

ST. JOHN'S

Minutes of Regular Meeting - City Council

Council Chamber, 4th Floor, City Hall

April 19, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: Councillor Maggie Burton

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
Cheryl Mullett, City Solicitor
Susan Bonnell, Manager - Communications & Office Services
Elaine Henley, City Clerk
Ken O'Brien, Chief Municipal Planner
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**

2.1 **National Poetry Month - Anna Swanson**

In recognition of National Poetry Month, Anna Swanson participated in the meeting by reading a poem.

2.2 **Volunteer Week Proclamation and Awards**

Mayor Breen ready the proclamation into the record and presented the youth and adult award for Building Healthy Communities Volunteer to the following recipients:

- a. Hanna Murphy - Youth
- b. Charlie Murphy - Adult

2.3 **Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Mayor Breen welcomed Bev Moore-Davis read the attached proclamation into the record - Miles for Smiles Foundation.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

3.1 **Adoption of Agenda**

SJMC-R-2021-04-19/167

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Councillor Froude

That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

4. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

4.1 **Adoption of Minutes - April 12, 2021**

SJMC-R-2021-04-19/168

Moved By Councillor Skinner

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

That the minutes be adopted as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

6.1 Request for Rear Yard Variance – 6 Spruce Grove Avenue – INT2100027

SJMC-R-2021-04-19/169

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Councillor Hickman

That Council approve the 7.6% Variance to allow a 5.54 metre Rear Yard setback at 6 Spruce Grove Avenue, to accommodate the rear extension of a Single Detached Dwelling.

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

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

6.2 Outdoor Eating Area and Lounge – 115 Duckworth Street – DEV2100034

SJMC-R-2021-04-19/170

Moved By Councillor Skinner

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

That Council approve the application for an Outdoor Eating Area and Lounge at 115 Duckworth Street, subject to all applicable requirements.

The use of outdoor speakers will not be permitted. It is also recommended that Council approve the temporary parking relief for 6 parking spaces to accommodate the Outdoor Eating Area and Lounge.

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

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

6.3 Discretionary Use – 19 King’s Bridge Road – DEV2100027

SJMC-R-2021-04-19/171

Moved By Councillor Skinner

Seconded By Councillor Hanlon

That Council approve the application for Office Use at 19 King’s Bridge Road, subject to all applicable requirements.

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

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Committee of the Whole Report - April 7, 2021

1. Interest Free Payment Plan

SJMC-R-2021-04-19/172

Moved By Councillor Skinner

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

That Council approve the creation of a monthly interest free payment program for residential taxpayers whose accounts are current and are set up for a preauthorized payment option only. This option would become effective April 1, 2021.

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

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

2. Affordable Housing Catalyst Grant Allocations 2021

SJMC-R-2021-04-19/173

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

Seconded By Councillor Skinner

That Council approve the recommended 2021 Housing Catalyst Grant allocations and retain the unawarded amount to the 2022 grant cycle.

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

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

3. 130 Aberdeen Avenue, MPA1900006

SJMC-R-2021-04-19/174

Moved By Councillor Stapleton

Seconded By Councillor Hickman

That Council:

1) consider rezoning the property at 130 Aberdeen Avenue from the Commercial Regional (CR) Zone to the Apartment Medium Density (A2) and Residential High Density (R3) Zones to allow a residential development containing single detached dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, townhouses and apartment buildings; and following staff review, advertise the application for public review and comment;

2) direct staff to work with the St. John's International Airport Authority and the Province to determine the best approach to update the airport noise (NEF) maps and policies and bring back recommendations to Council; and

3) defer any future rezoning applications for new residential development within the 30 NEF line until Council makes a decision on new NEF maps and policies.

For (7): Mayor Breen, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, Councillor Collins, and Councillor Skinner

Against (2): Deputy Mayor O'Leary, and Councillor Froude

MOTION CARRIED (7 to 2)

4. Re-Imagine Churchill Square Concept Plan

SJMC-R-2021-04-19/175

Moved By Councillor Froude

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

That Council approve the proposed Re-imagine Churchill Square concept plan and it be referred for future capital works consideration to proceed with the detailed design and construction as funding becomes available.

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

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

8. DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

8.1 Development Permits List April 8 - 14, 2021

9. BUILDING PERMITS LIST (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

9.1 Building Permits List for week of April 14, 2021

10. REQUISITIONS, PAYROLLS AND ACCOUNTS

10.1 Weekly Payment Vouchers for the Week Ending April 14, 2021

SJMC-R-2021-04-19/176

Moved By Councillor Skinner

Seconded By Councillor Stapleton

That the weekly payment vouchers for the week ending April 14, 2021 in the amount of \$24,804,358.88 be approved as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

11. TENDERS/RFPS

11.1 2021011 Windsor Lake Water Treatment Plant Building Extension for Lime System Upgrade

SJMC-R-2021-04-19/177

Moved By Councillor Hickman

Seconded By Councillor Stapleton

That Council award this open call to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Cahill-Lindsay Partnership, for \$7,527,900.00 (HST included) as per the Public Procurement Act.

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

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

11.2 2021050 – Self Contained Snowblower Attachments

SJMC-R-2021-04-19/178

Moved By Councillor Hickman

Seconded By Councillor Skinner

That Council award open call 2021050 – Self Contained Snow Blower Attachments to the lowest bidder meeting specification, Vohl Inc., as per the Public Procurement Act, for \$299,998.00 plus HST.

Delivery date shall be within 6 months from purchase order date.

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

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

11.3 2021066 – Sweeper, 2021 or Newer

SJMC-R-2021-04-19/179

Moved By Councillor Hickman

Seconded By Councillor Froude

That Council award open call 2021066 – Sweeper, 2021 or Newer to the lowest bidder meeting specification, Saunders Equipment, as per the Public Procurement Act, for \$321,750.00 plus HST.

Delivery date shall be within 1 year from purchase order date.

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

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

11.4 2021039 - Glass Cleaning for Various City Buildings

SJMC-R-2021-04-19/180

Moved By Councillor Hickman

Seconded By Councillor Hanlon

That Council award this open call to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, 2298679 Ontario Inc., for \$77,096.00 per year (HST Included) as per the Public Procurement Act.

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

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION, RESOLUTIONS QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 2021 Civic Improvement Assessment Rates

SJMC-R-2021-04-19/181

Moved By Councillor Skinner

Seconded By Councillor Froude

That Council approve the assessment rates for 2021.

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

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

13.2 22 Shaw Street – Adoption – REZ2000013

SJMC-R-2021-04-19/182

Moved By Councillor Korab

Seconded By Councillor Hickman

That Council defer the recommendation to adopt St. John's Development Regulations Amendment Number 718, 2021, which will rezone property at 22 Shaw Street from the Residential Special (RA) Zone to the Residential High Density (R3) Zone, pending the scheduling of a public meeting to facilitate feedback from the developer and residents.

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

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

13.3 Membership for the Affordable Housing Working Group

SJMC-R-2021-04-19/183

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

Seconded By Councillor Skinner

That Council appoint Sandra Whiffen of Habitat for Humanity Newfoundland and Labrador to the Affordable Housing Working Group.

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

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

14. ACTION ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCIL

Councillor Collins: requested staff review the problem of traffic congestion at the elementary school located at Doyle's Road.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK