



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**May 7, 2024**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on May 7, 2024, at 4:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Mayor Dave Aker	Dana Spurrell, Chief Administrative Officer
Councillor Jim Locke	Blair Tilley, Superintendent Municipal Enforcement Officer
Councillor Isabelle Fry	Gerry Antle, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development
Councillor Bill Antle (remotely)	Cassie Pittman, Director of Corporate Services
Councillor Mark Rice	Corey Harvey, Public Works Superintendent
Councillor Chelsea Lane	Stephanie Walsh, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
	Lisa Warren, Executive Assistant
	Ann Picco, Executive Assistant
<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley	Jason Collins, Director of Recreation and Community Safety
	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works

**Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.**

24-05-228 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Lane / Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-05-229 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker.

24-05-230 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held April 23, 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

PROCLAMATIONS

24-05-231 Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Month – May 2024

The Mayor signed a proclamation declaring the month of May as Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Month in the City of Mount Pearl.

Ms. Zita Kavanagh-Taylor attended and spoke to the proclamation. She told her story of living with MS, providing information on the disease and background on their organization, the S'Myelin Warriors Newfoundland Labrador. She discussed the importance to understand MS and to raise awareness.

A walk is taking place on May 11<sup>th</sup>, Paws for MS. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary for this walk and this year they are partnering with Critters and Things. Everyone was encouraged to attend, and walk your pet for this cause. Further, this year they are also partnering with Mental Health, and are providing donations to this organization as MS affects mental health of those living with MS.

Zita thanked Council for the support. Council members acknowledged the important work of these volunteers in raising awareness of MS and thanked Zita for sharing her personal story, and for being an advocate for those living with MS. City Hall will be lit red tonight in support.

24-05-232 Huntington Disease Awareness Month – May 2024

The Mayor signed a proclamation declaring the month of May as Huntington Disease Awareness Month in the City of Mount Pearl.

Jamie and Lorraine Thornhill attended and spoke to the proclamation and the disease, providing facts and statistics in Newfoundland and Labrador. They are both members of the Huntington Society of Canada. A walk is being held on May 25, 2024, to raise funds and awareness.

Council discussed the importance to share this information and support, through the City's social media channels. Council thanked Jamie and Lorraine for attending this evening's Council Meeting.

24-05-233 Melanoma and Skin Cancer Month

The Mayor signed a proclamation declaring the month of May as Melanoma and Skin Cancer month in the City of Mount Pearl.

Ms. Bev Barbour attended this evening's meeting to speak to the proclamation, to tell her story, and note the importance that people be aware and educated.

Bev thanked Council for bringing forth this proclamation, discussing the importance of early detection and prevention. The 5<sup>th</sup> Strides for Melanoma Walk is taking place in Witless Bay this year. Everyone was encouraged to attend this fundraising and awareness event.

Council thanked Bev for sharing her story and thanked the group for attending this evening's Meeting.

25-05-234 National Public Works Week

The Mayor signed a proclamation declaring the week of May 19-24, 2024 as Public Works Week. The theme for this year's National Public Works Week is "Advancing Quality of Life for All."

Council thanked and recognized the Public Works staff, noting the vital and important service they provide to residents.

An overview of services provided by the Public Works Department was noted, and upcoming events for the week were provided.

24-05-235 Municipal Awareness Week

The Mayor signed a proclamation declaring the week of May 5-11, 2024 as Municipal Awareness Week. This week is in recognition of the vital role of municipal government in Newfoundland and Labrador and in recognition of all those efforts that support it.

The City delivers many important services through its municipal departments and

organizations, and has a reputation of excellence.

Municipal Awareness Week highlights the many services provided by municipalities. There are great work and career opportunities in this sector. Upcoming events taking place during the week were noted. All information can be found on the Town's social media platforms.

Mayor presented the proclamation to the CAO and staff.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

##### 24-05-236     2024 Asphalt Crack Sealing – TP-24-011

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RELOLVED THAT, the contract for 2024 Asphalt Crack Sealing – TP-24-011 be awarded to Crown Contracting Inc., for the bid amount of \$87,917.50 (HST included).

Question Called – Motion carried unanimously.

##### 24-05-237     Team Gushue Sports Complex – Baseball Outdoor Score Board Upgrades

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RELOLVED THAT, the contract for 2024 Team Gushue Sports Complex Baseball Outdoor Score Board Upgrades be awarded to E.C. Boone, for the bid amount of \$80,489.54 (HST included).

Question Called – Motion carried unanimously.

##### 24-05-238     Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | March 15-April 5, 2024

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the residential and commercial building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$430,400.00 be approved, and further

that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-05-239 Capital Projects Update

Councillor Rice provided an update on the City's capital projects highlighting the tenders and RFPs for May and the ones scheduled for the upcoming Fall. Also advised of the construction projects that have started or resumed.

Street reflective markers contract was questioned. It was clarified this information will come through committee.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

24-05-240 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RELOLVED THAT, approval be given for payment of the following invoices:

1	Federation of Canadian Municipalities <i>Membership Invoice 2024-2025</i>	\$ 6,282.99
2	Island Propane Ltd <i>Remove Replace Old Heaters at Depot</i>	\$ 16,346.43
3	Island Propane Ltd <i>Depot Bay 3 Propane Heater Replacement</i>	\$ 5,339.29
4	Island Propane Ltd <i>Depot Bay 6 &amp; 7 Propane Heater Replacement</i>	\$ 9,988.57
5	St John's Transportation Commission <i>Admin Fee - Accessible Services Jan-Mar 2024</i>	\$ 13,294.00
	Total	\$ 51,251.28

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-05-241 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for April 18-May 1, 2024, totaled \$ 284,720.30.

24-05-242 CIBC Bank – City of Mount Pearl \$3M Line of Credit

Background information was provided.

Motion: Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for city to open a \$3,000,000 line of credit through CIBC with an interest rate of prime less 1%, and, once open, that the previous line of credit account with TD Canada Trust be closed.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-05-243 Contract Recommendation – Dual Stream Recycling Trucks – TP24-014

Background information was provided.

Motion: Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval for the contract for the supply and delivery of two Dual Stream Recycling Trucks – TP24-014 to be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, Harvey & Company Ltd., for the bid amount of \$1,196,037.84 (HST included), which is within the Fleet Plan budget.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-05-244 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Lane provided a status update for public works noting that the staff have begun the spring season work which includes pothole repair, litter clean-up, sidewalk and street sweeping, and lawn repairs. She advised that preparation for the upcoming 2024 summer season is under way and that the service and maintenance of fleet is also ongoing with the service of maintenance of summer equipment has started.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

24-05-245 Focus on Youth Awards

The Focus on Youth Awards will take place on May 16 at the Glacier. Congratulations are extended to all the nominees, as well as a huge thank you to their nominators.

24-05-246 Summer Employment 2024

Numerous applications have been received for the upcoming summer positions of Day Camp, Park Patrol and Events. Those selected for an interview are in the process of being contacted. Thank you to all who applied and have interest in working with the City of Mount Pearl.

24-05-247 Summer Day Camp - Registration

Registration for Summer Day Camp is starting today, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm for residents and May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm for non-residents. Registration is available online only. The camps start July 2<sup>nd</sup> and will run for 8 weeks, until August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm with early drop off and late pick up for an additional \$10 a week.

NEW BUSINESS

24-05-248 2024 Don Johnson Cup

Councillor Antle discussed the importance of this tournament, and a shout out was extended to all the volunteers. Council thanked staff for their work on this event.

24-05-249 Events Taking Place in the City

Councillor Rice discussed the below:

- It was a privilege to attend the senior's independent group's Quilt of Valour, in recognition of Wayne Connors. The Stitches Quilting Group do phenomenal work.
- Shout out to the Ross King Memorial Library Board on their 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Congratulations to former Member of Council, community volunteer, and MHA, Ms. Lucy Stoyles on receiving the Kin Canada's Zone D President's Award.

24-05-250 Clean-Up

Councillor Lane discussed the importance of cleaning up the City as the weather is getting nice. There are kits available for pick up for collection of garbage. It was requested that residents ensure to pick up after their pets and do their part to keep the trails clean. There are stations with bags along the trails and residents were encouraged to avail.

24-05-251 2024 Youth Week

Councillor Fry reminded residents of the upcoming Youth Week in the City. There are lots of free activities and events taking place that youth can attend. For further information, visit the City's website.

24-05-252 2024 International Compost Awareness Week

Councillor Locke advised that International Compost Awareness Week takes place May 5 – 11, 2024. There are discussions around a regional compost program. Residents are encouraged to compost, as approximately one-third of all household garbage is compostable.

24-05-253 Thank You

Mayor Aker extended a thank you to staff who attended to support the Public Works Department and the Recreation and Community Safety Department.

Thank you to Information Technology Manager Rob Skinner and Corporate Services Department Executive Assistant Lisa Warren for setting up for the first remote Council Meeting for attendance by a Member of Council.

Mayor welcomed the new Executive Assistant to the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm on a motion by Councillor Locke and seconded by Councillor Antle.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk