 10% to be levied on all past due taxes and accounts receivable.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-12-788 Revenues and Expenditures

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with The City of Mount Pearl Act, approve the 2015 Budget with operating Revenues and Expenditures totalling \$44,114,000.00.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion – Members of council extended appreciation to the Corporate Services Committee and senior staff on their efforts noting that difficult decisions were made, but overall they were able to hold the line on rates and fees while maintaining a balanced budget.

Mayor Simms commented on the increased costs of regional services and suggested that member municipalities consider ways to control cost increases.

The public was advised that the budget document will be available on the City's website.

NEW BUSINESS

14-12-789 Food Drive

Deputy Mayor Locke along with other members of Council extended appreciation to the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association, community organizations and corporate partners that participated in a very successful food drive held this past weekend. A special thank you was extended to the Girl Guides who helped sort and get the items ready for the food bank.

14-12-790 Summit Centre

Deputy Mayor Locke advised that the official opening ceremony of the Summit Centre takes place on December 18, 2014. Appreciation was extended to staff who oversaw the construction of the facility as well those now creating a welcoming atmosphere for members.

14-12-791 Baseball Tournament

Councillor Stoyles extended congratulations to the Mount Pearl Girls and Boys Baseball teams who respectively won gold and silver medals.

14-12-792 Northeast Avalon Joint Council (NEAJC)

Councillor Stoyles advised that the NEAJC will be meeting on December 17 in Mount Pearl.

14-12-793 Veteran's Wreaths

Councillor Walsh extended appreciation to resident Wayne Evens who helped organize the Newfoundland & Labrador Wreaths Across Canada event held on December 7 at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The event honours deceased veterans of Canada's military.

14-12-794 Snowclearing Regulations

Councillor Tessier reminded the public that snowclearing regulations are now in effect and residents are advised to adhere to the regulations.

14-12-795 Reminder to Motorists

Councillor Tessier reminded motorists to be extra cautious as children will be on Christmas vacation. Also because of the Christmas season, social activities increase and motorists were reminded to plan ahead and not drink and drive.

14-12-796 Pearl Awards

Councillor Ledwell extended congratulations and appreciation to all participants and winners of the Pearl Awards that took place on December 8.

14-12-797 Santa Claus Parade – Mount Pearl Lions Club

Mayor Simms extended congratulations to all the organizers and participants of the Santa Claus Parade. Special thanks to the Lions Club for their long-term outreach in the community. It was requested that Community Services consider a way to recognize the efforts of the Lions Club.

14-12-798 Seniors Independence Group

Mayor Simms extended congratulations to the Seniors Independence Group on a successful year that concluded with a very well attended Christmas dinner and dance.

14-12-799 Special Olympics

Mayor Simms extended congratulations to the Special Olympics organization on a successful year that concluded with their annual Christmas dinner.

14-12-800 Knights of Columbus

Mayor Simms advised that he attended the Knights of Columbus Christmas dinner and extended appreciation to the organization for their contribution to the community.

14-12-801 Merry Christmas

Council extended a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year to all staff and residents and a special thank you to the staff for their service during the past year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm on a motion by Councillor Tessier and seconded by Councillor Aker.

Chairperson

Human Resources Assistant