



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**July 16, 2024**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on July 16, 2024, at 4:30 pm.

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

**Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.**

24-07-376 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Rice / Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-377 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker.

24-07-378 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Public Meeting held July 2, 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

24-07-379 Declaration of Support for the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community

Mayor Aker read the City's Declaration of Support for the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community, committing to being allies for progress for the community. Council pledged to show up for marginalized people facing adversity, support the 2SLGBTQIA+ community so they feel safe throughout our City, and to stand by them even when our public support exposes us to the hate they endure every day. The City encouraged local businesses to join in signing this declaration, showing their commitment to creating a more inclusive, equitable society.

Eddie St. Couer, Co-Chair, External, St. John's Pride, was in attendance for the reading and signing of the Declaration, and spoke to Council of their history, their hope to grow and move into the entire metro and Avalon areas, genuine interest and support from Mount Pearl Council and staff, their upcoming planned celebrations and events, and the importance to feel supported and protected.

Council thanked Eddie for attending this evening's meeting, noting their commitment and support for a safe, diverse, and inclusive community, and further advising that Mount Pearl is safe and welcoming for everyone.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

24-07-380 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

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

1	CIMCO Final Billing Re-Gasket Chiller - Glacier	\$ 17,894.00
2	City of St John's City's Share St John's Regional Fire Dept -Jan - Dec 2024	\$ 5,597,327.04
3	Conception Bay Auto & Tire Centre Hercules Tires	\$ 9,232.20
4	Halifax Seed Supplies for Summer Games	\$ 7,945.74
5	Insight Canada Inc Cisco Licenses & Support (3 Years)	\$ 50,793.44
6	Insight Canada Inc Adobe Subscription Renewal	\$ 5,314.82
7	Municipal Assessment Agency Third Quarter Assessment Fees	\$ 67,444.00
8	Memorial University Courses Better Business Writing & Healthy & Inclusive Workplace	\$ 13,202.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,769,153.24</b>

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-381 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the payment register for June 27-July 10, 2024, totaled \$995,515.69.

24-07-382 Request for Tax Consideration

Motion: Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to exempt 2024 business taxes and property taxes, in accordance with the policy for charitable and non-profit organizations, for the following:

Name	Address	Type	Annual Amount
Canadian hard of Hearing Assoc	1081 Topsail Road	Business (100%)	\$11,118.83

Columbus Centre	25 Moores Drive	Property (60%)	\$4,424.11
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Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-383 Contract Award Recommendation – Collection Services – RFP24-018

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the contract for Collection Services, as outlined in the Request for Proposals RFP24-018, to be awarded to NCRi for a term of three years, with the option to extend the contract in single-year increments for a maximum total of five years at a rate of eight percent (8%) of outstanding fees collected, plus tax.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-384 Remuneration – Management Staff and Council

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, an increase in remuneration of 2% to the Management Staff and Council effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-385 Purchase of Property – 827 Topsail Road

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be granted to purchase the property at 827 Topsail Road in the amount of \$100,000.00, and that the contract for the demolition/remediation regarding the structure at 827 Topsail Road be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, Eastern Demolition, in the amount of \$40,054.50 (including HST).

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-386 Public Works Status Report

A status update was provided for Public Works. Work continues on roads including asphalt repair, litter clean up, street sweeping, holes and catch basin repairs, and lawn repairs. Bulk garbage collection is concluded. Work continues on landscape prep work, flower planters and hanging baskets are in place, maintenance of sports fields, Powers Pond Trail upgrades to begin July 22<sup>nd</sup>, site preparation underway for playground

equipment installation on Stonegate Crescent, and commemorative bench and tree planting program installations underway. Inspections on all heavy-duty trucks are ongoing and service and maintenance continue. An update was provided on UTM general calls and water levels at BBBP.

Update on the Stonegate Playground was provided to Council, with further information to follow regarding timelines.

#### PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

24-07-387 Admiralty House Communications Museum Roof Replacement Contract Recommendation – 2024 Invitation to Supply Quotation

Motion: Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to award the contract for roof replacement, Admiralty House, to the lowest qualified bidder, Fort Property Construction, for the bid amount of \$51,865.00 (HST included).

Question Called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-388 Electrical Maintenance Service – Contract Extension Recommendation

Motion: Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the extension of the existing Electrical Maintenance Service contract TP-21-023 with Pro Circuit Electrical for an additional one (1) year for the period of September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025, for the annual bid amount of \$129,375.00 (HST Included) at the same terms and conditions of the existing contract be approved.

Question Called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-389 Plumbing Maintenance Service – Contract Extension Recommendation

Motion: Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the extension of the existing Plumbing Maintenance Service contract TP-21-022 with King's Plumbing and Heating Ltd. for an additional one (1) year for the period of September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025, for the annual bid amount of \$60,375.00 (HST Included) at the same terms and conditions of the existing contract. be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-390 32 Pollux Drive – Family Child Care Use (DA24-0226)

Motion: Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the Planning Engineering and Development Department has processed this Discretionary Use application as per Section 7.13 of the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010, and that the application be approved and a development permit be issued for the use of a portion of the dwelling at 32 Pollux Drive for Family Child Care Use, subject to the commentary received through referral to:

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

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-391 Olympic Drive Resurfacing Contractor Contemplated Change Order #8 – Increase in Flagger Hours and Asphalt Patching

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley / Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, Change Order #8 for the Olympic Drive Resurfacing project, payable to Farrell's Excavating Ltd. for the amount of \$21,375.00 (HST Included) to accommodate an increase in Flagger hours and Asphalt Patching be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-392 Building and Occupancy Permit Listing | June 17-28, 2024

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley / Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the residential and commercial building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$1,266,593.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-393 Capital Projects Update

An update on the City's capital projects was provided highlighting the tenders and request for proposals for July. Also advised of the construction projects that are ongoing, with updates provided.

Residents were encouraged to be mindful of construction zones and reduce speeds.

### RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### 24-07-394 Mount Pearl City Days | July 18-21, 2024

The annual City Days will take place from July 18<sup>th</sup> through to July 21<sup>st</sup> with events for everyone to enjoy! From concerts and teas, yoga and family movies, breakfasts and block party, and everything in between.

Listing of events were provided, and information can be viewed on the City's website.

#### 24-07-395 Centennial Park Summer Concert Series

Join us in Centennial Park (next to City Hall) every Friday in July and August, for a free family-friendly pop-up concert of live local performances from 12pm to 1pm. The performance scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> is MacKenzie Critch, weather permitting.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 24-07-396 Grand Opening of Fat Bastard Burrito

Councillor Antle advised that the Grand Opening Celebration was held on July 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a successful restaurant opened in Mount Pearl, with eighty restaurants across the Country.

#### 24-07-397 Memorial Bench Dedication

Councillor Antle discussed the Wayne Andrews Memorial Bench Unveiling Ceremony, held on July 8<sup>th</sup>, commenting on Wayne's involvement in the community.

Councillor Rice recognized Wayne Andrews, referencing his work in the community.

#### 24-07-398 Safe Seniors Walk Event

The Deputy Mayor reminded everyone of the Safe Seniors Walk, advising that the walks take place in the area of Power's Pond. The walk is on an accessible and inclusive trail, and she encouraged everyone to attend.

#### 24-07-399 Summer Canoe/Kayak Program

Councillor Rice discussed the Canoe and Kayak Program, held at the Power's Pond Boat House. There is no charge to attend, and information can be found on the City's website.

Councillor Fry advised that this is a wonderful program, free for people to use. The program does get good use in the summer, weather and wind permitting.

24-07-400 Trail Closure – Moore’s Drive Area

Councillor Rice advised that a section of trail is closed in the area of Moore’s Drive, near the Columbus Center, leading to the Ruth Avenue Sports Complex due to ongoing construction.

24-07-401 Neonatal Intensive Care

Councillor Lane discussed the health issues her son Nathan faced shortly after his birth, noting his stay in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Fortunately for her and her family Nathan’s stay was short, and he is now happy and healthy. For some parents, however, their stay can be long. The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit requires donations of clothing and blankets for newborn infants who have to stay at the intensive care unit, and she encouraged everyone to donate.

Councillor Fry recognized and congratulated Councillor Lane on the recent birth of her baby, Nathan.

Councillor Locke congratulated Councillor Lane on the safe arrival of Nathan and welcomed him to the Council Chamber.

Mayor Aker congratulated Councillor Lane and her family and welcomed Nathan to his first Council Meeting in Mount Pearl.

24-07-402 Power’s Pond Trail

Councillor Fry reminded everyone to be cautious on the Power’s Pond Trail, as there is some construction ongoing.

24-07-403 Topsail Road Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Councillor Fry reminded the public of the annual Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Service on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. There will be reduced traffic lanes on Topsail Road and Blackmarsh Road during this time.

24-07-404 Swim in Movie

Councillor Locke informed residents that the Public Swim taking place at 2:00 p.m. and the Family Lane Swim at 5:15 p.m. is cancelled on July 20<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the Swim in Movie event. The swim can accommodate 150 people.



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24-07-405 Fire Ban

Mayor Aker advised that there is a fire ban in place, as per the St. John's Regional Fire Department. He asked the public for patience as there is greater impact for the City. Emergency resources are in other areas of the Province, including Forestry which are allocated in Labrador.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm on a motion by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Fry.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk