

# **ST. JOHN'S**

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

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

**February 26, 2020, 9:00 a.m.**

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

Regrets: Councillor Debbie Hanlon

Staff: Kevin Breen, City Manager  
Tanya Haywood, Deputy City Manager of Community Services  
Jason Sinyard, Deputy City Manager of Planning, Engineering & Regulatory Services  
Cheryl Mullett, City Solicitor  
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 and Open Space

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

**Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Jamieson

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor O'Leary

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

For (10): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

**MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)**

**3. Adoption of the Minutes**

**3.1 Adoption of Minutes - February 12, 2020**

**Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Froude

**Seconded By** Councillor Collins

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 12, 2020 be adopted as presented.

For (10): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

**MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)**

**4. Presentations/Delegations**

**4.1 Canopy Growth Corp**

Courtney Laingle, Community Engagement Lead, Atlantic Region conducted a presentation, a copy of which is attached to the agenda. The presentation focused on:

- an over view of the operation
- locations of licensed recreational cannabis retailers in NL
- efforts of community engagement

- information about packaging and recycling of packaging products
- Tweed Collective - a social purpose initiative by CGC that funds community impact projects across Canada.
- TCo's Strategic Impact Pillars

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

**5.1 2020 Capital out of Revenue**

**Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Lane

**Seconded By** Councillor Froude

That Council:

1. approve the 2020 Capital Out of Revenue list as attached in the amount of \$10,629,792
2. approve the recommended Parks Reserve projects as attached in the amount of \$595,000

For (10): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

**MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)**

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

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

**7.1 Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program**

**Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Burton

**Seconded By** Councillor Korab

That Council approve the following changes to the low income spay/neuter program with an implementation date of March 1, 2020.

- Income eligibility updated to:
  - o Single \$25,000 or less.
  - o Combined family income \$40,000 or less.

For (10): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

**MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)**

## **7.2 Special Events Regulatory Committee – Terms of Reference**

### **Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Jamieson

**Seconded By** Councillor Burton

That Council approve the newly developed Terms of Reference for the Special Events Regulatory Committee as presented.

For (10): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

**MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)**

## **7.3 2020 Community Capital Grants Program**

### **Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Korab

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor O'Leary

That Council approve the 2020 Community Capital Grants Program in the amount of \$297,100 as attached and waive permit/development fees in the amount of \$14,059.75.

For (10): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

**MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)**

## **8. Special Events - Councillor Hope Jamieson**

**9. Housing - Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary****9.1 Non-Profit Housing Update**

Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary presented the Annual Non-Profit Housing update for informational purposes.

**10. Economic Development - Mayor Danny Breen****11. Tourism and Culture - Councillor Debbie Hanlon****12. Governance & Strategic Priorities - Mayor Danny Breen****12.1 Election Reform - Recommendations**

The Committee considered the report from the ad hoc Committee dealing with election reform.

**Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Froude

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor O'Leary

THAT Council amend the Election Finance By-Law as follows:

- Reduce the limit for a financial contribution considered a “donation” from \$250 to \$100
- Reduce the expenditure caps for each candidate from \$10,000 plus \$1.00 for each voter on the voters list, as follows:
  - Mayor \$10,000 plus .71 per voter on the voters list
  - Deputy Mayor \$10,000 plus .43 per voter on the voters list
  - Councillor at Large \$10,000 plus .14 per voter on the voters list
  - Ward Councillor \$10,000 plus .07 for each voter on the voters list
- Reduce the timeline for disclosure of campaign contributions from the current ninety (90) days to thirty (30) days post-election
- Impose a cap on corporate and union donations to 50 percent of the total allowable contributions in the 2021 election and prohibit any/all corporate and union donations beginning in the 2025 election
- Reduce corporate and trade union donations from \$2,000 to \$1,000 as is currently permitted from an individual
- Contributions can only be made to a candidate within the calendar year of the election

- Require the disclosure of expenditures in addition to the contributions

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

Against (2): Councillor Hickman, and Councillor Collins

**MOTION CARRIED (8 to 2)**

**Recommendation**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor O'Leary

**Seconded By** Councillor Korab

THAT Council approve maintaining the current structure which includes the position of mayor, deputy mayor, five ward councillors and four councillors at large.

For (10): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

**MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)**

**Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Hickman

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor O'Leary

THAT Council engage with Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) to determine whether there is a willingness to lobby the Province to change legislation to provide further voting options.

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

**MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)**

**Recommendation**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor O'Leary

**Seconded By** Councillor Jamieson

THAT Council continue to engage both the public and staff on ways to improve accessibility, diversity and increase voter turnout.

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

**MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)**

**Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Jamieson

**Seconded By** Councillor Lane

THAT Council engage with Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) to determine whether there is a willingness to lobby the Province to change legislation to permit permanent residents to vote.

For (10): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

**MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)**

**Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Korab

**Seconded By** Councillor Stapleton

That recommendation no. 6 (reduction from 30 days to 21 days as a residency requirement) be amended to engage with Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) to lobby the Provincial Government to amend the Municipal Elections Act.

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

Against (2): Councillor Burton, and Councillor Jamieson

**MOTION CARRIED (8 to 2)**

**Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Burton

**Seconded By** Councillor Froude

THAT Council, engage with Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) to lobby the Provincial Government to amend the Municipal Elections Act to reduce the residency requirements from 30 days to 21 days prior to election day.

For (10): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

**MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)**

**Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Korab

**Seconded By** Councillor Stapleton

THAT Council approve the continued use of signage in election due to its continued necessity in campaigning.

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

Against (1): Councillor Hickman

**MOTION CARRIED (9 to 1)**

**12.2 Strategic Plan 2019 Report on Progress and 2020 Action Plan (Draft)**

The City Manager provided Council with the update on the 2019 Strategic Plan and Continuous Improvement Progress Report.



**Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Jamieson

**Seconded By** Councillor Froude

That Council accept the 2019 Strategic Plan and Continuous Improvement Progress Report and approve the 2020 draft initiative plan.

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

**MOTION CARRIED (7 to 0)**

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

**13.1 Built Heritage Experts Report - February 12, 2020**

- 1. 164 Signal Hill Road  
Single Detached Dwelling  
DEV1900165**

**Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Burton

**Seconded By** Councillor Jamieson

That Council accept the Built Heritage Expert Panels recommendations for 164 Signal Hill Road that:

1. The proposed building footprint is acceptable
2. A two-storey house is acceptable at this site, however,
  1. The proposed overall height should be reduced to mitigate any negative impacts of view for neighbours;
  2. The design should be changed to incorporate a low-sloping gable or hipped roof, in keeping with other houses in the neighbourhood.
  3. The design, materials and windows should be in keeping with the character of the Battery Neighborhood.

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

**MOTION CARRIED (7 to 0)****14. Transportation and Regulatory Services - Councillor Sandy Hickman****15. Other Business****15.1 2020 Community Grants Program**

Councillors Hickman and Burton, having declared a conflict of interest in this matter, vacated the chambers discussion and the vote.

**Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Korab

**Seconded By** Councillor Jamieson

Council approve the 2020 Grant Allocations for Community, Sport, Special Events and Festivals, Artists and Artist Organizations as attached and in the following amounts:

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Community Groups             | \$723,100   |
| Sports Groups                | \$177,500   |
| Artists & Art Organizations  | \$267,500   |
| Special Events and Festivals | \$93,250    |
| Total                        | \$1,261,800 |

For (6): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Froude

**MOTION CARRIED (6 to 0)****16. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:09 pm

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Mayor