

ST. JOHN'S

Minutes of Committee of the Whole - City Council

Council Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall

February 4, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Danny Breen
Councillor Ron Ellsworth
Councillor Sandy Hickman
Councillor Jill Bruce
Councillor Greg Noseworthy
Councillor Tom Davis
Councillor Carl Ridgeley

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary
Councillor Maggie Burton
Councillor Debbie Hanlon
Councillor Ophelia Ravencroft

Staff: Derek Coffey, Acting 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
Ken O'Brien, Chief Municipal Planner
Theresa Walsh, City Clerk
Jackie O'Brien, Manager of Corporate Communications
Jennifer Squires, Legislative Assistant

Others Nicholas Kuhl, O2 Planning & Design
Sarah Lumley, O2 Planning & Design
Ute Maya Giambattista, O2 Planning & Design
Corrina Dawe, Tract Consulting
Meaghan Carey, RC Strategies

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Announcements**
3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Noseworthy

Seconded By Councillor Bruce

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

For (7): Mayor Breen, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (7 to 0)

4. **Adoption of the Minutes**

4.1 Minutes of January 21, 2025

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Hickman

Seconded By Councillor Ridgeley

That the minutes of January 21, 2025, be adopted as presented.

For (7): Mayor Breen, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (7 to 0)

5. **Presentations/Delegations**

5.1 Recreation Master Plan

Mayor Breen requested that the Recreation Master Plan be moved forward in the Agenda.

Representatives from RC Strategies and Tract Consulting were in attendance to provide Council with an overview of the new Recreation Master Plan. Through research and engagement, the plan has been created and includes service delivery recommendations, tactical actions,

infrastructure strategies, and a decision-making framework to guide implementation. The Plan will allow the City to continue to build on the work that is currently taking place within the City, plan for future growth and help the City to meet the future needs of residents. Members of Council voiced their support of the Recreation Master Plan, noting the importance of a regional approach to recreation and the value in removing barriers to increase the accessibility of programs to residents.

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Bruce

Seconded By Councillor Ellsworth

That Council approve the adoption of the new Recreation Master Plan to ensure the continued provision of high-quality recreation services that meet the needs of all residents and contribute to the overall well-being of the community.

For (7): Mayor Breen, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

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5.2 Cowan Heights and University Area Neighbourhood Plans - What We Heard

A delegation from O2 Consulting was in attendance to provide Council with an update on the Neighbourhood Plans for Cowan Heights and the University Area. The Phase 1 Engagement has concluded for both Plans, and What We Heard documents have been created for each neighbourhood based on the results of the engagement. Additional engagement will take place in the Spring of 2025.

Members of Council noted the importance of housing, safety and accessibility to residents in both neighbourhoods. Councillor Hickman asked that additional consideration be given to traffic safety in the University Area Neighbourhood and encouraged collaboration with Memorial University on the issue.

1. **Cowan Heights Neighbourhood Plan – What We Heard (WWH)**
2. **University Area Neighbourhood Plan – What We Heard (WWH)**

6. Finance & Administration - Councillor Ron Ellsworth

7. **Public Works - Councillor Ophelia Ravencroft**
8. **Community Services and Special Events - Councillor Jill Bruce**
9. **Housing - Councillor Ron Ellsworth**
10. **Economic Development, Tourism & Immigration - Councillor Tom Davis**
11. **Arts & Culture - Councillor Sandy Hickman**
12. **Governance & Strategic Priorities - Mayor Danny Breen**
13. **Planning - Councillor Maggie Burton**

13.1 Built Heritage Experts Panel – Call for Members

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Ellsworth

Seconded By Councillor Hickman

That Council approve of the appointment of the following to the Built Heritage Experts Panel:

- Anika Bursey - Planner
- Matt C Reynolds - Architect
- Aaron Terry – Other with Demonstrated Relative Experience

For (7): Mayor Breen, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (7 to 0)

14. **Development - Councillor Carl Ridgeley**
15. **Engineering and Regulatory Services - Councillor Sandy Hickman**
16. **Sustainability - Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary**
17. **Parks, Open Spaces, and Facilities - Councillor Greg Noseworthy**
18. **Other Business**
19. **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Mayor