



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 1, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on October 1, 2024, at 4:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Mayor Dave Aker	Dana Spurrell, Chief Administrative Officer
Councillor Jim Locke	Jason Collins, Director of Recreation and Community Safety
Councillor Isabelle Fry	Stephanie Hynes, Manager of Finance
Councillor Bill Antle	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works
Councillor Mark Rice (Remotely)	Stephanie Walsh, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
Councillor Chelsea Lane (Remotely)	Ann Picco, Executive Assistant
Absent:	Absent:
Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley	Cassie Rideout, Director of Corporate Services

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

24-10-519 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-520 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker.

24-10-521 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Antle / Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Public Meeting held September 17, 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

24-10-522 Foster Families Month

Mayor read aloud and signed the proclamation to declare October 2024 as Foster Families Month in Mount Pearl.

In attendance was Lori Petersen, Foster Families Newfoundland and Labrador. Ms. Petersen discussed the importance of community awareness regarding foster families, noting the benefits of a loving and safe environment while families work on their goals and challenges. She reported that there are approximately 900 children in care in the Province, and there is a shortage of foster homes. Ms. Petersen thanked Council for bringing forth this proclamation; and, Council thanked her for attending this evening's meeting, noting their appreciation of the important work done by Foster Families NL.

24-10-523 Fire Prevention Week

The Mayor read aloud and signed the proclamation, on behalf of the City of Mount Pearl, to declare October 6 – 12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week.

In attendance from St. John's Regional Fire Department were Deputy Fire Chief Ian Green and Fire Inspector Matt Power, who discussed the importance of spreading crucial messages during Fire Prevention Week, including fire prevention and lifesaving means. This year's theme is "Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for you!" Every year, the importance of alarms are included in fire prevention messaging, as they are so vital for the safety of people in households and buildings. It was suggested to test smoke detectors once per month, change batteries once per year (or more frequently), and reinstall new detectors once every ten years.

Deputy Chief Green and Fire Inspector Power talked about the work they do during Fire Prevention Week, including fire drills and activities in the schools, various events throughout communities, and technology and games to engage youth and adults.

They thanked Council for bringing forth the proclamation and inviting them to attend this evening's public meeting.

Council discussed the importance of awareness, education, a home escape plan, various types of smoke detectors and locations in homes, and a notice or sticker in windows to indicate there are pets in the home. Council thanked and commended the Fire Department for their work, noting their appreciation for the service they provide.

24-10-524 National Breastfeeding Week

Mayor Aker read aloud and signed the proclamation declaring October 1 – 7, 2024, as National Breastfeeding Week in Mount Pearl.

In attendance from NL Health Services were Lisa Roberts, Regional Lactation Consultant, and Tracy English, Regional Nutritionist.

Ms. Roberts and Ms. English advised that this is their 15th year in attendance at a public meeting in the City for the signing of the National Breastfeeding Week proclamation, noting their appreciation to be in attendance. They discussed breast feeding statistics in the Province and across Canada, including the importance of supportive communities and partnerships in communities; and, the health benefits for both mom and baby.

Ms. Roberts and Ms. English thanked Council for bringing forward the proclamation at this evening's public meeting; and, reported that Council can expect a certificate of appreciation as a supporting community.

Council thanked Ms. Roberts and Ms. English for attending this evening's meeting, recognizing their work to educate the public on the importance and benefits of breastfeeding.

PRESENTATIONS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

24-10-525 Admiralty House Communications Museum – 2nd Installment Operating Grant 2024

Motion – Councillor Fry / Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT approval be given to release the second (final) installment of the Admiralty House Communications Museum's operating subsidy in the amount of \$57,500. As per the memorandum of understanding between the City and the Museum.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-526 Summit Artistic Swimming | Cancellation of Sensory Swim

Councillor Locke advised for the information of the public, the Summit Artistic Swimming will host a joined fundraiser with Synchro Clubs and Planned Parenthood on Saturday, October 19th at the Summit Centre (4:30-10:30 pm). The Sensory Swim scheduled on October 19th is cancelled. Notification will be posted throughout the facility and on all social media platforms.

24-10-527 Admiralty House Communications Museum & Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl – Trunk or Treat-October 27, 2024

Councillor Locke advised that the Admiralty House Communications Museum, in partnership with the Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl, will host a trunk-or-treat in the Museum parking lot on October 27th. For those interested in decorating their trunks to give out treats will have to complete an online form. Please contact the Museum at 709-748-1124 or visit the Admiralty House Museum's website for all details.

24-10-528 Newfoundland and Labrador Crime Stoppers – Public Awareness

Councillor Fry encouraged any individual who has knowledge of a crime or suspicious activity to share that information with the Newfoundland and Labrador Crime Stoppers. Anonymity is guaranteed to those providing information. You will not be asked to give your name, and you will not have to testify in court.

She further noted that there is increased activity across the Northeast Avalon. A Northeast Avalon Joint Council Meeting was recently held with the RNC in attendance to discuss crime activity and the reporting of activity. The RNC advised that they cannot act upon, or investigate, anything that is not reported. People, including parents, have reported their concerns of repercussions in a lot of cases; however, the public are encouraged to call Crime Stoppers to report issues, and it is anonymous.

Councillor Locke discussed the importance of reporting, data, and statistics so that RNC resources are adequately placed.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

24-10-529 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

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

1	Amtruck Limited Rental Truck Aug 2-Sept 1 2024	\$ 10,695.00
2	Bell Canada Relocation of Pole & Anchor due to Waterline Repair	\$ 13,874.72
3	Bell Canada Temporary Pole Brace for Emergency Waterline Repair	\$ 5,167.92
5	City of St John's Tipping Fees - July 2024	\$ 62,328.07
6	City of St John's Water Consumption for August 2024	\$ 224,771.99
7	Emco UTM Materials	\$ 12,946.86
8	Saunders Equipment Ltd Main Suction Blower & Clutch	\$ 8,824.09
9	St John's Transportation Commission Transit Cost August 2024	\$ 102,011.11
10	TOK Transit Paratransit Bus Trips & No Shows August 2024	\$ 30,129.16
11	TOK Transit Paratransit Taxi Trips August 2024	\$ 7,694.36
	Total	\$ 478,443.28

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-530 Payment Register

Councillor Rice advised for the information of Council, the payment register for September 13 - 25, 2024, totaled \$436,031.76, and the purchase card report for July 25 – August 25, 2024 totaled \$369,199.56.

24-10-531 Signing Authority for Cheques or Orders on the City's Bank Account

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be granted to authorize Stephanie Walsh, as City Clerk appointed under section 68 of the City of Mount Pearl Act, as designated banking counter signing authority.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-532 Ultimate Recipient Canada Community-Building Fund – Administration Agreement 2024-2034

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the Ultimate Recipient, City of Mount Pearl, approve the City entering into the Ultimate Recipient Canada Community-Building Fund Administration Agreement 2024-2034, with the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador (the province), as represented by the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs, outlining the roles and responsibilities of the Province and the City. The City accepts the funding, totaling \$5,399,397 for 2024-2029, to be disbursed in accordance with the Agreement and outlined below.

Year 19	Year 20	Year 21	Year 22	Year 23	Total
2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2024-2029
\$1,028,457	\$1,071,309	\$1,071,309	\$1,114,161	\$1,114,161	\$5,399,397

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the City's Strategic Plan, the importance of intensification, proactively recruiting and attracting new residents as loss of population will impact funding received under this agreement, and federally and provincially funding allocations.

Item - *Façade Improvement Program Application Recommendation – application by property owners of 1035 Topsail Road - Deferred until October 15th.*

24-10-533 FCM's GMF Funding Application for Growing Canada's Community Canopies

Motion: Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be granted for the city's contribution to projects in keeping with the city's Urban Forestry Plan to increase the city's tree canopy via an application to the FCM's GMF Growing Canada's Community Canopies (GCCC) funding program, with an estimated total projects cost of \$400,000 (including HST), pending funding approvals under a 50/50 cost-sharing under the GCCC funding program, and the city's contribution in the amount of \$200,000 (including HST), committed under the 2025 budget and to be carried out over 2025 and 2026 in the areas of Old Placentia Road (Sagona Avenue to Ruth Avenue and Richard Nolan Drive to Commonwealth Avenue).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Council thanked staff for their work on the urban regional forestry plan and finding a program that provides the opportunity to enhance the City.

24-10-534 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, leak detection, and water levels at Bay Bulls Big Pond.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

24-10-535 60-62 Glencoe Drive – Stormwater Repair

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the City award the work for stormwater repair at 60-62 Glencoe Drive to Modern Paving for the amount of up to \$195,300 (plus HST).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-536 SERESCO AHU Service Contract – Contract Extension Recommendation

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the extension of the existing Sole Source Service Agreement for Summit Center SERESCO AHU (SS-21-031) with Dehumidified Air Services for an additional one (1) year for the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, for the annual bid amount of \$21,850.00 (HST Included) at the same terms and conditions of the existing agreement.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-537 Building Permit Listing | August 26 – September 6, 2024

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the residential building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$1,455,200.00 be approved, as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-538 Building Permit Listing | August 26 – September 6, 2024

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the commercial building permit issued for this period, Item C-062 for a sign be approved, as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-539 Occupancy Permit Listing | August 26 – September 6, 2024

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-540 Capital Projects Update

Councillor Antle provided an update on the City's capital projects, highlighting information on work that is underway.

NEW BUSINESS

24-10-541 Oktoberfest – October 4th & 5th

Councillor Lock discussed the upcoming events this weekend at the Reid Community Centre. The Craft Beer Fest event tickets are sold out. Tickets for the Beyond Beer Fest on October 5th are available.

24-10-542 National Seniors Day

Councillor Locke advised that October 1st is National Seniors Day, a day to celebrate the older adults in Mount Pearl and across Canada. He recognized the Seniors' Independence Group, and thanked staff for providing events for our seniors, including the Safe Seniors Walk, and the in-kind services provided. Councillor Locke expressed his gratitude for seniors for all they do to make Mount Pearl a great place to live.

24-10-543 Mount Pearl Old Friends Dance

Councillor Antle commented on the Old Friends Dance held last Saturday night, advising it was a tremendous success. He thanked the organizers for their work to bring this community event together. Councillor Antle reported that approximately \$5,500 was raised for the City's food banks.

24-10-544 Newfoundland and Labrador Stuttering Association (NLSA) 7th Annual 1K/5K Walk/Run/Roll for Stuttering Awareness and Bursary Program Fundraiser

Councillor Antle advised that he attended the Annual Walk/Run/Roll for Stuttering Awareness on Sunday, September 29th. He reported the event raised over \$10,000.

24-10-545 Sports Hall of Fame Entrance – Reid Community Centre

Councillor Rice thanked and congratulated the Recreation and Community Safety Department on the new Hall of Fame entrance at the Reid Community Centre and thanked Impact Signs for completing the signage work and logos. Councillor Rice encouraged everyone to visit and have a look.

24-10-546 Team Canada Para Hockey

Councillor Rice congratulated Liam Hickey and Gavin Baggs who are attending the Canada National Para Hockey Team Evaluation Camp. He extended best wishes and good luck to them.

24-10-547 Turkey Tea 10K Race

Councillor Lane congratulated O'Donel High School athlete Issac Peddle on placing second at the Turkey Tea 10K Road Race.

24-10-548 Mount Pearl Paradise Skating Athletes

Councillor Lane congratulated Mount Pearl Paradise Skating Club athletes Carson Wang and James Rees on their achievements at the Skate NL Summer Skate Competition in August of this year.

24-10-549 Annual Craft Fair – October 14, 2024

Councillor Fry reminded the public of the Annual Craft Fair taking place on October 14th at the Reid Community Centre from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is \$2 per person and children under 12 are free. For further information, contact Allison Whitty at 709-748-1000, Ext. 1206.

24-10-550 Salvation Army BRAVE Programming

Councillor Fry discussed the upcoming girls' empowerment event on October 26th, BRAVE, for girls 12 – 18 years of age, focused on fostering empowerment and solidarity among young women.

24-10-551 Newfoundland and Labrador Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony

Councillor Fry advised that on Sunday, September 29th, she attended the Newfoundland and Labrador Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony at Confederation Building which pays tribute to fallen or lost police and peace officers in the line of duty. She thanked the Municipal Enforcement team who represented the City well. Councillor Fry reminded everyone to not forget sacrifices made by any officer in the line of duty and those that continue to keep us safe.

24-10-552 Technology

Mayor Aker thanked staff for their work on technology and set up to allow Members of Council to join meetings remotely.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm on a motion by Councillor Locke and seconded by Councillor Antle.

Chairperson

City Clerk