

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING - CITY COUNCIL

December 10, 2018 – 4:30 p.m. – Foran/Greene Room, 4th Floor, City Hall

Present Mayor Danny Breen
Deputy Mayor O’Leary
Councillor Maggie Burton
Councillor Dave Lane
Councillor Sandy Hickman
Councillor Deanne Stapleton
Councillor Jamie Korab
Councillor Hope Jamieson
Councillor Ian Froude
Councillor Wally Collins

Regrets Councillor Debbie Hanlon

Others Kevin Breen, City Manager
Derek Coffey, Deputy City Manager of Finance & Administration
Tanya Haywood, Deputy City Manager, Community Services
Jason Sinyard, Deputy City Manager, Planning, Engineering & Regulatory Services
Cheryl Mullett, City Solicitor
Ken O’Brien, Chief Municipal Planner
Elaine Henley, City Clerk
Karen Chafe, Supervisor of Legislative Services

Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Breen 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.”

PROCLAMATIONS

CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

SJMC2018-12-10/746R

Moved – Councillor Hickman; Seconded – Councillor Korab

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

SJMC2018-12-10/747R

Moved – Councillor Jamieson; Seconded – Deputy Mayor O’Leary

That the minutes of December 3, 2018 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Council Lane presented the budget speech. All members of Council spoke in favor of the budget. Full details of the budget speech and budget document can be found here: [2019 Budget](#)

SJMC2018-12-10/748R

Moved – Councillor Lane; Seconded – Councillor Burton

That the 2019 Budget be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SJMC2018-12-10/749R

Moved – Councillor Lane; Seconded – Councillor Collins

That the following Tax Resolutions be approved:

- **2019 ACCOMMODATION TAX RESOLUTION**
IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the City of St. John’s Municipal Taxation Act and all other powers it enabling, the St. John's Municipal Council hereby fixes the Accommodation Tax at 4% of the amount charged for the accommodation, lodging or stay in a room in a building in the City which is:
 - (a) licensed under the Tourist Establishments Act;
 - (b) owned by the Memorial University of Newfoundland; or
 - (c) located at the Littledale Conference Centre.

The said tax shall be due and payable quarterly by April 15th., July 15th., October 15th. and January 15th.

- **2019 DOWNTOWN ST. JOHN'S BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA LEVY**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the City of St. John's Act, and all other powers it enabling, the St. John's Municipal Council fixes the Downtown St. John's Business Improvement Area Levy for the 2019 fiscal year as follows.

Businesses operating in the Downtown St. John's Business Improvement Area will be subject to a tax as determined by the City of St. John's to a Maximum levy of \$4,000 for each location from which the business, trade or profession is carried on.

The said tax shall be due and payable half-yearly in advance on the 1st. day of January and the 1st. day of July, 2019.

- **2019 INTEREST RATE TAX RESOLUTION**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the City of St. John's Municipal Taxation Act and all other powers it enabling, the St. John's Municipal Council hereby fixes the interest rate on arrears of tax and any other arrears of amounts owing to the City for the 2019 and future fiscal years, at 1.25% per month, with the interest charged each month added to the balance owing and subject to interest in the following months.

- **2019 PROPERTY TAX RATE RESOLUTION - COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the City of St. John's Municipal Taxation Act and all other powers it enabling, the St. John's Municipal Council hereby fixes the commercial property tax rate for the 2019 fiscal year for commercial properties and the commercial portion of mixed commercial/residential properties, the real property tax rate is 2.61 percent per annum of the assessed value of the property in respect of which the tax is imposed.

The said taxes shall be due and payable quarterly in arrears on March 31st, June 30th, September 30th, and December 31st, 2019.

- **2019 PROPERTY TAX RATE RESOLUTION - RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the City of St. John's Municipal Taxation Act and all other powers it enabling, the St. John's Municipal Council hereby fixes the real property tax rate for the 2019 fiscal year for residential properties and the residential portion of mixed commercial/residential properties, the real property tax rate is 0.77 percent per

annum of the assessed value of the property in respect of which the tax is imposed.

The said taxes shall be due and payable half-yearly in advance on the 1st. day of January and the 1st. day of July, 2019.

- **2019 25% PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS RESOLUTION**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED That a reduction of 25% of the Property Tax for 2019 be provided to senior citizens subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the applicant is the assessed owner of the property as of January 1, 2019.
- (b) That the applicant occupies the property as his/her principal year-round residence.
- (c) That the applicant is in receipt of the guaranteed income supplement under the Old Age Security Act.

- **2019 BUSINESS TAX RATE ON UTILITIES RESOLUTION**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the Taxation of Utilities and Cable Television Companies Act and all other powers it enabling, the St. John's Municipal Council hereby fixes the Municipal Business Tax rate on utilities at 2.5 percent of the gross revenue of any and all utilities derived within the City limits of the City of St. John's during the year January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

The said tax shall be due and payable at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in the regulations made pursuant to the said **Taxation of Utilities and Cable Television Companies Act**.

- **2019 WATER BY METER RESOLUTION**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that under the provisions of the City of St. John's Municipal Taxation Act, and all other powers it enabling, the Council hereby fixes the rates for Water by Meter effective January 1st, 2019, as follows:-

Monthly Consumption Rates

\$5.96 per 1,000 gallons
or \$1.30 per cubic meter

Monthly Base Charge

5/8" meter	\$	29.30
3/4" meter		44.02
1" meter		73.28
1½" meter		146.47

2" meter	233.65
3" meter	467.76
4" meter	747.72
6" meter	1,461.52
8" meter	2,337.76
10" meter	3,359.44

- **2019 WATER TAX RESOLUTION**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that under the provisions of the City of St. John’s Municipal Taxation Act, and all other powers it enabling, the Water Tax shall be levied as follows:-

For residential units and for commercial properties not taxed by water meters, the sum of Six Hundred and Five Dollars (\$605.00) per annum per commercial unit for commercial properties or per residential unit for residential and apartment buildings.

The said tax shall be due and payable half-yearly on the 1st. day of January and the 1st. day of July, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST

Council considered, for information, the Development Permits List for the period November 29, 2018 – December 5, 2018.

BUILDING PERMITS LIST

Council considered the above noted for the period of November 29, 2018 to December 5, 2018.

SJMC2018-12-10/750R

Moved – Councillor Froude; Seconded – Councillor Jamieson

That Council approve the above cited building permits list as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REQUISITIONS, PAYROLLS AND ACCOUNTS

Council considered the requisitions, payrolls and accounts for the week ending December 5, 2018.

SJMC2018-12-10/751R

Moved – Councillor Froude; Seconded – Councillor Jamieson

That the requisitions, payrolls and accounts for the week ending December 5, 2018 in the amount of \$3,922,702.82 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TENDERS/RFPs

Bid Approval Note – Software Maintenance 2503 and 2492 (Fire Department)

SJMC2018-12-10/752R

Moved – Councillor Hickman; Seconded – Councillor Korab

That the contract without open call be awarded to FDM Software Ltd., in the amount of \$50,300.20, as per the Public Procurement Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bid Approval Note – Renewal of Online Engagement Software

SJMC2018-12-10/753R

Moved – Councillor Froude; Seconded – Deputy Mayor O’Leary

That the contract without open call be awarded to Bang the Table, in the amount of \$99,000.00, as per the Public Procurement Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bid Approval Note – Supply & Delivery of Two (2) Sewer Jettors

SJMC2018-12-10/754R

Moved – Councillor Froude; Seconded – Councillor Korab

That Council award this open call to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Can-Am Instruments Ltd., in the amount of \$84,962.00, as per the Public Procurement Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER BUSINESS

Economic Update – December 2018

Deputy Mayor O’Leary spoke to the above noted which was presented as information.

Councillor Wally Collins

- Tabled a letter from Jamie Finn, Chair of the St. Kevin’s High School Council regarding a previous request for sidewalks in front of the school to be extended further along the Backline Road to Sunset Street and eventually to Heffernan’s Line. The letter was referred to the Deputy City Manager of Planning, Engineering & Regulatory Services for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK