

# ST. JOHN'S

## **Minutes of Regular Meeting - City Council**

**Council Chamber, 4th Floor, City Hall**

**May 8, 2023, 3:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary  
Councillor Maggie Burton  
Councillor Ron Ellsworth  
Councillor Sandy Hickman  
Councillor Debbie Hanlon  
Councillor Jill Bruce  
Councillor Ophelia Ravencroft  
Councillor Jamie Korab  
Councillor Carl Ridgeley

**Regrets:** Mayor Danny Breen  
Councillor Ian Froude

**Staff:** 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  
Ken O'Brien, Chief Municipal Planner  
Karen Chafe, City Clerk  
Stacey Corbett, 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 **Provincial Francophonie Month 2023**

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

3.1 **Adoption of Agenda**

SJMC-R-2023-05-08-190

**Moved By** Councillor Ellsworth

**Seconded By** Councillor Bruce

That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

For (9): Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Ravencroft, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Ridgeley

**MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)**

4. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

4.1 **Adoption of Minutes - May 1, 2023**

SJMC-R-2023-05-08-191

**Moved By** Councillor Hanlon

**Seconded By** Councillor Ridgeley

That the minutes of May 1, 2023, be accepted as presented.

For (9): Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Ravencroft, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Ridgeley

**MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)**

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**6. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

**6.1 Notices Published – 57 Blackler Avenue**

SJMC-R-2023-05-08-192

**Moved By** Councillor Korab

**Seconded By** Councillor Ellsworth

That Council approve the Change of Non-Conforming Use from an Office Use to a Restaurant Use at 57 Blackler Avenue, with the condition that a site plan be submitted and approved which addresses the sightline issues prior to final Development approval.

For (9): Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Ravencroft, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Ridgeley

**MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)**

**7. RATIFICATION OF EPOLLS**

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**8.1 Committee of the Whole Report - May 3, 2023**

**1. Text Amendment – Heritage Use Definition and Conditions for Extensions to Heritage Buildings**

SJMC-R-2023-05-08-193

**Moved By** Councillor Burton

**Seconded By** Councillor Hanlon

That Council consider a text amendment to the Envision St. John's Development Regulations to update the definition of Heritage Use and add conditions for extensions to Heritage Buildings.

For (9): Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Ravencroft, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Ridgeley

**MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)**

2. **70 Circular Road, Designated Heritage Building, SIT2300008**

SJMC-R-2023-05-08-194

**Moved By** Councillor Burton

**Seconded By** Councillor Hickman

That Council approved the landscaping renovations and accessory buildings at 70 Circular Road, a designated Heritage Building, as proposed on the landscape development plans dated October 21, 2022.

For (9): Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Ravencroft, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Ridgeley

**MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)**

3. **70 Queen's Road, Extension, Designated Heritage Building**

SJMC-R-2023-05-08-195

**Moved By** Councillor Burton

**Seconded By** Councillor Ellsworth

That Council approve the proposed extension at 70 Queen's Road, a designated Heritage Building, with the following conditions:

- that the brick being used is to be the same brick used on the front façade;
- brick is to be installed on the back of the building; and
- the chain-link fence is to be replaced with a wooden fence.

For (9): Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Ravencroft, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Ridgeley

**MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)**

4. **Royal St. John's Regatta Committee Hall of Fame Banquet Luncheon**

SJMC-R-2023-05-08-196

**Moved By** Councillor Ellsworth

**Seconded By** Councillor Bruce

That Council sponsor the Royal St. John's Regatta Committee Hall of Fame Banquet Luncheon at an estimated cost of \$7000.

For (9): Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Ravencroft, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Ridgeley

**MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)**

9. **DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

9.1 **Permits List April 27 to May 3, 2023**

10. **BUILDING PERMITS LIST (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

10.1 **Building Permits List**

11. **REQUISITIONS, PAYROLLS AND ACCOUNTS**

11.1 **Weekly Payment Vouchers for Week Ending May 3, 2023**

SJMC-R-2023-05-08-197

**Moved By** Councillor Ellsworth

**Seconded By** Councillor Hickman

That the weekly payment vouchers for the week ending May 3, 2023, in the amount of \$ 5,071,022.95 , be approved as presented

For (9): Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Ravencroft, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Ridgeley

**MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)**

12. **TENDERS/RFPS**

12.1 **2023047 Engineering Services for Kelly's Brook Shared Use Path**

SJMC-R-2023-05-08-198

**Moved By** Councillor Hickman

**Seconded By** Councillor Ellsworth

That Council direct that the Engineering Services contract for the Kelly's Brook Shared Use Path project be awarded to Pinnacle Engineering ULC in the amount of \$468,734.25 (HST included).

For (9): Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Ravencroft, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Ridgeley

**MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)**

**12.2 2023032 - Windsor Lake WTP Neutralization Tank #2 Concrete Resurfacing & Lining**

SJMC-R-2023-05-08-199

**Moved By** Councillor Hickman

**Seconded By** Councillor Bruce

That Council approve for award this open call to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, JMJ Holdings Limited, for \$225,400.00 (HST incl.) as per the Public Procurement Act.

For (9): Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Ravencroft, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Ridgeley

**MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)**

**12.3 Traffic Calming Speed Cushions**

Councillor Burton asked how many projects the amount of \$102,850.00 would cover. It was advised that this would include multiple speed cushions on four different streets.

Later in the meeting, Councillor Korab asked the Deputy City Manager of Planning, Engineering and Regulatory Services to elaborate on the projects and provide a timeline of when the projects will be finished. It was advised that asphalt plants do not open until the end of May, so the

projects will begin early June and will have to be completed by the end of August.

SJMC-R-2023-05-08-200

**Moved By** Councillor Burton

**Seconded By** Councillor Korab

That Council approve for award of this limited call to the lowest bidder meeting all specifications, Pyramid Construction LTD. For \$102,850.00 (HST Excluded) as per the Public Procurement Act.

For (9): Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Ravencroft, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Ridgeley

**MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)**

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION, RESOLUTIONS QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

**14. OTHER BUSINESS**

**14.1 Membership – St. John's Transportation Commission**

SJMC-R-2023-05-08-201

**Moved By** Councillor Ellsworth

**Seconded By** Councillor Bruce

That Council appoint Mr. Barry Fleming to fulfill the vacant public member seat which expires in December of 2024.

For (9): Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Ravencroft, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Ridgeley

**MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)**

**14.2 2023 Streets Rehabilitation Program List**

Councillor Bruce asked how the streets get chosen for the streets rehabilitation program. The Deputy City Manager of Planning, Engineering and Regulatory Services advised that there is a technical pavement evaluation process that looks at the pavement condition index which

determines if the street will be added to the list. It also helps identify the type of treatment to be done on those streets.

**14.3 36 Monkstown Road, Designated Heritage Building, REN2300185**

SJMC-R-2023-05-08-202

**Moved By** Councillor Burton

**Seconded By** Councillor Ellsworth

That Council approve the railing at 36 Monkstown Road, a designated Heritage Building, as proposed. Further, should renovations to the dormer windows be required, that the original dormer shape, size and proportion to be maintained.

For (9): Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Ravencroft, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Ridgeley

**MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)**

**15. ACTION ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCIL**

Councillor Korab asked that staff look into ways to open the Canadian Tire JumpStart Playing at Mundy Pond Park. It is currently closed due to the construction of the new Mews Centre but it would be unfortunate if this accessible playground is closed for the entire summer.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary brought forth pictures sent to her of poster kiosks in Montreal. Currently posters in St. John's can be mostly found attached to telephone poles. The kiosks provide a much tidier way of displaying them, making posters more visible and curbing litter.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:37.

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