



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 15, 2024**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on October 15, 2024 at 4:30 pm

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

**Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.**

24-10-553 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Rice / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-554 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker.

24-10-555 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Locke / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Public Meeting held October 1, 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

#### 24-10-556 International Stuttering Awareness Day (ISAD)

The Mayor signed a proclamation to declare October 22, 2024 as International Stuttering Awareness Day (ISAD). In attendance was Greg O'Grady, Chair, Newfoundland and Labrador Stuttering Association (NLSA). He shared statistics, his experience living with this speech disorder, and the daily physical, emotional, and psychological challenges for those living with a stutter. The NLSA provides advocacy and support for people who stutter. Through sharing of experience and support, people not only find hope and inspiration from each other, but raises awareness, education and acceptance; and, hope for a better today, tomorrow and future.

On behalf of the Association, Mr. O'Grady thanked Council for proclaiming International Stuttering Awareness Day. Council thanked him for attending this evening's meeting, commenting on the recent 7<sup>th</sup> annual "A Million Things I Need to Say" 1K/5K Walk/Run/Roll for Stuttering Awareness & Bursary Program Fundraiser, of which funding raised over the last several years totaled approximately \$10,000.

#### 24-10-557 National Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Mayor signed a proclamation to declare October, 2024 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Bev Moore Davis, Connie Pike, and Tom Davis of Miles for Smiles Foundation were in attendance to discuss consequences and long-term effects of those and their families who have suffered abuse throughout their lives. There are many serious cases of abuse, and information was provided on statistics here in the province and across the country. Child Abuse Prevention Month raises awareness and provides education. The importance of safe spaces, reporting concerns, and sharing information was discussed, including how to manage situations, speaking to colleagues, and reaching out to people who are trained in relation to abuse and violence.

The Foundation thanked Council for their support and proclaiming National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Information can be found on the Miles for Smiles website and

Facebook pages. Council noted their appreciation and thanked the Miles for Smiles Foundation for being an advocate and for sharing such important information, as child abuse is happening all the time, and everyone has a responsibility.

PRESENTATIONS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

24-10-558 50-56 MacCarthy Crescent – NextGen Construction Inc. – New Apartment Buildings

Motion: Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, Council approve this proposed development based on the intent of Mount Pearl Regulation 6.33 - Residential Intensification, which includes the following:

- 6.33.1 the development is suitable to the physical conditions, municipal servicing, and road capacity of the area and is compatible with the existing neighbourhood character;
- 6.33.2 in considering an application for a residential intensification project, Council shall, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, consider:
  - (a) the location of the land;
  - (b) the demand on schools, services, and utilities;
  - (c) the form and character of adjacent developments;
  - (d) the implications for the transportation system;
  - (e) the proposed housing form and urban design and relationships to adjacent uses;
  - (f) the height and density in relation to surrounding uses; and
  - (g) the impact of the development on view sheds and shadowing of adjacent properties;
- 6.33.3 Council may consider deviations from established zoning standards as outlined in the Regulations if Council deems the residential intensification project appropriate and suitable to the neighbourhood and area; and
- 6.33.4 The residential intensification project is processed in accordance with Regulation 4.16.

Question called – Motion defeated.

Against: (Mayor Aker, Deputy Mayor Kieley, Councillors Locke, Fry, Antle, Rice, and Lane)

In opening remarks, Councillor Antle provided information pertaining to the development, noting involvement throughout the process. He discussed support of co-op housing and the need for affordable housing within the City. In relation to this

development, residents have informed Council of their concerns, that the area is not suitable for this development and would cause disruption and annoyance to the already busy neighbourhood and street. A petition was received, signed by those against the development. A traffic study was completed, and there was indication of increased traffic in the area. Parking is already an issue, and the proposed parking lot in a residential neighbourhood was a further concern of area residents. In closing, Councillor Antle thanked residents for their feedback and the developer who was readily available to answer questions and provide information. Council were engaged and listened to the voices of concerned area residents.

Council reiterated above comments, referencing the City's Strategic Plan, intensification, the need for affordable housing in this economy, but also a balance between what is needed for a healthy and thriving neighbourhood. Residents had concerns about the development, including increased traffic, property value impacts, lighting, parking, the area is already high density, and that the development was not a good fit for their neighbourhood. The proposed development was at the discretion of Council under the City's regulations; and, Council have contributed significant efforts, discussion and communication in considering all information. Council commented on the positive modern aspects of the development, although as per residents' concerns not suitable for the area. Council thanked residents for their feedback and engagement and staff for their analyses and information.

24-10-559 Building and Occupancy Permit Listing | September 09 – September 20, 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 \$2,995,150.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-560 Capital Projects Update

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

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

24-10-561 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Haunting of Powers Pond

Councillor Locke advised if you would you like to embark on a spooky adventure, the City invites you to join our moonlight walk around Powers Pond. The walk will

commence at the boat house entrance, weeknight from 7pm - 9pm and 7pm -10pm on Fridays and Saturdays during the dates of October 18<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. The admission is a cash donation with proceeds supporting local food banks and other community initiatives. Join us for a fun, spooky, and safe night. All details are posted on the City's Website and Facebook.

24-10-562 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas at the Glacier – October 23 – 27, 2024

Councillor Locke advised that the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas at the Glacier will commence on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> with doors opening at 5:00pm. This festival of craft and art will showcase approximately 200 craft producers and artists from 7 provinces. Don't miss out on this 5 days of Christmas shopping tradition. For more information, please check out the events website at <http://www.cgientertainment.ca/>.

