

ST. JOHN'S

Minutes of Committee of the Whole - City Council

Council Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall

September 16, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

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

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
Susan Bonnell, Manager - Communications & Office Services
Elaine Henley, City Clerk
Shanna Fitzgerald, Legislative Assistant
Brian Head, Manager - Parks & Open Spaces
David Crowe, Manager - Roads
Blair McDonald, Manager - Fleet
Ann Marie Cashin, Planner III - Urban Design and Heritage
Simone Lilly, Affordable Housing & Development Facilitator

Others: Dr. Daniel Fuller, Assistant Professor and Canada Research Chair in Population Physical Activity at Memorial University

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

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Hickman

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 Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)

3. Adoption of the Minutes

3.1 Adoption of Minutes - September 2, 2020

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Lane

Seconded By Councillor Collins

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 2, 2020 be adopted as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)

4. Presentations/Delegations

4.1 Dr. Daniel Fuller - Economic Benefit of Walking in St. John's

Dr. Daniel Fuller, Assistant Professor and Canada Research Chair in Population Physical Activity at Memorial University, was in attendance to present the economic benefit of walking in St. John's. He presented a report he published called "Health and Economic Benefits of Walking in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador".

The report is available for download here:

<http://www.beaplab.com/home/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/HEAT-St-Johns.pdf>

5. Finance & Administration - Councillor Dave Lane

6. Public Works & Sustainability - Councillor Ian Froude**6.1 Syme's Bridge Closure to Vehicular Traffic****Recommendation****Moved By** Councillor Korab**Seconded By** Councillor Collins

That Council grant approval to close Syme's Bridge to vehicular traffic. If possible, convert the bridge to pedestrian only until such time that it requires removal due to safety concerns. Further, that the decision is brought back to Council before removal of the bridge due to safety concerns.

That Council also grant approval for development in the floodplain for the required turn-a-round areas.

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

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)**6.2 Sidewalk Snow Clearing Service Levels**

Council debated changes to the current sidewalk snow clearing program. After extensive discussion, concern was raised that the full economic impact of the pandemic is not yet known.

Recommendation**Moved By** Councillor Froude**Seconded By** Councillor Lane

That in the coming weeks, staff put forward a plan:

- To ensure resources are used efficiently on the most important routes: that staff review the priorities of sidewalks, laneways and stairways with recommendations to Council this fall on changes to make.
- To address the quality of the clearing of sidewalks, as it's sometimes that the area of grass or curb adjacent to the sidewalk is cleared, which makes for a poor quality pathway.
- The enforcement of existing bylaws that prohibits obstruction of a sidewalk by snow removal.

- And whether there is a potential deprioritization of some side roads, to free up resources.

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

Against (2): Councillor Hanlon, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (8 to 2)

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Froude

Seconded By Councillor Burton

That Council increase the budget for this coming winter in the direction of option 4 and 2 on this list. This would spend up to \$900,000 on equipment from capital funds, and up to \$450,000 in operating funds with a balance of roughly $\frac{1}{3}$ on intersection clearing and $\frac{2}{3}$ on sidewalk snow clearing.

For (3): Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, and Councillor Froude

Against (7): Mayor Breen, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Collins

MOTION LOST (3 to 7)

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Froude

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

That Council consider all options in this list for winter 2021-22, and that the decision note is referred to the budget process.

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

Against (1): Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 1)

7. Community Services - Councillor Jamie Korab

8. **Special Events - Councillor Debbie Hanlon**

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

9.1 **Division Name and Mandate Review**

Recommendation

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

Seconded By Councillor Burton

That Council rename the 'Non Profit Housing Division' as the 'Housing Division' and that Council adopt the Division's mandate to 'provide affordable housing to residents of St. John's and lead the City's commitments in the housing and homelessness sectors'.

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

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)

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

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

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

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

13.1 **138 Ladysmith Drive - MPA200000**

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Burton

Seconded By Councillor Froude

That Council consider rezoning the property at 138 Ladysmith Drive from the Residential Narrow Lot (RNL) Zone to the Apartment Medium Density (A2) Zone; and advertise the application for public review and comment.

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

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)

13.2 42-52 Diamond Marsh Drive - MPA2000002

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Burton

Seconded By Councillor Collins

That Council consider rezoning land at 42-52 Diamond Marsh Drive from the Open Space (O) Zone to the Residential Low Density (R1) Zone and advertise the application for public review and comment. Further, that this matter be referred to the Environment and Sustainability Experts Panel.

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

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)

14. Transportation and Regulatory Services - Councillor Sandy Hickman

15. Other Business

16. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.

Mayor