



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on August 13, 2024, at 4:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Mayor Dave Aker	Jason Collins, Director of Recreation and Community Safety
Councillor Jim Locke	Gerry Antle, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development
Councillor Isabelle Fry	Glen Dollimont, Director of Public Works
Councillor Bill Antle	Rob Skinner, Manager of Information Technology
Councillor Mark Rice	Stephanie Walsh, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
Councillor Chelsea Lane	Robin Bartlett, Executive Assistant
Absent	Absent
Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley	Dana Spurrell, Chief Administrative Officer
	Cassie Pittman, Director of Corporate Services

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

24-08-432 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Locke / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-08-433 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker.

24-08-434 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Public Meeting held July 30, 2024, be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: Under New Business, 24-07-425 – insert resident’s correct name, being Eric Badcock.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING - None

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PRESENTATIONS - None

PROCLAMATIONS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

24-08-435 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

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

1	Advocate Printing <i>Printing of Pearl Pulse - Summer/Fall 2024</i>	\$ 6,926.45
2	Canadian AV <i>Stage Set-up and AV for City Days</i>	\$ 38,441.51
3	Englobe <i>Phase II ESA - 20 Bannister Street</i>	\$ 5,541.87
4	Englobe <i>Phase II ESA - 827 Topsail Road</i>	\$ 7,201.30
5	Marco <i>Stipend - New Community Centre</i>	\$ 75,000.00
6	Mercer <i>Job Evaluation Support</i>	\$ 5,692.50
7	Polar Imaging Inc <i>Document Scanning Services</i>	\$ 11,294.93
8	Pro Circuit Electrical Inc <i>Upgrade Fire Alarm Panel at City Hall</i>	\$ 14,588.53
9	Routeware <i>2024 Annual Support</i>	\$ 8,058.22
10	St John's Transportation Commission <i>Admin Fee for Accessible Services April-June 2024</i>	\$ 14,823.50
11	TOK Transit <i>Paratransit Bus Trips & No Shows June 2024</i>	\$ 26,992.57
12	TOK Transit <i>Taxi Trips June 2024</i>	\$ 9,918.36
	Total	\$ 224,479.74

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-08-436 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the payment register for July 25 – August 08, 2024, totaled \$1,600,597.34.

24-08-437 Updated 2024 Public Council Schedule

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the revised 2024 Public Council Meeting Calendar be approved as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-08-438 Public Works Status Report

A status update for public works was provided. Road work and maintenance continues, and lawn repairs are completed for 2024. Work and maintenance continues in the Parks Division. Inspections on all heavy-duty trucks are ongoing and service and maintenance continue. Information was provided on UTM general calls, water and sewer repairs, and water levels at Bay Bulls Big Pond. An update was provided regarding leak detection, that the City did locate one of two major water leaks and is now repaired. Work continues to locate the other leak. Water consumption data was requested as it relates to water conservation measures.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

24-08-439 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program
Multi-Streets Upgrading Request for Approval - Birch Avenue - Contractor Change Order #2 – Installation of Safety Handrail

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, Contractor Change Order #2, payable to Dexter Construction, for the installation of a Safety Handrail at Birch Avenue, in the amount of \$4,942.85 (HST included), be approved.

Question Called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-08-440 Olympic Drive Resurfacing
Contractor Change Order #9 – Additional Work Completed

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, Change Order #9, payable to Farrell's Excavating Ltd., in the amount of \$41,494.88 (HST included), to account for manhole adjustments and additional flagger hours, be approved.

Question Called – Motion carried unanimously.

Timelines for line painting was confirmed, that work will be completed pending weather.

24-08-441 Janitorial Services, City Facilities (TP-24-020)
Contract Recommendation

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the contract for Janitorial Services, City Facilities, TP-24-020, be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, Philrobden Janitorial Ltd., for the bid amount of \$447,896.48 (HST included).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

It was questioned if this contract can include City sports fields and washroom facilities. This will be further discussed at a Public Works Committee meeting.

24-08-442 Property Maintenance Order- 5 Montgomery Street

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the City to proceed to issue a Property Maintenance Order to the property owners and that Public Works staff proceed to mow the lawns at the expiry of the order.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-08-443 Property Maintenance Order- 83 Commonwealth Avenue

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the City to issue an order for the repair of the exterior of the property pursuant to the Occupancy and Maintenance Regulations.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Rice noted that it is the City’s due diligence to advance orders for these two properties as the properties are not maintained. He would like to continue to pursue property maintenance orders on similar properties. Councillor Lane noted that we understand that sometimes people fall on hard times and are unable to maintain their properties, but advised that this is not the case for these two properties, and it is distressing for neighbors who live nearby. Councillor Locke noted that sometimes personal situations such as mental or physical health complicate the issue. Mayor Aker noted that these properties have been discussed many times at Council and this is a last resort for these properties.

24-08-444 Building and Occupancy Permit Listing | July 15 – 26, 2024

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the residential and commercial building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$3,813,945.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-08-445 Development Permit Listing | July 15 – 26, 2024

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, Development Permits be approved as presented for the period of July 15 – 26, 2024.

