

ST. JOHN'S

Minutes of Committee of the Whole - City Council

Council Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall

October 30, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Danny Breen
Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary
Councillor Maggie Burton
Councillor Dave Lane
Councillor Sandy Hickman
Councillor Debbie Hanlon
Councillor Deanne Stapleton
Councillor Hope Jamieson
Councillor Jamie Korab
Councillor Ian Froude
Councillor Wally Collins

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
Elaine Henley, City Clerk
Ken O'Brien, Chief Municipal Planner
Maureen Harvey, Legislative Assistant

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

2.1 **Adoption of Agenda - October 30, 2019**

Recommendation**Moved By** Councillor Jamieson**Seconded By** Councillor Hanlon

That the agenda of October 30, 2019 be adopted as presented.

For (11): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (11 to 0)

3. Adoption of the Minutes

3.1 Adoption of the Minutes of October 16, 2019

Recommendation**Moved By** Councillor Lane**Seconded By** Councillor Froude

That the Committee of the Whole minutes dated October 16, 2019 be adopted as presented.

For (11): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (11 to 0)

4. Presentations/Delegations

4.1 Delegation: St. John's Board of Trade

Nancy Healey attended on behalf of the St. John's Board of Trade and delivered a presentation to Committee of the Whole reminding the Committee that in the 2019 budget it requested:

- removal of development fees
- the creation of a Municipal Auditor General
- tax fairness for businesses

For the 2020 budget the organization is requesting:

- Removal of Development Fees – as they create barriers to doing business in our city.
- Bringing fairness to how commercial properties are taxed to foster a bigger business community
- Continue improving efficiencies

The delegation elaborated on the requests and concluded their presentation by asking:

- That the City of St. John's commit to the complete removal of development fees
- That the City commit to reviewing the heavy burden of taxation on business
- That the City prioritize finding efficiencies within Government

A question/answer period ensued. With respect to the matter of development fees, it was suggested that staff undertake a jurisdictional scan to ensure the City's development fees are either on par or below those charged in other cities.

The delegation was thanked for the presentation and advised that Council will take their requests/submissions under advisement.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary asked to be excused from the meeting.

5. Finance & Administration - Councillor Dave Lane

5.1 Decision Note dated October 16, 2019 re: Employee Training and Learning Policy

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Lane

Seconded By Councillor Hanlon

That Council approve the Training and Learning Policy, accept the draft guidelines, and rescind Education Policy 03-13-01.

For (10): Mayor Breen, Councillor Burton, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)**5.2 Decision Note dated October 7, 2019 re: Collection of Accounts Receivable Policy****Recommendation****Moved By** Councillor Lane**Seconded By** Councillor Hickman

That Council approve the Collection of Accounts Receivable Policy and the rescission of the current related policies.

For (10): Mayor Breen, Councillor Burton, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)**6. Public Works & Sustainability - Councillor Ian Froude****6.1 Decision Note dated October 23, 2019 re: Petty Harbour Long Pond Water Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Fund Procurement of Replacement SCADA Servers & License Upgrades****Recommendation****Moved By** Councillor Froude**Seconded By** Councillor Korab

That funding be made available through the Capital Reserve Fund to support the purchase and installation of replacement Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) servers and associated license upgrades.

For (10): Mayor Breen, Councillor Burton, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

MOTION CARRIED (10 to 0)**7. Community Services & Events - Councillor Hope Jamieson****8. Housing - Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary**

9. **Economic Development, Tourism & Culture - Mayor Breen and Councillor Hanlon**

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

11. **Planning & Development - Councillor Maggie Burton**

11.1 **Built Heritage Experts Panel Report of October 16, 2019**

1. **Decision Note dated October 8, 2019 re: 41 Bannerman Street - Development of a Single-Detached Dwelling - DEV1900113**

It is noted that the recommendation differs from that of the Built Heritage Experts Panel.

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Burton

Seconded By Councillor Lane

That Council approve the design of a single-detached dwelling at 41 Bannerman Street as proposed.

MOTION CARRIED

2. **Decision Note dated October 8, 2019 re: 93-95 Merrymeeting Road - Subdivision of site for three townhouses - SUB1900017**

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Burton

Seconded By Councillor Jamieson

That Council approve the design of the three (3) townhouses located at 93-95 Merrymeeting Road, as proposed.

For (10): Mayor Breen, Councillor Burton, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

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11.2 **Decision Note dated October 23, 2019 re: Proposed Apartment/Condo Building Request to Waive Development Fee**

**(former Power's Salvage and Mammy's Bakery) - 26 Alexander Street
- DEV1700231**

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Burton

Seconded By Councillor Collins

That the development fee schedule be revised such that the conversion of non-residential buildings to residential buildings and vice versa:

- No development fee be charged within the existing gross floor area.
- A development fee of \$1600 per residential dwelling unit be charged for units within extension of an existing development.
- A development fee of \$16/m² for gross floor area be charged for the non-residential use within the extension of an existing development.

For (10): Mayor Breen, Councillor Burton, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Korab, Councillor Froude, and Councillor Collins

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12. **Transportation - Councillor Sandy Hickman**

13. **Other Business**

14. **Adjournment**

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

Mayor