

ST. JOHN'S

Minutes of Committee of the Whole - City Council

Council Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall

September 30, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

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

Regrets: Councillor Maggie Burton
Councillor Ian Froude

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 Edmundo Fausto, Sustainability Coordinator
Shelley Pardy, Marketing & Communications
Katie Philpott, Legal Counsel

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved By Councillor Korab
Seconded By Councillor Hanlon

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

3.1 Adoption of Minutes - September 16, 2020

Recommendation

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Leary
Seconded By Councillor Stapleton

That the minutes of Committee of the Whole of September 16, 2020 be adopted as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED (8 to 0)

4. Presentations/Delegations

4.1 SJCC Economic Impact

CEO Sheena McCrate and Operations Manager of SJCC, Michelle Eagles were in attendance. Ms. Eagles proceeded to conduct a presentation to the Committee on the economic impact of events for St. John's Convention Centre. A copy of this presentation is included in the agenda.

It was noted that in 2019 SJSEL partnered with Destination St. John's in the purchase of an Economic Impact Calculator which allows for accurate estimates of economic impact for events hosted by SJSEL. The need for this calculator was identified in the SJCC Tactical Plan with both the Board and DSJ wishing to measure key performance indicators that will assist in decisions for future events.

The Committee thanked the delegation for the information and concurred with the value of this measuring tool which will be used in predicting economic impact when bidding on events on a go forward basis.

4.2 World Council on City Data - Benchmarking

James Patava, Vice President and Patricia McCarney, President and CEO of World Council on City Data (WCCD) were in attendance for this portion of the meeting.

They reported that the City of St. John's has received World Council on City Data (WCCD) ISO 37120 Platinum Certification. This international recognition is awarded to cities that reach the highest standard in collecting, sharing, and using data to effectively make decisions. Reporting over 90 of the 104 indicators within WCCD's ISO 37120 standard, the City of St. John's is among a select group of global cities reporting at the highest platinum level.

Participation in this national initiative is supported by the Federal Ministry of Infrastructure and Communities through the WCCD's '[Data for Canadian Cities Project](#)'. This Project effectively doubles the number of Canadian cities in the WCCD network to thirty – allowing for “apples to apples” comparisons across the country, and globally. This project helps the participating cities become certified for three years under ISO 37120, the world's first international standard for city data. As the project continues in years two and three, a significant focus will be placed on assisting the participating municipalities in using the data to improve city services and quality of life for citizens.

"All communities, large and small, need good data to plan and build modern public infrastructure," said The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities. "Meeting global data standards is critical. Through the Data for Canadian Cities Project, in partnership with the World Council on City Data, we've been helping municipal leaders in a number of communities across Canada do just that. I am delighted that the City of St. John's has obtained the ISO standard for municipal data. This will help the City plan projects with quality data and will help guide evidence-based decision-making. Canada's infrastructure plan invests in thousands of projects, creates jobs across the country and builds stronger communities."

"The City of St. John's has a well-deserved reputation for balancing its strong sense of heritage with the needs of a modern urban population,"

said WCCD President and CEO, Dr. Patricia McCarney. “The City's participation in the Data for Canadian Cities Project is a perfect demonstration of this commitment. In harnessing standardized, globally comparable and independently verified city data, Mayor Breen and the City Council are underlining their commitment to evidence-based, data-driven decision making to create a more sustainable, smart, resilient, prosperous and inclusive future for city residents. On behalf of the WCCD, it is my pleasure to congratulate Mayor Breen, City Council and the truly dedicated City Staff on their WCCD ISO 37120 Platinum Certification.”

St. John's joins one hundred cities around the world in measuring indicators like air quality, electricity use, how close people are to public services, and population density. This data will be used to assess how cities are tackling challenges like climate change and identify the solutions that are working well.

“Participating in this initiative means that the City of St. John's will have an opportunity to share our successes with other municipalities and learn from best practices around the world,” said Mayor Danny Breen. “We are committed to making strong and effective decisions, based on evidence, that ensure our city is sustainable, now and into the future.”

Data collected in 2018 is now available on the City's website. Staff have begun compiling data for the 2019 report. For more information about the World Council on City Data (WCCD) and the certification, visit dataforcities.org

About the WCCD

The World Council on City Data (WCCD) was founded in 2014 and exists to help communities of all sizes - in Canada and across the globe - to embrace standardized, independently verified, and globally comparable city data to become more sustainable, resilient, prosperous inclusive and smart. Since its founding, the WCCD has been working with 100 cities worldwide and has helped these cities to adopt ISO 37120, the first international standard for city data. The WCCD and ISO 37120 are a truly “Made in Canada” initiative – with their ultimate creation primarily spearheaded by Canadian urban thinkers and city leaders. The standard includes 104 indicators across 19 themes and standardizes data to measure progress on a set of city services and quality of life. ISO 37120 provides cities with quantitative, globally comparable and independently verified local-level data enabling any city, of any size, to measure and compare its social, economic, and environmental progress internally year

over year, and also in relation to other peer cities locally and globally. The WCCD Global Network includes one hundred cities across more than thirty countries. The WCCD is now implementing three international standards referred to as the ISO 37120 Series – that includes ISO 37120 as the base document and two new standards: ISO 37122 – Indicators for Smart Cities and ISO 37123 – Indicators for Resilient Cities.

About the ISO 37120 standard

The WCCD administered ISO 37120 is a globally standardized data set that measures quality of life and delivery of municipal services, and its creation was primarily spearheaded by Canadian urban leaders. The data within ISO 37120 enables Canadian municipalities to compare their progress with their counterparts across the country and around the world, according to nineteen city service and quality of life thematic areas. These themes include the environment, economy, education, governance, finance, transportation, recreation, and health, amongst others. Data compiled through this standard supports municipalities to better plan and implement infrastructure investments and measure the impacts of those investments on economic prosperity and the quality of life of their residents.

The Committee thanked the organization for this honour and commended staff on a job well done, working with the organization to bring this distinction to fruition.

5. Finance & Administration - Councillor Dave Lane

5.1 Asset Management Policy

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Hickman

Seconded By Councillor Hanlon

That Council approve the Asset Management Policy

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

MOTION CARRIED (7 to 0)

6. Public Works & Sustainability - Councillor Ian Froude

6.1 Community Energy Transition Economic Analysis

Edmundo Fausto presented the decision note.

Recommendation

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

Seconded By Councillor Hanlon

That Council support the development of a Community Energy Transition Model to inform the economic perspectives of the Resilient St. John's Climate Plan.

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

MOTION CARRIED (7 to 0)

7. Community Services - Councillor Jamie Korab

8. Special Events - Councillor Debbie Hanlon

9. Housing - Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary

9.1 Affordable Housing Working Group - Reporting

Recommendation

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

Seconded By Councillor Stapleton

That Council approve a new reporting process for the Affordable Housing Working Group (AHWG).

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

MOTION CARRIED (7 to 0)

10. Economic Development - Mayor Danny Breen

11. Tourism and Culture - Councillor Debbie Hanlon

11.1 Membership for Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Hanlon

Seconded By Councillor Stapleton

That Council appoint the following members as per the selection review process already undertaken:

- One vacancy representing a Dance organization;

Lynn Panting (Untellable Movement Theatre)

- One vacancy representing a Cultural, Indigenous and Intangible Cultural Heritage organization;

Lloydetta Quaicoe (Sharing Our Cultures Inc.)

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

MOTION CARRIED (7 to 0)

12. Governance & Strategic Priorities - Mayor Danny Breen

13. Planning & Development - Councillor Maggie Burton

13.1 52 Stamp's Lane, REZ2000006

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Korab

Seconded By Councillor Hickman

That Council consider a text amendment to the St. John's Development Regulations to revise the definition of Subsidiary Apartment, and advertise the proposed amendment for public review and comment.

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

MOTION CARRIED (7 to 0)

13.2 314-316 LeMarchant Road, MPA 2000008

Recommendation

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

Seconded By Councillor Korab

That Council consider amendments to the St. John's Municipal Plan and Development Regulations to rezone land from the Commercial Industrial (CI) Zone to the Apartment High Density (A3) Zone at 314-316 LeMarchant Road for an 80-unit Apartment Building, and approve the attached draft terms of reference for a Land Use Assessment Report to consider an Apartment Building at this location.

Further, upon receiving a satisfactory Land Use Assessment Report, that Council refer the application to a digital Public Meeting chaired by an independent facilitator for public input and feedback.

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

MOTION CARRIED (7 to 0)

13.3 New Sign By-Law

Katie Philpott, Legal Counsel presented this information to the Committee. Following the vote on the motion staff was asked to give consideration in budget discussions for an increase in fees for mobile signs.

Recommendation

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

Seconded By Councillor Korab

That Council enact the new Sign By-Law.

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

Against (1): Councillor Hickman

MOTION CARRIED (6 to 1)

14. Transportation and Regulatory Services - Councillor Sandy Hickman

14.1 Centre for Hope Springdale Street Parking Change

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Hickman

Seconded By Councillor Hanlon

That Council allocate the on-street parking on Springdale adjacent the Centre for Hope to 30 min parking between 8AM and 6PM, Monday to Friday.

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

MOTION CARRIED (7 to 0)

15. Other Business

15.1 Downtown Pedestrian Mall Pilot Project - Public Engagement

Councillor Hanlon reported that the Downtown Pedestrian Mall Pilot Project Engagement has commenced. Feedback will be accepted until October 9, 2020.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm

Mayor