Development Permit #	Date of Issue	Type of Use	Civic Address
DP23-0601	July 19/24	Pearlview Residential Subdivision	76-78-80 Lasalle drive

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-08-446 Capital Projects Update

An update on the City’s capital projects was provided for information. Olympic Drive is in final completion stage.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

24-08-447 Outdoor Movie in the Park – August 15

The outdoor movie will take place at St. David's Park on August 15th from 8:30 to 11:00 pm., weather dependent. The feature film is Trolls – Band Together.

24-08-448 T'Railway Sundown Series – August 22 - Bohdi Yoga

On Thursday, August 22nd, Instructor Michelle from Bodhi Yoga in Mount Pearl will join us at the Forest Avenue Cul De Sac from 6:00 – 7:00 pm as part of our T'Rail Sundown Series, weather permitting. This yoga session is scalable to all levels. Please bring along a yoga mat and water.

24-08-449 Registration Dates for Fall 2024 Swimming Lessons, General Programs, MPSIG Programs

The September registration dates for the Fall programs were provided, and information will be posted on the City's website and throughout all social media platforms.

NEW BUSINESS

24-08-450 Director of Planning, Engineering and Development Retirement

Mayor Aker acknowledged Director Gerry Antle, who will be retiring as of August 16, 2024, commenting on, and appreciating, his professionalism and dedication to the City. He wished him and his family the best of luck in the future.

All Members of Council recognized and congratulated Director Antle on his retirement, noting his professionalism and knowledge of City operations. Everyone wished him a sincere and heartfelt healthy, happy, enjoyable retirement, and wished him and his family all the best.

Director Antle advised he had a rewarding public service career, which started and ended in Mount Pearl. He discussed his various occupations and work throughout the Province; but, to return home and work with Council, to have the opportunity to contribute to this great City, and complete his career has been very rewarding. Director Antle thanked everyone for their kind words.

24-08-451 Swimming lessons

Councillor Lane discussed swimming lessons and the recent closure of both pools. The pools had to be drained and refilled due to broken glass. While most residents were understanding, there were concerns about how long the pool was closed and missed

swimming lessons. Councillor Lane thanked staff for their hard work and dedication in remediating the issue and getting the pool reopened. Residents will be able to make up for missed lessons, and lessons will resume.

The Recreation and Community Safety Director provided information on the pool closure, draining of pool, glass removal, and refilling. Policies have been adjusted regarding bags to avoid this from happening in the future.

24-08-452 Safe Seniors Walk

Councillor Fry advised the walk is taking place on Thursday, August 15, 10:00 am - 10:45 am, weather dependent. The meeting location for this date is the Parish of the Church of Good Sheppard, off Richard Nolan Drive. The event is hosted by the Municipal Enforcement Division, and everyone is welcome to attend.

24-08-453 2024 U18 National Baseball National Championships - August 15-August 18, 2024

Councillor Fry advised that the City welcomes all players, coaches, officials, volunteers, and fans. Many of these games will take place at the Team Gushue Baseball Field on Arena Road. The schedule can be viewed on website: www.baseball.ca. Everyone was encouraged to attend and cheer on the players.

24-08-454 Upcoming Concerts in the Park

Councillor Locke advised that on Friday, August 16th from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. there will be a live local performance by Selena Boland. Her musical influence includes traditional Newfoundland, Folk, and 60's Rock.

On August 23rd, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm, there will be a live performance by the Salt Beef Junkies. They are comprised of three young men who enjoy playing a mix of music, including Newfoundland traditional.

Also on August 23rd, from 1:00 to 1:30 pm, there will be a live performance by Joe Fifield. Joe is a folk-rock singer/songwriter, sharing his music for the past 35 years.

24-08-455 Olympic Drive Resurfacing – Street Markings/Reflectors

Councillor Lock inquired about installation of reflectors in pavement on Olympic Drive. It was clarified that this will be further reviewed at the Planning, Engineering, and Development Committee.

24-08-456 Annual Old Friends Dance

Councillor Antle advised that group is putting a lot of time and effort into the event, and there are less than 100 tickets remaining. All monies raised will be donated directly to the food bank in Mount Pearl. Tickets are available for purchase through Rick Brown.

24-08-457 Mount Pearl Blades Hockey Equipment Sale

Councillor Antle discussed the Mount Pearl Blades' annual used hockey equipment sale. Tuesday, August 20th, 7 am-9 am at the Glacier. This is a cash only event, and items for donation can be dropped off at the Glacier during regular business hours.

24-08-458 Organic Yard Waste Program

Councillor Rice advised that there are free paper bags for compost available at City Hall and Reid Centre. Compost is to be bagged separately, not included with regular garbage or recycling. Recycling and composting saves money for the City as it is not included in tonnage fees to the landfill at Robin Hood Bay.

24-08-459 2025 Canada Games

Councillor Antle advised that the City of Mount Pearl is a partner with the 2025 Canada Games, and Council are volunteering. Council Members attended the recent kick-off event. Next year will be a busy time for the City with various events at City facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm on a motion by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Fry.

Chairperson

City Clerk