

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2014

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on February 25, 2014 at 4:15 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Randy Simms
Deputy Mayor Jim Locke
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
Mona Lewis, Deputy City Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councillor Lucy Stoyles
Councillor John Walsh

Mayor Simms chaired the meeting.

14-02-108 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-02-109 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Tessier/Deputy Mayor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on February 11, 2014 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None noted.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING/ACTION REPORT

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

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

14-02-110 Mount Pearl Sport Alliance
 1st Installment – 2014 Operating Grant

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to release the 1st installment of the Mount Pearl Sport Alliance 2014 operating grant, in the amount of \$87,000, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding.

Discussion: It was noted that the funding covers administrative costs, travel and hosting grants.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-02-111 Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group
 50+ Age Community
 2014 Fitness Program Subsidy

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to release the annual subsidy, in the amount of \$5,000, to the Seniors Independence Group, 50+ Age Community, to cover the Fitness Program for 2014, in accordance with the agreement with the City.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-02-112 Frosty Festival 2014
2nd Installment Operating Grant

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Aker

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to release the 2nd installment of the Mount Pearl Frosty Festival operating grant for 2014 in the amount of \$17,500.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-02-113 Male Youth of the Year - Adam Keating
Congratulation of Accomplishments

Congratulations were extended to Adam Keating, 2012 Male Youth of the Year, on his recent accomplishments with the creation of a Keith Keating Memorial Basketball Tournament (in memory of his Father), raising \$12,500 for the Cancer Care Foundation. It was agreed that a letter of congratulations would be forwarded by the Mayor to Mr. Keating.

14-02-114 Family Fun Challenge – Drop By
Free Gym Time with Your Kids

Information was provided on the Family Fun Challenge program taking place at the Reid Community Centre. Further details are available on the City's website.

14-02-115 Gentle Hatha Flow Yoga
Zumba & Fitness Classes
Kenmount Park, Reid Centre & Swimming Pool

Information was provided on the above programs. Further details are available on the City's website.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

14-02-116 Professional Development & Training
Chief Administrative Officer

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted, in accordance with the Professional Development & Training Policy, for the CAO to attend the Professional Municipal Administrators annual convention taking place in Gander from April 2 – 4, 2014.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-02-117 Uncollectible Accounts
Tax Write

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to write off the balance and remove the following account from the City’s records. It was noted that the business has closed and all collection efforts have been exhausted.

Account No.	Principal	Interest	Total
9642	\$1,003.45	\$27.72	\$1,031.17

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-02-118 Tax Deferral – Low Income Earner

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the following tax deferral be approved in accordance with Council’s policy for low income earners:

Account #	Amount Deferred
5546	\$ 1,512.19

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-02-119 Request for Tax Consideration

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to exempt 2014 business taxes, in accordance with Council’s policy for charitable organizations, for the following:

Name	Address	Type	Annual Amt
NL Employer’s Council	129 Glencoe Drive	Business (100%)	\$4,541.39
School Milk Foundation	27 Sagona Avenue	Business (100%)	\$2,931.72
The Terry Fox Foundation	835 Topsail Road	Business (100%)	\$ 622.42
Safety Services NL	1076 Topsail Road	Business (100%)	\$ 5,168.90
School Lunch	785 Topsail Road	Business (100%)	\$ 765.07
Skills Canada NL	75 Barbour Drive	Business (100%)	\$ 916.18

Campia Gymnastics	60 Clyde Avenue	Business (100%)	\$ 2,445.91
Canadian Diabetes Assoc	860-866 Topsail Road	Business (100%)	\$ 1,648.92
St. John Ambulance	8 Thomas Byrne Dr	Business (100%)	\$12,228.84
VOCM Cares	1199 Topsail Road	Business (100%)	\$1,070.72
Mount Pearl-Paradise Chamber of Commerce	365 Old Placentia Rd	Business (100%)	\$ 407.30
Community Food Sharing Assoc	1143-1149 Topsail Rd	Business (100%)	\$ 4,023.85

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-02-120 Invoices for Approval

Motion – Councillor Aker/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the following invoices be approved for payment:

1.	Avalon Coal Salt and Oil Ltd. (Road Salt)	\$ 174,117.36
2.	Avalon Coal Salt and Oil Ltd. (Road Salt)	\$ 7,829.33
3.	Avalon Coal Salt and Oil Ltd. (Road Salt, Dec 2013)	\$ 84,268.61
4.	City of St. John's (Water Consumption - Jan 2014)	\$ 382,958.90
5.	Clearway Contracting Limited (Line Painting Oct 12-26/13)	\$ 58,899.99
6.	Madsen Diesel & Turbine Inc. (Land Rental for Snow Storage Feb 2014)	\$ 5,650.00
7.	Marco Services Ltd. (Multiplex Electrical Charges - Dec 12/13- Jan 10/14)	\$ 10,346.17
8.	Marco Services Ltd. (Multiplex Electrical Charges - Jan 10- Jan 31/14)	\$ 7,234.61
9.	Marco Services Ltd. (CP-3 Reid Centre Expansion - Progress Claim No. 4)	\$ 1,257,730.63
10.	Metrobus Transit (Mount Pearl Bus Service - Jan)	\$ 102,380.70
11.	Nortrax (Truck Parts)	\$ 8,536.58
12.	Nortrax (Truck Parts)	\$ 23,062.08

13.	Ricoh (Laserfiche Support Contract)	\$ 18,057.40
14	Parts for Trucks (Truck Parts)	\$ 7,181.76
15.	Transcontinental Printing (Winter/Spring Activity Guide)	\$ 9,883.99
16.	The Telegram (Preparing and Postage for Tax Bills)	\$ 7,519.92
17.	Western Hydraulic 2000 Ltd. (Truck Parts)	\$ 8,542.80
	Total	\$ 2,174,200.83

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

14-02-121 Winter Maintenance

An update on snow clearing operations (i.e. salt consumption, use of snow blowers, clearing of fire hydrants and snow dumping areas) was provided.

14-02-122 Gymnastics Facility

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT a “design build” approach for the new gymnastics facility be approved and in accordance with the Public Tender Act, proceed with seeking approval from the Province to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-02-123 Tender – TP-14-004 Turf Maintenance Material

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the tender for turf maintenance material to the lowest qualified bidder, East-Chem Inc., in the amount of \$33,843.50, including HST.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-02-124 Tender – TP-14-005 Ornamental Nursery Stock, Trees & Shrubs

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to award the tender for ornamental nursery stock, trees & shrubs to the lowest qualified bidder, Gaze Seed., in the amount of \$15,298.40, including HST.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-02-125 Tender – TP-14-002 Locksmith Services (Three-Year Period)

Motion – Deputy Mayor Locke/Councillor Ledwell

RESOLVED THAT the tender for locksmith services for a three-year period be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, Armour Lock and Safe Ltd., in the amount of \$32, 063.75 including HST.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-02-126 Invitation to Tender

Council was advised that the following tenders have been issued:

Tender	Issue Date	Closing Time & Date
TP-14-001 – Street Markings	February 17, 2014	2:00 pm, February 28, 2014
TP-14-003 – Supply and Delivery of Playground Equipment	February 24, 2014	2:00 pm, March 7, 2014
TP-13-006 – Electrical Maintenance Services	February 24, 2014	2:00 pm, March7, 2014

Tenders will be released shortly for Street Upgrading Capital Works.

14-02-127 Storm Water Management (Infiltration Study of Municipal Basin)

The following update was provided:

- Final house-to-house survey started on February 24th, 2014.
- Aquazoom inspection of the sanitary infrastructure continues.
- It is anticipated that the field work will be completed mid-March and the draft report will be submitted by the end of March.

14-02-128 Multiplex Status

Council was advised that the Multiplex is approximately 88% financially complete. Finishing work is ongoing throughout the facility by the contractor.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

14-02-129 Proposed Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 Amendment No. 29, 2013 Row Dwellings Standards Amendment

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT the proposed Mount Pearl Development Regulation 2010 Amendment No. 29, 2013 (Row Dwellings Standards Amendment) be adopted by Council.

Discussion: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to stipulate the development standards for row dwelling development within the Apartment use zone. It was noted that this will prohibit future row dwelling projects with each individual dwelling unit having an individual access onto a street. The development standards will reduce the number of individual access point along road frontage from the current practice and will:

1. result in improved on-street parking and snow clearing operations; and
2. create better landscaping and snow storage areas.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-02-130 Application for Wheelchair Ramp
9 Emberley Place

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT an application for a wheelchair ramp at 9 Emberley Place be approved and a development permit issued subject to the following conditions:

1. the ramp meeting the minimum slope and width standards as required for wheelchair ramps pursuant to the National Building Code.;
2. the creation of an additional parking stall in the front yard which will accommodate one full car width and length at 3 metres; and
3. a separate application to be submitted for review by the City for the proposed interior renovations to the home.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-02-131 Proposed Family Child Care Use – Discretionary Use Application
7 Hagen Place

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Council’s discretionary powers as outlined in Section 4.5 of the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 that the application for a family child care use at 7 Hagen Place be approved subject to the use complying with all municipal conditions applicable to family child care use with the exception of the conditions relating to on-site parking.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-02-132 Development Permits

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT development permits issued for the period of February 10 - 21, 2014 be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

14-02-133 Building Permits

Motion – Councillor Ledwell/Councillor Tessier

RESOLVED THAT building permits issued for the period of February 7 – 22, 2014, showing a total construction value of \$38,000.00 be approved as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

No report presented.

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

14-02-134 City of Mount Pearl – Blue Zone
Parking Violation Reminder Notice

Motorists were reminded to be courteous, cautious and not park in the blue zone parking spaces unless a parking permit is visible. These spaces are specifically designed for persons with a disability. Council requested an update on whether the number of violations have decreased since the fine was increased. Council was

also advised of a meeting with representatives of the Coalition of Persons with Disabilities NL.

NEW BUSINESS

14-02-135 Citizen of the Year Banquet

Deputy Mayor Locke advised that the Citizen of the Year banquet is scheduled for April 5 at the Reid Community Centre. The nomination packages have been mailed to all community & sporting organizations in Mount Pearl. Advance ticket sales (\$15 per person) will start on March 22 at the Reid Community Centre.

14-02-136 Mount Pearl Senior High Girls Indoor Soccer

Deputy Mayor Locke extended congratulations to the MPSH Girls Indoor Soccer team on winning the provincial high school 4A soccer tournament.

14-02-137 Coyote Sighting

Councillor Tessier commented on the potential coyote sighting along the Powers Pond walking trail. Warnings have been issued by the Department of Natural Resources and anyone sighting a coyote is asked to contact the Provincial Forest Management District Office.

Councillor Aker advised of discussions he's had with an official of the Department as well as with a resident who suggested that garbage along the trail may be attracting the coyote. Although the official advised that the coyote was most likely after other small animals (not garbage), it was requested that the garbage (if any) be removed. He also questioned if City staff required additional training for this type of incident.

14-02-138 Mount Pearl Lions Club

Councillor Ledwell advised of two fundraisers being held by the Lions Club:

- Pancake Breakfast March 8 Park Place
- St. Patrick's Dance/Auction March 15 Park Place

14-02-139 Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)

Mayor Simms commented on a report by the CFIB on municipal taxation, noting that he has met with the Director of the NL Chapter of the CFIB. The Director will be making a presentation to the Planning & Development Committee in the near future.

14-02-140 MNL 2014 Regional Meeting & Fiscal Framework Consultation
Labrador Meeting

Mayor Simms provided an update on the MNL meetings held recently in Labrador.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm on a motion by Councillor Tessier and seconded by Councillor Aker.

Chairperson

Deputy City Clerk