



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 30, 2024

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

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

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

24-07-406 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Lane / Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-407 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker.

24-07-408 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley / Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Public Meeting held July 16, 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 - None

CORRESPONDENCE

24-07-409 Municipal Assessment Agency (MAA) – Update Memo

Correspondence was tabled for information from the MAA, an update on the Municipal Assessment Agency.

Council congratulated Director Connie Reid, as PMA's first female president, and thanked Mary Thorne-Gosse, Urban Director, and Betty Moore, Chair/Avalon Director for providing information.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

24-07-410 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

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

1	Amtruck Truck Rental	\$ 10,695.00
2	City of St John's Tipping Fees May 2024	\$ 62,937.70
3	City of St John's Water/Wastewater Flow April, May, & June 2024	\$ 192,907.45
4	City of St John's Water Consumption June 2024	\$ 231,956.71
5	Con O'Brien City Days Entertainment	\$ 5,750.00

6	Dehumidified Air Solutions <i>Parts for Dehumidifier</i>	\$ 10,912.68
7	Ebike Universe <i>Ebikes for Park Patrol</i>	\$ 5,516.55
8	Eckler <i>Actuarial Consulting</i>	\$ 17,250.00
9	Ignite Technology <i>Duo-Essentials: Cisco Licenses</i>	\$ 7,978.13
10	MacDonald-Newhook, Chantelle <i>Mediation Services</i>	\$ 5,520.00
11	Pro Circuit Electrical Inc <i>Power Outage at Glacier</i>	\$ 9,714.14
12	Randolph Rose Collection <i>Baseball Field Upgrades</i>	\$ 5,839.97
13	Security Solutions Inc <i>Security for City Days</i>	\$ 5,430.88
14	St John's Transportation Commission <i>Transit Cost for June 2024</i>	\$ 93,814.08
15	Stewart McKelvey <i>Professional Services</i>	\$ 24,847.48
16	The Masterless Men <i>City Days Entertainment</i>	\$ 5,750.00
17	The Navigators <i>City Days Entertainment</i>	\$ 6,900.00
	Total	\$ 703,720.77

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-411 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the payment register for July 11 - 24, 2024, totaled \$5,088,008.64, and the purchase card report for May 26 – June 25, 2024, totaled \$358,858.98.

24-07-412 PD/Travel Request for Councillors Locke, Antle, and Rice– American Public Works Association (APWA) PWX – Public Works Conference September 8-11, 2024 – Atlanta, GA

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the requests by Councillors Locke, Antle, and Rice attend the American Public Works Association (APWA) PWX – Public Works Conference from September 8-11, 2024, in Atlanta, GA, be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-413 Façade Improvement Program Recommendation – 9 Sagona Avenue

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the application for a Façade Improvement Grant by East Coast Hydraulics for improvements to the business at 9 Sagona Avenue be approved in the amount of \$9,000.00.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-414 Request by Our Lady Queen of Families Parish (formerly St. Peter's) for Financial Support for Heat Pumps

Motion: Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, a donation to Our Lady Queen of Families Parish in the amount of \$5,000 to support the establishment of an emergency cooling centre for the community be approved.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-415 Contract Recommendation - Tender for Chain Link Fencing Standing Offer – TP24-019

Motion: Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the contract for the supply, delivery, and installation of chain link fencing – standing offer – TP24-019 to be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, Provincial Fence Products, for a three-year term and two additional optional one-year terms, at the bid amount of up to \$126,650.09 (HST included) per year, and the expenditures will be within the operating budgets for each year.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-416 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. Work continues on landscape prep work, flower planters and hanging baskets are in place, maintenance of sports fields, parks and open space mowing, Powers Pond trail upgrades commenced on July 22nd, site work for playground on Stonegate Crescent is underway, 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.

Mayor Aker noted that there is a water conservation order in place, and encouraged everyone to use water sparingly during this time.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

24-07-417 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Multi-Streets & Farrell Drive
Owner's Project Manager Services WSP E&I Canada Limited - Transfer of Inspection
Hours

Motion: Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Change Order #2 for Farrell Drive Upgrading in the amount of \$57,799.00 (HST Included) and Change Order #2 for the Multi Streets Upgrading project in the amount of -\$57,799.00 (HST Included), payable to WSP E&I Canada Limited, to accommodate the transfer of inspection hours for the remainder of work on Farrell Drive.

Question Called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-418 Building and Occupancy Permit Listing | July 02 - 12, 2024

Motion: Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the residential and commercial building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$9,086,000.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-419 Development Permit Listing | July 02 - 12, 2024

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley / Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, Development Permits be approved as presented for the period of July 02-12, 2024.

Development Permit #	Date of Issue	Type of Use	Civic Address
DP24-0332	July 2, 2024	Open Air Assembly	20 First Street
DP24-0141	July 9, 2024	Home based Business	32 Yetman Drive

DP24-0069	July 9, 2024	Family Childcare use	38 Maisonneuve Drive
DP24-0153	July 9, 2024	Site work – Parking Lot expansion	52 Dundee Avenue
DP 24-0150	July 10, 2024	New Building – Site Work – Subdivision Land	850 Topsail Road
DP24-0324	July 12, 2024	Best Kind BBQ	20-24 St. David's Ave

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-420 Municipal Plan Review and Renew, Including Integrated Transportation Plan Project Update #2

Progress Update #3 on the activities and progress with respect to Plan the Pearl – Mount Pearl Municipal Plan Renewal was provided for information.

The community survey had an astounding response with over 1200 hard copy surveys received and over 600 online surveys completed through the Plan the Pearl Website. We will be preparing for the second round of public engagement later this fall after we have received feedback about “What We Heard”.

Everyone was encouraged to complete the survey by visiting:
www.heyMountPearl.ca/planthepearl.

24-07-421 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.

Clarification regarding ongoing work on Olympic Drive was provided. Some maintenance holes require additional work, and the project is expected to be completed within the next two weeks. Water requirements on the road was noted as it is very dusty in the area. The Mayor thanked residents for their patience in getting through this year's construction season.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

24-07-422 Mount Pearl Sport Alliance – 2024 Community Sporting Grants

Motion: Councillor Fry / Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to release the 2024 Community Grant funding, in the amount of \$80,000, which will be distributed to each of the 13 City's Sport Organizations as in previous years.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-07-423 Centennial Park Summer Concert Series

Join us in Centennial Park (next to City Hall) every Friday in August, for a free family-friendly pop-up concert of live local performances from 12pm to 1pm. The performance scheduled for August 2nd is School of Rock, weather permitting.

NEW BUSINESS

24-07-424 City Days

Councillor Rice discussed the recent City Days' events, and thanked everyone who organized and pulled it together.

Councillor Lane advised events were well planned with great attendances. She further thanked staff and residents who attended.

Councillor Fry congratulated everyone on City Days. She thanked people for attending events and participating and reported that events were well attended and enjoyed.

Deputy Mayor Kieley discussed City Days' events advising all were fantastic, as well as welcoming, accessible, and inclusive. She congratulated the team, volunteers, staff and committee members who worked on events behind the scenes. The Deputy Mayor further thanked all those who attended and participated, advising that the City is growing, more diverse, and we are moving and growing with it. Events captured the entire community.

24-07-425 Masonic Park Resident

Councillor Rice advised that Mount Pearl resident Eric Badcock has recently received some bad news regarding his health, and he asked that everyone keep him in their thoughts and prayers over the next few days.

24-07-426 Water Conservation

Councillor Lane discussed the importance of conserving water, noting the number of properties with their sprinklers on over the weekend. She requested that residents limit use of sprinklers with current water conservation order in place. Mayor Aker advised that there are regulations regarding watering lawns during a water conservation order.

24-07-427 Upcoming City Events

Councillor Fry discussed upcoming events:

The next Safe Seniors Walk is taking place on August 1st, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. The walk is easy and is on a flat surface. Meeting location is Castors Drive, at Exploits Place. All are welcome to attend this event, hosted by the City's Municipal Enforcement Division. The Walk is scheduled every Thursday in August, weather permitting.

Join Gill Whelan, CEO and Founder of Whelan Wellness, for a sunset movement session on August 8th, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Bring along a yoga mat and a set of light dumbbells.

24-07-428 Annual Old Friends Get Together

Councillor Antle discussed the upcoming Annual Old Friends Get Together, taking place at the Reid Centre on September 28th. All funds raised are going to food banks in Mount Pearl.

24-07-429 Trails

Councillor Antle recognized the trails at Branscombes Pond and Powers Pond.

24-07-430 Birthday Greetings

Councillor Antle wished his sister, Bonnie Grant, a very Happy Birthday.

24-07-431 Thank you

Mayor Aker thanked staff and all departments, further recognizing Recreation and Community Safety staff, Allison and Rosie, for their work on City Days' events. It was a fabulous long weekend and glad everyone enjoyed the events. The Mayor thanked all those who attended and participated.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm on a motion by Deputy Mayor Kieley and seconded by Councillor Rice.

Chairperson

City Clerk