

# **ST. JOHN'S**

## **Minutes of Committee of the Whole - City Council**

**Council Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall**

**March 24, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

Present: Mayor Danny Breen  
Councillor Sandy Hickman  
Councillor Debbie Hanlon  
Councillor Deanne Stapleton  
Councillor Jamie Korab  
Councillor Ian Froude  
Councillor Wally Collins  
Councillor Shawn Skinner

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary  
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  
Susan Bonnell, Manager - Communications & Office Services  
Elaine Henley, City Clerk  
Ken O'Brien, Chief Municipal Planner  
Maureen Harvey, Legislative Assistant

Others Brian Head, Manager of Parks & Open Space  
Jennifer Langmead, Supervisor - Tourism & Culture

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1. **Call to Order**
  2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Recommendation

**Moved By** Councillor Skinner

**Seconded By** Councillor Stapleton

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. Adoption of the Minutes**

**3.1 Minutes of March 10, 2021**

Recommendation

**Moved By** Councillor Hanlon

**Seconded By** Councillor Korab

That the minutes of March 10, 2021 be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. Presentations/Delegations**

**4.1 Mark and Leah Richards - 42-44 Fourth Pond Road - File REZ2000011  
(see also item 13.2 - Driveways in Floodplains)**

The Chief Municipal Planner informed the Committee that the issue at hand is in relation to applicant Mark & Leah Richards who have requested to construct the driveway in the floodplain. He noted that while driveways are permitted in floodplain buffers they are prohibited from floodplains. Mark and Leah Richards conducted a presentation in the hope of Council supporting their application. The presentation can be viewed in the meeting video. This matter was also referenced under item 13.2 on the agenda.

**5. Finance & Administration - Councillor Shawn Skinner**

**6. Public Works - Councillor Sandy Hickman**

**7. Community Services - Councillor Jamie Korab**

**8. Special Events - Councillor Shawn Skinner**

**9. Housing - Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary**

**10. Economic Development - Mayor Danny Breen**

**11. Tourism and Culture - Councillor Debbie Hanlon**

**11.1 Downtown Pedestrian Mall Road Closure 2021**

Supervisor of Events and Services, Jennifer Langmead, conducted a detailed presentation that supports the recommendation of staff in relation to the areas that ought to be considered for the 2021 Pedestrian Mall. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Considerable discussion took place with the following recommendation brought forward.

Recommendation

**Moved By** Councillor Hanlon

**Seconded By** Councillor Stapleton

That Council approve the following from July 2 to September 6:

1. Close Water Street from Adelaide Street to Prescott Street.
2. Due to the reasons outlined in the presentation at the March 24 Committee of the Whole, that sections 2, 4, and 5 of Duckworth Street are not included in the road closure.
3. As sections 1 and 3 have no identified barriers preventing a road closure, that Council include both of these sections in the 2021 Downtown Pedestrian Mall.

For (8): Mayor Breen, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, Councillor Collins, and Councillor Skinner

**MOTION CARRIED (8 to 0)**

**12. Governance & Strategic Priorities - Mayor Danny Breen**

**13. Planning & Development - Councillor Maggie Burton**

**13.1 142 Old Pennywell Road, REZ2000012**

Recommendation

**Moved By** Councillor Froude

**Seconded By** Councillor Hanlon

That Council consider rezoning the property at 142 Old Pennywell Road from the Residential Low Density (R1) to the Residential Medium Density (R2) Zone to allow three Townhouses; and advertise the application for public review and comment.

For (8): Mayor Breen, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, Councillor Collins, and Councillor Skinner

**MOTION CARRIED (8 to 0)**

### **13.2 Driveways in Floodplains**

This matter was discussed briefly under item 4.1 of the agenda.

#### Recommendation

**Moved By** Councillor Collins

**Seconded By** Councillor Skinner

That Council consider the attached amendment to the St. John's Development Regulations which would allow driveways, wharves and stages in a floodplain at the discretion of Council and advertise the amendment for public review and comment.

Further, that Council refer the proposed amendment to the City's Environment and Sustainability Experts Panel for review.

For (8): Mayor Breen, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, Councillor Collins, and Councillor Skinner

**MOTION CARRIED (8 to 0)**

### **13.3 Draft Heritage By-Law for Public Consultation**

#### Recommendation

**Moved By** Councillor Hickman

**Seconded By** Councillor Skinner

That Council advertise the draft Heritage By-Law for public review and comment, refer the draft Heritage By-Law to a virtual Public Meeting

chaired by an independent facilitator, and refer the draft Heritage By-Law to the Built Heritage Experts Panel.

For (8): Mayor Breen, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, Councillor Collins, and Councillor Skinner

**MOTION CARRIED (8 to 0)**

**14. Transportation and Regulatory Services & Sustainability - Councillor Ian Froude**

**14.1 Kelly's Brook Shared-Use Path - WWH**

Recommendation

**Moved By** Councillor Froude

**Seconded By** Councillor Hickman

That Council approve the following key decisions as this project moves into detailed design:

- a) use of an asphalt surface treatment for the length of Kelly's Brook Shared-Use Path
- b) pursue the Graves Street alignment option (subject to feasibility and property impact)
- c) pursue the alignment option that passes behind the Community Market (subject to feasibility and property impact)
- d) use a one-way configuration for the Empire Avenue section
- e) include illumination in the plan with a balanced approach that is sensitive to adjacent uses and minimizes dim areas immediately adjacent the trail during normal use hours
- f) include and consider accessibility in the provision of amenities such as recycling and waste receptacles, benches, pet waste stations, shade and wind-break planting, way-finding signs, shared-use guideline signs, and bike racks
- g) continue to consult with the Inclusion Advisory Committee and other stakeholders as needed during the detailed design process

For (7): Mayor Breen, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, Councillor Collins, and Councillor Skinner

**MOTION CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**14.2 Traffic Calming Policy - Update on Review**

Recommendation

**Moved By** Councillor Froude

**Seconded By** Councillor Skinner

That Council approve the 12 policy update areas noted above to proceed to public engagement prior to staff making final policy update recommendations.

For (7): Mayor Breen, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, Councillor Collins, and Councillor Skinner

**MOTION CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**15. Other Business**

**16. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:35 pm.

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Mayor