24-10-563 Annual Safety Skeleton – Thursday, October 31, 2024

Councillor Fry advised that the annual safety skeleton will take place on Thursday, October 31st. The City's Municipal Enforcement Officers will patrol the streets within Mount Pearl to ensure safety is being followed, while giving treats to those seen.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

24-10-564 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

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

1	Cal Legrow Insurance <i>Premium Adjustment User Group/Retail Tax on Commercial Property</i>	\$ 20,740.25
2	Coastline Specialties Limited <i>Supply Only of New Spiral Slide, Hood, &amp; Hardware</i>	\$ 7,553.63
3	Grand Concourse Authority <i>Powers Pond Boardwalk Granular Trail</i>	\$ 11,848.55
4	Grand Concourse Authority <i>Branscombe's Pond Boardwalk Granular Trail</i>	\$ 41,910.05
5	Municipal Assessment Agency Inc <i>Fourth Quarter Assessment Fees 2024</i>	\$ 67,444.00
6	St John's Transportation Commission <i>July 2024 Accessible Transit Gas Bus Trips</i>	\$ 5,257.35
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 154,753.83</b>

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-565 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the payment register for September 26 – October 9, 2024, totaled \$2,197,787.13.

24-10-566 Revised Wording to Approval of Support for GCCC Funding Application

Motion: Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Pearl has the following interest: to maintain and foster growth amongst existing trees, increase tree canopy (including environmental and air quality benefits), calm traffic, and enhance the city's streetscapes for public enjoyment and benefits,

AND WHEREAS that Council acknowledges that the City of Mount Pearl is applying for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative for the City of Mount Pearl GCCC Urban Forestry Plan.

AND WHEREAS Council also recognizes that the lifetime contribution from the Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative will not exceed \$10 million for tree planting within our municipality, inclusive of a maximum contribution of \$1 million for infrastructure activity costs, and that if approved this project will be counted towards that limit,

RESOLVED THAT ratification approval be granted for the city's contribution to a project 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 for a City of Mount Pearl GCCC Urban Forestry Plan, with an estimated total project cost of \$400,000, 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, 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.

24-10-567 Façade Improvement Program Application Recommendation

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the Façade Improvement Program Grant application by the property owners of 1035 Topsail Road be approved in the amount of \$9,100.00.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-568 Professional Development Request – Director Dollimount – NL Chapter CPWA Conference – Gander, October 16-18, 1014

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be granted for Director Glen Dollimount to attend the Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) Chapter of the Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA) Conference in Gander from October 16-18, 2024.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-569 Request for Proposals (RFP) 24-030 – Laserfiche Cloud Services and Data Migration

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval for the contract for RFP24-030 – Laserfiche Cloud Services and Data Migration to be awarded to Ricoh Canada for a term of three (3) years in the amounts of \$33,743.40 (including HST) for 2025, \$34,755.70 (including HST) for 2026, and \$35,798.38 (including HST) for 2027, for a total of \$104,297.48 (including HST), which will be within operational budgets for 2025, 2026, and 2027. Contract extensions for up to three years would be considered before the contract expiration date.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-570 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Lane provided a status update for Public Works noting that 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, including leak detection, and water levels at Bay Bulls Big Pond.

Councillor Antle discussed water levels, noting the decline over the last few months. It was clarified that August was a dry month, and that leaks within the City have been detected and fixed.

Councillor Fry questioned road work on Nash Crescent, and requested an update. It was advised that work is ongoing as it relates to street and driveway repair. Completion is expected towards the end of October. Communication is ongoing with residents.

NEW BUSINESS

24-10-571 Merry and Bright Celebration – November 23, 2024

Councillor Antle advised that Alex Taylor is holding his annual Merry and Bright Christmas Fundraiser again this year on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fergus O'Byrne will be opening.

24-10-572 Public Library Events

Councillor Lane advised of the upcoming Halloween event taking place at the Library, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

24-10-573 Haunting of Powers Pond

Councillor Fry reminded everyone of the upcoming Haunting of Powers Pond taking place on October 18<sup>th</sup>, and running until the 27<sup>th</sup>. She further reported that the trail will be closed for the next few days in preparation for the event.

24-10-574 Safe Seniors Walk

Councillor Fry advised that a Safe Seniors Walk around Powers Pond is scheduled for seniors on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

24-10-575 Powers Pond Trail Upgrades

Councillor Rice advised that he has received positive feedback from residents and users of the trail regarding recent upgrades. It was a great initiative and decision to use granular stone.

24-10-576 Eastern Regional Service Board Fees Increase

Councillor Locke advised that the Board has updated their pricing on tipping fees, being \$92.50 per ton. He stressed the importance that residents use paper bags, as provided by the City at no cost, versus plastic bags for their grass clippings as it is not only environmentally friendly, but also cuts back in costs to the regional waste facility.

24-10-577 Mount Pearl Paradise Chamber of Commerce Budget 2025 Consultation

Deputy Mayor Kieley reminded everyone of the upcoming City of Mount Pearl Business Community Budget 2025 Consultation this Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. The City is partnering with the Mount Pearl Paradise Chamber of Commerce to engage with citizens on the budgetary process.



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24-10-578 Welcome to New Planning, Engineering, and Development Director

Mayor Aker welcomed the City's new Planning, Engineering, and Development Director Scott Batt.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Councillor Lane.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk