

ST. JOHN'S

Minutes of Committee of the Whole - City Council

Council Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall

October 10, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Danny Breen
Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary
Councillor Ron Ellsworth
Councillor Sandy Hickman
Councillor Debbie Hanlon
Councillor Jill Bruce
Councillor Jamie Korab
Councillor Ian Froude

Regrets: Councillor Maggie Burton
Councillor Ophelia Ravencroft
Councillor Carl Ridgeley

Staff: Kevin Breen, City Manager
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
Ken O'Brien, Chief Municipal Planner
Karen Chafe, City Clerk
Erin Skinner, Acting Manager of Communications
Stacey Baird, Legislative Assistant
Jill Sheppard, Communications and PR Officer

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- 1. Call to Order**
 - 2. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved By Councillor Hanlon
Seconded By Councillor Korab

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

For (8): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Froude

MOTION CARRIED (8 to 0)

3. **Adoption of the Minutes**

3.1 **Adoption of Minutes - August 23, 2023**

Moved By Councillor Bruce
Seconded By Councillor Froude

That the minutes of August 23, 2023, be accepted as presented.

For (8): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Froude

MOTION CARRIED (8 to 0)

4. **Presentations/Delegations**

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

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

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

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

9. **Housing - Councillor Ophelia Ravencroft**

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

11. **Arts & Culture - Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary**

12. **Governance & Strategic Priorities - Mayor Danny Breen**

13. **Planning - Councillor Ian Froude**

13.1 27 Nils Way – REZ2300011

Moved By Councillor Froude

Seconded By Councillor Ellsworth

That Council consider rezoning the property at 27 Nils Way from the Industrial General (IG) Zone to the Industrial Commercial (IC) Zone and that the application be advertised in accordance with the Envision St. John's Development Regulations.

For (8): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Froude

MOTION CARRIED (8 to 0)

13.2 Heritage Financial Incentives Program - 2023

Moved By Councillor Froude

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

That Council approve the 19 eligible applications for the 2023 Heritage Financial Incentives Program, as summarized in the attached tables, and subject to compliance with the standards of the program and the City's heritage and building requirements.

For (8): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Froude

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14. Development - Councillor Jamie Korab

15. Transportation and Regulatory Services - Councillor Maggie Burton

15.1 Portugal Cove Road at Major's Path/Airport Heights Drive Roundabout

The Information Note regarding a roundabout on Portugal Cove Road at the Major's Path and Airport Heights Drive intersection was presented by Councillor Bruce.

Questions regarding the accessibility factors of the roundabout were asked by Council. The Manager of Transportation Engineering advised Council that tactile warning plates and rectangular rapid flashing beacons will be installed on all four sides of the roundabout. It was also advised that there would be two sets of flashing beacons on each side, leading to the medians so that pedestrians won't stop traffic going both ways.

Councillor Froude asked for clarification on how the crosswalks would work for cyclists using the shared use path and it was advised that they would have to dismount for crossing. It was also advised that the speed in the roundabout would be set at 30-35km/hr.

Construction timelines were requested. The Manager of Transportation advised that a detailed design still needs to be completed, but that construction must be completed within four years due to the project timeline.

16. Sustainability - Councillor Maggie Burton & Councillor Ian Froude

16.1 EcoSchools - Community Based Climate Action

The Manager of Sustainability presented the Decision Note recommending Council's endorsement of the EcoSchools project. The purpose of the project is to:

- Motivate K-12 students and educators across NL to be involved or engaged in activities related to building capacity for climate action.
- Increase awareness and understanding related to reducing greenhouse gases for students.
- Produce a province-wide Regional-User-Experience (RUE) within EcoSchools Canada's online certification platform to serve as an innovative, collective impact tool to improve reporting within the province of NL.

It was also recommended that the City collaborate to plan a celebration to acknowledge and honor schools that have demonstrated leadership within the City's jurisdiction.

Moved By Councillor Froude

Seconded By Councillor Ellsworth

That Council direct staff to provide support to this project by ensuring

available resources are reflected in the platform.

That Council direct staff to collaborate in the planning of a celebration for the week of June 10, 2024, to recognize school/s that have demonstrated leadership within the City's jurisdiction.

For (8): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Froude

MOTION CARRIED (8 to 0)

17. Other Business

18. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Mayor