ST. JOHN'S

Minutes of Regular Meeting - City Council

Council Chamber, 4th Floor, City Hall

September 28, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

Present:	Mayor Danny Breen Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary Councillor Dave Lane Councillor Sandy Hickman Councillor Debbie Hanlon Councillor Deanne Stapleton Councillor Jamie Korab Councillor Ian Froude Councillor Wally Collins
Regrets:	Councillor Maggie Burton
Staff:	Kevin Breen, City Manager Derek Coffey, Deputy City Manager of Finance & Administration Tanya Haywood, Deputy City Manager of Community Services Jason Sinyard, Deputy City Manager of Planning, Engineering & Regulatory Services Lynnann Winsor, Deputy City Manager of Public Works Cheryl Mullett, City Solicitor Susan Bonnell, Manager - Communications & Office Services Elaine Henley, City Clerk Ken O'Brien, Chief Municipal Planner Maureen Harvey, Legislative Assistant

Land Acknowledgement

The following statement was read into the record:

"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."

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3.1 Adoption of Agenda

SMJMC-2020-09-28/472
Moved By Councillor Hanlon
Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

For (8): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (8 to 0)

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Adoption of Minutes - September 21, 2020

SJMC-R-2020-09-28/473
Moved By Councillor Hickman
Seconded By Councillor Korab

That the minutes of the Regular meeting held on September 21, 2020 be adopted as presented.

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. NOTICES PUBLISHED

6.1 Notices Published - 8 Rodney Street

A Discretionary Use application has been submitted to operate a Psychologist Clinic as a Home Occupation at 8 Rodney Street.

The clinic will have a floor area of 8.6m2 and will operate Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Services will be by appointment only. There will be a maximum of 5 appointments per day; 50 minutes per appointment with 30 minutes in between to avoid overlap. On-site parking is provided.

One submission received.

SJMC-R-2020-09-28/474
Moved By Councillor Froude
Seconded By Councillor Lane

That the Discretionary Use application to operate a Psychologist Clinic as a Home Occupation at 8 Rodney Street be approved subject to meeting all applicable requirements.

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Development Committee Report

7.2 Committee of the Whole Report

1. Syme’s Bridge Closure to Vehicular Traffic

SJMC-R-2020-09-28/475
Moved By Councillor Collins
Seconded By Councillor Korab

That Council grant approval to close Syme’s Bridge to vehicular traffic. If possible, convert the bridge to pedestrian only until such time that it requires removal due to safety concerns. Further, that

the decision is brought back to Council before removal of the bridge due to safety concerns.

That Council also grant approval for development in the floodplain for the required turn-a-round areas.

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

2. Sidewalk Snow Clearing Service Levels

SJMC-R-2020-09-28/476
Moved By Councillor Froude
Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

That in the coming weeks, staff put forward a plan:

- To ensure resources are used efficiently on the most important routes: that staff review the priorities of sidewalks, laneways and stairways with recommendations to Council this fall on changes to make.
- To address the quality of the clearing of sidewalks, as it's sometimes that the area of grass or curb adjacent to the sidewalk is cleared, which makes for a poor quality pathway.
- The enforcement of existing bylaws that prohibits obstruction of a sidewalk by snow removal.
- And whether there is a potential deprioritization of some side roads, to free up resources.

For (8): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Froude

Against (1): Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (8 to 1)

SJMC-R-2020-09-28/477
Moved By Councillor Korab
Seconded By Councillor Collins

Despite the fact that staff, Council and the public have a clear interest in improving winter walkability in the City of St. John's, staff are unable to recommend further investment in this service at this time, given the serious financial situation the City finds itself in at the end of the 2020 fiscal year. The minimal cost option to produce a noticeable difference to residents is 700k per year which is not budgeted. Given anticipated budget challenges going into 2021, enhancing the level of service for sidewalks is not recommended. Instead, staff recommend that Council commit to maintain the status quo for the 2020-21 winter season and consider future investments as part of the 2021 budget development process.

For (7): Mayor Breen, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Collins

Against (2): Deputy Mayor O'Leary, and Councillor Froude

MOTION CARRIED (7 to 2)

SJMC-R-2020-09-28/478
Moved By Councillor Froude
Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

That Council consider all options in this list for winter 2021-22, and that the decision note is referred to the budget process.

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

3. Division Name and Mandate Review

SJMC-R-2020-09-28/479
Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Leary
Seconded By Councillor Stapleton

That Council rename the ‘Non Profit Housing Division’ as the ‘Housing Division’ and that Council adopt the Division’s mandate to ‘provide affordable housing to residents of St. John's and lead the City’s commitments in the housing and homelessness sectors’.

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

4. 138 Ladysmith Drive - MPA200000

SJMC-R-2020-09-28/480
Moved By Councillor Lane
Seconded By Councillor Froude

That Council consider rezoning the property at 138 Ladysmith Drive from the Residential Narrow Lot (RNL) Zone to the Apartment Medium Density (A2) Zone; and advertise the application for public review and comment.

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

5. 42-52 Diamond Marsh Drive - MPA2000002

SJMC-R-2020-09-28/481
Moved By Councillor Lane
Seconded By Councillor Collins

That Council consider rezoning land at 42-52 Diamond Marsh Drive from the Open Space (O) Zone to the Residential Low Density (R1) Zone and advertise the application for public review and comment.

Further, that this matter be referred to the Environment and Sustainability Experts Panel.

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

8. DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

8.1 Development Permits List For the Period of September 17 To September 23, 2020

9. BUILDING PERMITS LIST

9.1 Permits List for the Week ending September 23, 2020

SJMC-R-2020-09-28/482
Moved By Councillor Lane
Seconded By Councillor Hanlon

That the Permits List for the week of September 23, 2020 be approved as presented.

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

10. REQUISITIONS, PAYROLLS AND ACCOUNTS

10.1 Weekly Payment Vouchers for Week Ending September 23, 2020

SJMC-R-2020-09-28/483
Moved By Councillor Stapleton
Seconded By Councillor Hickman

That the Weekly Payment Vouchers for the Week ending September 23, 2020 in the amount of $ 3,842,357.94 be approved as presented.

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

11. TENDERS/RFPS

11.1 Engineering Consulting Services - Goulds Servicing - Phase 2

SJMC-R-2020-09-28/484
Moved By Councillor Froude
Seconded By Councillor Collins

THAT Council award to Pinnacle Engineering Limited (PEL) based on the evaluation of the proposals by the City's evaluation team as per the Public Procurement Act.

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

11.2 Engineering Consulting Services - Phase 3 (Sewage Forcemain)

SJMC-R-2020-09-28/485
Moved By Councillor Froude
Seconded By Councillor Collins

THAT Council award to R.V. Anderson Associates Limited (RVA) based on the evaluation of the proposals by the City's evaluation team as per the Public Procurement Act.

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

11.3 Archeological Consulting Services

SJMC-R-2020-09-28/486
Moved By Councillor Froude
Seconded By Councillor Lane

THAT Council award Archeological Consulting Services for the Water Street Infrastructure Improvements – Phase 4 to Blair Temple Associates (BTA).

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION, RESOLUTIONS QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

12.1 Petition re: Closure of Symes Bridge

Councillor Collins presented a petition on behalf of residents objecting to the closure of Symes Bridge to vehicular traffic. A copy of the petition is attached to the agenda and published as a post-agenda.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 The Surrealtor – Road Closure Requests

SJMC-R-2020-09-28/487
Moved By Councillor Hanlon
Seconded By Councillor Hickman

That Council approve the requested road closures, and noise by-law extensions for The Surrealtor film shoot.

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK