ST. JOHN'S

Minutes of Regular Meeting - City Council

Council Chamber, 4th Floor, City Hall

March 17, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

Present:	Mayor Danny Breen Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary Councillor Maggie Burton Councillor Sandy Hickman Councillor Debbie Hanlon Councillor Deanne Stapleton Councillor Hope Jamieson Councillor Jamie Korab Councillor Ian Froude Councillor Wally Collins
Regrets:	Councillor Dave Lane
Staff:	Kevin Breen, City Manager Jason Sinyard, Deputy City Manager of Planning, Engineering & Regulatory Services Cheryl Mullett, City Solicitor Elaine Henley, City Clerk 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

SJMC-R-2020-03-17/143
Moved By Councillor Collins
Seconded By Councillor Stapleton

That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Adoption of Minutes - March 9, 2020

SJMC-R-2020-03-17/144
Moved By Councillor Korab
Seconded By Councillor Froude

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 9, 2020 be adopted as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Parks By-Law (Amendment No. 1-2020)

Amendment to Parks By-Law to allow use of canoes, kayaks and paddleboards on Quidi Vidi Lake on the weekends from June to September.

SJMC-R-2020-03-17/145
Moved By Councillor Hickman
Seconded By Councillor Collins

That the Parks By-Law amendment be deferred

For (4): Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

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

MOTION LOST (4 to 6)

SJMC-R-2020-03-17/146
Moved By Councillor Jamieson
Seconded By Councillor Collins

That Council approve St. John's Parks (Amendment No. 1-2020) By-Law which provides for the following:

The following is added to the St. John’s Parks By-Law as section 11.1:

“11.1 Notwithstanding section 11, persons may operate canoes, kayaks and paddle boards on Quidi Vidi Lake from 12 noon on Saturdays to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays during the months of June through September, inclusive, without the permission of the Regatta Committee

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

Against (2): Councillor Hickman, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (8 to 2)

6. NOTICES PUBLISHED

6.1 Notices Published for the week of March 17, 2020

1. 161 Sugarloaf Road - Rural (R) Zone - Ward 2

Application
An Extension to Non-Conforming Use application has been submitted requesting permission to add an extension to the dwelling and to construct an accessory building.

Description
The total proposed floor area of the extension is 26.9m2. The existing dwelling has a floor area of 62.8m2. The proposed accessory building will have a floor area of 44.6m2.

SJMC-R-2020-03-17/147
Moved By Councillor Jamieson
Seconded By Councillor Collins

That Council approve the application for a non-conforming use regarding an extension to the dwelling and approval to construct an accessory building at 161 Sugarloaf Road be approved subject to all applicable City requirements.

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

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)

2. 109 Winslow Street - Residential Low Density (R1) Zone - Ward 3

Application
A Discretionary Use application has been submitted for a Home Occupation for Yana Wellness at 109 Winslow Street.

Description
The business is a holistic healing program for mental health and addictions using such practices as Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) Tapping, Reiki, Cognitive Based Therapy and Dialectical Based Therapy. Clients will be seen from 12 – 4 p.m. daily with 1 client per session and 15-30 minutes between sessions. The applicant will be the sole employee. On-site parking is not provided.

8 submissions received

SJMC-R-2020-03-17/148
Moved By Councillor Korab
Seconded By Councillor Froude

That Council approve the Discretionary Use application for a Home Occupation for Yana Wellness at 109 Winslow Street subject to all applicable City requirements.

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

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Special Events Regulatory Committee Report

SJMC-R-2020-03-17/149

That Council approve the hosting of the Relic Supply Snowjam Festival at Victoria Park on March 28, 2020 subject to the organizers being able to secure the required liability insurance and subject to other conditions as set out by the Special Events Regulatory Committee.

7.2 Development Committee Report - March 10, 2020

1. Request for 10% Variance on Lot Frontage
48 Mercer's Drive
SUB15

SJMC-R-2020-03-17/150
Moved By Councillor Burton
Seconded By Councillor Stapleton

THAT Council approve the 10% Lot Variance on the proposed lot in order to accommodate the subdivide of 48 Mercer's Drive to create that proposed lot

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

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)

2. Establish Building line for proposed subdivide
47 Bell's Turn
SUB2000005

SJMC-R-2020-03-17/151
Moved By Councillor Burton
Seconded By Councillor Collins

That Council approve the proposed 10.14 meter building line at 47 Bell's Turn to allow for the subdivide of the building lot.

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

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)

8. DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

8.1 Development Permits List

9. BUILDING PERMITS LIST

9.1 Building Permits List for week of March 17, 2020

SJMC-R-2020-03-17/152
Moved By Councillor Stapleton
Seconded By Councillor Jamieson

That Council approve the Building Permits list as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)

10. REQUISITIONS, PAYROLLS AND ACCOUNTS

10.1 Weekly Payment Vouchers for week ending March 11, 2020

SJMC-R-2020-03-17/153
Moved By Councillor Froude
Seconded By Councillor Stapleton

That Council approve the Weekly Payment Vouchers for the week ending March 11, 2020 in the amount of $5,288,108.03.

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

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)

11. TENDERS/RFPS

11.1 Bid Approval Note 2020027 - Water Street Infrastructure Improvements, Phase II Ayre's Cove to Clift's-Baird's Cove

Ratification of E-Poll

SJMC-R-2020-03-17/154
Moved By Councillor Froude
Seconded By Councillor Hickman

That Council approve the award of Bid Approval 2020027 for Water Street Infrastructure Improvements, Phase III Ayre's Cove to Clift's-Baird's Cove in the amount of $3,667,338.50 (HST included), the lowest qualified bidder meeting specifications as per the Public Procurement Act.

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

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION, RESOLUTIONS QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 2020 Capital Grant Request

SJMC-R-2020-03-17/155
Moved By Councillor Korab
Seconded By Councillor Froude

That Council approve the 2020 Capital Grant request for MacMorran Community Centre to the value of $10,000.

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

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)

13.2 Coronavirus - Covid 19

Mayor Breen gave an update on precautionary measures being undertaken to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of St. John’s is activating its Business Continuity Plan and taking measures to proactively help prevent the spread of the virus. Following advice from public health officials, the City will be concentrating on work-from-home and remote deployment solutions for our staff to increase social distancing.

While City Hall will not close at this time, the City is asking members of the general public to avoid visiting City facilities and to conduct business online or over the phone, where possible. Residents can continue to contact the City through the Access Centre in the following ways:
•Report problems via our free 311 St. John's app
•Submit a service request online
•Email access@stjohns.ca
•Call 311 or 754-CITY (2489)

Up-to-date closures, cancellations and other timely information is available on the City's website including the following:
•All public meetings and events hosted by the City are cancelled until further notice.
•Council meetings will occur and be webcast, but are closed to the public
•Suspension of recycling collection for the next two weeks (up to and including Friday, March 27)
•Limited access to the Animal Care & Adoption Centre; inquire at 576-6126 or humaneservices@stjohns.ca
•Facility closures, until further notice:

- All Community Centres and recreation facilities, including The Loop, are closed
- All recreation programs, including after school care, are cancelled
- The Welcome Centre, 348 Water Street, is closed
- The City Archives, 15 Terra Nova Road, is closed
- The Railway Coastal Museum is closed

In addition to the closures and cancellations announced last week the City is further announcing the following:
•Suspension of recycling collection for the next two weeks.
•Limited access to Humane Services; please call ahead to arrange a time to pick up pets, as part of an adoption or to collect a lost animal.
•The City Archives building at (15 Terra Nova Road) is closed to the public until further notice.

Mayor Breen also acknowledged the economic impact this situation is creating noting that the recent state of emergency arising from multiple severe snow events this past winter has already negatively impacted business. He indicated that he will be meeting with his counterparts across the country along with the Deputy Prime Minister with the hope that federal financial relief will be made available as soon as possible.

Mayor Breen concluded by encouraging members of the public to stay safe and follow the protocols set down by both the Provincial and Federal Governments.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:39 pm.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK