

ST. JOHN'S

Minutes of Committee of the Whole - City Council

Council Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall

May 13, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: Councillor Maggie Burton
Councillor Sandy Hickman
Councillor Ophelia Ravencroft

Staff: Kevin Breen, City Manager
Derek Coffey, Deputy City Manager of Finance & Corporate Services
Jason Sinyard, Deputy City Manager of Planning, Engineering & Regulatory Services
Lynnann Winsor, Deputy City Manager of Public Works
Cheryl Mullett, City Solicitor
Tracy-Lynn Goosney, Manager of Development Engineering
Theresa Walsh, City Clerk
Jackie O'Brien, Manager of Corporate Communications
Stacey Baird, Legislative Assistant

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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, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (7 to 0)

4. **Adoption of the Minutes**

4.1 **Adoption of Minutes - April 29, 2025**

Recommendation

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Leary

Seconded By Councillor Davis

That the minutes of April 29, 2025, be adopted as presented.

For (7): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

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5. **Presentations/Delegations**

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 & Immigration - Councillor Tom Davis**

11. **Arts & Culture - Councillor Sandy Hickman**

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

13. **Planning - Councillor Maggie Burton**

13.1 331 Water Street – SGN2500034 – Wall Sign

Deputy Mayor O'Leary expressed concerns about the negative impact the light from the sign may have on customers staying at the Murray Premises. She requested that staff engage with the business owner on the issue.

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Davis

Seconded By Councillor Ellsworth

That Council approve the wall sign at 331 Water Street, as proposed.

For (7): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (7 to 0)

13.2 56 Brazil Street – DEV2500001 – New Dwelling

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Davis

Seconded By Councillor Noseworthy

That Council accept this staff report on 56 Brazil Street as the Heritage Report for a proposed new dwelling in Heritage Area 3, as per Section 8(3) of the St. John's Heritage By-Law, and approve the building elevations dated April 17, 2025.

For (7): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (7 to 0)

14. Development - Councillor Carl Ridgeley

14.1 2023 Flood Risk Mapping Study

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Ridgeley

Seconded By Councillor Ellsworth

That Council approve the 2023 Flood Risk Mapping Study and adopt the Flood Risk Mapping as presented.

For (7): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Ellsworth, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Noseworthy, Councillor Davis, and Councillor Ridgeley

MOTION CARRIED (7 to 0)

15. Engineering and Regulatory Services - Councillor Sandy Hickman

15.1 Adoption of the Commercial Property Tax and Vacancy Relief By-Law

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 3:11 p.m.

Mayor