

ST. JOHN'S

Minutes of Committee of the Whole - City Council

Council Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall

October 16, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

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

Regrets: Councillor Maggie Burton
Councillor Dave Lane

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
Elaine Henley, City Clerk
Ken O'Brien, Chief Municipal Planner
Maureen Harvey, Legislative Assistant

Others Brian Head, Manager of Parks and Open Space
Victoria Etchegary, Manager of Organizational Performance & Strategy
Susan Bonnell, Manager of Communications & Marketing

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. **Adoption of the Minutes**

3.1 **Adoption of Minutes - October 2, 2019**

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Councillor Hickman

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 2, 2019 be approved as presented.

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4. **Presentations/Delegations**

4.1 **O'Brien's Family Farm Foundation**

Ms. Duff delivered a presentation on behalf of the O'Brien's Family Farm Foundation, a copy of which is available from the Office of the City Clerk. The presentation outlined the following:

- a. history of the farm
- b. purpose and objectives of the farm
- c. accomplishments to date
- d. existing programs and partnerships
- e. volunteer involvement
- f. community benefits of the farm and learning centre
- g. proposed design and site plan
- h. operational goals
- i. current capital budget
- j. "Room to Grow" campaign - to raise \$500,000 from private individuals, foundations and businesses with an interest in food security and links to the Irish community

The Foundation is requesting capital funding from the City in the amount of \$100,000 for construction of the Learning Centre, Agriculture Infrastructure and Land Remediation.

Mayor Breen thanked the group for their work to date and gave an assurance that the request would be brought forward for discussion as part of the City's 2020 budget process.

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

6. **Community Services & Events - Councillor Hope Jamieson**

6.1 **Decision Note dated October 7, 2019 re: Iceberg Alley Performance Tent - Three Year Approval**

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Jamieson

Seconded By Councillor Froude

That the Decision Note re: Iceberg Alley for three year approval be deferred pending staff's assurance of adequate public engagement and an opportunity to meet with the promoter.

For (7): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

Against (1): Councillor Hanlon

Abstain (1): Councillor Korab

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

8. **Economic Development, Tourism & Culture - Mayor Breen and Councillor Hanlon**

8.1 **Information Note dated September 26, 2019 re: Grants to Artists and Arts Organizations Program - Update**

The Committee considered the information note which outlines multiple changes to the criteria for selecting grants to artists and arts organizations. These changes will be in effect for the 2020 Grants Program, the submission deadline of which is November 30, 2019.

9. Governance & Strategic Priorities - Mayor Danny Breen

9.1 Information Note dated October 10, 2019 re: Strategic Plan Update

The Committee was provided with an update on progress of the 2019 Action Plan supporting the Strategic Plan that was launched in early 2019.

It was noted that planning has begun for the development of the 2020 Action Plan. Items from the 2019 Action plan with completion dates into 2020 will be incorporated into that plan.

10. Planning & Development - Councillor Maggie Burton

10.1 DN - Amendment to Rezone Land to the Commercial Downtown Mixed 2 Zone (CDM2) for a Mixed-Use Building - REZ1900009 - 96 and 100 Water Street, 205 and 209 Duckworth Street - Designated Heritage Building (former Breakwater Books and S.O.Steele Building)

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Jamieson

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

That the Decision Note regarding the Amendment to Rezone Land to the Commercial Downtown Mixed 2 Zone (CDM2) for a Mixed-Use Building be referred to the Built Heritage Experts Panel for review, prior to being considered by Council.

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10.2 Decision Note dated October 10, 2019 re: Request to Waive Fees for Community Gardens on City Land - 85 Messenger Drive.

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Froude

Seconded By Councillor Hanlon

That Council confer to the Deputy City Manager of Planning, Engineering and Regulatory Services, the authority to waive fees for community gardens.

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11. Public Works & Sustainability - Councillor Ian Froude

11.1 Decision Note dated October 1, 2019 re: Community Food Sharing Association Support

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Froude

Seconded By Councillor Korab

That the Decision Note re: Community Food Sharing Association Support be deferred to allow an opportunity for engagement with the Association and an opportunity for Council to forward any questions for clarification.

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12. Transportation - Councillor Sandy Hickman

13. Other Business

14. Adjournment

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

Mayor