

ST. JOHN'S

Minutes of Committee of the Whole - City Council

Council Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall

July 10, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

4th Floor City Hall

Present: Mayor Danny Breen
Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary
Councillor Maggie Burton
Councillor Sandy Hickman
Councillor Debbie Hanlon
Councillor Deanne Stapleton
Councillor Jamie Korab
Councillor Ian Froude
Councillor Wally Collins

Regrets: Councillor Dave Lane
Councillor Hope Jamieson

Staff: Kevin Breen, City Manager
Derek Coffey, Deputy City Manager of Finance & Administration
Tanya Haywood, Deputy City Manager of Community Services
Cheryl Mullett, City Solicitor
Elaine Henley, City Clerk
Ken O'Brien, Chief Municipal Planner
Maureen Harvey, Legislative Assistant

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Cheryl Mullett joined the meeting at 9:09 am.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

3.1 Committee of the Whole Minutes - June 26, 2019

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Hanlon

Seconded By Councillor Collins

That the Committee of the Whole minutes dated June 26, 2019 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Presentations/Delegations**

5. **Finance & Administration - Councillor Dave Lane**

5.1 **Decision Note dated July 2, 2019 re: Shad Memorial 2019 - Luncheon Sponsorship**

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Hanlon

Seconded By Councillor Korab

That Council approve hosting a luncheon for the staff and students of Shad Memorial 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **Public Works & Sustainability - Councillor Ian Froude**

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

7.1 **Decision Note dated July 4, 2019 re: Special Event Advisory Committee Request - ibuylocal**

While the following motion suggests no further consideration of a Saturday event, Councillor Burton suggested that further discussion may be warranted given that these type of events take place in other jurisdictions on Saturdays.

Mayor Breen joined the meeting at 9:13 am.

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Korab

Seconded By Councillor Hanlon

While the request was to host a ibuylocal event on Saturday, July 27, 2019 , based on feedback from Downtown St. John's, Council approves the hosting of this event on Sunday July 28, 2019 or any Sunday. Council is not in agreement with the closure of Cliff's Baird's Cove on Water Street on Sunday, July 28, 2019 due to its importance in the transportation of cruise passengers from Pier 17 to Pier 7.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Housing - Councillor Hope Jamieson

8.1 Information Note dated June 17, 2019 re: Release of the Housing Needs Assessment Report

Judy Tobin and Simone Lily of the City's Housing Division presented the report.

The Committee concurred with the release of the Housing Needs Assessment Report which analyzes supply and demand for housing, identifies gaps, lays the foundation for supporting the Affordable Housing Strategy and sets out to develop new initiatives.

It was noted that the data and community inputs presented in the Housing Needs Assessment Report help identify specific needs in both market and non-market housing. Key recommendations have been prepared for consideration and will be explored by the Affordable Housing Working Group. To ensure that changes in the external environment are reflected in the AHS, housing needs updates will be conducted twice throughout the life of the 2019-2028 Affordable Housing Strategy.

9. Economic Development, Tourism & Culture - Sheilagh O'Leary

9.1 Information Note dated July 4, 2019 re: Laneway Public Art Animation - Craft Council of NL Partnership

The Information Note provides the Committee with an update on the laneway animation partnership between the City and the Craft Council of NL.

The City-Craft Council agreement is with the Craft Council of NL now for review and signing; as soon as that is complete, City staff will assist the Craft Council with the finalizing of the RFP for circulation as necessary and convene the aforementioned committee.

10. Governance & Strategic Priorities - Mayor Danny Breen

10.1 Decision Note dated June 28, 2019 re: Small Home Rebuilding/Extension in a City Watershed Policy

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Hickman

Seconded By Councillor Collins

That Council approve the Small Home Rebuilding/ Extension in a City Watershed Policy and the rescission of the current Development in the City's Watersheds Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 Decision Note dated July 5, 2019 re: Panel to Review Election Reform Process including Finance By-Law

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Froude

Seconded By Councillor Burton

That rather than implementing a public engagement plan, Council appoint a four-person panel to consider the CASE submission and present their commentary to Council. The report could then be used for Council to determine its next steps. The following four individuals are proposed to comprise the Panel and they provide a comprehensive cross section of expertise in the academic, administrative and political areas:

Ross Reid: former Canadian politician who most recently served as the Chief of Staff to Newfoundland and Labrador Premiers Kathy Dunderdale and Tom Marshall. Reid is a former Progressive Conservative member of Parliament who served as the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and Minister for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency under Prime Minister Kim Campbell;

Dr. Amanda Bittner: studies elections and voting in Canada. She has published research on voter turnout, immigration, as well as the impact of social cleavages and political sophistication on political attitudes. She is currently working on projects in a number of areas, including voters' attitudes about immigration; the influence of gender on public opinion and voting; and Canadian parties and elections.

Marie Ryan: Partner at Goss Gilroy Inc. Management Consultants and tireless advocate for social justice in the community, former councillor and deputy mayor. She is an advocate for inclusive citizenship and development of the housing and homelessness support services sector. She is the recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal and the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador

Dr. Steven Tomblin: is a full professor in the Department of Political Science and Medicine (Community Health) at Memorial University of Newfoundland. In addition to administrative service in the political science department, Tomblin has served as the Principal Investigator for the Atlantic Regional Training Centre.

It was noted that the intent is to have the recommendations presented to Council by September 22nd.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Planning & Development - Councillor Maggie Burton

11.1 Decision Note dated June 25, 2019 re: 336 Water Street (corner of Adelaide Street), Mary Brown's Restaurant - Mural

It was noted the Decision Note had been circulated and recommended for approval by the Built Heritage Experts Panel via an e-poll on July 4, 2019

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Burton

Seconded By Councillor Hanlon

That Council approve the proposed mural at 336 Water Street as proposed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 Decision Note dated June 28, 2019 re: 10 Merrymeeting Road, Exterior Façade Renovations

It was noted that the Decision Note was reviewed by the Built Heritage Experts Panel via e-poll and recommended for approval.

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Burton

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

That Council approve the exterior façade renovations at 10 Merrymeeting Road, as proposed. It is further recommended that any renovations to the dwelling meet the heritage standards set out in the St. John's Development Regulations

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. **Transportation - Councillor Debbie Hanlon**

13. **Other Business**

14. **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

Mayor Danny Breen/Chairperson