

ST. JOHN'S

Minutes of Regular Meeting - City Council

Council Chamber, 4th Floor, City Hall

February 11, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Danny Breen
Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary
Councillor Maggie Burton
Councillor Ron Ellsworth
Councillor Sandy Hickman
Councillor Jill Bruce
Councillor Greg Noseworthy
Councillor Tom Davis
Councillor Carl Ridgeley

Regrets: Councillor Debbie Hanlon
Councillor Ophelia Ravencroft

Staff: Kevin Breen, City Manager
Derek Coffey, Deputy City Manager of Finance & Corporate Services
Tanya Haywood, Deputy City Manager of Community Services
Jason Sinyard, Deputy City Manager of Planning, Engineering & Regulatory Services
Cheryl Mullett, City Solicitor
Ken O'Brien, Chief Municipal Planner
Theresa Walsh, City Clerk
Jackie O'Brien, Manager of Corporate Communications
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 Heritage Day/Week Proclamation 2025

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3.1 Adoption of Agenda

SJMC-R-2025-02-11/40

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

Seconded By Councillor Noseworthy

That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Adoption of Minutes - January 28, 2025

SJMC-R-2025-02-11/41

Moved By Councillor Davis

Seconded By Councillor Bruce

That the minutes of January 28, 2025, be adopted as presented.

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6. **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

6.1 **Notices Published – 39 Topsail Road - DEV2400064**

SJMC-R-2025-02-11/42

Moved By Councillor Ridgeley

Seconded By Councillor Davis

That Council adopt the attached Heritage Report for 39 Topsail Road dated December 18, 2024, subject to the following conditions:

1. The clapboard colour and quality remain consistent with the existing Heritage Building and in the Cape Cod timber style as indicated in the Heritage Report.

2. That the size and style of windows and mullions are consistent with what has been proposed on page 20 of the Heritage Report.

Further, that Council approve the discretionary use application for a Heritage Use at 39 Topsail Road to allow 18 Dwelling Units, set the parking requirement for the Heritage Use at 40 parking spaces and set the zone standards as follows: building line at 14.3m, side yard 1.6m and rear yard 17.9m.

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

7. **RATIFICATION OF EPOLLS**

7.1 **Seatrade Global Conference 2025**

Councillor Bruce advised that she would monitor the situation between the United States and Canada before deciding whether or not to attend the conference.

SJMC-R-2025-02-11/43

Moved By Councillor Hickman

Seconded By Councillor Ridgeley

That Council approve the travel cost associated for Councillor Bruce to attend the Seatrade Global Conference in Miami Florida from April 6-10, 2024

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Committee of the Whole Report - February 4, 2025

1. Recreation Master Plan

SJMC-R-2025-02-11/44

Moved By Councillor Bruce

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

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 (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

2. Built Heritage Experts Panel – Call for Members

Councillor Burton declared a conflict of interest due to a family member being recommended for appointment to the panel.

SJMC-R-2025-02-11/45

Moved By Councillor Ellsworth

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

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 (8): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

Abstain (1): Councillor Burton

MOTION CARRIED (8 to 0)

9. DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

9.1 Development Permits List January 23 - February 5, 2025

10. BUILDING PERMITS LIST (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

10.1 Building Permits List

11. REQUISITIONS, PAYROLLS AND ACCOUNTS

11.1 Weekly Payment Vouchers for Weeks Ending January 29 and February 5, 2025

SJMC-R-2025-02-11/46

Moved By Councillor Ellsworth

Seconded By Councillor Bruce

That the weekly payment vouchers for the weeks ending January 29 and February 5, in the amount of \$11,665,691.82 be approved as presented.

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

12. TENDERS/RFPS

12.1 Contract Awards – January 8, 2025 – February 5, 2025

Councillor Davis asked staff to comment on the emergency repair at Bannerman Park Loop, as he was unaware of any issues. It was explained that the chilling unit responsible for maintaining the ice temperature needed to be replaced.

Councillor Davis also raised concerns about the upcoming tariffs and their potential impact on the City's purchases. Staff clarified that no issues have been reported with current contracts or vendors, but acknowledges that tariffs could lead to potential challenges, each of which would have to be evaluated.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION, RESOLUTIONS QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

14. NEW BUSINESS

14.1 Travel Authorization – 2025 Canada Games Torch Lighting in Ottawa

SJMC-R-2025-02-11/47

Moved By Councillor Burton

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

That Council approve the travel costs to allow Mayor Danny Breen and Councillor Sandy Hickman to travel to Ottawa for the 2025 Canada Games Torch Lighting in June 2025.

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

14.2 Building Safer Communities Grant Program Funding Recommendations

SJMC-R-2025-02-11/48

Moved By Councillor Ellsworth

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

That Council approve the following recommendations for funding under the Building Safer Communities Grant Program:

Association for New Canadians - \$23,223.25

Canadian Mental Health Association NL Division Corporation - \$50,000

Key Assets Newfoundland and Labrador Incorporated - \$150,000

Thrive CYN St. John's Inc. - \$150,000

YMCA of Northeast Avalon Inc. - \$90,000

YWCA St. John's Inc. - \$69,800

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

14.3 Built Heritage Experts Panel – Appointment of Chair

SJMC-R-2025-02-11/49

Moved By Councillor Burton

Seconded By Councillor Hickman

That Council appoint Megan Webb as the Chair of the Built Heritage Experts Panel.

For (9): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Burton, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Hickman, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (9 to 0)

15. OTHER BUSINESS

16. ACTION ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCIL

The Deputy Mayor advised that she has been receiving complaints regarding St. Michael's Convent, which has been vacant for some time. She asked staff to provide an update on the structure and if there are any future plans for the space.

Councillor Ridgely asked that staff reach out to the Province and request better signage heading west on the CN Viaduct.

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK