



**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 29, 2024**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on October 29, 2024 at 4:30 pm

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

**Mayor Aker chaired the meeting.**

24-10-579 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Councillor Fry / Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-580 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker.

24-10-581 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Rice / Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Public Meeting held October 15, 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

#### 24-10-582 Hope Air Day Newfoundland and Labrador

The Mayor signed a proclamation to declare November 5, 2024 as Hope Air Day in recognition of the invaluable contributions made by Hope Air to the health and well-being of the residents of Mount Pearl and the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

In attendance was Jaclyn Sullivan, Director of External Relations (Atlantic Canada). She discussed her role, and the services provided to families in need of travel for medical services. Ms. Sullivan provided information on Hope Air's fundraising efforts, and their vision of expanding their presence due to the high need of services.

Ms. Sullivan encouraged everyone to attend their upcoming fundraising breakfast taking place on November 5<sup>th</sup>; and, she thanked Council for proclaiming Hope Air Day to raise awareness of the need for growing financial support to someone requiring essential services and travel to receive medical care. Support does have a real impact on the lives of patients and communities within the Province.

#### 24-10-583 World Town Planning Day

The Mayor signed a proclamation to declare Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as World Town Planning Day in the City of Mount Pearl.

Planning, Engineering and Development Director spoke to World Town Planning Day, commenting that it is a day observed by planners and municipalities all over the world. Planning plays a key role in steering a vision for the City, including social equality, affordability, and climate change. As it relates to the City's municipal plan and its review, the Planning Department is at the forefront. A shout-out to all staff involved for their dedication and hard work; and, the importance of residents engaging and providing feedback was noted.

Council discussed their appreciation of the important work of planners, noting the long-term effects of planning a community. Mount Pearl is a very well planned out City as it pertains to residential, retail spaces, open space and trails, and recreation facilities. The City is now in process of reviewing its municipal plan, which is important for the future. Congratulations and sincere appreciation was extended to the team, and everyone both past and present.

PRESENTATIONS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

24-10-584 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Locke

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

1	Amtruck Limited Truck Rental for Sept 2024	\$ 10,695.00
2	Athletica Sport Systems Glacier Ice Edger	\$ 8,519.10
3	Canadian Training Institute HEO Program- J Foley	\$ 19,000.00
4	City of St John's Tipping Fees – August 2024	\$ 53,260.78
5	City of St John's Waste Water Flow July-Sept 2024	\$ 149,477.46
6	City of St John's Water Consumption for Sept 2024	\$ 205,367.03
7	Fort Property Construction Park Place Roof Repairs	\$ 8,682.50
8	Joe Johnson Equipment Balanced Impeller Assembly	\$ 7,690.70
9	KnowBe4 Inc. License Renewal 2024	\$ 7,376.01
10	Newfound Mechanical Glacier Return Duct Repairs	\$ 23,000.00
11	NLESD Summer Rentals for Day Camp	\$ 7,200.00
12	St John's Transportation Commission Transit Costs September 2024	\$ 93,700.95

13	Stewart McKelvey Professional Services	\$ 5,030.10
14	Stewart McKelvey Professional Services	\$ 6,098.92
15	Uline Bike Racks	\$ 9,773.22
16	Wajax Power Systems Repair electrical harnesses	\$ 7,017.54
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 621,889.31</b>

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-585 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the payment register for October 10 - 22, 2024, totaled \$1,369,859.91.

24-10-586 Request for Tax Consideration

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to exempt 2024 business taxes, in accordance with the policy for charitable and non-profit organizations, for the following:

Name	Address	Type	Annual Amount
NL Safety Council	3 Moffatt Road	Business (100%)	\$9,907.70

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-587 Tender for Snow Clearing Services – TP24-031

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the contract for Snow Clearing Services – TP24-031 to be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, Farrell’s Excavating Ltd., for a one-year term, with the option for two additional one-year terms, for the bid amount of \$216,200.00 (HST included) per year, for which funding can be made available within the city’s annual operating budgets.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Clarification was provided to Council in relation to the bid amount, which is based on average hours supplied to any contractor who wanted to bid so they were aware of expectations. If less hours are utilized, the amount would be lower for required services. This tender provides for more flexibility for the City to avail of different types of equipment than in the past. Council commented that many jurisdictions were opting to this approach given climate change, and the possibility of overwhelming the City's capacity due to multiple storms and exceptional weather.

24-10-588 Travel Request – RCS Director Jason Collins – SpoHox Sport Tourism Hockey Conference

Motion: Councillor Rice / Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the request by the Director of Recreation and Community Services to attend the SpoHox Sport Tourism Hockey Conference in Charlottetown, PEI, from October 27-29, 2024, be approved.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-589 Public Works Status Report

A status update for Public Works was provided noting that road work and maintenance continues, bagged organic grass at curbside has increased over the past season and the public are encouraged to continue using paper bags, 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 Rice advised that the City supplies paper bags to residents for grass clippings. They can be picked up at City Hall and the Summit Centre, and the public was encouraged to avail of. He further advised that water levels are lower this past couple years at Bay Bulls Big Pond, but still maintaining high levels.

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

24-10-590 21 Wilson Crescent – Proposed Group Childcare Use (Discretionary)

Motion: Councillor Antle / Rice

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.

24-10-591 47-49 Commonwealth Avenue – Consolidation of Land, Restaurant and Drive-Through Use (Discretionary)

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the Discretionary Use application be approved and that a Development Permit be issued, subject to Section 7.11 Drive-Through 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.

24-10-592 North of Topsail Road – Owner’s Advisor Services – Contract Recommendation

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the City engage Altus Group to complete Owner’s Advisory Services related to Development of North of Topsail Road to an upset limit of \$862,143.50 (HST included) for one year, at which time Altus’ role will be re-evaluated to determine if their contract will be extended.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Council commented on the upset limit amount, providing information on the significant development within the City, including the expertise it requires by staff and the consultant.

24-10-593 621 Kenmount Road – Side Yard Setback Variance – Commercial Highway (CH) Use Zone

Motion: Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the Variance be approved, and that a Development Permit be issued, subject to the conditions set out by the Department of Community Development, specifically conditions as outlined by the following:

1. Service NL
2. St. John’s Regional Fire Department
3. City of Mount Pearl – Inspection Services, Finance, Planning and Engineering Services Divisions
4. City of Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 and all related requirements.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Locke requested point of clarification in relation to the application. It was clarified that the two existing paint bays were relocated to the new addition. As it pertains to hazardous use, it was suggested that City regulations be reviewed in relation to occupational health and safety.

24-10-594 Building and Occupancy Permit Listing | September 23 – October 04, 2024

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the residential and commercial building permits issued for this period, showing a total construction value of \$4,086,350.00 be approved, and further that the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-595 Development Permit Listing | September 23 – October 04, 2024

Motion: Councillor Antle / Councillor Rice

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

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

24-10-596 Capital Projects Update

An update was provided on the City's capital works projects, highlighting information on work that is complete, remaining and ongoing.

It was questioned if line painting would be completed on Olympic Drive – in vicinity of businesses, Pipers and Bigs Restaurant. It was confirmed that the intention is to reinstate as per original condition.

Installation of reflective markers were questioned in the area of Donovan's, as it is difficult to determine four lanes once line painting wears off. It was confirmed there are no plans before the Winter to have these installed; and, the City is looking at a pilot project, included in the line painting program.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

24-10-597 Remembrance Day Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony – November 11, 2024

Councillor Locke advised that the Remembrance Day Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place on Monday, November 11, 2024. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 36's Parade formation will commence at Morris Academy parking lot at 10:40am and proceed down Roosevelt Avenue, for the wreath laying ceremony directly in front of the Cenotaph at St. David's Park.

24-10-598 Stride Running Club – Run to Remember – November 11, 2024

Councillor Locke advised that the annual Run to Remember trail race is scheduled for Monday, November 11, 2024; commencing at 8am in the City of Mount Pearl and is estimated to be concluded by 10:00am. Motorists be advised that there could potentially be traffic delays in the Donovan Industrial Park, Corisande Drive and Commonwealth Avenue areas as runners will cross the road onto the Trail.

24-10-599 Mount Pearl Marlins Swim Meet – Pool Cancellations (Nov. 15-17, 2024)

Councillor Fry advised that the Mount Pearl Marlins Swim Meet is scheduled from November 15th to November 17th, at the Summit Pool. This will involve cancellations of the swims on these dates. All details will be provided on all social media platforms, as well as signage within the facility a week prior to start of the cancellation.

NEW BUSINESS

24-10-600 Accessibility Engagement Session

Councillor Rice advised that a public engagement session is being held at the Soccer Hut on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. All partners and community groups are invited to attend to provide feedback and recommendations on our Accessibility Plan.

24-10-601 Haunting of Powers Pond

Councillor Rice congratulated and thanked all those who organized and participated in the Haunting of Powers Pond event, advising it was very well put together. He indicated his support of closing down certain areas of the trail due to investment in equipment.

24-10-602 Birthday Celebrations

Councillor Fry wished a Happy Birthday to Ms. Marion Squires who recently celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.



24-10-603 Mount Pearl Blades Minor Hockey Food Drive

Councillor Fry reminded everyone of the MPMHA upcoming food drive. Their event is Hockey with a Heart, taking place November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, and monetary donations will be collected for the City's food banks. This is a wonderful initiative which instills a sense of pride and contribution. EMT donations can be made to [mtpearlblades@gmail.com](mailto:mtpearlblades@gmail.com).

24-10-604 Annual Safety Skeleton

Councillor Fry advised that the City's Annual Safety Skeleton is taking place on Halloween night, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The City's municipal enforcement officers will be out patrolling streets to ensure safety measures are being followed. They will also be providing treats.

24-10-605 Neighbourhood Watch Program

Councillor Antle discussed the City's neighbourhood watch program, advising that a very successful meeting was recently held with Whiteley Drive residents and the City's municipal enforcement. If anyone is interested in joining, they can contact municipal enforcement or [neighbourhoodwatch@mountpearl.ca](mailto:neighbourhoodwatch@mountpearl.ca).

Mayor Aker discussed the program commenting on the leadership of well-trained staff, along with the RNC to discussed issues around safety and crime. He noted the importance that neighbours work together in cooperation with the City.

The Superintendent of Enforcement further advised that staff are proud of the neighbourhood watch program. There are nine active programs currently running, and most have been active for approximately eight to ten years. New residents are joining the program, and it is thriving and doing very well. He congratulated Municipal Enforcement Officer Danielle Greavette who is the driving force behind this program.

24-10-606 Municipal Plan

As the City just proclaimed World Town Planning Day, the Municipal Plan and integrated Transportation/Mobility Plan is being reviewed and updated. The City has an open house scheduled the first week of December, which provides opportunity for residents to provide feedback. The Plan will be presented at the City Hall on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm and Open House will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>, at Gloria Pearson Community Centre. For information, survey results can be viewed online.

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24-10-607 New Community Centre

Mayor Aker advised that the contractor is working presently on the new community centre, providing some updated information to date. The Director of Planning, Engineering and Development further advised that work on the foundation is in process, and excavation is complete for the building. Anticipating final design drawings in the next couple of weeks. He congratulated the team for keeping on track.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm on a motion by Councillor Rice and seconded by Councillor Antle.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk