

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING - CITY COUNCIL

April 30, 2018 – 4:30 p.m. - Council Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall

- Present** Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O’Leary
Councillor Maggie Burton
Councillor Debbie Hanlon
Councillor Deanne Stapleton
Councillor Sandy Hickman
Councillor Hope Jamieson
Councillor Wally Collins
Councillor Dave Lane
Councillor Debbie Hanlon
Councillor Jamie Korab
Councillor Ian Froude
- Regrets** Mayor Danny Breen
- Others** Kevin Breen, City Manager
Jason Sinyard, Deputy City Manager of Planning, Engineering and
Regulatory Services
Lynnann Windsor, Deputy City Manager, Public Works
Tanya Hayward, Deputy City Manager, Community Services
Derek Coffey, Deputy City Manager, Finance and Administration
Cheryl Mullett, City Solicitor
Ken O’Brien, Chief Municipal Planner
Karen Chafe, Acting City Clerk
Kathy Driscoll, Legislative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor O’Leary called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

“We respectfully acknowledge the Province of Newfoundland & Labrador, of which the City of St. John’s is the capital City, as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk. Today, these lands are home to a diverse population of indigenous and other peoples. We would also like to acknowledge with respect the diverse histories and cultures of the Mi’kmaq, Innu, Inuit, and Southern Inuit of this Province.”

SJMC2018-04-30/247R

Moved – Councillor Jamieson; Seconded – Councillor Hanlon

That the agenda be adopted with the following addition:

- **Decision Note dated April 26, 2018 re: Multiple Sclerosis Crosswalk**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

SJMC2018-04-30/248R

Moved – Councillor Collins; Seconded – Councillor Froude

That the minutes of April 24, 2018 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Built Heritage Experts Panel Report – March 21, 2018

Council considered the above noted report and the recommendations therein:

Decision Note dated March 21, 2018 re: 40 Rennie’s Mill Road – Lawrence Canning

SJMC2018-04-30/249R

Moved – Councillor Burton; Seconded – Councillor Lane

That Council approve the design of the fire escape at 40 Rennie’s Mill Road as proposed, with building condition to be attached by Inspection Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Development Committee Report – April 24, 2018

Council considered the above noted report and the recommendations therein:

Crown Land Grant for extensions of Private Property CRW1800013 – 32 Densmore’s Lane

SJMC2018-04-30/250R

Moved – Councillor Burton; Seconded – Councillor Collins

That Council approve the Crown Land Grant for 32 Denmore’s Lane.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee of the Whole Report – April 25, 2018

Council considered the above noted report and the recommendations therein:

Decision Note dated April 11, 2018 re: Terms of Reference for Heritage Policy Working Group

SJMC2018-04-30/251R

Moved – Councillor Burton; Seconded – Councillor Jamieson

That Council exempt the Heritage Policy Working Group from Section 5 of the Terms of Reference for the Working Group and reconfirm the appointment of those public members it has already approved with a public recruitment process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST

Council considered as information, the above noted for the period of April 19, 2018 to April 25, 2018.

BUILDING PERMITS LIST

Council considered, for approval, the above noted for the period of April 19, 2018 to April 25, 2018.

SJMC2018-04-30/252R

Moved – Councillor Froude; Seconded – Councillor Stapleton

That the building permits list dated April 19, 2018 to April 25, 2018 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REQUISITIONS, PAYROLLS AND ACCOUNTS

Council considered the requisitions, payrolls and accounts for the week ending April 25, 2018.

SJMC2018-04-30/253R

Moved – Councillor Hickman; Seconded – Councillor Korab

That the requisitions, payrolls and accounts for the week ending April 18, 2018 in the amount of \$2,077,616.01 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TENDERS/RFPS

Tender 2018066 – Supply and Delivery of 2 Single Axle Garbage Trucks

Council considered the above noted.

SJMC2018-04-30/254R

Moved – Councillor Froude; Seconded – Councillor Burton

That Council award tender 2018066 to the lowest bidder that meets specifications, Shu-Pak Equipment Inc. – Bid 2, in the amount of \$662,400.00, as per the Public Procurement Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICES OF MOTION, RESOLUTIONS QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

Councillor Collins tabled the following Petition, the prayer of which reads as follows:

“We are writing this letter to bring to your attention concerns from residents related to vehicular traffic on Southside Road running east to Blackhead Road Bridge; particularly the speed of traffic on the road.

Vehicular traffic is comprised of tractor trailer fuel trucks (singles and doubles); standard tank trucks of various capacities; various commercial transports supporting the fishing enterprises operating in and around the Basin; Canadian Coast Guard Operations; employees of the City’s Wastewater Treatment site; employees of the New Doc Facility; and local residential traffic.

Our concerns can be summed as follows:

- 1. With no posted speed limits in the East bound direction combined with no systematic enforcement, anecdotally, the speed of traffic has increased over time.*
- 2. One of our residents acquired access to a speed monitoring device and quite consistently observed speeds in excess of 80 kilometres per hour. These are dangerous speed levels given the combination of a narrow roadway, residential housing and usage by heavy commercial traffic 24 hours a day.*
- 3. Parking of vehicles on both the south and north side of the road effectively and dangerously narrows the roadway increasing the risk of head on collisions.*

SUGGESTION

A first step towards implementing a traffic management solution suggest the City may wish to conduct an assessment of the volume and speed of vehicular traffic.

The Southside Road provides access to critical infrastructure services. Losing access to these services, for any reason, for even a short period of time, would have potentially significant implications. Losing access to the road could severely impact the following services:

Termination of all fuel delivery to homes and businesses on the greater Avalon Peninsula, limiting/restricting Coast Guard operations, restricting and impacting fishing enterprises on Southside Road, limiting access by Emergency Services and limiting access to the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility.

We respectfully are asking you, as our Ward Councillor, to communicate our concerns regarding Southside Road with the Police and Traffic Committee and work with both business and local residents to implement a plan to better manage the risk to both local residents and commercial traffic.

We look forward to discussing our concerns with you at your earliest opportunity."

He requested Staff follow-up and provide a response.

OTHER BUSINESS

Decision Note dated April 17, 2018 re: City of St. John's Civic Housing Action Fund

Council considered the above noted.

SJMC2018-04-30/255R

Moved – Councillor Jamieson; Seconded – Councillor Lane

That Council agree to sell 16 Empire Avenue and reinvest revenues into a Civic Housing Action Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Decision Note dated April 26, 2018 re: Multiple Sclerosis Crosswalk

Council discussed the above noted. Conversation ensued and Councillor Hanlon made the following Motion:

The background information contained within these minutes can be found in the corresponding Agenda

To approve the Multiple Sclerosis crosswalk request for the Avalon Chapter.

For lack of a seconder the Motion was lost.

Council recognized the crosswalk request was precedent setting and agreed with staff's recommendation to not approve the request.

SJMC2018-04-30/256R

Moved – Councillor Lane; Seconded – Councillor Collins

The crosswalk is not recommended for the following reasons:

- **Line painting is completed on a priority basis. Painting non-traditional crosswalks will delay the completion of higher priority items.**
- **This work needs to be completed on during low traffic times and may require overtime.**
- **Non-standard colours are applied manually since paint machines require complete cleaning and flushing each time colours are changed. Red is a non-standard colour.**
- **The application time will double to apply a second colour since adjacent colours must be dried prior to applying the next colour.**
- **It would be difficult to refuse additional groups if this proposal is accepted.**
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK