



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 27, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on August 27, 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)	Cassie Pittman, Director of Corporate Services
Councillor Jim Locke	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works
Councillor Isabelle Fry	Stephanie Walsh, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
Councillor Bill Antle	Ann Picco, Executive Assistant
Councillor Mark Rice	
Councillor Chelsea Lane	
	Absent
	Dana Spurrell, Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

24-08-460 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley/ Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-08-461 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker.

24-08-462 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Lane / Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Public Meeting held August 14, 2024, be adopted, as presented.

Errors & Omissions: None

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

BUSINESS ARISING - None

PROCLAMATIONS – None

PRESENTATIONS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

24-08-463 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

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

1	Amtruck Limited Truck Rental	\$ 10,695.00
2	Can-Am Platforms & Construction Ltd Salt Shed Continuous Bridging Line Install	\$ 7,360.00
3	City of St John's Tipping Fees June 2024	\$ 74,254.70
4	ESRI Canada License Agreement Renewal	\$ 39,836.00
5	Joe Johnson Equipment Parts for Main Sweeper	\$ 6,655.75
6	Mercer (Canada) Limited Professional Fees for Consulting Services ended June 30 2024	\$ 5,692.50
7	St John's Transportation Commission Transit Costs for July 2024	\$ 99,054.59
	Total	\$ 243,548.54

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-08-464 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the payment register for August 9-21, 2024, totaled \$1,249,697.99 and the purchase card report for June 26-July 25, 2024, totaled \$336,664.93.

24-08-465 Department of Justice – Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Lease Portion of City-Owned Building at 59 Clyde Avenue

Motion: Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the proposed lease agreement between the City of Mount Pearl and the provincial government Department of Justice, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary for the portion of the city-owned building at 59 Clyde Avenue for the term of ten (10) years, February 29, 2024, through to February 28, 2034 (at a rate of \$26 per square foot), with options for two five (5)-year extensions through to February 28, 2039 (at a rate of \$30 per square foot) and 2044 (at a rate of \$34 per square foot) respectively, and with provision of off-street parking for 24 vehicles, snow removal, and janitorial services be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-08-466 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Office Closures

Motion: Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the City of Mount Pearl observe the September 30th holiday for the calendar year 2024 on Monday, September 30, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-08-467 Housing Accelerator Fund - Application Recommendations

Motion: Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the applications for funding under the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) program be approved as follows:

- (a) Donovan's Homes – two three-storey, 12-unit apartment buildings, for a total of 24 housing units - Multi-Unit Build Grant and Waiver of Development Fees – total of \$98,000.00; and

- (b) Karwood Contracting Ltd. – three apartment buildings for a total of 33 housing units
- Multi-Unit Build Grant, Waiver of Development Fees, and Affordable Housing Pre-Construction Soft Cost Grant – total of \$100,000.00.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed their support advising that these developments are in line with the City's Strategic Plan to increase our population with housing intensification. It was noted that we are in a housing crisis and it is important to increase our the tax base for high quality services within the City. The rise in homelessness, new Canadians, and the need for fixed and low-income families was indicated. Council further noted the accessible location, energy efficient buildings, the need to see this project take place, and the importance of intensification.

24-08-468 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Lane provided a status update for Public Works. Road work and maintenance continues, and work continues in the Parks Division. Service and maintenance continue in the Fleet Division and winter equipment maintenance is ongoing. Information was provided on UTM general calls, water and sewer repairs, hydrant flushing, leak detection, catch basin cleaning, lift station inspections and maintenance of capital works projects and water levels at Bay Bulls Big Pond.

24-08-469 Request for Professional Development/Travel – Councillor Isabelle Fry
Athletic Business Show – New Orleans – November 19-22, 2024

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, Councillor Fry's request to attend the Athletic Business Show in New Orleans from November 19-22, 2024, be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-08-470 Request for Professional Development/Travel – Director Cassie Rideout
EDAC Conference – Edmonton – September 30 – October 3, 2024

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, Director Cassie Rideout's request to attend the Economic Developers Association of Canada (EDAC) Conference in Edmonton from September 30 – October 3, 2024, be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

24-08-471 Proposed Mount Pearl Development Regulations and
Mount Pearl Municipal Plan Amendments – Rezoning - 912-928 Blackmarsh Road

Motion: Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the City amend the Municipal Plan and Development Regulations (Municipal Plan amendment No. 27, 2024 and Development Regulations Amendment No. 75, 2024; and authorize the Planning, Engineering and Development Department to formally request a review of the propose amendments against Provincial interest and policies from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (DMAPA), and to grant a Release of the proposed amendments from further review.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Process was clarified that Council would normally approve development regulation changes in terms of re-zoning and then likely a public hearing; however, given the nature of the amendments, it is to go directly to Municipal and Provincial Affairs to request a review and grant a release. An expeditious process which included public engagement and notification, of which the City did receive feedback. Once approval is received from Municipal and Provincial Affairs, the City can proceed with the amendments.

24-08-472 Proposed Mount Pearl Development Regulations Amendments No. 76, 2024 and
No. 28, 2024 - 709 Topsail Road / 4 Dunn's Road

Motion: Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the City amend the Municipal Plan and Development Regulations (Municipal Plan Amendment No. 28, 2024 and Development Regulations Amendment No. 76, 2024); and authorize the Planning, Engineering and Development Department to formally request a review of the proposed amendments against Provincial interest and policies from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (DMAPA), and to grant a Release of the proposed amendments from further review.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted this pertains to allowing for continuation of existing use and expansion of the parking lot for commercial use as there is one property owner.

24-08-473 Building and Occupancy Permit Listing | July 29 – August 09, 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 \$594,100.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

It was reported that there is an increase in development throughout the City.

24-08-474 Capital Projects Update

Deputy Mayor Kieley provided an update on the City's capital projects, highlighting information on work that is continuing or close to completion.

Mayor Aker provided an update on Farrell Drive, advising it is 90% completed, with a second coat of asphalt yet to be placed. Many of the surface entrances are raised and there is a transition from asphalt with single coat to double coat on existing road. He asked drivers to be careful and patient. The contractor is working through deficiencies, with the intent to have the street paved and completed by mid to late September.

It was questioned when Nash Crescent would be completed, as the transition to the driveways are high. The Corporate Services Director will confirm and reply to Council.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

24-08-475 Summer Day Camp Conclusion | Driver and Pedestrian Safety Reminder

Councillor Fry advised that the City's summer day camp concluded on Friday, August 23rd. Parents and guardians are asked to remind their children to be watchful when walking near streets, remain on sidewalks and look both ways. Drivers and pedestrians should be as vigilant as ever, as children may be out around visiting parks and playgrounds enjoying the remainder of their summer months.

Park patrol was questioned, and it was confirmed that they will finish as of the upcoming long weekend.

24-08-476 Canoe/Kayak Program – Extended to September 1, 2024

Councillor Locke advised The City's Summer Canoe & Kayak Program has been extended to Sunday, September 1st. The program will run daily from 2 pm to 7 pm on Saturday, August 24th to Sunday, September 1st. All details are on the City's website.

NEW BUSINESS

24-08-477 Summer Sports Programs

Councillor Fry discussed the end of summer, reviewing sporting events that took place. The Mount Pearl Soccer Association's Super Soccer Saturday took place over the past weekend. There were 1,700 children that went through their program. It takes a lot of investment by the Association, and dedication from parents, coaches, and volunteers. Baseball, basketball, and so many other sporting organizations rely on dedicated people. Campia Gymnastics had their open house as well over this past weekend. Councillor Fry acknowledged all who support sporting events and thanked them for everything they do to keep our kids active, especially during the Summer months.

Councillor Fry further discussed the Campia Gymnastics open house advising she attended, and noted her appreciation of the facility and the program that they have. She recognized Alex, Gwen, Kayla, Luna, Gleb, and Gracie.

24-08-478 Lunch Time Concert Series

Councillor Locke advised that the Lunch Time Concert Series is concluding this week, August 30th. 12:00 – 12:30 pm, Caleb Kinden is performing, following by Vuelo Directo at 12:30 – 1:30 pm.

24-08-479 Glacier Arena Fall 2024 Public Skating

Councillor lock advised that public skating information will be posted to the City's website in the coming days, highlighting times of the adult and senior noon skate, parent and tot skate, and the general skate.

24-08-480 Reid Centre Saturday Play Group Registration

Councillor Locke advised that City residents can register online on September 3rd. Non-residents and guests can register online on September 5th. The program is for toddlers aged 2 – 5 to help them learn fundamental movement skills and build their confidence. This is a parent and tot play group with staff instructing a variety of games. The cost is \$5 per child with a maximum of 30 participants per session. Parents participation is mandatory. Information and to reserve space, visit the City's website, BookKing system.

24-08-481 Recreational Pickle Ball – Reid Centre and Gloria Pearson Community Centre

Councillor Lock advised that courts will be available for booking on September 9th. All information can be found on the City's website.

24-08-482 Family Swim

Councillor Locke advised that the family swim and lane swim on August 30th, 5:00 – 6:30 pm is cancelled due to recent pool shut down and rescheduling of lessons. The City apologizes for this inconvenience. Regular scheduling will resume after August 30th.

24-08-483 Placentia Theatre Festival

Deputy Mayor Kieley advised she attended one of the many theatre productions taking place in the Town of Placentia this last week, along with some colleagues and members of the Seniors Independence Group. She recognized and thanked Members of the Seniors Independence Group, and thanked the theatre productions organizers and their staff for the many activities and allowing people to be active.

24-08-484 Safe Pups Animal Pageant

Deputy Mayor Kieley discussed the Safe Pups Animal Pageant. The event is taking place on September 8th, 1:00 – 4:00 pm. This event offers a lens of animal health and wellness and partner organizations, and there are activities to educate everyone to take an active role in the treatment and safety of our pets.

24-08-485 Friday Afternoon Skate at the Glacier

Councillor Antle questioned if the City is bringing back the Friday afternoon skating event at the Glacier. Director of Recreation and Community Services will confirm.

24-08-486 2025 Canada Games

Councillor Antle advised that both he and Councillor Rice are members of the Canada Games Functional Committee. If interested in volunteering they are looking for 6,000 volunteers, and he encouraged everyone to volunteer and get their forms in as soon as possible as background checks are a requirement.

24-08-487 Roaming Cats

Councillor Antle advised that there are a number of cats roaming our City. He encouraged everyone to keep them inside and not let them roam, as they do create a nuisance for other citizens.

24-08-488 Stonegate Playground

Councillor Antle recognized the Public Works team for their work on Stonegate Playground.

24-08-489 Mount Pearl Paradise Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament

Councillor Rice discussed the recent golf tournament on August 22nd, held at Glendenning Golf. He thanked the organizers, advising that it was a great event. He further indicated that he was impressed with the number of new businesses joining the Chamber of Commerce.

24-08-490 First United Church Fundraiser

Councillor Rice advised that the First United Church is hosting a concert, an evening with the Irish Descendants, on September 14th. Tickets can be obtained by calling the Church office.

24-08-491 Mount Pearl Paradise Skating Club Athletes

Councillor Lane congratulated athletes Carson Wang and James Rees on taking gold and silver in the Star 7 Men Short Program category at Skate NL Summer Skate Competitions this past weekend.

24-08-492 2024-2025 School Year

Councillor Lane reminded everyone that school is starting soon. She stressed the importance that drivers be mindful and look out for children and students while driving.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm on a motion by Councillor Locke and seconded by Councillor Antle.

Chairperson

City Clerk