



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2024**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on November 12, 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 Rideout, Director of Corporate Services
Councillor Jim Locke	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works
Councillor Isabelle Fry (remotely)	Scott Batt, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development
Councillor Bill Antle	Stephanie Walsh, Legislative Officer/City Clerk
Councillor Mark Rice	Ann Picco, Executive Assistant
Councillor Chelsea Lane	
Absent:	Absent:
	Dana Spurrell, Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.

24-11-608 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley / Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-11-609 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker.

24-11-610 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Public Meeting held October 29, 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

24-11-611 Food Bank Donation Presentation – Haunting of Powers Pond Event

The City of Mount Pearl presented a cheque in the amount of \$11,745 to local food banks on behalf of the thousands of residents who participated in the 2nd Annual Haunting of Powers Pond event, held from October 18-27, 2024, which attracted crowds from across the Avalon Peninsula and showcased the community's enduring spirit of generosity.

Funds raised will be evenly divided among three (3) local food banks, to help continue their vital work in the community: Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Peter's; Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Mary Queen of the World; and The Salvation Army.

In attendance representing the food banks were Linda Vincent, Sandra Millmore, Con Millmore, and Bob Lovette. They thanked the City for the donation, as well as the many volunteers who assisted at the Hunting of Powers Pond event. The funds will be put to great use for the community. Representatives discussed the work they do, noting the increasing numbers of families in need especially during the Christmas season. They referred to food items need by food banks, advising that monetary donation is most versatile as supermarkets are more than willing to assist. Receipts can be provided to those who donate.

Council thanked the representatives and volunteers of the foodbanks for the work they do in the community. Congratulations and a thank you was extended to City staff for their work and long hours put into the successful Haunting of Powers Pond event, as well as to residents for their significant generosity and patience while section of the trail was closed for a couple of weeks. Council further reiterated that there is no shame to contact food banks as everyone needs help at times, especially in this current economy.

CORRESPONDENCE

24-11-612 Municipal & Provincial Affairs – Municipal General Election 2025

A General Election Deferral Order has been issued declaring that the 2025 Municipal General Election will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2025. This is due to the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation falling on September 30, 2025, the date of the municipal general election as per the Municipal Elections Act.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

24-11-613 Snow Clearing Regulations | Winter Parking Ban on City Streets and City Owned Land – December 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

Snow clearing regulations will come into effect December 1, 2024 through to March 31, 2025 inclusive. An unattended vehicle is not permitted to be parked on any street or City-owned land within the City between the hours of 1:00am to 8:00am. For further information, including fine amounts, visit the City website. It was further noted that vehicles are to remain off road for twelve hours after a snow event.

24-11-614 Mount Pearl Lions Club Santa Claus Parade – December 7, 2024

The annual Lions Club Santa Claus Parade takes place on Saturday, December 7th commencing at 10:00am. Further details will be available on the City's website or by contacting the Lions Club at 368-6186. Appreciation is expressed to the Lions Club for their efforts. It was noted that there is a sensory free zone during the parade in the vicinity of Park Place.

24-11-615 All is Bright at St. David's Park Saturday, December 7, 2024)

The annual lighting of the park will take place on Saturday, December 7th at 6:00 pm at St. David's Park, which will include the singing of favorite Christmas carols and performances by school choirs, hot chocolate served by the Salvation Army. Further details will be available on the City's website.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

24-11-616 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Lane / Councillor Rice

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

1	Canadian Maritime Engineering 10 Ton Hoist Replacement (50% of total) 2nd half	\$ 16,549.28
2	Eastern Demolition Complete Demolition & Removal of Dwelling Located at 827 Topsail Rd	\$ 42,987.00
3	Everbridge Inc Public Communications Subscription	\$ 8,239.68
4	Gibbon Snow Architects Architectural Services - Accessible Boardroom City Hall	\$ 6,440.00
5	Modern Paving Limited Ditch Inlet Repair 60-62 Glencoe Drive	\$ 120,750.00
6	Pro Circuit Electrical Inc Supply & Install Electronic Fuel Gage Summit Centre	\$ 6,138.13
7	Saunders Equipment Ltd Garbage Cart Wheels	\$ 19,647.75
8	St John's Transportation Commission Admin Fee - Accessible Services July-Sept 2024	\$ 14,352.00
9	TOK Transit Paratransit Bus Trips & No Shows Sept 2024	\$ 27,728.87
10	TOK Transit Taxi Trips Sept 2024	\$ 9,289.00
11	Venor Recruitment Limited Professional Recruitment Services - CAO	\$ 6,900.00
	Total	\$ 279,021.71

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-11-617 Payment Register and Purchase Card Report

For the information of Council, the following payment register for October 23-
November 6, 2024, totaled \$1,804,140.75, and the purchase card report for August 26-
September 25, 2024, totaled \$366,756.11.

24-11-618 Travel Request – Deputy Mayor Kieley – 2024 MNL Convention in Gander – November 7-9, 2024

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the travel request for Deputy Mayor Kieley to attend the
Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) Conference in Gander, NL, from
November 7-9, 2024, be approved. Further to Minute 24-07-350, registration for
Mayor Aker's attendance will be transferred to the Deputy Mayor to attend in his
absence.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-11-619 Travel Request – Councillor Lane – 2024 MNL Convention in Gander – November 7-9, 2024

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the travel request for Councillor Lane to attend the Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) Conference in Gander, NL, from November 7-9, 2024, be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-11-620 Public Works Status Report

A status update for Public Works was provided noting that road work and maintenance continues, work continues in the Parks Division, and service and maintenance continue in the Fleet Division with winter equipment maintenance ongoing. Information was provided on UTM general calls, including leak detection, and water levels at Bay Bulls Big Pond. It was noted that water levels are trending upwards, contributed to the hard work of the UTM Division as it pertains to leak detection.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

24-11-621 29 Lancaster Crescent – Proposed Group Childcare Use (Discretionary)

Motion: Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the Discretionary Use application be approved and that a Development Permit be issued, subject to Section 7.16 Group Child Care Use, in the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010, and subject to any regulatory conditions as set out by the Department of Planning, Engineering and Development.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-11-622 Carroll Drive – Transfer of Funds

Motion: Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for funds to be transferred from the cash allowance into the multi-street contingency fund, in the amount of \$64,419.41 (HST Included) to facilitate completion of work on Carroll Drive.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-11-623 Public Commissioners – Expressions of Interest

Motion: Councillor Antle / Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, the offering of a renewal of the five-year term of appointment to the following Commissioners be approved:

- Ernest Boone
- Sean Montague
- George Trainor

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-11-624 Building and Occupancy Permit Listing | October 07 – October 18, 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 \$4,468,300.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-11-625 Development Permit Listing | October 07 – October 18, 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
DP24-0496	Oct 7, 2024	Site work and grain unloading	1273 Topsail Road
DP24-0456	Oct 8, 2024	Consolidation of Land	9A and 11 Forest Avenue

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-11-626 Capital Projects Update

An update was provided on the City's capital projects, highlighting information on work that is complete, ongoing, and deficiencies remaining. It was advised that it is an incredibly busy time for capital projects, and a thank you was extended to the Planning, Engineering and Development team.

NEW BUSINESS

24-11-627 Christmas Season – Salvation Army Christmas Kettle

Councillor Lane advised it's nice to give back to the community during this time of the year, and encouraged everyone to take time to volunteer with the Salvation Army, to sit at their kettle as they are now collecting donations. Further information can be obtained by contacting Linda Vincent, Salvation Army Mount Pearl.

24-11-628 2025 Hockey Hall of Fame Nominations

Councillor Lane advised that the Mount Pearl Blades Minor Hockey Association are now accepting nominations for the 2025 Hockey Hall of Fame. Friday, November 15th is the deadline for nominations. For nominations, contact tannampmha@gmail.com.

24-11-629 Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) Convention

Councillor Fry sent gratitude to MNL, advising the Convention was a great opportunity to meet up with colleagues from municipalities to share information.

As part of the Women and Gender Equity Committee, a breakfast was held at which time our own Councillor Lane was recipient of an achievement award. Congratulations to her and all the work she has done, specifically around breastfeeding for women and creating a safe space. Her work was acknowledged, and the award was well deserved.

24-11-630 Remembrance Day

Councillor Locke discussed the Remembrance Day Ceremony, noting it was great to see the number of youth in attendance. There was a great turnout at the Wreath Laying Ceremony.

24-11-631 Summit Centre Fitness Programs

Deputy Mayor Kieley discussed the importance of keeping fit and active, which is also integral to good mental health. People of all ages can participate. For those interested in joining, there is a 25% discount incentive for 2025 memberships, if you join by December 31st.

24-11-632 Curry Delight

Deputy Mayor Kieley advised of the closing of Mount Pearl business Curry Delight, owned by community focused individuals. The business was incredibly popular and brought diversity as a local business. While they were tremendously successful, they chose Mount Pearl as a place to open their restaurant as a new Canadian family to our

province. Deputy Mayor thanked the family for their business and wished them the best of luck in the future.

24-11-633 Pets Off Leash at Pine Bud Crescent Park

Councillor Antle reminded residents to please clean up after pets, as children play in the park.

24-11-634 Hey Mount Pearl

Councillor Rice advised that the City has announced the revamping of its public engagement platform, a portal to hear feedback from citizens on the City's important initiatives. He encouraged everyone to register and visit the site.

24-11-635 City Events

Councillor Rice discussed the many events that Council members try to attend collectively to support each other and the many events within the City. This was noticed by a resident of Mount Pearl, Ms. Joan Winsor, who provided matching hats for members of Council to wear at the upcoming Santa Claus Parade on December 7th. Councillor Rice thanked Mr. Winsor for the hats, and presented them to all Council.

24-11-636 Thank you

Mayor Aker congratulated and thanked colleagues and staff for their hard work as we close out the year, especially in relation to the City's Municipal Plan review, and the hiring process for the Chief Administrative Officer position.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm on a motion by Councillor Antle and seconded by Councillor Locke.

Chairperson

City Clerk