



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2024**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on December 10, 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	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works
Councillor Bill Antle	Scott Batt, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development
Councillor Mark Rice	Stephanie Walsh, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
Councillor Chelsea Lane	Ann Picco, Executive Assistant

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

24-12-668 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Rice / Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-12-669 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker.

24-12-670 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Public Meeting held November 26, 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

24-12-671 City of Mount Pearl and Habitat for Humanity NL – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Signing

Mayor Aker discussed the special MOU signing tonight, and welcomed Habitat for Humanity's CEO Ms. Sandra Whiffen, as well as the City's Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) Team. Staff have been working closely with Habitat for Humanity NL on the MOU for an exchange of two parcels of land: the City-owned property at 11 Glendale Avenue and Habitat for Humanity's property located at 117A Croucher Avenue. This land exchange will provide mutual benefits, enabling both the City and Habitat for Humanity to acquire lands that are better aligned with their respective needs.

Ms. Whiffen discussed the MOU and the work the organization is doing in communities. She provided information on Habitat for Humanity, advising that they are a charitable non-profit organization that provide support to low-income families to help them achieve home ownership by mobilizing local communities, volunteers, materials and financial resources through partnerships. Information was provided on the builds, which include standalone, duplex, and multiple unit housing; and, how the community can get involved, through monetary donations, donation of supplies, sponsorship packages, volunteering including labour, and funding opportunities. Ms. Whiffen advised that Habitat for Humanity are delighted to be partnered again with the City, noting that there have been nine builds in Mount Pearl over the years.

Council Members commented that this is an important partnership; and, thanked Habitat for Humanity for all the hard work they do in our communities and across the province. It is a great initiative to be able to provide the opportunity to support families in need of affordable housing, and everyone deserves a safe place to call home.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

24-12-672 Family First Night Celebrations December 31, 2024 | Summit Centre and Glacier Arena

For the information of the public, on December 31st from 9:30am to 11:30am, the

Summit Centre is offering a free public swim, all families are invited. The annual first night skate celebrations will take place at the Glacier Arena from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, and families are invited, free of charge, to this non-alcohol family event.

24-12-673 Fireworks | New Year's Eve

A reminder to the public that the City's Noise Regulations stipulate that fireworks can only be discharged between dusk on New Year's Eve (Dec 31) to 12:30am on January 1.

24-12-674 All is Bright – Powers Pond

"All is Bright" in Powers Pond, is open to the public to view, from Monday, December 9th, 2024 to Monday, January 6th, 2025.

The trail will be left open for user access. In addition to the lights, and to spread holiday cheer amongst the City, there will be five (5) special nights serving hot chocolate, candy canes, as well as having performances and caroling by local talent and community groups. A great destination to experience this December.

The dates for these special nights noted as:

- Wednesdays – December 11th and December 18th from 6-8pm;
- Saturdays – December 14th and December 21st from 4-6pm; and
- Sunday - December 29th from 4-6pm.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

24-12-675 Province of Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Transportation and Infrastructure – Request for Approval to Proceed with Application – Canadian Housing Infrastructure Program

Full Replacement of Water, Sanitary & Storm Sewer, Asphalt, Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk – Wyatt Boulevard & Mount Carson Avenue

Motion - Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, Council approve City application of funding, to apply for cost-shared funding through the Municipal Capital Works call for applications with the Municipal Infrastructure Division of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, in the amount of \$12,459,990.79 (HST included), for the purpose of the full replacement of water, sanitary and storm sewer, asphalt, curb, gutter, and sidewalk on Wyatt Boulevard and Mount Carson Avenue. The City of Mount Pearl agrees to provide its share of the cost-shared funding, \$3,389,745.91, for this project should it be selected for funding, and acknowledges that project costs above the approved project total cost will be the sole responsibility of the City of Mount Pearl.

Kenmount Hill, New Second Water Tower, Transmission Line and Tower Site Upgrades

RESOLVED THAT, Council approve City application of funding, to apply for cost-shared funding through the Municipal Capital Works call for applications with the Municipal Infrastructure Division of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, in the amount of \$5,817,153.21 (HST included), for the purpose of a new second water tower, transmission line, and Tower Site Upgrades on Kenmount Hill. The City of Mount Pearl agrees to provide its share of the cost-shared funding, \$1,582,559, for this project should it be selected for funding, and acknowledges that project costs above the approved project total cost will be the sole responsibility of the City of Mount Pearl.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-12-676 59 Stapleton Road – Demolition Former Pool – Request for Approval – Change Order #1 – Addition of Items to Contract

Motion - Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, a change order, payable to Pinchin Ltd., in the amount of \$14,081.75 (HST included) be approved. The value of this change order is within the allotted contingency, and approved budget for the project.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-12-677 Building and Occupancy Permit Listing | November 18 – November 30, 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 \$613,000 be approved; and, furthermore, that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-12-678 Development Permit Listing | November 18 – November 30, 2024

Motion - Deputy Mayor Kieley / Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT, the development permits issued for this period be accepted as presented.

Development Permit #	Date of Issue	Type of Use	Civic Address
DP24-0685	November 21, 2024	Republic Pets – Building Extension	7 Commonwealth Avenue

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-12-679 Capital Projects Update

An update was provided on the City’s capital projects, highlighting information on work that is complete, ongoing, and deficiencies remaining in relation to multi-streets, Olympic Drive, Northlands upgrades, Jackman Drive updates, asphalt and concrete services, and line painting.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

24-12-680 Invoices for Approval

Motion - Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

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

1	Career Beacon Job Postings/Recruitment	\$ 5,750.00
2	Saunders Equipment Ltd Unit 1532 Boom Hose Assembly	\$ 11,179.35
	Total	\$ 16,929.35

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-12-681 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for November 21-December 4, 2024, totaled \$2,239,975.59.

24-12-682 2025 Public and Committee of the Whole Meeting Calendar

Motion - Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the 2025 Public and Committee of the Whole Meeting Calendar be approved as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-12-683 Public Works Status Report

A status update for Public Works was provided. Road work and maintenance continue, and winter shift schedules are underway. Work continues in the Parks Division – Powers Pond Christmas lighting. Service and maintenance continue in the Fleet Division with winter equipment maintenance is ongoing. Information was provided on UTM general calls, and water levels at Bay Bulls Big Pond. Water levels are up, and the importance of leak detection was noted.

24-12-684 2025 Budget Presentation

Councillor Lane provided an overview of the 2025 Budget process and the City's plans for 2025.

2025 Tax Rates

Motion – Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with The City of Mount Pearl Act, establish the tax rates for the 2025 taxation year, as presented.

2025 Schedule of Rates and Fees

RESOLVED THAT, the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with The City of Mount Pearl Act, approve the Schedule of Rates & Fees, to take effect January 1, 2025, as presented.

2025 Budget - Operating Revenues and Expenditures

RESOLVED THAT, the City of Mount Pearl, in accordance with The City of Mount Pearl Act, approve the 2025 Budget with operating revenues and expenditures totaling \$58,858,583.00.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

Members of Council congratulated Councillor Lane on the deliverance of a fair, progressive, and balanced 2025 Budget, providing highlights on various City initiatives and projects.

Council congratulated and thanked the Department of Corporate Services and Public Works, senior management, and all staff, extending sincere gratitude and appreciation for work to provide a balanced 2025 budget as per initiatives guided by the City's Strategic Plan. Mount Pearl has a great sense of community, while providing core services and continued support to community groups and citizens of all ages.

NEW BUSINESS

24-12-685 Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Acknowledgement and Retirement Well Wishes

Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Members of Council acknowledged CAO Dana Spurrell in relation to her upcoming retirement, reflecting on her work over the years with the City on various matters and challenges. Council commented on Dana's calm demeanor, her dedication and commitment to accessibility, inclusiveness, and her guidance and exemplary leadership style which has fostered tremendous growth and flourishing in the City. Her focus was always on betterment for residents of Mount Pearl. Council thanked Dana for her service, congratulated her on her retirement, and wished her all the best in the future and her next adventures.

CAO Dana Spurrell reflected on her time with the City of Mount Pearl, working together as a work family with Council and staff in carrying out the business of the City. Dana thanked Council for having the privilege of being the City of Mount Pearl's CAO for the past four years. She thanked the team of dedicated staff, advising she is proud of the work that has been completed. The City is in a position of growth and change, and more unified, harnessing great energy and potential for more diverse, dynamic, and inclusive programming and services for long term residents and business.

24-12-686 Budget 2025

Councillor Lock extended a thank you to everyone in the Council Chambers, advising a lot of time was spent together working on the 2025 Budget as we continue to make Mount Pearl a great place to live, work and play.

Deputy Mayor thanked her colleagues and staff around the table, noting a lot of success has been seen due to great work and efforts. She thanked everyone for their accessibility, including virtual assistance to attend meetings and for reaching out to her time and time again.

Councillor Rice noted his appreciation of the senior and management team, advising that he has enjoyed his time on the Corporate Services-Public Work Committee.

24-12-687 Christmas Well Wishes

Council extended a thank you to all colleagues and staff for their work in 2024, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Everyone was reminded to be thankful for everything around us, and the importance of giving during this time of year was noted.

24-12-688 Planning, Engineering and Development

Councillor Antle thanked and complimented Planning, Engineering and Development staff, noting that the team have gone over and above during this past couple of years, referencing projects and milestones celebrated.

24-12-689 "Town Hall" Public Meeting

Councillor Fry extended a thank you to residents for attending the recent community safety meeting to voice concerns. She thanked the RNC, advising that their presence is felt in the City.

24-12-690 Lions Club Santa Claus Parade

Councillor Fry thanked the Lions Club for holding their annual Santa Claus Parade, advising there was a great turnout to the event. She thanked the Lions Club and staff for their work on, and during, the Parade.

24-12-691 Kinette Club Turkey Drive

Councillor Fry reminded everyone of the upcoming turkey drive this weekend coming.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm on a motion by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Fry.

Chairperson

City Clerk