

ST. JOHN'S

Minutes of Committee of the Whole - City Council

Council Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall

November 17, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Present:	Mayor Danny Breen Councillor Ron Ellsworth Councillor Sandy Hickman Councillor Jill Bruce Councillor Ophelia Ravencroft Councillor Jamie Korab Councillor Ian Froude Councillor Carl Ridgeley
Regrets:	Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary Councillor Maggie Burton Councillor Debbie Hanlon
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 Karen Chafe, City Clerk Jennifer Squires, Legislative Assistant Christine Carter, Legislative Assistant
Others	Edmundo Fausto, Sustainability Coordinator Kelly MacGuire, Communications and Public Relations Officer

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Danny Breen called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved By Councillor Ravencroft

Seconded By Councillor Bruce

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3. **Adoption of the Minutes**

3.1 **Adoption of Minutes - November 3, 2021**

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Froude

Seconded By Councillor Ellsworth

That the minutes of November 3, 2021, be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4. **Presentations/Delegations**

5. **Finance & Administration - Councillor Ron Ellsworth**

6. **Public Works - Councillor Sandy Hickman**

7. **Community Services - Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary**

7.1 **2021 Downtown Pedestrian Mall Review**

Deputy City Manager of Community Services presented the 'What We Heard' document from the Downtown Pedestrian Mall, highlighting some of the key takeaways from the feedback received.

Some highlights included the top three reasons that citizens went to the Downtown Pedestrian Mall which were to stroll, dine or shop, with the popular times being between 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm. The overall satisfaction was high, with some areas being more popular than others. Some businesses on Duckworth Street didn't feel they were a part of the Downtown Pedestrian Mall.

The report will be evaluated and a recommendation will be brought forward for Council's consideration for 2022, including how it can be combined with Come Home Year celebrations and other events for 2022.

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

9. **Housing - Councillor Ophelia Ravencroft**

10. **Economic Development, Tourism & Immigration - Mayor Danny Breen**

- 11. **Arts & Culture - Councillor Debbie Hanlon**
- 12. **Governance & Strategic Priorities - Mayor Danny Breen**
- 13. **Planning - Councillor Ian Froude**
- 14. **Development - Councillor Jamie Korab**
- 15. **Transportation and Regulatory Services - Councillor Maggie Burton**
- 16. **Sustainability - Councillor Maggie Burton & Councillor Ian Froude**

16.1 Resilient St John's Community Climate Plan Update

Mr. Edmundo Fausto, Sustainability Coordinator for the City of St. John's presented the Resilient St. John's Community Climate Plan Update.

Members of Council highlighted the important work that is being done, the cooperation with outside partners who are working together to curb the effects of Climate Change and they look forward to public's feedback on the plan.

The City Manager acknowledged and thanked Mr. Fausto for the great work and added that he has become a real leader in the community on Climate Change and rallying support.

17. Other Business

17.1 Update: International Urban and Regional Cooperation Program

The City Manager gave an update on the International Urban and Regional Cooperation Program.

On May 25, 2021, Council agreed to approve the City of St. John's application to be considered for the European Union's International Urban Regional and Cooperation program. St. John's was accepted to the program and has been paired with Braga, Portugal.

The objectives of the program are to enhance knowledge transfer, learning in several areas ranging from circular economy, social inclusion, urban regeneration, energy consumption, smart city solutions etc.

Program meetings have begun, and key thematic areas being refined. Online workshops and study tour programs will be developed in the coming months.

Ms. Elizabeth Lawrence, Director of Economic Development, Culture and Partnerships, added that the City is one of only 3 Canadian cities that are in the program, Ottawa and Windsor are also participating. The program gives participants an international spectrum of cities, access to other city's best practices, and it is a great opportunity to learn and grow and to share what we are doing with the world.

It is a 2-year program, ending in 2023.

17.2 City of St. John's Emergency Management Plan

The City Manager presented the City of St. John's Emergency Management Plan.

As part of the City's legislative requirement under the Provincial Emergency Services Act an updated Emergency Management Plan is to be submitted to Fire and Emergency Services, Province of Newfoundland and Labrador every five (5) years.

The City of St. John's Emergency Management Plan – 2021(The Plan) includes updates to the roles and responsibilities section, listing of City facilities to be used as shelters and was reviewed to ensure consistent use of terminology. These changes have been made and reviewed by member departments of the Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) Committee, was reviewed and approved by the Province and finally requires Council approval prior to final signature by the Mayor.

The question was asked whether any changes or highlights were added that came from lessons learned from 2019 Snowmageddon and Covid -19 have been modified in this plan. The City Manager responded that many, particularly from Snowmageddon have been incorporated which were lessons learned and communications.

Moved By Councillor Ridgeley

Seconded By Councillor Hickman

That Council approve the City of St. John's Emergency Management Plan - 2021

MOTION CARRIED

18. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Mayor Danny Breen