

ST. JOHN'S

Minutes of Regular Meeting - City Council Council Chamber, 4th Floor, City Hall

February 6, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Sandy Hickman
Councillor Ron Ellsworth
Councillor Debbie Hanlon
Councillor Jill Bruce
Councillor Ian Froude
Councillor Carl Ridgeley

Regrets: Mayor Danny Breen
Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary
Councillor Maggie Burton
Councillor Ophelia Ravencroft
Councillor Jamie Korab

Staff: Kevin Breen, City Manager
Derek Coffey, Deputy City Manager of Finance & Administration
Tanya Haywood, Deputy City Manager of Community Services
Lynnann Winsor, Deputy City Manager of Public Works
Cheryl Mullett, City Solicitor
Ken O'Brien, Chief Municipal Planner
Karen Chafe, City Clerk
Kelly Maguire, Public Relations & Marketing Officer
Christine Carter, 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**

In the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's absence, Councillor Sandy Hickman called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

2. **PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

2.1 Violence Prevention Month 2023

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

3.1 **Adoption of Agenda**

SJMC-R-2023-01-30/47

Moved By Councillor Ridgeley

Seconded By Councillor Bruce

That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

For (6): Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (6 to 0)

4. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

4.1 **Adoption of Minutes**

SJMC-R-2023-01-30/48

Moved By Councillor Ellsworth

Seconded By Councillor Bruce

That the minutes of January 30, 2023, be adopted as presented.

For (6): Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (6 to 0)

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6. **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

6.1 **Notices Published – 607 Topsail Road - DEV2200179**

SJMC-R-2023-01-30/49

Moved By Councillor Ellsworth

Seconded By Councillor Hanlon

That Council approve the Discretionary Use application for a Home Occupation at 607 Topsail Road to allow a registered massage therapy practice.

For (6): Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.2 Notices Published – 35 Major’s Path - DEV2200154

SJMC-R-2023-01-30/50

Moved By Councillor Ellsworth

Seconded By Councillor Bruce

That Council approve the Discretionary Use application for a Clinic at 35 Major’s Path.

For (6): Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.3 Notices Published – 254 Pennywell Road - DEV2200174

SJMC-R-2023-01-30/51

Moved By Councillor Ellsworth

Seconded By Councillor Hanlon

That Council approve the Change of Non-Conforming Use application for a Service Shop and Retail Use for the repair of musical instruments and retail sales at 254 Pennywell Road.

For (6): Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.4 Development in the Floodplain Buffer - 716 Water Street – DEV2200111

SJMC-R-2023-01-30/52

Moved By Councillor Ellsworth

Seconded By Councillor Hanlon

That Council approve the servicing of a private development within the Floodplain Buffer at 716 Water Street.

For (6): Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (6 to 0)

7. **RATIFICATION OF EPOLLS**

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 **Post Meeting Report - Committee of the Whole - January 25, 2023**

1. **Procurement Threshold Increase**

SJMC-R-2023-01-30/53

Moved By Councillor Ellsworth

Seconded By Councillor Froude

That Council approve an increase in the procurement threshold for when three quotes are required from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

For (6): Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (6 to 0)

2. **Rate Increase Instructors and Work Term Students**

Councillor Froude noted his support for this increase as it offers fairness to employees and makes us more competitive in filling these positions.

SJMC-R-2023-01-30/54

Moved By Councillor Ellsworth

Seconded By Councillor Froude

That Council increase the hourly wage of instructors and workterm students as recommended and that they be reviewed on an annual basis or in line with changes to the minimum wage as required.

For (6): Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (6 to 0)

3. **Regional Wastewater Reserve Fund Purchase – SCADA Software Upgrade at the Riverhead Wastewater Treatment Plant**

SJMC-R-2023-01-30/55

Moved By Councillor Froude

Seconded By Councillor Ridgeley

That Council approve access to funding from the Regional Wastewater Reserve for the purchase of a SCADA software upgrade at the Riverhead Wastewater Treatment Plant.

For (6): Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (6 to 0)

4. **Regional Wastewater Reserve Fund Purchase – Clarifier Collector Replacement at the Riverhead Wastewater Treatment Plant**

SJMC-R-2023-01-30/56

Moved By Councillor Froude

Seconded By Councillor Ridgeley

That Council approve access to funding from the Regional Wastewater Reserve for the supply and installation of replacement collectors for clarifier #2 at the Riverhead Wastewater Treatment Plant.

For (6): Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (6 to 0)

5. **Traffic Calming Policy Update (January 18, 2023) Re: Public Survey Component**

1. **Traffic Calming Policy Update (February 6, 2023)**

Members of Council supported the new Traffic Calming Policy but it was noted that residents should be engaged when there are traffic calming initiatives in their neighbourhoods and be involved in the full process. Some

concern remains on the public survey threshold and the requirement for the petition, but it was agreed that this new policy will lead to more traffic calming in the right areas of the City.

SJMC-R-2023-01-30/57

Moved By Councillor Bruce

Seconded By Councillor Ellsworth

That Council approve the proposed changes to the City's Traffic Calming Policy presented in this Decision Note dated February 6, 2023.

For (6): Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (6 to 0)

9. DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

10. BUILDING PERMITS LIST (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

10.1 Building Permits List

11. REQUISITIONS, PAYROLLS AND ACCOUNTS

11.1 Weekly Payment Vouchers Week Ending February 1, 2023

SJMC-R-2023-01-30/58

Moved By Councillor Bruce

Seconded By Councillor Ellsworth

That the weekly payment vouchers for the week ending February 1, 2023, in the amount of \$10,178,135.66 be approved as presented.

For (6): Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (6 to 0)

12. TENDERS/RFPS

12.1 Supply Clarifier Collector Equipment for the Riverhead Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF).

SJMC-R-2023-01-30/59

Moved By Councillor Froude

Seconded By Councillor Ridgeley

That Council approve for award this contract award without an open call for bids to the exclusive supplier, Evoqua Water Technologies, for \$405,560.86 plus HST, as per Public Procurement Act.

For (6): Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (6 to 0)

13. NOTICES OF MOTION, RESOLUTIONS QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

13.1 Notice of Motion - Codes of Conduct for Councillors and Municipal Officials

Notice of Motion to adopt the Codes of Conduct for Councillors and Municipal Officials

Councillor Ellsworth gave the following Notice of Motion:

TAKE NOTICE that I will at the next regular meeting of the St. John's Municipal Council move for the adoption of the Code of Conduct for Municipal Officials and the Code of Conduct for Councillors as required under the Municipal Conduct Act.

DATED at St. John's, NL this 6th day of February, 2023.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 CERAWEEK – 2023 – Houston, Texas

SJMC-R-2023-01-30/60

Moved By Councillor Hanlon

Seconded By Councillor Ellsworth

That Council approve the travel costs associated for Mayor Danny Breen to attend the 2023 CERAWeek, Houston, TX.

For (6): Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (6 to 0)

15. ACTION ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCIL

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:24 pm.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK