

May 10, 2017

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: Request for Access to Information Under Part II  
of the Access to Information and Protection Privacy Act**

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On May 1, 2017, the City of St. John's received your request for access to the following information:

*"Please provide all records (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO EMAILS, NOTES, MEMOS, AGENDAS, LETTERS, ETC) related to any subsidies provided directly or indirectly, to either the St. John's IceCaps and to St. John's Sports and Entertainment (SJSE) by the City of St. John's. Without limiting this request in any way, but for greater certainty, this request includes: 1) a copy of any and all agreements between the City, SJSE, and/or the St. John's IceCaps; 2) a copy of all requests from the St. John's IceCaps and/or SJSE for subsidies or any other forms of financial relief from the City and/or SJSE; 3) all records sent by or given to or provided to Council in advance of any Special Meeting or at a Special meeting on or about September 2014 wherein these matters were discussed and voted on."*

Enclosed is the information you requested. As the provision of the information constitutes full disclosure, we now consider this matter completed and will be closing the file.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone at 576-8619 or by e-mail at [kchafe@stjohns.ca](mailto:kchafe@stjohns.ca).

Yours truly,



Karen Chafe  
ATIPP Coordinator

**ST. JOHN'S**

## AMENDING AGREEMENT

**THIS AMENDING AGREEMENT** is made at St. John's, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this 15 day of October, 2014

**BETWEEN:**

**10801 NEWFOUNDLAND INC.**, a corporate body organized and existing under the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador with its corporate offices situated at St. John's, NL, Canada

(hereinafter referred to as "10801")

**AND:**

**ST. JOHN'S SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT LTD.**, a corporate body organized and existing under the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador with its corporate offices situated at St. John's, NL, Canada

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**WHEREAS** the Parties entered into an Agreement ("the Agreement") dated February 14, 2012;

**AND WHEREAS** the Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions upon which 10801 may operate an AHL franchise and hockey team from SJSEL's facility known as Mile One Centre;

**AND WHEREAS** Article 22.01 of the Agreement provides (inter alia) that modification of the Agreement can only be effected "...by an express agreement in writing signed by each Party...";

**AND WHEREAS** the Parties hereto seek to modify and amend the Agreement as set forth herein;

**NOW THEREFORE THIS AMENDING AGREEMENT WITNESSES** that for and in consideration of the amount of One Dollar (\$1.00) Canadian Currency and other good and valuable consideration (the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged by both Parties), the Parties agree as follows:

1. Articles 2.01 and 2.02 of the Agreement shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

*"2.01 Term*

*The Term of this Agreement shall be five (5) years commencing July 1, 2011, and terminating on June 30, 2016."*

2. Article 4.04 of the Agreement shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

*"4.04 Advertising/Sponsorship Payment Revenue*

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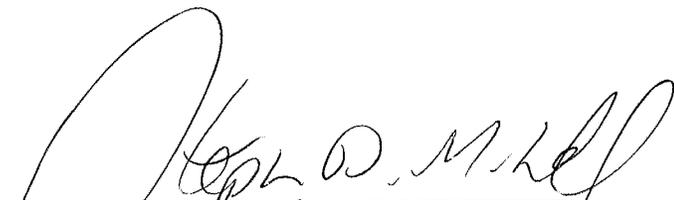
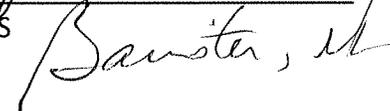
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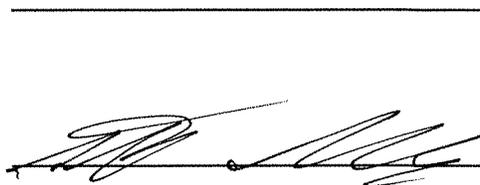
  
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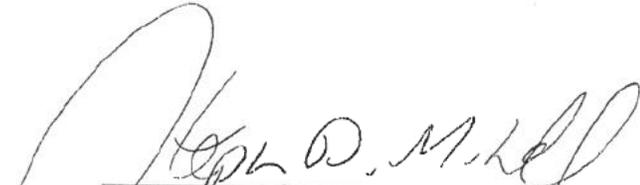
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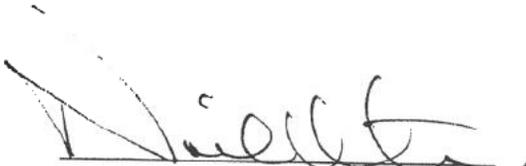
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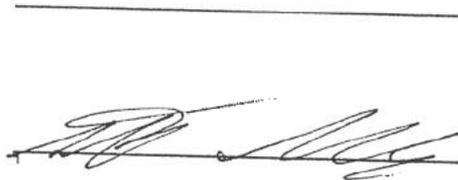
  
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# COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

## SPECIAL MEETING

**Date: 2014/03/31 12:00:00 AM**

**CD# S2014-03-31/6**

**To:** Neil A. Martin  
**Position:** Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services & City Clerk  
**RE:** St. John's IceCaps - Memo March 19, 2014

**DECISION:** Council agreed to the recommendation that the IceCaps be advised:  
1. The conditions advanced by the IceCaps in the letter dated March 3, 2014 are unacceptable to the City; and  
2. The City may give SJSEL a mandate to re-negotiate lease terms with the IceCaps, on the continuing understanding that the City subsidy will not increase as a result.

**Action:** As required.  
**Date:** 2014/03/31  
**Signed by:** Neil A. Martin  
Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services & City Clerk

**Status Comments:**

**Closed By:** Neil Martin

jcd  
**cc:**

**Response Required:** YES  
**Response deadline:** 2014/04/30  
**Response Received:**  
**Attachments:**

## EXTENSION AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** made at the City of St. John's, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this 22nd day of March, 2013:

**BETWEEN:**

**10801 NEWFOUNDLAND INC.**, a corporate body organized and existing under the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador with its corporate offices situate at St. John's, NL, Canada;

(hereinafter referred to as "the Proponent")

OF THE ONE PART

**AND:**

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OF THE OTHER PART

**WHEREAS** the Proponent and SJSEL entered into an agreement dated February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (the "Agreement") which permits the Proponent, on terms and conditions as provided therein, to operate an American Hockey League hockey team from Mile One Centre, which facility is owned and operated by SJSEL;

**AND WHEREAS** the Term of the Agreement is three (3) years commencing on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and terminating on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014;

**AND WHEREAS**, by virtue of Article 2.01 of the Agreement, the Proponent has the option "*...to continue the Agreement on the same terms and conditions for a further period of One (1) year (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) subject to providing written notification of its intention to do so to SJSEL on or before July 1, 2013...*";

**AND WHEREAS** by correspondence dated January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (a copy of which is annexed hereto as Schedule "A"), the Proponent provided SJSEL the requisite notice of its intention to exercise the said option.

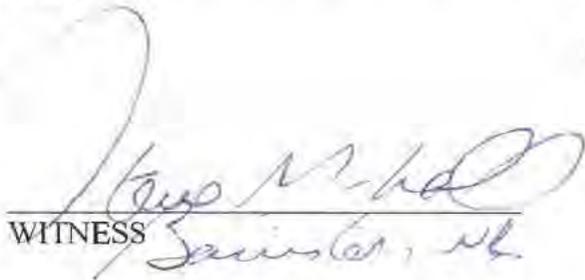
**NOW THEREFORE THIS EXTENTION AGREEMENT WITNESSES** that for and in consideration of the mutual undertakings, promises, covenants and agreements set forth in the Agreement and herein and other good and valuable consideration (the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged) the Parties hereto agree with each other as follows:

1. The Term of the Agreement is extended for a period of One (1) year with the termination date of the Agreement being June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (the "Extended Term").
2. The Parties hereto acknowledge that the Proponent, by virtue of this Extension Agreement, has exercised its option to extend the Term of the Agreement and has no further unilateral option to extend the same beyond the Extended Term.
3. This Extension Agreement shall be read as one with the Agreement and, except as required to give effect to this Extension Agreement, all terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect during the Extended Term.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the Parties hereto have duly executed this Extension Agreement on the date first before written.

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**10801 NEWFOUNDLAND INC.**

  
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## SCHEDULE "A"

January 15, 2013

St. John's Sports and Entertainment Ltd.  
Mile One Stadium  
New Gower Street  
St. John's, NL.

**BY SCAN E-MAIL**

**Attn: Mr. William Thistle**

Dear Bill;

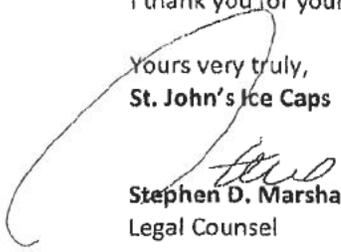
**Re: St. John's Ice Caps**

I write to day to inquire about the possibility of initiating discussions aimed towards hopefully extending the present lease agreement we have with your facility so that it matches the duration of the recently extended franchise agreement we have with the Winnipeg Jets. This franchise agreement with the Jets presently runs until the end of the 2014-15 season.

In this regard, please advise as to your position and if favorable, when you are available to meet to discuss further.

I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,  
**St. John's Ice Caps**



**Stephen D. Marshall, Q.C.**  
Legal Counsel

2014-05-02

[REDACTED]  
President and CEO  
St. John's Ice Caps

Dear [REDACTED]

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 28, 2014 in which you express your concerns with respect to your team's current and future financial relationship with St. John's Sports and Entertainment Limited (SJSEL). I have brought your letter and concerns to the attention of Council who have asked me to respond.

First, let me say that it is Council stated policy that it does not negotiate on any matters with respect to the operations of Mile One Centre and the St. John's Convention Centre. Council has provided the Board of Directors of SJSEL with a broad mandate to operate both facilities and to negotiate all contracts relating to the operations of both facilities. Through the Board and, in particular, Councillor Danny Breen, we endeavor to ensure that both facilities are maintained in first class condition in order to satisfy the requirements of those who use the buildings. In the case of the St. John's Ice Caps, it is my understanding that significant funds have been spent on upgrading team facilities and ensuring that the ice conditions are maintained at a level to meet the team's needs.

With respect to the future of AHL hockey in the City, I agree with your observation that the presence of the St. John's Ice Caps adds value to the downtown core and the City of St. John's as a whole. To that end, I have asked Councillor Breen to ensure that open and fruitful discussions are held between you and SJSEL which will hopefully result in the AHL remaining a fixture at Mile One Centre for years to come. That will, however, require that both parties negotiate in an open and transparent manner which, of necessity, means that all financial information, both that of Mile One Centre and the St. John's Ice Caps, is laid on the table in order to support the substance of an agreement that is acceptable to both parties.

Again, I would like to thank you for your letter and can assure you that I and Council look forward to the successful culmination of the upcoming negotiations which will result in the continued presence of AHL hockey at Mile One.

Sincerely,

  
Dennis O'Keefe  
Mayor

*Keep in touch on this!*



cc: Councillor Danny Breen, Member of the SJSEL Board of Directors  
✓ Mr. Steven Sparkes, Chair of the SJSEL Board of Directors  
Mr. Neil A. Martin, City Manager (Acting)

**ST. JOHN'S**

3 April 2014

[REDACTED]  
St. John's Sports and Entertainment Ltd.  
Mile One Centre  
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: St. John's Ice Caps**

Council during its Special meeting of March 31, 2014 was requested to give direction on a request from the St. John's IceCaps for a "new deal", as outlined in the attached letter from [REDACTED] should they be successful in attracting a new AHL Team upon expiry of the current arrangement with the Winnipeg Jets. Council made the following motion moved by Deputy Mayor Ellsworth and seconded by Councillor Hickman:

**That the IceCaps be advised that the conditions advanced by the IceCaps in their letter dated March 3, 2014 are unacceptable to the City; and that the City may give SJSEL a mandate to re-negotiate lease terms with the IceCaps on the continuing understanding that the City subsidy will not increase as a result.**

I trust this is in order and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely



Neil Martin  
Acting City Manager

**ST. JOHN'S**

March 6, 2014

[REDACTED]  
Governor & Chief Operating Officer  
St. John's IceCaps

Dear [REDACTED]

Reference is made to your letter dated March 3, 2014 advising that a pre-condition to retention of AHL Hockey beyond next season is at least a 50% reduction in the SJSEL return from hockey. It is also noted that you require a response from the City by mid-March, presumably within the next 10 days.

Council certainly recognizes the contribution which the IceCaps have made to the City, and the region, both on and off the ice. However, Council gave SJSEL a mandate to negotiate an arrangement for AHL hockey on the principle that it would not require a subsidy from the taxpayer. The current lease agreement between the IceCaps and SJSEL achieves that objective. Your proposed 50% reduction in revenue accruing to SJSEL from hockey operations would likely violate that principle. Council may therefore have to consider whether AHL hockey is important enough to the City to warrant a subsidy from the taxpayer.

It is a complex question with far-reaching implications, which I cannot commit to answering by your imposed deadline.

Council has referred this matter to the SJSEL Board of Directors to undertake appropriate due diligence on the position advanced in your letter of March 3, 2014. Upon receipt of a report from the Board, Council should be in a better position to provide an answer.

We will give this matter our immediate attention and will contact you if further information is required to support the analysis to be undertaken by SJSEL.

Yours sincerely,



Dennis O'Keefe,  
Mayor

cc. Mr. [REDACTED]  
Mr. [REDACTED]  
Mr. [REDACTED]

**ST. JOHN'S**



St. John's IceCaps  
P.O. Box 1880, Station 'C'  
3 Queen Street  
St. John's, NL A1C 5R4

March 11, 2014

Mayor Dennis O'Keefe  
City of St. John's  
P.O. Box 908  
St. John's, NL A1C 5M2

Dear Mayor:

With the end of the IceCaps regular season quickly approaching, I am writing at this time to point out to you some of the items that need review and consideration with respect to our arrangement with St. John's Sports & Entertainment for playoff hockey.

Although playoffs appear to be lucrative for the IceCaps, this is not the case. By way of example, the AHL takes Fifty-Four percent (54%) of the revenues for all home games (\$565,000.00 during 2012). As part of our affiliation agreement, the Winnipeg Jets are entitled to a bonus of \$12,000.00/round. As a result of our obligation to pay for both teams travel to and from St. John's, in 2012, playoff travel cost us \$390,000.00 (averaging \$130,000.00/round) despite assistance from the League. In addition, we paid players play-off bonuses of \$100,000. After SJSE was then paid their required expenses, our net revenue from play-offs was \$77,000.00; 6% of the total revenue earned.

To put this in perspective, we estimate that SJSE netted \$180,000.00 on concession revenue alone during playoff games – almost 2.5 times the IceCaps total profit. This does not consider the profit made from the additional ten games of building rent, nor the significant spin-off benefits to the City and local businesses as a result of our product.

As we have indicated in previous correspondence, the IceCaps currently pay the highest building rent/revenue share in the league. In addition to our high rent, during the regular season we provide additional benefits to SJSE and the City, such as a suite for all events, and bowl tickets for all games. Our customers generate significant concession revenue for SJSE and our operations provide hundreds of hours of income for SJSE employees. During playoffs, the IceCaps provide benefits over and above what SJSE budgets for and expects. Despite the tens of thousands of dollars in additional benefits and revenues generated by the IceCaps, during 2012 playoffs SJSE continued to treat our organization as a customer, and not a partner – charging us for such ancillary expenses as an hour ice rental here and there, and passing along staffing charges at rates far above what SJSE actually pays their staff. We are now actually being forced



St. John's IceCaps  
P.O. Box 1880, Station 'C'  
3 Queen Street  
St. John's, NL A1C 5R4

to arbitration because SJSE is selling a box which we provided to them and retaining the revenue therefrom to which we are entitled under our Agreement.

We ask that as our partner, the city considers the additional benefits that we provide SJSE during this time of year in comparison to what our organization gets in return. As we expressed in our letter dated March 3, 2014, upon contract renewal our Organization will be seeking a 50% reduction in all expenses. In the spirit of our partnership, and due to the fact that play-offs are marginally profitable as a result of 54% less revenue and significant expense increase by the facility, we ask that you waive 50% of all charges.

We look forward to your response.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Stanford".

Glenn Stanford  
Governor & Chief Operating Officer  
St. John's IceCaps

cc. Bob Smart ✓  
Danny Breen  
Steve Sparkes

**ST. JOHN'S SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LIMITED**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Steve Sparkes, Chair  
Ms. Cathy Duke  
Mr. Derrick Sturge  
Ms. Sheena McCrate

Councillor Danny Breen  
Mr. Neil Martin  
Mr. Bob Verge

**REGRETS**

Mr. Robert Bishop

Mr. Mark McCarthy

**INVITED GUESTS**

Mr. Fred Cram  
Mr. Carman Travers

Mr. Steve Beckwith

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was moved by Mr. Danny Breen, seconded by Ms. Cathy Duke to accept the minutes of the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Board of Directors meeting. All in favour.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CEO Report**

[REDACTED]

**Amendments to IceCaps Lease Agreement**

Mr. Martin said that Mr. Bursey has reviewed the information provided by the IceCaps. Mr. Sparkes will have a conversation with Mr. Bursey regarding the information provided to the City regarding their request for reduced rent from SJSEL.

It was moved by Mr. Verge seconded by Mr. Sturge to accept the amendment to the St. John's IceCaps agreement. Motion Carried.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am.

**ST. JOHN'S SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LIMITED**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Steve Sparkes, Chair

Mr. Robert Bishop

Mr. Neil Martin

Mr. Bob Verge

Councillor Danny Breen

Ms. Cathy Duke

Mr. Mark McCarthy

Ms. Sheena McCrate

**REGRETS**

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Mr. Fred Cram

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

**EXTENSION OF ST. JOHN'S ICECAPS LEASE AGREEMENT**

Mr. Sparkes said that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the extension of the St. John's IceCaps. Mr. Breen spoke of the cost to the IceCaps to extend the franchise with Winnipeg. As a result the IceCaps are seeking an additional \$350,000 per year. Mr. Breen said there's a value to the IceCaps and to the City in extending the agreement. There are 2 more teams on the east coast losing their NHL affiliates that are moving to the west coast, so keeping the franchise here for an additional year will make it easier to secure a team after the affiliation with Winnipeg. The City is looking at supporting hockey and the franchise because of the importance of hockey to the building and the City.

Mr. Martin said the City doesn't want to be seen as writing a \$350,000 cheque to the IceCaps, but there are some clauses that can be adjusted reducing the rental charge. This can be made up to SJSEL by the City subsidy. This decrease in revenue would be reflected in the budget for 2015 and the budget for the remainder of this year would not be reforecast, but the loss would be greater.

Mr. Sparkes asked if Council are aware that the subsidy will need to increase. Mr. Martin said that Council is aware and the subsidy will increase regardless as a result of the Convention Centre Expansion.

Ms. McCrate agreed that the subsidy would increase, but only once the Convention Centre reopened in 2016. She asked if the City was planning to increase the subsidy to SJSEL in 2015 despite the fact that the Convention Centre will be closed for 12 months.

Mr. Sparkes said that with the closure of the CC and the increased expenses the subsidy request for 2015 will likely now be \$1.5 M or \$1.6 M.

Mr. Martin said that Mile One Centre is more saleable with having a tenant instead of a year with no franchise.

Mr. Breen said that we had greater exposure with the previous St. John's Maple Leafs arrangement.

Mr. Breen said that Mr. Stanford & Mr. Williams are talking to other NHL franchises including Montreal for a possible new affiliation at the end of the Winnipeg contract.

Mr. Breen asked if there were other revenue opportunities within Mile One Centre operations.

Mr. Cram spoke of the current F&B costs and that 20% of gross is going to the IceCaps. There may be some opportunities to decrease the F&B costs by decreasing the number of in stand beer sellers because there has been a decrease in alcohol sales. Mr. Breen felt that we should discontinue in stand beer sales.

Mr. Sparkes said to keep the rent intact the over the 38 games and adjust the marketing contribution.

Mr. Sparkes said that the IceCaps have booked Mile One Centre on stat days and are not willing to pay the additional staffing costs.

Mr. Sparkes said that when conversations happen with the team and they are told no by SJSEL then the team goes to the City.

Ms. McCrate said that the team are constantly making more requests as an example with ice time. They want more, but that also affects the ability to make ice.

Ms. McCrate asked if any other information has been requested from the team. She said that the corporate partnership contracts have been requested, but we have not received any of them. Mr. Breen said that we should have the partner agreements and their financial statements. We should be getting what is in the contract.

Mr. Martin said we are in a far better position today to say to the IceCaps, SJSEL are willing to come forward with the \$350,000 but the IceCaps need to provide the details of the contract. The talks with the IceCaps happened with the City instead of SJSEL Board to cut down time.

Mr. McCarthy said that Ms. McCrate needs to create a wishlist of what is needed by SJSEL from the IceCaps. He also asked who is going to wear this in the public.

Mr. Martin said the subsidy becomes an issue if someone stands up to make it an issue.

Mr. Breen said it has been indicated to Council over the years that the SJSEL subsidy is going to increase.

Mr. Bishop said that as a comparison the subsidy for the Mews Centre is \$1.1 M.

Mr. Bishop mentioned about the Wade Locke study that was done previously and that it should be updated.

Mr. Verge said that ultimately SJSEL are being asked to make the change to the arrangement; if this subsidy to the team is the will of council then who are we as a Board to prevent it from happening.

Mr. Martin said that this is totally a Council decision to increase the subsidy.

Mr. Sparkes said that he would have felt much better if the Board were involved as the IceCaps already had a very lucrative deal and this has just increased their position.

Mr. Breen said that Mr. McCarthy made a good point in making a list of what SJSEL needs and hold them to the SJSEL requirements.

Mr. Breen suggested that a meeting should be held with Mr. Steve Marshall & Mr. Glenn Stanford.

Ms. McCrate asked where does SJSEL come up with this money when the \$350,000 per year come out of the corporate partner contribution. There is little or no opportunity to increase F&B and ticket surcharges. SJSEL doesn't charge the \$2.00 surcharge on IceCaps tickets as per the contract. Ms. McCrate asked what happens if SJSEL can't come up with a way to make back the revenue. Mr. Martin said it will be covered with the subsidy.

Mr. Cram said that the F&B gross for 2013 was \$2M about 160,000 beer an increase of \$0.25 per beer would result in \$50,000-\$60,000 less the 20% to IceCaps.

Mr. Martin said he wouldn't get caught up in the budget and subsidy.

It was moved by Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Verge to accept the terms of the new contract as negotiated by the City of St. John's with the St. John's IceCaps. Motion Carried.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30 am.

# MEMORANDUM

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**PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

Date: March 19, 2014  
To: Mayor & Council  
From: Robert Smart  
Re: **St. John's IceCaps**

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## **PURPOSE**

To obtain direction from Council on a request from St. John's IceCaps for a "new deal" should they be successful in attracting a new AHL Team upon expiry of the current arrangement with the Winnipeg Jets.

## **BACKGROUND**

The terms under which the St. John's IceCaps play at Mile One Centre are prescribed by a lease agreement negotiated by SJSEL. Council gave SJSEL a mandate to negotiate for an AHL franchise on the clear understanding no subsidy would be forthcoming from the City. The existing lease agreement achieves that objective.

Highlights of the existing agreement (copy attached) include:

- (1) IceCaps pay SJSEL an annual lump sum fee of \$627,000. In return, IceCaps get full control of all corporate suites and advertising in the building.
- (2) IceCaps pay a rental fee of \$7,180 per game night, which just offsets SJSEL game night expenses.
- (3) Food/beverage revenue is shared between SJSEL/IceCaps on approximately a 50/50 basis.
- (4) Other provisions related to ticket surcharges, printing, etc.

The current lease agreement will remain in effect until end of next season.

## **ICECAPS PROPOSAL**

In a letter dated March 3, 2014 (copy attached) the IceCaps advised that they were not prepared to pursue a new AHL franchise under the terms of the existing lease agreement with SJSEL. Specifically, the IceCaps have advised that:

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CITY MANAGER

**“Our organization is not prepared to take on the financial risk unless the City is prepared to reduce their return from us by at least 50%.”**

And further that,

**“If the answer is negative, AHL hockey will cease to exist at the end of next season”.**

**ANALYSIS**

The following points are noted:

- (1) While the IceCaps contend the current lease is the highest rental arrangement in the League, SJSEL has no way to refute or validate this. Any comparison would have to consider the full business relationship including rental rate, corporate suites, advertising, food/beverage sales, etc.
- (2) There is nothing to substantiate that the current lease arrangement has created a non-profitable position for the IceCaps.
- (3) Projections prepared by SJSEL (attached) indicate that the 50% reduction in charges demanded by the IceCaps would increase the City subsidy to SJSEL by approximately \$1 Million per annum.
- (4) SJSEL projections further indicate that the City subsidy would not increase due to the loss of hockey, if nine (9) additional non-hockey events could be attracted to the venue.

**CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the IceCaps be advised:

1. The conditions advanced by the IceCaps in the letter dated March 3, 2014 are unacceptable to the City; and
2. The City may give SJSEL a mandate to re-negotiate lease terms with the IceCaps, on the continuing understanding that the City subsidy will not increase as a result.

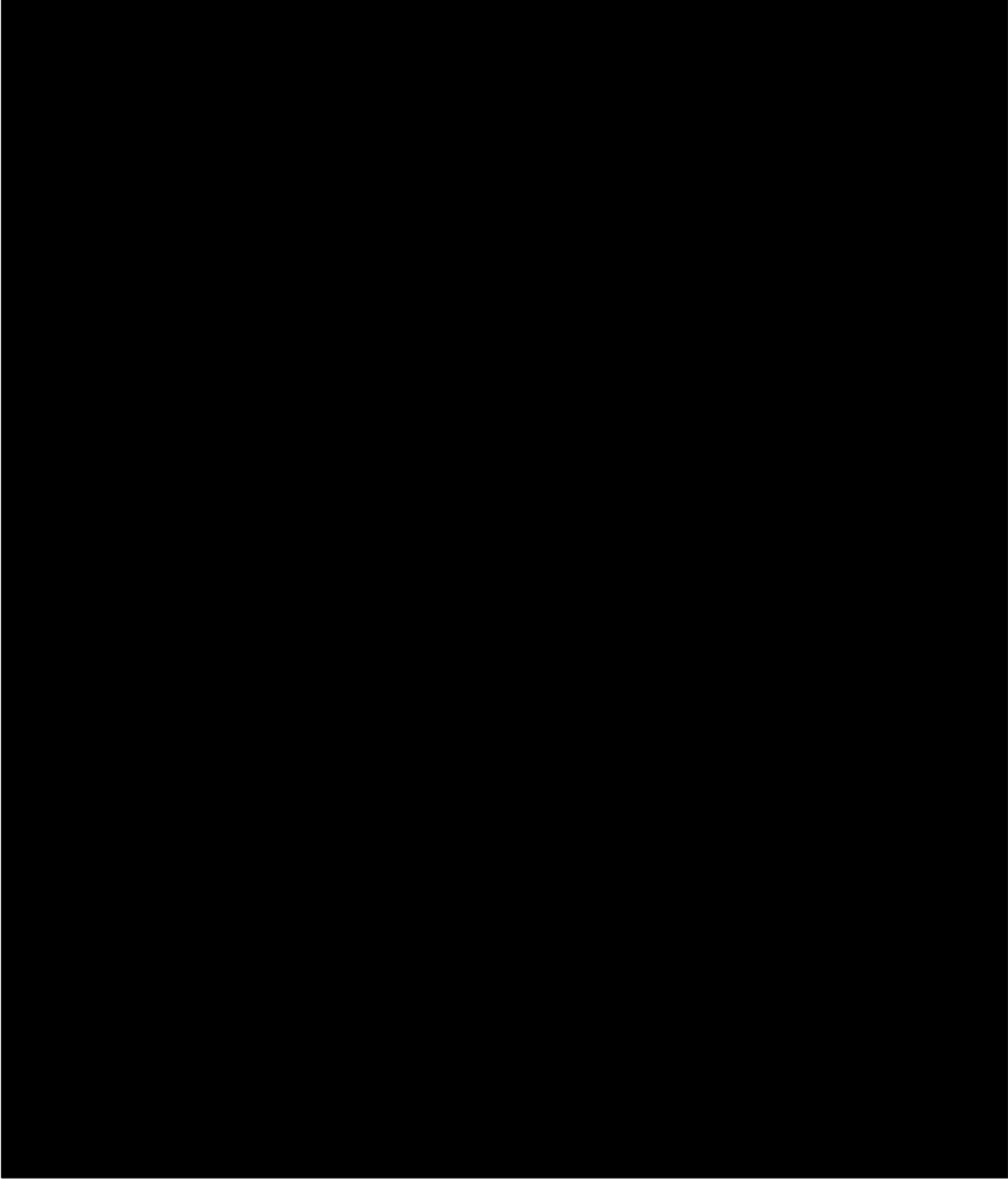


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Robert Smart,  
City Manager

Enclosures

**St. John's Sports and Entertainment Ltd.**  
**Budgeted Statement of Operating Income**  
**For the year ending December 31, 2014**  
**Scenario Summary**





# St. John's Sports and Entertainment Ltd. Budget 2014 Assumptions & Key Points

## **Scenario 1 - Status Quo**

## **Scenario 2 - 50% Reduction in MOC Benefit**

Rent	50% reduction
Ticket Printing	50% to IceCaps
CC Fees	50% to IceCaps
Parking	50% to IceCaps
Catering	50% reduction
Food & Beverage	50% to IceCaps
A Taste of Class	50% to IceCaps
Season Ticket Production Costs	Funded by the team
Corporate Box	\$75,000 Not included in analysis
26 Season Tickets	\$ 30,000 Not included in analysis

## **Scenario 3 - No Team**

Reduction in Staffing  
2 Maintenance  
1 F&B Co-ordinator

Utilities reduced by 25% (\$140,000)

Maintenance Costs have not been adjusted but should be somewhat reduced  
Capital Expenditure savings not included in analysis

Assumed additional events as follows:

2 Full Venue  
4 1/2 Venue  
3 3/4 Venue

Corporate Partnerships assumed to be \$700,000

March 6, 2014

Mr. Glenn Stanford  
Governor & Chief Operating Officer  
St. John's IceCaps  
PO Box 1880, Station C  
3 Queen Street  
St. John's, NL A1C 5R4

Dear Mr. Stanford:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 3, 2014 advising that a pre-condition to retention of AHL Hockey beyond next season is at least a 50% reduction in the SJSEL return from hockey. It is also noted that you require a response from the City by mid-March, presumably within the next 10 days.

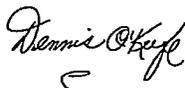
Council certainly recognizes the contribution which the IceCaps have made to the City, and the region, both on and off the ice. However, Council gave SJSEL a mandate to negotiate an arrangement for AHL hockey on the principle that it would not require a subsidy from the taxpayer. The current lease agreement between the IceCaps and SJSEL achieves that objective. Your proposed 50% reduction in revenue accruing to SJSEL from hockey operations would likely violate that principle. Council may therefore have to consider whether AHL hockey is important enough to the City to warrant a subsidy from the taxpayer.

It is a complex question with far-reaching implications, which I cannot commit to answering by your imposed deadline.

Council has referred this matter to the SJSEL Board of Directors to undertake appropriate due diligence on the position advanced in your letter of March 3, 2014. Upon receipt of a report from the Board, Council should be in a better position to provide an answer.

We will give this matter our immediate attention and will contact you if further information is required to support the analysis to be undertaken by SJSEL.

Yours sincerely,



Dennis O'Keefe,  
Mayor

cc. Mr. Steve Sparkes  
Mr. Danny Breen  
Mr. Bob Smart

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SCM

March 3, 2014

Mayor Dennis O'Keefe  
City of St. John's  
P.O. Box 908  
St. John's, NL A1C 5M2

Dear Mayor:

Due to the fact that we are coming to our final season with the Winnipeg Jets, we would appreciate a response to our letters of August 21, 2013 and September 17, 2013.

At the time of our last letter requesting assistance, Winnipeg were seeking an additional \$2 million for a two-year extension. Due to our significant travel, operation and facility rental costs we were unable to absorb this entire amount as we cannot forecast assuming 100% sell-out forever. A reduction in attendance of 20% puts us in a loss position. It is now 6 months since we made representation to you and we are now in a position where Winnipeg have withdrawn their proposal and are definitely leaving next year. Over the last 3 seasons and next season, we will have provided at least \$10 million in additional revenue and significant capital expenditures to Mile One and tens of millions of dollars of indirect and induced revenue to city businesses with resulting employment. This, along with the international exposure that the 2014 All-Star Classic allowed for the City, are invaluable benefits that our organization has directly provided over our short existence.

We now find ourselves in a position of having to pay an additional \$5 million for a franchise, if one is available, in addition to continually escalating expenses. Our organization is not prepared to take on the financial risk unless the city is prepared to reduce their return from us by at least 50%.

For 50 nights at Mile One, which includes playoffs and related usage of the facility for dressing rooms and practice, we provide or generate the following:

- a) \$627,160.00 lump sum;
- b) \$350,000.00 (rounded) representing \$7,180.00 rent per night for 50 games, not considering the annual C.P.I rent increase;
- c) \$6,250.00 or 25 cents per ticket for printing, production etc.;
- d) All season tickets production costs;

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- e) \$270,000.00 or 3.5% of sale price of each ticket purchase electronically or with debt cards;
- f) Corporate Box valued at \$75,000.00;
- g) 26 season and playoff tickets at \$30,000.00 rounded;
- h) 80% of gross after tax revenue of Concourse Level Concessions;
- i) 80% of Net Profits of Concourse Level Concessions not operated by SJSEL;
- j) 80% of Net Profits of Suite Concessions;
- k) 80% of Net Profits from Restaurant and so on.

The recent AHL All Star Classic was broadcast to 100 million homes throughout North America and Europe, giving our city and province an enormous amount of international exposure which is just another example of the impact having an AHL team in our city.

Put together, these items result in by far the highest rental arrangement in the league and it is these expenses and spin-off benefits that will need to be cut in half. As our travel and operations continue to escalate and our franchise fee and affiliation fee will increase exorbitantly, in order to pursue an alternative we will require an answer by mid-March. If the answer is negative, AHL hockey will cease to exist at the end of next season. This is not to be considered an ultimatum, but we feel we have to have this information in order to pursue in a meaningful way a franchise as time is of the essence.

If you wish, we are available for a meeting at your convenience.

Respectfully yours,

Glenn Stanford  
Governor & Chief Operating Officer  
St. John's IceCaps

cc. ✓ Bob Smart  
Danny Breen

**THIS AGREEMENT** made at the City of St. John's, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

**BETWEEN:**

**10801 NEWFOUNDLAND INC.**, a corporate body organized and existing under the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador with its corporate offices situated at St. John's, NL Canada

(hereinafter referred to as the "Proponent")

OF THE ONE PART

**AND:**

**ST. JOHN'S SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT LTD.**, a corporate body organized and existing under the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador with its corporate offices situated at St. John's, NL Canada

(hereinafter referred to as "SJSEL")

OF THE OTHER PART

**WHEREAS** the Proponent is the holder of a valid franchise permitting it to operate a hockey team in the AHL;

**AND WHEREAS** the Proponent wishes to operate an AHL hockey team in the City of St. John's and from the facility known as Mile One Centre;

**AND WHEREAS** the AHL has provided the Proponent with a franchise permitting it to operate a hockey team;

**AND WHEREAS** the AHL has approved the location of the said franchise in the City of St. John's and the operation of the said hockey team from Mile One Centre;

**NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES** that for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual undertakings, promises, covenants and agreements set forth herein on the part of each of the Parties hereto, the Parties hereto agree with each other as follows:

## **ARTICLE 1 – INTERPRETATION**

### **1.01 Definitions**

In this Agreement and any subsequent amendments, the following terms shall have the meaning as set forth herein:

- (a) “C.P.I.” means the Consumer Price Index for the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, all items (not seasonally adjusted);
- (b) the “Proponent” means 10801 Newfoundland Inc. and includes its successors and assigns as may be permitted pursuant to this Agreement;
- (c) “Fixture” has the meaning as prescribed in Article 3.03(d) herein;
- (d) “Franchise” means the right granted to the Proponent by the AHL to own and operate the Team, in the AHL;
- (e) “GAAP” means generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed in the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants Handbook;
- (f) “Concourse Level” means the level one main concourse levels of Mile One Centre generally known as and referred to as the “main concourse level”;
- (g) “Suite Level” means the level immediately above the Concourse Level of Mile One Centre generally known and referred to as the “suite level”.
- (h) “Home Games” means all Regular season, Pre-season, and Play-off Games of the Team that are scheduled to be played at Mile One Centre, during each year of the Term;

- (i) “Home Team Dressing Room” means the area located on the lower level of Mile One Centre and includes the dressing room, coach’s and assistant coach’s offices, and training room area;
- (j) “Mile One Centre” means the building located on New Gower Street in the City of St. John’s in which the Team will play all Home Games during each AHL Hockey Season during the Term, neither the Convention Centre nor the pedway across New Gower Street forms part of the Mile One Centre for the purposes of this Agreement;
- (k) “Play-off Games” means all hockey games of the Team that take place in the AHL play-offs that follows the Regular Season Games in each AHL Hockey Season during the Term.
- (l) “AHL” means the American Hockey League and includes its successors and assigns;
- (m) “AHL Hockey Season” means the period (during each year of the Term) during which all Regular Season Games and Playoff Games are played;
- (n) “Regular Season Games” mean all hockey games of the Team that take place during the regular season in each AHL Hockey Season during the Term;
- (o) “Pre-Season Games” mean exhibition hockey games of the Team that are not Regular Season Games or Playoff Games that take place during any year of the Term;
- (p) “Rent” is as prescribed in Article 4.02 and 4.03 herein;
- (q) “Advertising/Sponsorship Payment” is as prescribed in Article 4.04 herein.

- (r) “Retail Space” means that space defined as the Merchandise area and located in front of the administration offices on the Concourse Level at Mile One Centre.
- (s) “Season Tickets” means a package of Tickets, purchased in advance of any AHL Hockey Season during the Term, for each and every Regular Season Game to be played by the Team at Mile One Centre during the said AHL Hockey Season;
- (t) “Season Ticket Database” means a database of regular season and playoff game ticket holders as well as personal seat licence holders.
- (u) “Series” means the number of consecutive Regular Season Games and Play-off Games played by the Team and any given visiting AHL hockey team at Mile One Centre;
- (v) “SJSEL” means St. John’s Sports and Entertainment Limited and includes its successors and assigns;
- (w) “Team” means the hockey team known as the St. John’s Ice Caps (including any successor) which shall, at all times during the Term, be a member team of the AHL and includes all players, coaches and other persons as, at minimum, shall be necessary to comply with all rules, regulations and by-laws of the AHL;
- (x) “Term” is as prescribed in Article 2.01 herein;
- (y) “Ticket” means a ticket which will allow the bearer admission to Mile One Centre for the purpose of attending the Home Game, for which the specific Ticket relates, played by the Team at Mile One Centre, and does not include complimentary tickets referenced at Articles 6.06, 6.07, and 6.09.

## 1.02 **Headings**

The division of this Agreement into articles, sections and the insertion of headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement. The terms “hereof”, “herein”, “hereunder”, “therein” and “thereof” refer to this Agreement and not to any particular article, section, clause or other portion thereof unless otherwise specifically stated.

## 1.03 **Extended Meaning**

Words importing the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa.

## 1.04 **Currency**

All references to currency in this Agreement are to lawful money of Canada and any payments required to be made hereunder shall be made in the lawful money of Canada.

## 1.05 **Schedules**

All Schedules to this Agreement shall form part and parcel of the Agreement.

## 1.06 **Governing Law**

This Agreement shall be in all respects governed by and interpreted under and in accordance with the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and of Canada as applicable in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

## **ARTICLE 2 – TERM**

### **2.01 Term**

The Term of this Agreement shall be Three (3) years commencing on July 1, 2011 and terminating on June 30, 2014. The Proponent shall have the option to continue the Agreement on the same terms and conditions for a further period of One (1) year (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015) subject to providing written notification of its intention to do so to SJSEL on or before July 1, 2013.

### **2.02 Renewal**

Except as stated in Article 2.01, neither Party shall have the unilateral right or option to extend or renew this Agreement beyond the end of the Term. Should the Proponent wish to enter into negotiations with SJSEL towards any renewal or extension of this Agreement beyond the Term as provided in Article 2.01 it shall provide written notice of its intention to do so at least twelve (12) months prior to the end of the Term or prior to the one year extension, if applicable, as referred to in 2.01 above.

## **ARTICLE 3 – DEMISE**

### **3.01 Demise**

Subject to all the terms and conditions contained herein SJSEL hereby grants to The Proponent, for the Term, the following:

- (a) the right to use Mile One Centre as the home arena of the St. John's Ice Caps exclusively, with no other hockey team being permitted to operate on a seasonal basis, utilizing Mile One Centre as their home arena. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Proponent acknowledges that SJSEL shall have the right to book short term hockey events, games or tournaments at Mile One Centre;

- (b) the right, subject to Article 5, to hold all Home Games of the Team, during each AHL Hockey Season during the Term, at Mile One Centre;
- (c) the right to occupy and use the Home Team Dressing Room for the following purposes
  - (i) as a dressing room for the Team for Home Games at Mile One Centre,
  - (ii) for office space for the Team's coaching staff,
  - (iii) as a training room for the Team;
  - (iv) such other purpose, as may be consented to in writing by SJSEL; and
  - (v) for no other purpose except as aforesaid.
- (d) the right to occupy and use the Retail Space in accordance with Section 8 herein;
- (e) the exclusive right for the use of Mile One Centre for such purposes as provided for herein on Home Game days for two (2) hours preceding the start of the game and one (1) hour following the end of the game. In addition, the Proponent shall be given the exclusive right, on 2 further days as agreed upon between the Parties during each hockey season with each day consisting of four (4) hours of daytime ice time, to conduct, in conjunction with Scotiabank, hockey clinics;
- (f) SJSEL hereby covenants with the Proponent that, during the period referenced in Article 3.01(e), no person will be permitted to enter Mile One Centre without an admission ticket with the exception of those individuals who are required and necessary, or are SJSEL or the Proponent employees or agents who are there to specifically perform game related functions.

### 3.02 **Dressing Rooms**

- (a) The Proponent shall have sole and exclusive use, for such purposes as provided for herein, of the Home Team Dressing Room for the entire term of the

Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that SJSEL requires the use of the Home Team Dressing Room on a temporary basis, then such request shall be made in writing to the Proponent and consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

- (b) A visiting AHL team shall have the right to occupy and use the visiting team dressing room for the period beginning 24 hours before a Home Game Series and ending 12 hours after the conclusion of a Home Game Series unless such occupancy and use conflicts with a scheduled Mile One Centre event, in which case SJSEL shall make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the visiting team as soon as practicable.

### 3.03 **Renovations, Improvements and Fixtures**

- (a) the Proponent shall not undertake or permit any construction or make or permit any improvements, renovations or repairs or otherwise at Mile One Centre or any part thereof, including (without limiting the generality of the foregoing) the Team Dressing Room and the Retail Space, without first obtaining the written consent of SJSEL which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. For greater certainty, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this prohibition includes any painting, the placing of any graphics, promotional and/or advertising materials, signage, pictures, posters, photographs, paintings or otherwise of any like or similar nature whatsoever.
- (b) Any and all construction, improvements, or repairs as may be requested by the Proponent and approved by SJSEL shall be carried out at the sole expense of the Proponent and at the direction of SJSEL and in accordance with the terms of any collective agreement that may be in place, from time to time, with any union representing any of SJSEL's employees at Mile One Centre.

- (c) All leasehold improvements and renovations made at Mile One Centre by the Proponent shall be for the benefit of SJSEL and shall remain at Mile One Centre at the end of the Term or other termination of this Agreement at no charge or cost to SJSEL.
  
- (d) The Proponent shall be required to obtain the permission of SJSEL, prior to adding, placing, constructing or installing anything at Mile One Centre or any part thereof that is secured in place. Anything of this nature that is approved by SJSEL shall be deemed to be a fixture (“Fixture”) and shall remain as installed at the end of the Term or other termination of this Agreement at no cost or charge to SJSEL. Notwithstanding the foregoing, SJSEL agrees that the Proponent shall be permitted to remove the following:
  - (i) equipment or chattels that directly relate to the hockey operations of the Team; and
  
  - (ii) electronic devices and related equipment (excluding wiring, switches, outlets, light fixtures, etc. unless SJSEL specifically requires that such be removed) and/or solid signage, procured and installed by the Proponent and at no cost to SJSEL;

all of which has been installed with the permission of SJSEL and which may otherwise be considered a Fixture, on the following conditions:

- (i) that the Proponent restore the Premises to the same condition as existed prior to the installation of any said Fixture(s);
  
- (ii) that, where the installation of a Fixture(s), requires the removal of any existing fixture(s) at Mile One Centre (e.g. existing televisions, screens, video displays, electronic devices and related equipment, signage, etc.),

the Proponent shall remove and store the existing fixtures at its sole expense;

- (iii) that, following removal of any Fixture(s), the Proponent shall, if required by SJSEL, reinstall the stored fixture(s) and restore the same, at minimum, to the working order that existed prior to removal; and
- (iv) that the Proponent shall be solely responsible for the storage and safety of all fixtures removed by it until such time as these are reinstalled in accordance with (iii) above.

#### 3.04 **Removal of Liens**

- (a) The Proponent shall not permit any liens that may be placed or filed against or at Mile One Centre by reason of any work, labour, services or material supplied or claimed to have been supplied to or at Mile One Centre at the request or demand or with the permission of the Proponent or the Team, to remain in place for any period greater than ninety (90) days whether or not such work, labour, services or material was done, provided or supplied with the approval of SJSEL, and shall take all steps necessary to ensure the discharge of same.
- (b) In the event that the Proponent fails or refuses to secure the discharge of any lien in accordance with Article 3.04(a) then SJSEL may secure the discharge of such lien by any means that it chooses and the Proponent shall be responsible for all costs and expenditures (including legal costs) incurred by SJSEL in having such lien discharged or vacated. Further SJSEL shall be entitled to deduct such costs and expenditures from monies that may be held by it on behalf of the Proponent.

### 3.05 **Inspection**

SJSEL shall have the right to inspect any part of Mile One Centre used or occupied by the Proponent or the Team by virtue of this Agreement following twenty-four (24) hours written notice of its intention to do the same.

### 3.06 **Maintenance and Repair**

- a) Unless otherwise stipulated in this Agreement, or unless structural damage is caused or repair is necessitated as a result of negligence or misuse of Mile One Centre or any part thereof by the Proponent or those for whom, at law it is responsible, the Proponent shall not be responsible for structural maintenance and repair of Mile One Centre. The foregoing applies to the foundation, exterior weather walls, sub-floor, roof, bearing walls, structural columns and beams of Mile One Centre and all building related electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems contained therein.
- b) Notwithstanding 3.06(a) or anything else contained in this Agreement, the Proponent shall be responsible for any and all maintenance, repair and/or replacement costs resulting from negligence or misuse of Mile One Centre or any part thereof by the Proponent or its employees, agents or those for whom, at law, it is responsible.
- c) The Proponent shall be responsible for all general day to day cleaning, upkeep, maintenance and repair of the Team Dressing Room and the Retail Space and the Proponent shall ensure that the same is undertaken in accordance with the terms of any collective agreement that may be in place, from time to time, with any union representing SJSEL employees at Mile One Centre.

### **3.07 Use for Specified Purposes Only**

The Proponent shall not have the right to use Mile One Centre or any part thereof, except as otherwise specifically provided for in this Agreement.

### **3.08 Additional Rights to SJSEL**

Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement, should either of the Parties, at any time, fail to undertake any obligation or perform any act on their part to be performed, and/or fail to pay the full cost of any payment, repair, renewal, maintenance or otherwise for which they are responsible within seven (7) days of being notified in writing of such default, then the parties may deduct or set off such reasonable amount so as to remedy such obligation and the parties agree that should the matter not be resolved to their mutual satisfaction within seven (7) days of notice of such default, then either party may refer the matter to an arbitrator pursuant to Article 29.01 and the amount deducted or set off shall be placed in trust in the hands of the arbitrator for purposes of resolution of the matter.

## **ARTICLE 4 – RENT**

### **4.01 Payment**

The Proponent shall pay to SJSEL Rent and all other payments as identified in this Agreement, in the manner as set forth herein, except as otherwise specified.

### **4.02 Rent During Initial AHL Hockey Season**

The Proponent shall pay to SJSEL for each Home Game played by the Team at Mile One Centre during the initial year of the Term the amount of Seven thousand one hundred and eighty dollars (\$7,180.00) plus applicable taxes which monies shall be taken by SJSEL following each Home Series from monies from Ticket and/or Season Ticket sales

collected by SJSEL pursuant to Article 6.03 herein. In the event that there are, from time to time during the Term, insufficient monies from Ticket and/or Season Ticket sales collected by SJSEL to cover Rent payments as contemplated herein, then the Proponent shall pay directly to SJSEL any deficiency in respect of the same within five (5) days of being so notified. SJSEL shall have the right to immediately deduct any deficiency in payment from any other monies that may be held by it and that would otherwise be paid to the Proponent pursuant to this Agreement.

#### **4.03 Increases in Rent**

Commencing on July 1, 2012 and on July 1 of each subsequent year of the Term the Rent as referenced in Article 4.02 shall be increased by the percentage change in the C.P.I. from the period from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the immediately preceding year. If there is no percentage increase, or if there is a decrease, in the C.P.I. during any said period then, for the following period, the Rent as referenced in Article 4.02 shall remain as it was for the preceding period.

#### **4.04 Advertising/Sponsorship Payment Revenue**

The Proponent will pay to SJSEL the sum of Six Hundred and Twenty Seven Thousand One Hundred and Sixty dollars (\$627,160) plus applicable taxes annually to be paid in equal quarterly instalments over the Term. These instalments will be due August 1<sup>st</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, January 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year of the Term. These payments shall be made irrespective of Advertising /Sponsorship Revenues that the Proponent may generate and irrespective of the number of Home Games that the Team may play at Mile One Centre during any year of the Term.

#### **4.05 Reduction in Number of Home Games**

Notwithstanding the foregoing, should the number of Home Games be reduced below 38 the total amount of Rent and Advertising/Sponsorship Revenue payable to SJSEL shall not be less than \$900,000.00, plus applicable taxes, and plus applicable C.P.I. adjustment in each year of the Term.

### **ARTICLE 5 – HOME GAMES**

#### **5.01 AHL Regular Season Home Games Schedule**

SJSEL shall, upon the written request of the Proponent, provide on or before June 1 of each year of the Term a list of blackout dates for the upcoming season in order to commence the scheduling of the Team's Regular Season Home Games to be played at Mile One Centre. Upon receipt of a draft AHL schedule from the Proponent, SJSEL shall confirm the availability of the aforesaid blackout dates. Should there be a conflict between the Mile One Centre calendar of events and the AHL draft schedule, the Mile One Centre calendar of events shall take precedence. Once SJSEL is in receipt of the confirmed schedule that schedule shall form part of the Mile One Centre calendar of events. Notwithstanding the foregoing it is understood and agreed that in the initial year of the Term the list of black-out dates will be provided no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

#### **5.02 AHL Play-off Games Schedule**

The Team shall provide to SJSEL, within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of each play-off round format by the Proponent from the AHL, a proposed schedule of the Team's Play-off Home Games to be played at Mile One Centre during any AHL Hockey Season. It is understood and agreed by the Proponent that the proposed schedule for the Team's Play-off Home Games to be played at Mile One Centre cannot be finalized until approved by SJSEL. SJSEL hereby covenants not to make a booking for any more than five (5)

consecutive days during any given week commencing the last day of the Regular Season until the last possible play-off date.

**5.03 Black-out Dates**

In order to assist the Proponent in developing its proposed schedule of the Team's Home Games to be played at Mile One Centre during any AHL Hockey Season during the Term, SJSEL shall, within seven (7) days of receiving a written request from the Proponent, provide to the Proponent a list of those dates, of which SJSEL is aware at the time of the request being made, on which Home Games cannot be played at Mile One Centre during the ensuing AHL Hockey Season. It always being understood and agreed that all such black-out dates as contemplated in this Article are subject to change until such time as SJSEL provides its final approval of the schedules proposed pursuant to Articles 5.01 and 5.02 herein.

**5.04 Availability of Ice Surface**

The ice surface at Mile One Centre (including player's benches, penalty box, and timekeeper's box) shall be made available to the Proponent for at least 2.5 hours prior to the commencement of each Home Game at Mile One Centre until the completion of each Home Game.

**5.05 Services Provided by SJSEL at Home Games at no Additional Expense**

- (a) SJSEL shall provide the following at Home Games played by the Team at Mile One Centre:
  - (i) box office services (subject to costs as referenced in s. 6.04 and subject to s. 6.08);
  - (ii) ticket takers;

- (iii) ushers;
- (iv) maintenance and technical personnel for maintaining the ice surface, boards and glass, and zamboni/ice resurface operation; SJSEL will exercise due diligence to ensure there are two (2) zamboni/ice resurfacer machines fully functional and in operation at all relevant times hereto; subject always to mechanical/technical problems that may develop from time to time.
- (v) building security at Mile One Centre;
- (vi) suite service staff; and
- (vii) parking staff.

It is understood that the foregoing will be provided to the extent, and/or to such standards, as may be required by law or, where there are no specific legal standards in place governing the matter, to the extent, or to such standards, as determined solely by SJSEL, acting reasonably.

- (b) SJSEL shall provide clean-up services at Mile One Centre excluding the Team Dressing Room and the Retail Space. This service will be provided to the extent, or to such standard as determined by SJSEL, acting reasonably.
- (c) SJSEL shall have the right to control all heat and light at Mile One Centre, and shall be responsible for all costs of the same at a temperature suitable to carry on a professional hockey game with large attendance. It is understood that SJSEL does not guarantee an uninterrupted supply of electricity or other fuel in order to furnish heat and light, however it will exercise due diligence in respect of the same.

- (d) Notwithstanding anything else contained in s. 5.05 it is understood and agreed that in circumstances where Home Games are scheduled on statutory or such other holidays as may exist pursuant to any collective agreements to which SJSEL are a party, the Proponent shall reimburse SJSEL for all additional incremental costs incurred by SJSEL relating to the provision of services at Home Games taking place on the said holidays.

**5.06 Additional Services**

- (a) SJSEL shall not be obligated to provide or perform any service or act of any nature whatsoever, or provide any equipment, except as specifically provided for in this Agreement.
- (b) Without limited the generality of s. 5.06(a) SJSEL is not obligated to provide any of the following at its cost or expense:
  - (i) game day medical services;
  - (ii) game day officials (on or off ice);
  - (iii) services relating to game day or game related promotions or other activities;
  - (iv) services relating to the operation of the video board;
  - (v) telephone, internet or other communications connections or equipment of any nature; except equipment related to the services provided in s. 5.05; and

- (vi) any other services and/or equipment or supplies of any nature whatsoever except as otherwise specifically provided for in this Agreement.
  
- (c) The Proponent may, from time to time, request that SJSEL provide additional, and/or increased levels of, services beyond that contemplated specifically in this agreement. Additional charges, costs or fees for the same may be negotiated from time to time on such terms and conditions as may be mutually acceptable to the Parties.

## **ARTICLE 6 – BOX OFFICE**

### **6.01 Season Ticket Database**

- (a) The Parties agree that the Season Ticket Database shall be compiled by SJSEL and shall be jointly owned by SJSEL and the Proponent and is to be utilized by the Parties for the promotion of hockey and the marketing of Mile One Centre and events at Mile One Centre.
  
- (b) Upon termination of this Agreement the Parties shall each retain ownership of the Season Ticket Database.
  
- (c) The Season Ticket Database shall not be used by either of the Parties for any purpose other than that specified in subsection (a) above with the written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

### **6.02 Ticket Distribution and Prices**

- (a) All Tickets to all Home Games played at Mile One Centre during each AHL Hockey Season during the Term shall be produced, printed, sold or otherwise disbursed and/or distributed by SJSEL through the box office at Mile One Centre

or via SJSEL's online ticket provider or as otherwise provided for by SJSEL. The Proponent shall have the right to determine all graphics, advertising and printing on Tickets and Season Tickets including the waiver of liability subject to the prior approval of SJSEL which will not be unreasonably withheld. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Season Tickets may be produced and printed by the Proponent but otherwise shall be sold, disbursed, and/or distributed by SJSEL as is the case with Tickets.

- (b) The Proponent shall have the sole right to establish and set Ticket and Season Ticket prices, and the Parties agree that there shall be no Tickets or Season Tickets issued for an amount less or more than the said prices as established by the Proponent except where otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties.
- (c) It is understood and agreed that applicable taxes and all surcharges or otherwise relating to the purchase of Tickets from any online ticket provider for Mile One Centre, including SJSEL if it, in future, establishes its own online ticket service, will be added to the Ticket price as established by the Proponent.

#### **6.03 Payment of Monies from Ticket Sales**

- (a) SJSEL shall have the sole and exclusive right to sell and distribute all Tickets and Season Tickets and to collect all monies relating to the sale and distribution of all Tickets and Season Tickets. Monies collected by SJSEL from the sale of Tickets and Season Tickets shall be paid over to the Proponent as provided in Articles 6.03(b) and (c) net of Rent, and any other charges, fees, payments, debts, holdbacks, expenses or otherwise due to or permitted to be taken or held by SJSEL pursuant to this Agreement, and net of all applicable taxes.
- (b) Monies collected by SJSEL from the sale and distribution of Tickets and owing to the Proponent pursuant to Article 6.03(a) shall be paid to the Proponent on the first business day following each Series of Home Games played at Mile One

Centre during each AHL Hockey Season during the Term in which the said monies were collected by SJSEL.

- (c) Monies collected by SJSEL from the sale and distribution of Season Tickets and owing to the Proponent pursuant to Article 6.03(a) shall be paid to the Proponent on the fifth working day of the month following the month in which the said monies were collected. Monies remitted shall be net of all charges, fees, payments, debts, expenses or otherwise due to or permitted to be taken or held by SJSEL excepting only Rent. Monies held back will be applied on a proportional basis, as a part of each Series settlement throughout the AHL Season, to Rents due to SJSEL.
- (d) It is understood and agreed that the Proponent shall not produce or print any Tickets whatsoever at any time during the Term. It is further understood and agreed that the Proponent shall not sell, distribute or disburse any Tickets and/or Season Tickets whatsoever at any time during the Term. It is further understood and agreed that, with the exception of monies received in relation to the Season's Tickets paid by ticketholders to the Proponent in advance, up to September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, the Proponent shall not collect or receive (except as specifically provided for in Article 6.03 herein or as otherwise may, from time to time, be agreed upon in writing as between the Parties) any monies, goods, services or in kind payment of any nature whatsoever, from the sale, disbursement, and/or distribution of Tickets and/or Season Tickets.

#### 6.04 **Cost of Service**

In addition to Rent, Advertising/Sponsorship Payment and any other costs, charges, fees, payments, debts, holdbacks or otherwise as provided for in this Agreement, the Proponent shall pay the following costs (including all applicable taxes) related to Box Office services provided by SJSEL:

- (a) twenty-five (\$0.25) per Ticket for Ticket printing, production, and associated costs;
- (b) all Season Ticket printing, production and associated costs;
- (c) three and one-half percent (3.5%) of the sale price (including taxes) of each Ticket and Season Ticket purchased electronically and/or via debit or credit cards; and
- (d) SOCAN fees.

**6.05 No Payments beyond Termination**

The Proponent shall not be entitled to any payments, revenues, monies or otherwise from SJSEL beyond the Term or other termination of this Agreement except insofar as the said payments, revenues, monies or otherwise were accrued by the Proponent during the Term.

**6.06 Corporate Suite for SJSEL**

SJSEL shall, at no cost, have the right to occupy a corporate suite at Mile One Centre throughout the Term and shall be entitled to fourteen (14) complimentary Tickets for each Home Game during the Term.

**6.07 Season Tickets for City of St. John's**

The City of St. John's shall, at no cost, be provided with eleven pairs of complimentary tickets (22 tickets in total) for each Home Game during the Term. The seats associated with these tickets are identified in Schedule "A" attached hereto.

#### **6.08 Box Office Opening Times**

SJSEL shall, at all times during the Term, have the right to set times and dates for the opening and operation of the box office at Mile One Centre. SJSEL shall maintain reasonable and practical box office hours, subject to any collective agreement in place at Mile One Centre, so as to assist and facilitate the sale of Tickets for all Home Games.

#### **6.09 Complimentary Tickets, SJSEL**

In addition to s. 6.06, SJSEL shall be provided twenty (20) Tickets, at no cost, to each Home Game during the term.

### **ARTICLE 7 – PRACTICE SESSIONS**

#### **7.01 Practice Time**

The Proponent will be provided the ice surface at Mile One Centre for practice sessions for the Team at days and times to be agreed upon at no cost to the team during the AHL Hockey Season. Practice sessions may only be scheduled between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm on weekdays and at times to be determined on weekends. Under no circumstances will the sessions be longer than two hours per day. No less than thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of each AHL Hockey Season during the Term the Proponent shall provide to SJSEL its proposed practice schedule for the Team at Mile One Centre. It is understood and agreed that SJSEL shall have the final right of approval of any proposed practice schedule, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

#### **7.02 Right to Pre-empt Practices**

Notwithstanding Article 7.01 or anything else herein contained SJSEL shall have the right, on seventy-two (72) hours' notice to the Proponent and/or the Team, to pre-empt any practice times. If the Team has to use alternate space for practices all costs will be

borne by the Team.

## **ARTICLE 8 – RETAIL SPACE**

### **8.01 Retail Space – Demise**

The Proponent shall have the right to use the Retail Space at Mile One Centre throughout the Term for the sole purpose of merchandising and/or retailing Team and/or hockey related merchandise, souvenirs and novelties. Further the Proponent shall have the right to all revenues generated in respect of this. Notwithstanding the foregoing it is understood and agreed that the Proponent shall not sell or provide any food, beverage (including beer, wine or spirits) and/or confection or concession items or services from the Retail Space or anywhere else at Mile One Centre. The Proponent shall be responsible for all leasehold improvements, signage, staffing, inventory, POS equipment, internet requirements, telephone requirements and the cleaning of the Retail Space.

### **8.02 Retail Space – Hours of Operation**

SJSEL shall have the sole right to set the hours of operation for Mile One Centre and times that Mile One Centre is to be opened to the public. The Retail Space shall not be opened for business or to the public except at such times and dates as may be specifically agreed to by SJSEL from time to time during the Term. It being understood and agreed, however, that the Proponent may open the Retail Space for business at all Home Games played by the Team at Mile One Centre and for one (1) hour before each Home Game and for one half hour (30 minutes) subsequent to each Home Game, and may open the Retail Space when the General Office for SJSEL is open with access to the Retail Space at such times to be through Gate 2.

## **ARTICLE 9 – CONCESSIONS**

### **9.01 Right to Provide Concessions**

SJSEL shall have the sole right to permit the operation of concessions and the sale and distribution of all food and beverage of any nature (including beer, wine and spirits) at Mile One Centre. Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement the Proponent shall not have any right to operate any concessions, or to sell, distribute or provide any food or beverage items of any nature at Mile One Centre. Further, the Proponent shall not have the right to enter into any agreement with any person relating to the operation of concessions or the sale, distribution, or provision of any food and beverage items at Mile One Centre. The Proponent's sole right in relation to concessions is to receive the revenues as stipulated in this Article 9. SJSEL, however, recognizes and will respect the rights of exclusivity of product as enjoyed by various beverage Sponsors subject always to sections 10.02 and 10.05.

#### **9.02 Obligation to Purchase Food and Beverage at Mile One Centre Concessions**

All food and beverage of any nature (including beer, wine and spirits) that is consumed or used at Mile One Centre at any time during the Term by any person or persons whatsoever must be purchased from concessions operations at Mile One Centre at prices as established by SJSEL.

#### **9.03 Concession Revenues**

The Proponent, from concession revenues collected by SJSEL during the period commencing one (1) hour before and ending one hour after each Home Game played at Mile One Centre during the Term (the "Period"), shall be entitled to the following:

- (a) In relation to concession services operated by SJSEL at the Concourse Level of Mile One Centre, twenty percent (20%) of gross after tax revenue received by SJSEL during the Period;

- (b) In relation to concession services at the Concourse Level that are not operated by SJSEL twenty percent (20%) of the net profits realized by SJSEL from the operation thereof during the Period;
- (c) In relation to concession services at the Suite Level of Mile One Centre, twenty percent (20%) of net profits realized by SJSEL from the operation thereof during the Period;
- (d) In relation to the Top Shelf restaurant area twenty percent (20%) of the net profits realized by SJSEL from the operation thereof during the Period; and
- (e) The Proponent shall not be entitled to any concession revenues except as aforesaid.

#### 9.04 **Concession Audit**

SJSEL shall provide to the Proponent on or before September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012, and on or before September 30<sup>th</sup> of each following year of the Term:

- (a) a complete and comprehensive audit report of all gross revenue from concession operations and sales to which the Proponent is entitled to a percentage for the preceding period from July 1 to June 30;
- (b) accompanied with the said report payment of any monies that may remain owing by SJSEL pursuant to this Article 9.00 for the said period with applicable interest.

#### 9.05 **Payment of Concession Revenue**

Monies due to the Proponent pursuant to Article 9.00 shall be paid with each Series settlement as contemplated pursuant to Article 6.03(b) and net of all matters as referenced in Article 6.03(a).

## **ARTICLE 10 – ADVERTISING/SPONSORSHIP REVENUES**

### **10.01 Revenue for Advertising/Sponsorship**

- (a) The Proponent, subject to Article 4.04 herein, (and except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement) shall be entitled to all AHL hockey revenue received for the following at Mile One Centre during the Term:
  - (i) sale of advertising or signage; and
  - (ii) corporate suite sales.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, SJSEL shall have the right to sell advertising and allow promotions at non AHL Hockey events that may take place at Mile One Centre during the Term and shall have the right to all revenues generated there from.

### **10.02 Undertaking Marketing Activities and Contracting**

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement the Proponent will operate the marketing and sales activities for the sale of advertising or signage and corporate suite sales and may contract for the same subject to the following:

- (i) no contract or agreement in relation to any of the foregoing shall be binding unless SJSEL first approves the same in writing, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed;
- (ii) the form, content, presentation, location and exercise of any advertising or other promotions shall be subject to the prior written approval of SJSEL, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed;

- (iii) (a) the Proponent shall not enter into any contracts or agreements with any person that allows for the exclusivity of the sale, during Home Games or other AHL events, of products, services or otherwise at Mile One Centre except with respect to beer, wine, spirits and soft drinks, NEITHER shall the Proponent enter into any contracts or agreements that allows for the exclusivity of advertising or promotion of any products, services or otherwise at Mile One Centre at any events not related to the AHL;
- (b) the Proponent may enter into contracts or agreements with persons that allow for the official or exclusive sponsorship of the Team with respect to various products or services provided that such agreements or contracts do not permit or allow for any exclusivity or other rights with respect to Mile One Centre that are not specifically permitted elsewhere in this Agreement AND provided that such agreements or contracts do not violate any provision of the Agreement including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, articles 9.01, 9.02, 10.02 and 10.05.
- (iv) the Proponent shall not enter into any contracts or agreements that, in any way, may restrict SJSEL's right and ability to secure and promote events at Mile One Centre that may be sponsored by corporations or persons advertising products or services competing with corporate sponsors contracting with the Proponent;
- (v) the Proponent shall not enter into any contracts or agreements that provide any person or corporation, other than corporate suiteholders, with tickets or passes to any events at Mile One Centre except Home Games; and
- (vi) the Proponent shall not enter into any contracts or agreements with corporate suiteholders that allows for any more than fourteen (14) tickets

per suite for the first show only of any non AHL hockey event that may take place at Mile One Centre during the Term; for greater certainty it is understood and agreed that the Proponent shall have no entitlement to any revenue from ticket sales of corporate suites beyond the foregoing, in addition SJSEL shall have the right to sell tickets and collect revenues for the use of vacant suites at non AHL hockey events that may take place at Mile One Centre during the Term.

(vii) In addition to any other indemnity provisions in this Agreement, the Proponent agrees as follows:

(a) to declare, indemnify and hold harmless SJSEL (which term includes its parent company, affiliates, directors, elected officials, officers, employees and other representatives) from any and all claims, demands, activities, suits, allegations, actions, or causes of action, arising from or incident, whether directly or indirectly, to any misconduct, negligence, representation, or omission on the part of any person with whom the Proponent or the Team contracts pursuant, directly or indirectly, to Article 10 herein (“Sponsors”) in the conduct of the Sponsors duties or any conduct outside the scope of their duties which may give rise to liability or potential liability on the part of SJSEL (the “Indemnified Parties”),

IT IS PROPONENT’S EXPRESS INTENTION THAT THE INDEMNITY PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION INDEMNIFY AND PROTECT THE INDEMNIFIED PARTIES FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF ALL SPONSORS MISCONDUCT, NEGLIGENCE, REPRESENTATION, OR OMISSION INCLUDING ACTS OF NEGLIGENCE OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE, AND WHERE SAME IS A CONTRIBUTING CAUSE OF THE CLAIM; and

(b) to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold harmless SJSEL (which term includes its parent company, affiliates, directors, elected officials, officers, employees and other representatives collectively “Promotion Indemnified Parties”) from and against all claims, suits, actions, damages, and liabilities, including but not limited to attorneys’ fees and costs and expenses of defence, arising out of or relating to or alleged to arise out of or relate to any Sponsors marketing activities and any Sponsors acts, obligations or benefits contemplated or permitted by any contract/agreement entered into by the Proponent or the Team

pursuant, directly or indirectly, to Article 10 herein (whether or not SJSEL approves any such contract), or any other acts or omissions by a Sponsor or Sponsor's Agents (defined hereunder), whether occurring on the premises of Mile One Centre (comprised of the Arena, walkways, parking lots, and immediate surrounding areas) or any and all other off-site (i.e. non Mile One Centre) premises, which may be caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts, omissions, or willful misconduct of any Sponsor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any Sponsor in any capacity, anyone volunteering on behalf of any Sponsor, anyone who comes under any Sponsor's control, or anyone for whose acts any Sponsor may be liable (all categories hereinafter referred to collectively as "Sponsor's Agents"), regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss, or expense is caused in part by a party indemnified herein;

IT IS THE EXPRESS INTENTION OF THE PROPONENT THAT THE INDEMNITY PROVIDED FOR HEREIN SHALL APPLY TO AND PROTECT THE PROMOTION INDEMNIFIED PARTIES FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF ALL SPONSORS OR THE PROMOTION INDEMNIFIED PARTIES, INCLUDING ACTS OF NEGLIGENCE OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE, AND INCLUDING WHERE SAME IS A CONTRIBUTING CAUSE OF THE CLAIM, WHETHER OCCURRING ON OR OFF THE PREMISES OF MILE ONE CENTRE; and

- (viii) The obligation referenced in Article 10.02 (vii)(a) and (b) shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or otherwise reduce the other rights or obligations of indemnity as contained in this Agreement or that may otherwise exist as to a party or person described herein. In claims against any person or entity indemnified herein by an employee of any Sponsor or Sponsor's Agent, the indemnification obligation under these Articles shall not be limited by a limitation on amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for the Sponsor under workers' or workmen's compensation act, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts.

### **10.03 Management of Corporate Sponsors/Suiteholders**

SJSEL and the Proponent will jointly manage corporate suites/advertisers. SJSEL will manage the game day operations of corporate suites and communications with corporate suiteholders on game days.

#### **10.04 Revenue Sharing- Advertising/Sponsorship Revenue**

SJSEL shall be entitled to the payment referenced in Article 4.04 herein irrespective of the level of revenue generated by the Proponent pursuant to Article 10.01(a) herein. Further, except as otherwise specifically provided for in this Agreement, the Proponent shall not be entitled to, and shall not share in, any revenues, monies, profits, benefits or otherwise of SJSEL generated, either directly or indirectly from any event, operation, activity, undertaking, contract, agreement or otherwise occurring at, or in any way related to, Mile One Centre.

#### **10.05 Non AHL Hockey Events**

SJSEL shall have the full right and freedom to seek, secure and promote events or shows of any nature whatsoever at Mile One Centre, except as limited by Article 3.01(a). In addition, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it is further understood and agreed that SJSEL shall have the right to seek, secure, and promote events at Mile One Center that may be sponsored or promoted by corporations or persons advertising products or services competing with corporate sponsors or advertisers contracting with the Proponent, including corporate sponsors of beer, wine, spirits, and soft drinks. It is further understood and agreed that such competing corporations or persons will be permitted to advertise their products or services at the specific event that they may sponsor or promote.

#### **10.06 Mile One Centre – Naming Rights**

Without limiting the generality of Article 10.04 herein the Proponent acknowledges and agrees that it shall not be entitled to any revenues and/or monies from any naming rights agreements that are, or may be, entered into in respect of Mile One Centre or any part thereof, or revenues that are, in any way, generated from or at the corporate suite of SJSEL .

#### **10.07 Parking**

Without limiting the generality of Article 10.04 herein the Proponent acknowledges and agrees that it shall not be entitled to any monies or revenues generated from parking at Mile One Centre or at the City Hall Parking Garage on New Gower Street. SJSEL shall permit dedicated parking to the Proponent as mutually agreed at no cost.

#### **10.08 Production Costs**

SJSEL shall not be obliged to pay any production, creation, installation or other costs in respect of any advertising, signage, promotions and all other like and/or similar matters at Mile One Centre and all such costs will be borne by the advertisers or the Proponent.

#### **10.09 SJSEL's Promotions at Mile One Centre**

Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement it is understood and agreed that SJSEL shall, at all times at Mile One Centre, have the right to advertise and promote all events, activities, undertakings or otherwise taking place at Mile One Centre. Further SJSEL shall have the right to utilize all parts of Mile One Centre and all facilities and equipment in respect of the foregoing. It is further understood and agreed that no monies will be payable by SJSEL to the Proponent in respect of any of the foregoing.

#### **10.10 Scoreclock/Videotron**

The Scoreclock/Videotron at Mile One Centre has a video display that may be used for advertising and the sale of advertising by the Proponent at Home Games and other AHL events. SJSEL may use the video display for advertising and promoting any and all upcoming events at Mile One Centre at any time including during Home Games and other AHL events in accordance with Article 10.09 herein. SJSEL may also use the video display for the sale of advertising at all non-AHL sponsored events. Further, it is understood and agreed that while SJSEL will repair the timekeeping/scorekeeping function of the Scoreclock/Videotron throughout the Term, repairs to the video function are entirely at the discretion of SJSEL and this must be reflected in any agreements/contracts

concerning advertising on the Scoreclock/Videotron. It is further understood and agreed that SJSEL shall not be obligated to replace the existing Scoreclock/Videotron during the Term.

## **ARTICLE 11 – PROFIT SHARING FROM OPERATIONS**

### **11.01 Profit Sharing from Operations**

SJSEL shall not, except as is otherwise specifically provided for in this Agreement, during the Term, share in any profit that the Proponent may generate from its operations during the Term. The Proponent shall not, except as is otherwise specifically provided for in this Agreement, be entitled to any payments or monies whatsoever from SJSEL during the Term.

### **11.02 Losses of the Proponent**

SJSEL shall not, under any circumstances, be obliged to share in or be responsible for any losses that the Proponent may incur from its operations during the Term.

## **ARTICLE 12 – INTEREST**

### **12.01 Interest**

Interest shall be charged on monies overdue pursuant to this Agreement at a rate of twelve (12%) per annum.

## **ARTICLE 13 – OPERATION**

### **13.01 Franchise Location**

The Proponent shall locate, operate and keep the Franchise and Team in the City of St. John's during the Term of this Agreement.

### **13.02 Franchise Operation**

The Proponent shall ensure that, at all times during the Term, the Franchise is operated in accordance with all rules, regulations, by-laws, agreements, standards and otherwise that may be established by the AHL and any other regulatory body that may have regulatory or other authority over the operation of the Franchise or the Team.

### **13.03 Team Hockey Games**

The Proponent shall ensure that the Team Plays all Home Games during each AHL Hockey Season throughout the Term at Mile One Centre unless Mile One Centre is unavailable. It is understood and agreed that the Proponent may schedule various exhibition games and training camp intra-squad games at a venue other than Mile One Centre from time to time.

## **ARTICLE 14 – WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS**

### **14.01 The Proponent Representations and Warranties**

The Proponent hereby warrants and represents to SJSEL that:

- (a) The Proponent is a corporation duly incorporated, organized and existing under the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- (b) The Proponent holds a valid Franchise for the operation of the Team in the AHL and the Proponent will take all such steps as are within its power, authority and control to ensure that the Franchise continues to be valid, effective and in good

standing throughout the Term in accordance with all rules, regulations and by-laws from time to time of the AHL;

- (c) The Proponent shall take all such steps as are within its power, authority and control to obtain and maintain in effect throughout the Term all such approvals and authorizations of the AHL and/or any other governing body as are necessary in order that this agreement and the arrangements provided for in this Agreement shall be in compliance with any applicable rules, regulations and by-laws of the AHL;
- (d) The Proponent has good and sufficient power, authority and right to enter into and deliver this Agreement; and
- (e) This Agreement has been duly authorized for execution and delivery by the Proponent by all necessary corporate action.

#### **14.02 SJSEL's Representations and Warranties**

The SJSEL hereby warrants and represents to the Proponent that:

- (a) the SJSEL is a corporation duly incorporated, organized and existing under the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- (b) the SJSEL has good and sufficient power, authority and right to enter into and deliver this Agreement; and
- (c) this Agreement has been duly authorized for execution and delivery by the SJSEL by all necessary corporate action.

## ARTICLE 15 – COVENANTS

### 15.01 Proponent's Covenants

The Proponent Covenants with SJSEL as follows:

- (a) to pay all amounts due and owing by the Proponent to SJSEL pursuant to this Agreement at the times and in the manner herein set forth;
- (b) to observe and perform each of the covenants, undertakings, promises and agreements on its part set forth herein;
- (c) to use Mile One Centre for the purpose of holding Home Games of the Team and for no other purpose except as specifically permitted pursuant to this Agreement;
- (d) to be responsible for all costs associated with the repair/replacement of damage to Mile One Centre or its furnishings and fixtures or any part thereof occurring due to any act of the Proponent, its agents, servants, employees, the Team, with the exception of damage to ice, boards, nets, seats and glass incidental to playing hockey and not occurring as a result of any willful or intentional act.
- (e) to at all times observe and comply with all statutory requirements, regulations, rules and by-laws of the City of St. John's and any other governmental authority having jurisdiction which may in any way affect or relate to the exercise of the rights and privileges granted to the Proponent herein;
- (f) to leave Mile One Centre at the expiration of the Term or other termination of this Agreement in a good state of repair and, at all times during the Term, to repair or cause to be repaired any damage which results from the Proponent's use or occupation thereof, within fifteen (15) days of the occurrence of the said damage, unless such time is mutually extended; and

- (g) to defend, indemnify and hold harmless SJSEL, together with its directors, officers, employees and other representatives, for and from and against any loss, damage, claim, action, suit, proceeding, deficiency, or expense (including without limitation, reasonable legal fees) relating to, arising from or in connection with any act or omission of the Proponent, its employees, agents or other representatives including any breach of this Agreement, or from any litigation, arbitration, hearing, governmental inquiry or investigation or other proceeding commenced by any third party alleging negligence, breach of contract or any wrongful conduct by the Proponent and/or SJSEL;

#### **15.02 Acknowledgement of the Proponent**

Notwithstanding anything else that may be contained in this Agreement, the Proponent hereby acknowledges that:

- (a) Mile One Centre and all premises demised to it pursuant to this Agreement are in a good state of repair and fully equipped for its purposes, including a hockey arena;
- (b) SJSEL shall not be liable to the Proponent for any losses, damages, costs or otherwise in any way related to the unavailability of Mile One Centre where said unavailability is due (either directly or indirectly) to circumstances beyond the control of the SJSEL, which circumstances shall include (without limiting the generality of the foregoing) fire, labour strikes, emergency or hazardous conditions, any regulatory law or authority and any act of God; and

unavailability is due (either directly or indirectly) to any structural, equipment, mechanical, plumbing and/or electrical problem or failure for whatever cause and of any nature whatsoever at, or in, Mile One Centre or any part thereof, unless caused by the gross negligence or wilful acts of the employees or agents of SJSEL.

### 15.03 **SJSEL's Covenants**

SJSEL hereby covenants with the Proponent as follows:

- (a) to permit, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Proponent to hold all Home Games of the Team, during each AHL Hockey Season during the Term, at Mile One Centre;
- (b) to pay all amounts that may be due and owing by SJSEL to the Proponent pursuant to this Agreement at the times and in the manner set forth herein;
- (c) to provide to the Proponent quiet enjoyment of premises demised to it pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; and
- (d) to observe and perform each of the covenants, undertakings, promises and agreements on its part set forth herein.

## **ARTICLE 16 – NATURE OF AGREEMENT AND EXTENT OF OBLIGATIONS**

### 16.01 **No Partnership**

Nothing contained in this Agreement, or otherwise arising hereunder including any acts of the Parties hereto, shall constitute the Parties hereto partners or joint venturers.

#### **16.02 No Right to Bind**

Neither the Proponent nor the Team shall have any authority or right whatsoever to represent, contract for, act as agent for, bind, assume or create any obligations on behalf of SJSEL. SJSEL shall not have any authority or right whatsoever hereunder to represent, contract for, act as agent for, bind, assume or create any obligations on behalf of the Proponent except as specifically provided for herein.

#### **16.03 No Obligation for Other's Debts**

Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein SJSEL shall not be responsible for any debts and obligations of the Proponent and the Proponent shall not be responsible for any debts and obligations of SJSEL.

### **ARTICLE 17 – INSURANCE**

#### **17.01 Proponent's Insurance Obligation**

(a) The Proponent shall, prior to the commencement of the Agreement and at its sole cost and expense, procure and maintain an insurance policy or policies in relation to its, and the Team's and all others for whom at law it is responsible, use and operation of and at MOC during the Term. The insurance policies and the company issuing the same shall have an AM Best Rating of no less than A-VII and the policies shall name both SJSEL and the City of St. John's as additional insured. The policies shall contain the following:

- (i) Comprehensive General Liability (including without limitation for personal injury or death);
- (ii) Occurrence property damage liability;
- (iii) Products and completed operations liability;
- (iv) Broad form property damage liability;

- (v) Non-owned automobile liability;
- (vi) Employer's liability;
- (vii) Contingent employer's liability;
- (viii) Intentional injury medical malpractice liability; and
- (ix) Cross liability and severability of interest liability.

Coverage in relation to the foregoing shall be in an amount not less than Ten Million (\$10,000,000.00) Dollars inclusive limits coverage per occurrence, with a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation clause. In addition to the foregoing All Risk Insurance shall be in place to cover the chattels and equipment of the Proponent and/or the Team, and Sport's Accident Insurance for Participant Injury or Death.

#### 17.02 **Indemnity**

- (a) The Proponent shall indemnify and save SJSEL and the City of St. John's harmless against all actions, suits, claims, damages, costs and liabilities arising out of or occurring as a result of:
  - (i) any breach, violation or non-performance of the terms, covenants and obligations on the part of the Proponent as set forth in this Agreement; and
  - (ii) any loss, damage, injury or death of or to any person at MOC occurring during or around any Home Game or practice or Team event or AHL event or in relation in any way to the Proponent's, including the Team and all others for whom the Proponent is, at law, responsible, use and operation of and at MOC pursuant to this Agreement EXCEPT where any said loss, damage, injury or death is the result of negligence on the part of SJSEL or its employees, agents or others for whom it is, at law, responsible.

- (b) Except as otherwise provided in Article 15.02, SJSEL shall indemnify and save the Proponent harmless against all actions, suits, claims, damages, costs and liabilities arising out of or occurring as a result of any breach, violation or non-performance of the terms, covenants and obligations on the part of SJSEL as set forth in the Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 18 – DEFAULT**

### **18.01 Default**

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement where either Party hereto fails to fulfill any of its obligations, covenants or undertakings under this Agreement and the default is not rectified within ten (10) days after written notice of default has been given to the defaulting Party, then the other Party may, at its sole discretion, exercisable by written notice to the defaulting Party, terminate this Agreement forthwith.

## **ARTICLE 19 – IMMEDIATE TERMINATION**

### **19.01 Insolvency of the Proponent**

In the event the Proponent becomes insolvent, makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, files a petition for reorganization, arrangement or other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law, is adjudicated a bankrupt, or a receiver is appointed to take possession or control of any of the Proponent assets, then SJSEL shall have, in addition to all other rights available to it herein and at law, the right to terminate this Agreement forthwith.

## **ARTICLE 20 – TEAM NAME/LOGO**

### **20.01 Name/Logo**

SJSEL shall have the right with the prior consent of the Proponent to use the trade name, trademark, rights or goodwill concerning the words and/or logo “St. John’s Ice Caps” for purposes related to assisting it in its sales and/or marketing effort and for no other purposes except with the specific written agreement of the Proponent.

## **ARTICLE 21 – WAIVERS**

### **21.01 No Waivers**

Failure of either Party to insist on the strict performance of any term or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or remedy shall not be deemed a waiver of any right or remedy or of any existing or subsequent breach or default, and the election by either Party of any particular remedy on default shall not be exclusive of any other.

## **ARTICLE 22 – AMENDMENTS**

### **22.01 Amendments**

None of the terms of this Agreement shall be deemed waived or modified except by an express agreement in writing signed by each Party by a person authorized to that effect by the said Party.

## **ARTICLE 23 – ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

### **23.01 Entire Agreement**

This Agreement contains all the undertakings and agreement whether oral or in writing, if any, previously entered into by the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

## **ARTICLE 24 – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF AGREEMENT**

### **Executive Committee**

24.01 Both SJSEL and the Proponent agree to establish an executive committee to assist in the administration of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 25 – ASSIGNMENT**

### **25.01 Assignment by the Proponent**

The Proponent shall not assign this Agreement or any rights or obligations arising out of this Agreement, without the prior written consent of SJSEL.

### **25.02 Deemed Assignment by the Proponent**

For purposes of Article 25.01 any transaction or event or series of transactions or events, which results in there being a change in control of ownership of the Proponent (whether by the direct or indirect ownership or control of the securities issued by the Proponent or any other entity or by contract or otherwise) shall be deemed to be an assignment by the Proponent of this Agreement.

### **25.03 Assignment by SJSEL**

The Proponent acknowledges that SJSEL (and its assignees) shall at all times have the right to assign all or any part of this Agreement and the obligations hereunder as SJSEL (or its assignee) may, in its absolute discretion, determine from time to time.

25.04 This Agreement is binding upon all successors and assigns.

## **ARTICLE 26 – SEVERABILITY**

### **26.01 Severability**

If any of the provisions of this Agreement are held invalid or unenforceable in any judicial or any other proceeding, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect in any way the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 27 – DOCUMENTS**

### **27.01 Documents**

SJSEL and the Proponent each agree to execute, acknowledge and deliver such documents and instruments that shall be necessary or useful to effect or to confirm the obligations, undertakings and covenants provided for in this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 28 – REGULATIONS**

### **28.01 Regulations**

The Proponent and SJSEL shall abide by all by-laws, rules and regulations of any government or other competent authority concerning its operations.

## **ARTICLE 29 – ARBITRATION**

### **29.01 Arbitration**

If, at any time during the Term or after the expiration or termination thereof, any dispute or difference shall arise between the Parties hereto touching or concerning the construction, meaning or effect of this Agreement or any agreement or covenant entered into pursuant to this Agreement or the termination of this Agreement or the rights or

obligations of the Parties hereto, and the Parties despite good faith efforts cannot resolve such dispute or difference then such dispute or difference shall be submitted to and settled by arbitration and the decision of the arbitrator or arbitrators, appointed as hereinafter provided, to deal with such matter shall be accepted by the Parties to such dispute or difference. The arbitration shall be conducted by a single arbitrator agreed upon by the Parties to the matter. If, within seven (7) days after notice of the matter has been given by one of such Parties to the other, such Parties cannot agree upon a single arbitration, then in such event, the arbitration shall be conducted by a single arbitrator appointed by a judge of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland, Trial Division; on the application of any such Party with notice to the other. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of The Arbitration Act, RSN 1990 c.A-14, and of any amendments thereto, or of any successor statute thereof, in force at the time of such dispute or difference. The decision of the arbitrator shall be binding upon all the Parties to such dispute or difference, and there shall be no appeal there from except as permitted in the aforesaid statute. The prevailing Party shall be entitled to an award of arbitration costs.

#### **29.02 Limitation on Powers of Arbitrator**

An Arbitrator appointed pursuant to Article 29.01 shall not have the power to change this Agreement or to alter, modify or amend any provisions thereof, and in any judgment and/or decision rendered shall give full effect to the Agreement and all provisions thereof as written.

### **ARTICLE 30 – FORCE MAJEURE**

#### **30.01 Force Majeure**

In the event of any liability or failure by either Party to fulfill any of its obligations hereunder by reason of any fire, explosion, war, riot, strike, walkout, labour controversy, flood, shortage of water, power, labour, transportation facilities or necessary materials or

supplies, default or failure of carriers, act of God or public enemy, any law, act or order of any court, board, government or other authority of competent jurisdiction, or other direct cause (whether or not of the same character as the foregoing) beyond the reasonable control of the Party affected thereby, then such Party shall not be liable to the other Party or in breach of this Agreement during the period and to the extent of such inability or failure.

### **30.02 Damage to/Destruction of Mile One Centre**

- (a) If, during the Term of this Agreement, Mile One Centre or a part thereof is damaged or destroyed or otherwise rendered unfit for the use contemplated in this Agreement then one of the following options must be exercised by SJSEL within sixty (60) days:
  - (i) SJSEL may either choose to rebuild and/or repair Mile One Centre with reasonable diligence within a reasonable time frame in which case the Parties hereto retain all rights and privileges as specified in this Agreement upon resumption of the Proponent use of the same; or
  - (ii) SJSEL may terminate this Agreement by providing the Proponent with written notice of its intention to do so.
  
- (b) If SJSEL chooses to exercise the option as provided for in 30.02(a)(i) herein and the rebuilding and/or repairing of Mile One Centre to the point where it could be used by the Proponent for the use contemplated herein is estimated to take more than sixty (60) days then the Proponent may terminate this Agreement by providing SJSEL with written notice of its intention to do so within thirty (30) days of being advised of the estimated rebuilding and/or repairing time.

## **ARTICLE 31 – NOTICES**

### **31.01 Address for Notice**

Any notice or consent required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be addressed to SJSEL or the Proponent, as the case may be, as follows:

- (a) if to SJSEL, in care of the General Manager, SJSEL, 50 New Gower Street, St. John's, NL A1C 1J3
- (b) if to the Proponent, in care of the President, St. John's Ice Caps, 34 Harvey Road, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, St. John's, NL A1C 5W1

### **31.02 Deemed Notice**

Any notice or consent herein required or permitted to be given under any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been sufficient and effectually given if delivered by hand or sent registered mail, postage prepaid, fax, cable, telegraph, telex or wireless telegraphy.

### **31.03 Notice Effectuated**

Any such notice or consent given as aforesaid shall be conclusively deemed to have been received upon delivery or on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day after such mailing or on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) business day after such forwarding by the fax, cable, telegraph, telex or wireless telegraphy.

## **ARTICLE 32 - TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS**

### **32.01 Taxes and Assessments**

Except as otherwise specifically stated herein, the Proponent shall pay any and all taxes or assessments of any nature whatsoever arising out of its and/or the Team's operations pursuant to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 33 – TIME**

**33.01 Time**

Time is of the essence of this Agreement and every part thereof.

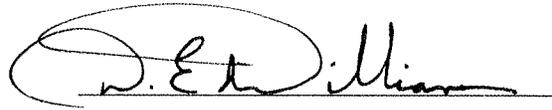
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the Parties hereto have duly executed this Agreement on the date and year first before written.

**SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED**

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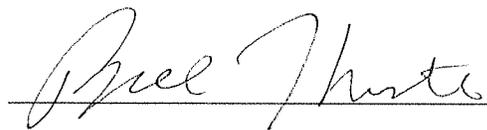
  
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**10801 NEWFOUNDLAND INC.**

  
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WITNESS

**ST. JOHN'S SPORTS &  
ENTERTAINMENT LTD.**

  
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# COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

## SPECIAL MEETING

**Date: 2014/09/08 12:00:00 AM**

**CD# S2014-09-08/1**

**To:** Neil A. Martin  
**Position:** City Manager  
**RE:** St. John's Ice Caps Contract Extension

**DECISION:** Council considered your memorandum dated September 4, 2014 wherein you recommend a proposed contribution of \$350,000 per year for each of the next two years to facilitate the contract extension of the St. John's Ice Caps. Council has directed that this matter be referred back to the St. John's Sports & Entertainment Board of Directors who will consider the matter and respond back to Council with their position.

**Action:** As required.  
**Date:** 2014/09/08  
**Signed by:** Elaine Henley  
City Clerk

### Status Comments:

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### cc:

Robert Bishop/Deputy City Manager; Financial Management; Councillor Danny Breen/Councillor - Ward1

**Response Required:** YES  
**Response deadline:** 2014/09/29  
**Response Received:**

### Attachments:



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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: September 4, 2014

To: His Worship the Mayor and Council

From: Neil A. Martin  
City Manager

Re: **St. John's Ice Caps Contract Extension**

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The St. John's Ice Caps have announced a one year extension to their contract with the Winnipeg Jets. This will result in the Ice Caps playing the 2015-2016 season at the Mile One Centre. [REDACTED]

Throughout their discussions with the Winnipeg Jets, the Ice Caps organization maintained a dialogue with the City and, in particular, with respect to the City's willingness to cover some of the additional costs that would experience. In assessing their request, we looked at the benefits that could accrue to the City should the negotiations be successful. These included the facts that:

- 1) An additional year would maintain the economic activity in the City and downtown core generated by the presence of the team;
- 2) The Ice Caps organization is actively searching for a replacement for the Winnipeg Jets as an NHL affiliate team and one more year would give them the extra time they may need;
- 3) An additional year on the contract with the Winnipeg Jets would keep the Mile One Centre open to professional hockey and maintain the ticket base and major sponsorships necessary for a new team, i.e., it would increase the possibility of a seamless transition; and
- 4) There would be continued opportunities within the operations of the Mile One Centre itself to generate additional revenues to offset some or all of the contribution made by the City.

Based on the above, the City has agreed to a \$700,000 (\$350,000 per year) contribution to partially cover the Ice Caps additional costs. This contribution will be realized by reducing some of the fixed charges to the Ice Caps, i.e. the building rental rate and the advertising/sponsorship payments made by the Ice Caps to St. John's Sports and Entertainment Limited. The cost to the City will be in the form of

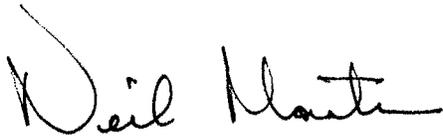
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an increased subsidy to SJSEL net of any additional revenues that may be generated as per point 4 above.

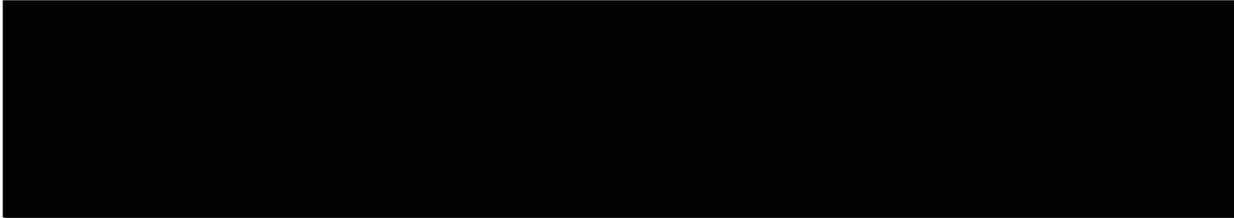
**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that Council approve a contribution to the St. John's Ice Caps of \$350,000 per year for each of the next two years with such contribution being realized by a reduction in the building rental fee and advertising/sponsorship payments made by the Ice Caps to St. John's Sports and Entertainment Limited. The cost to the City will be in the form of an increased subsidy to SJSEL net of any additional revenues that may be generated.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N" and "M".

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Neil A. Martin,  
City Manager

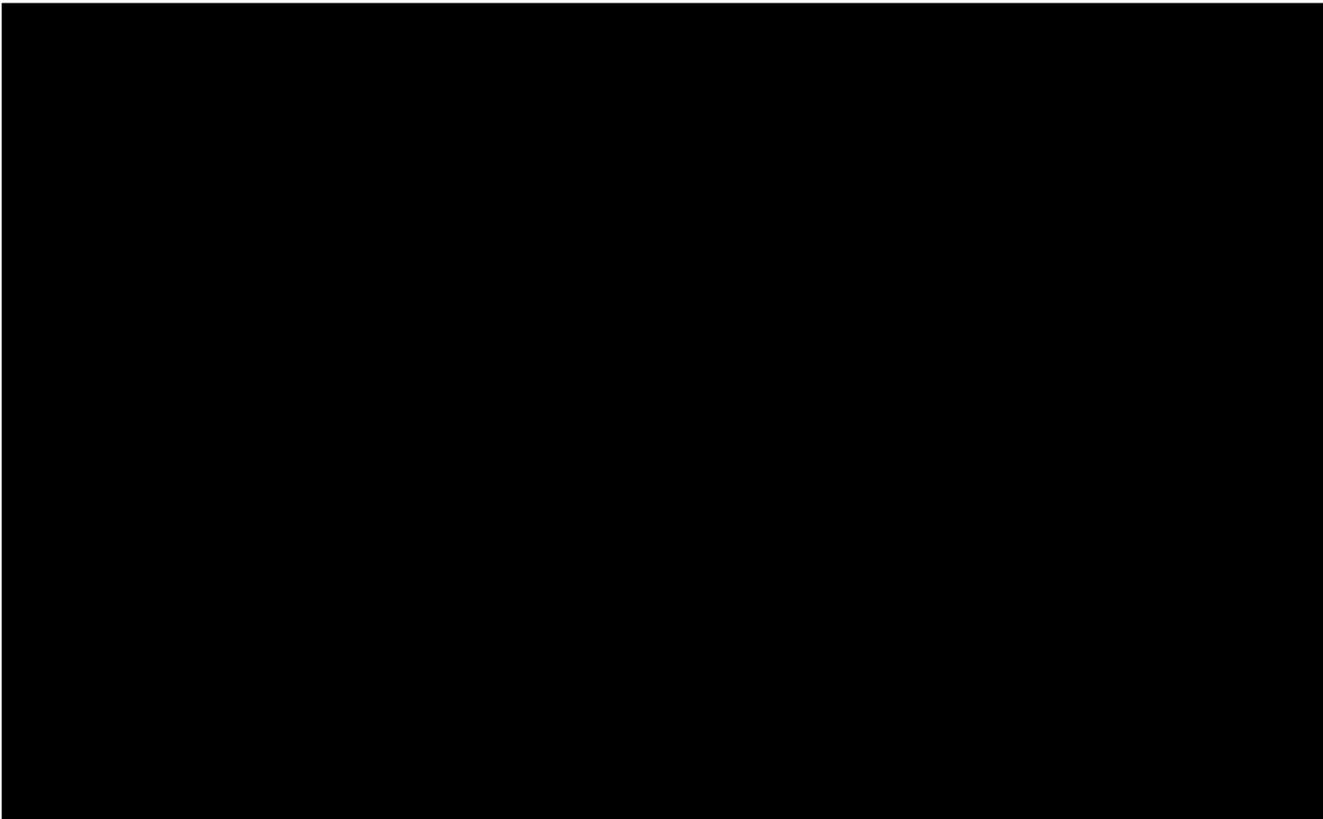


**St. John's Ice Caps Contract Extension**

Council considered a memorandum dated September 4, 2014 from the City Manager wherein he recommended a proposed contribution of \$350,000 per year for each of the next two years to facilitate the contract extension of the St. John's Ice Caps. Concerns were expressed about the referral of this matter to Council prior to it being considered by the St. John's Sports & Entertainment Board of Directors.

**SJMC2014-09-08/167S**

**It was decided on motion of Councillor Breen; seconded by Deputy Mayor Ellsworth: That this matter be referred back to the St. John's Sports & Entertainment Board of Directors to consider the options and respond back to Council with their position.**



# COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

## SPECIAL MEETING

Date: 2014/09/15 12:00:00 AM

CD# S2014-09-15/2

**To:** Neil A. Martin  
**Position:** City Manager  
**RE:** St. John's Sports and Entertainment - St. John's Ice Caps Contract Extension  
**DECISION:** **Council approved a subsidy to St. John's Sports and Entertainment in the amount of \$350,000 per year in each of the next two years, the purpose of which is to allow SJSE to provide a reduced rental rate to the St. John's Ice Caps during their two year contract extension. SJSE will make every effort in its budget review process to recoup the additional subsidy increase of \$350,000 through additional revenues and expenditure reductions.**

It was further agreed that Council's approval of this decision will be incorporated in the City's 2015 operating budget presentation.

**Action:** As required  
**Date:** 2014/09/15  
**Signed by:** Elaine Henley  
City Clerk

**Status Comments:**

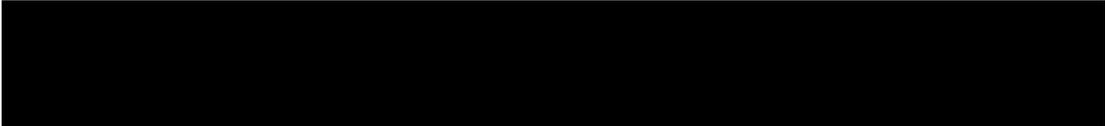
**Closed By:** Maureen Harvey

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**cc:**

Robert Bishop/Deputy City Manager, Financial Management; Derek Coffey/Manager, Budget & Treasury

**Response Required:** YES  
**Response deadline:** 2014/09/24  
**Response Received:**  
**Attachments:**



**Update – St. John’s Ice Caps Contract Extension**

Further to the directive of the last special meeting of Council, Councillor Breen reported that the Board of Directors for St. John’s Sports and Entertainment had met and discussed Council’s position in response to their request for an additional \$350,000 for the next two years. Councillor Breen stated that the Board acknowledged Council’s position and it is prepared to review options to offset any additional subsidy during its budget review process. While some members of Council expressed concern with the lack of more definitive and immediate action, Councillor Breen advised that Mile One operations are very unique in so far as it relies heavily on major acts/shows to generate revenue, most of which are difficult to predict a year in advance. It was also noted that, notwithstanding the requested subsidy, there will likely be a loss of revenue for SJSE this coming year as construction of the new convention centre has negatively impacted on hosting many events. Discussion concluded with the introduction of the following motion:

**SJMC2014-09-15/171S**

**It was decided on motion of Councillor Breen; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That Council approve a subsidy to St. John’s Sports and Entertainment in the amount of \$350,000 per year in each of the next two years, the purpose of which is to allow SJSE to provide a reduced rental rate to the St. John’s Ice Caps during their two year contract extension. SJSE will make every effort in its budget review process to recoup the additional subsidy increase of \$350,000 through additional revenues and expenditure reductions.**

**There voting for the motion were the mover and the seconder, Councillors Puddister, Hickman, Galgay, Collins, O’Keefe. Dissenting were Deputy Mayor Ellsworth, Councillors Davis and Hann.**

**The motion being put was carried.**

It was further agreed that Council's approval of this decision will be incorporated in the City's 2015 operating budget presentation.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**St. John's Ice Caps**

Council considered a memorandum dated March 19, 2014 from the City Manager requesting Council's direction on a request from St. John's IceCaps for a "new deal" should they be successful in attracting a new AHL Team upon expiry of the current arrangement with the Winnipeg Jets.

**SJMC2014-03-32/57S**

**It was decided on motion of Deputy Mayor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the IceCaps be advised of the following:**

- **The conditions advanced by the IceCaps in the letter dated March 3, 2014 are unacceptable to the City; and**
- **The City may give SJSEL a mandate to re-negotiate lease terms with the IceCaps, on the continuing understanding that the City subsidy will not increase as a result.**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**SJSE Subsidy**

**Robert F Smart** to: Robert Bishop, Derek G Coffey  
Cc: Fred Cram, SMCrate

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Pls follow up with Sheena and Fred, as required.



**Fw: SJSE Subsidy**  
**Derek G Coffey** to: Robert Bishop

2014/01/27 03:25 PM

Bob,

shall I schedule some preliminary meetings in the neat term to at least get the process started or wait until you return?

Thanks,

Derek

Derek Coffey, CA, MBA  
Manager - Budget & Treasury  
Finance Department  
City of St. John's  
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**IceCaps subsidy**

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to: dlane@stjohns.ca

2014/09/15 06:34 PM

Dave, what's up with CBC reporting council approved an IceCaps subsidy at the private meeting today? She's got to have that wrong, right? Wouldn't something like that have to come before the regular meeting?

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**Fwd: IceCaps subsidy**  
**Ron Ellsworth** to: Dave Lane

2014/09/15 08:26 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** September 15, 2014 at 6:38:11 PM NDT  
**To:** "[rellsworth@stjohns.ca](mailto:rellsworth@stjohns.ca)" <[rellsworth@stjohns.ca](mailto:rellsworth@stjohns.ca)>  
**Subject:** IceCaps subsidy

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**Re:**  
**Dave Lane** to: Art Puddister  
Tom Hann, Dennis O'Keefe, Maureen Harvey, Ron Ellsworth, Ken  
**Cc:** O'Brien, Karen Chafe, Jason Sinyard, Dave Blackmore, Danny  
Breen, Council\_group

2014/09/16 01:26 PM

Thanks for letting us know, Art. It caused grief, but I appreciate the honesty.

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Dave Lane  
Councillor at Large, St. John's  
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>> Sent from my iPhone



Re: ice caps "subsidy"

Bernard Davis

to: [REDACTED]

2014/09/16 10:54 PM

[REDACTED]

I would like to keep that out of the media until we debate it in the chamber.

Bernie

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Bernard J. Davis  
Ward 4 Councillor  
City of St. John's  
576-8217  
685-7439

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I'll send this exchange of emails to Ted Blades at CBC's On The Go, if you have no objection.

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**From:** "Bernard Davis" <[bdavis@stjohns.ca](mailto:bdavis@stjohns.ca)>

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** September 16, 2014 9:15 PM

**Subject:** Re: ice caps "subsidy"

[REDACTED]

I could not agree with you more. That is why I voted NO to the subsidy.

I don't agree with providing any subsidy to a professional hockey team.

Bernie

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 16, 2014, at 8:06 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Mr. Davis,

As a constituent in your ward I am objecting strongly to the city providing any money to the Ice Caps hockey team. The Ice Caps is a professional sports team designed to provide promising players to the Winnipeg Jets. A subsidiary role of the team is to provide entertainment to paying customers. Neither of these roles is

any reason for the city to give them money.

A story on the CBC local website says the, "AHL team, the St. John's IceCaps, contributed \$2,500 to the Ottenheimer campaign."

I pay city taxes for city services. I do not pay taxes to help employ professional hockey players and staff, many - perhaps most - of whom make a lot more money than I do. I certainly do not want my taxes to go to a sports company that diverts some of that money to political parties.

The decision to given the Ice Caps a substantial grant/subsidy was done in secrecy. I would like to know how you voted on this and, if you voted in favour, to reverse your vote.





**Re:**  
**Art Puddister** to: Dave Lane

2014/09/18 03:40 PM

Appreciate you response.

Art

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 16, 2014, at 1:26 PM, "Dave Lane" <[dlane@stjohns.ca](mailto:dlane@stjohns.ca)> wrote:

Thanks for letting us know, Art. It caused grief, but I appreciate the honesty.

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Dave Lane  
Councillor at Large, St. John's  
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Re: Hockey Subsidy

Dennis O'Keefe to: [REDACTED]

2014/09/18 06:50 PM

Hi [REDACTED]

Council has a Special Meeting according to the City Act every Monday at 3:30 followed by the Public Meeting at 4:30. Only three issues can be discussed at the Special. They are legal issue, intergovernmental issue and personnel issues! Since the reopening of the rental agreement was a legal issue it had to be dealt with initially at the Special. Once negotiations are completed between St. John's Sports and Entertainment and the Ice Capps, the result would then go before Council at a Public Meeting as a part the City Budget and would be debated at that time! Things are done in secret at City Hall! Thank you for your letter and your interest in civic affairs.

Dennis

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 18, 2014, at 5:58 PM, [REDACTED] > wrote:

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> I totally disagree with the \$700k subsidy to the Ice Caps, especially in light of the secrecy. In a City of 100,000 residents that is \$7.00 each.

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> On behalf of myself and my Spouse. I request a subsidy to my property taxes of  $2 \times \$7.00 = \$14.00$

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> Agreed?

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> Regards

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**Re: Ice Caps Subsidy**

**Bernard Davis** to: [REDACTED]

2014/09/19 04:18 PM

[REDACTED]

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Thank you for advising me of the issues in the area.

Bernie

Sent from my iPhone

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**Re: Ice Caps Subsidy**

to: Bernard Davis

2014/09/19 04:24 PM

Thx for this Bernie. Your prompt response is duly noted/very much appreciated.

Cheers!

On 19/09/2014 4:18 PM, Bernard Davis wrote:

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## Subsidy to IceCaps

to: rellsworth

2014/09/19 05:21 PM

History:

This message has been replied to.

Greetings: I thank you for your stand on financial transparency when it comes to private business looking for favours from Council, in this case the St. John's IceCaps.

The IceCaps' representative seemed to be tossing around generous numbers of the team's contribution to various city sectors--which seemed to be wonderfully generous (\$10,000,000; \$3,000,000)--with no apparent evidence. In fact the argument that sports teams contribute to local economies has been criticized because the players and the league often take the the money with them and there is little local benefit.

Local developers also use financial arguments for increasing building size or other benefits, because, they said, a project won't be sufficiently profitable without the allowance. As you have done in this case, it is reasonable to ask the developers to prove their case, show their numbers, and prove them.

Thanks,





**Re: IceCaps Subsidy - how did you vote?**  
Dennis O'Keefe to: [REDACTED]

2014/09/19 09:45 PM

Hi [REDACTED]

I voted to allow SJSE to renegotiate it's rental agreement with the Ice Caps! This would result in a reduction in the rent which hopefully would be offset by other efficiencies taken by SJSE in their operations!

Dennis

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 19, 2014, at 2:57 PM, "[REDACTED]" > wrote:

Hello to my Mayor, and Ward Councillor. I'd appreciate knowing how both of you voted in the decision to subsidize the IceCaps.

Ty in advance,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**Re: One Year Later**  
**Dennis O'Keefe** to: Kevin Breen

2014/09/29 10:33 PM

Kevin  
Thanks!

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 29, 2014, at 10:09 PM, "Kevin Breen" <[KBreen@stjohns.ca](mailto:KBreen@stjohns.ca)> wrote:

Will do, will have something to you tomorrow.  
Kevin.

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 29, 2014, at 9:26 PM, Dennis O'Keefe <[DOKeefe@stjohns.ca](mailto:DOKeefe@stjohns.ca)> wrote:

Kevin  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** September 24, 2014 at 11:00:03 AM NDT  
**To:** "Dennis O'Keefe" <[dokeefe@stjohns.ca](mailto:dokeefe@stjohns.ca)>  
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I would like to "thank you" for your work as mayor of this city.

Take care.

██████

Sent from Windows Mail



**Re: Fwd: One Year Later**   
**Kevin Breen** to: Dennis O'Keefe  
Cc: Janet Adams

2014/09/30 11:03 AM

dennis, I have taken a crack at this in red below.....

Kevin Breen,  
Deputy City Manager - Corporate Services  
City of St. John's  
(709) 576-8213 (phone)  
(709) 576-8575 (fax)

Dennis O'Keefe

From: Dennis O'Keefe/CSJ To: Kevin Breen/CS...

2014/09/29 09:26:01 PM

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██████ as I am sure you can appreciate, in a unionized environment it is very difficult to justify giving certain individuals or jobs a raise while others get no raise or less of a raise. In making the very significant and beneficial breakthrough on the DC pension plan, we had to give something in return. The Union would never be able to sell giving up their defined benefit plan and also take different wage increases for certain job classes. We had to be somewhat pragmatic and make the best deal we could in the circumstances. Overall the introduction of a DC plan for new hires is a big win for taxpayers - Eventually our pension liability will disappear and we will see a reduction in our current service costs by approximately 2021.

Did the city give any consideration to having new employees (Jan 1) just receive an in-lieu pension payment similar to the councillors' scheme?

That is in effect what they have received. A defined contribution plan means that the City simply provides a fixed, up front contribution with no further obligation to financially infuse or prop up the employees retirement fund. The only difference is that we are providing the investment vehicle (the fund itself) and education around the types of investments that should be made depending on the employees age and retirement goals. There is a cost to be that plan sponsor but it is a cost that any large employer should take on.

Also what impact, if any, will the union settlement have on the non-union (managers) salary negotiations? In the past, I note that union settlements have been reflected onto non-union staff.

Management salary considerations are different than the Union negotiations. We are about to implement a new management salary system whereby all management jobs are rated according to specific criteria, ranked in relation to each other on a 8 grade system and all jobs are placed on a new grade. Some managers may receive an increase in pay some may be red circled and receive no increase. The implementation cost associated with this new system will not exceed 5%. If it is less than 5% then we would likely provide the balance in a general increase to all. These decisions will be made in the coming weeks. What we have to ensure is an appropriate differential between our union salaries and management salaries so there is sufficient incentive to move up.

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Our commitment in this years budget is that we will not increase taxes to citizens. That means we must weigh off all the competing priorities which are worthy of funding and decide which ones will receive funding. This is a very difficult and delicate balance but I am confident Council will do so. The City will continue to progress!

I would like to “thank you” for your work as mayor of this city.

Take care.



Sent from Windows Mail



## **SJSE Subsidy**

**Robert Bishop** to: Neil Martin, Derek G Coffey

2014/10/17 03:51 PM

The operating subsidy request from SJSE is now \$1,400,000, an increase of \$400,000. Of this \$344,500 represents the increased loss resulting from operating the Convention Centre with no revenue for the year. The remaining \$55,500 is the increased operating subsidy for Mile One Centre, even after taking into account the \$350,000 decrease in hockey revenue AND approximately \$200,000 in increased maintenance and technical costs.

Bob

Robert G. Bishop, C.A.  
Deputy City Manager, Financial Management  
City of St. John's



## MEDIA HEADLINES - December 16, 2014

**Kelly Maguire** to: Council\_group, Executives, Strategy & Engagement, Directors

2014/12/16 10:07 AM



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### VOCM

#### **Brookfield Complex Concerns Heard at Packed Public Meeting**

*Tuesday, December 16 2014 | 9:09:32 AM*

Close to 200 people gathered at a public meeting last night to voice their concerns about a proposed apartment complex for the old Sprung Greenhouse site.

The project is partly in St. John's and partly in Mount Pearl.

There was laughter when Councillor Collins asked for anyone who was for Northern Property's three building apartment complex to stand up and speak. One person even shouted "Good luck with that".

<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=51443&latest=1>

#### **Delay in 911 Service**

*Tuesday, December 16 2014 | 9:07:16 AM*

Province-wide 911 won't be implemented by the end of the year as initially anticipated.

The service will come into effect in early 2015. Delays are being attributed to technological and data requirements.

<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=51434&latest=1>

#### **Capital City Adopts New Parks Master Plan**

*Tuesday, December 16 2014 | 9:07:27 AM*

St. John's city council has adopted its Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan.

The plan, meant to work in conjunction with the municipal plan, cost \$100,000 and required months of public consultations and research.

<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=51439&latest=1>

#### **Disagreement in Council Over Communications Costs**

*Tuesday, December 16 2014 | 9:08:17 AM*

The price tag of city communications isn't sitting well with one St. John's councillor.

The budget for the department is just over \$988,000, a sizable increase over last year. The city attributes the increase to the consolidation of departments - marketing and communications.

Councillor Art Puddister looked to debate the costs with information tabled at last night's public meeting without a motion on the floor. To allow debate, a motion was made to 're-affirm' the budget.

<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=51441&latest=1>

### CBC

#### **St. John's gives half-million-dollar loan to arena group**

The City of St. John's has agreed to give a \$500,000 loan to a group that wants to buy the

Rogers-Bussey Arena. The Avalon Arena Association originally asked for a grant equalling the same amount, but councillors voted to give the organization an interest-free loan instead. The not-for-profit association already owns the Twin Rinks. But they say they need the former Brother O'Hehir rink to provide ice time for minor hockey in St. John's. It's estimated the loan will save the association \$180,000. Jonathan Galgay was the only council member who voted against the loan. (CBC) Jonathan Galgay, the only council member who voted against the loan, said if council does this for one group, it will have to do it for others, too.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/st-john-s-gives-half-million-dollar-loan-to-arena-group-1.2874483>

### **Delayed start to province-wide 911 system**

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services with the Newfoundland and Labrador government will not be implementing province-wide 911 service until the new year.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/delayed-start-to-province-wide-911-system-1.2873948>

### **NTV**

#### **Police say Convention Centre fire intentionally set**

Police say someone broke into the St. John's Convention Centre and set two fires Sunday night. The centre is currently closed while it undergoes a major expansion.

<http://ntv.ca/police-say-convention-centre-fire-intentionally-set/>

### **TELEGRAM**

#### **The Bank of St. John's?**

*BY DANIEL MACEACHERN*

City council approves interest-free loan for association to buy arena

A St. John's councillor says the city should stay out of the mortgage business. City council Monday night approved a 20-year interest-free loan to the Avalon Arena Association to buy Rogers Bussey Arena – formerly known as Brother O'Hehir Arena – on Bonaventure Avenue.

The association asked the city for a grant of \$500,000, said Coun. Danny Breen, chairman of the city's finance committee, but the city's grants program is for new construction and extensive renovations. Instead, the committee recommended the interest-free loan.

"The committee felt there was significant value in this," said Breen, adding the loss of one of the city's rinks would mean less capacity for minor hockey and figure skating. The association – which already owns Twin Rinks on Blackler Avenue – has a track record of running a successful facility, he added.

Forgoing interest on the loan will benefit the association – and cost the city – about \$180,000, estimated Breen.

But Ward 2 Coun. Jonathan Galgay – the lone vote opposing the loan – said the city shouldn't be lending money to groups – nonprofit or not.

"I'm not being the Grinch, I do support initiatives for young athletes, but I do find it quite difficult to support this recommendation," said Galgay, who said it would open the door to other organizations seeking similar arrangements.

It's not the first time St. John's has provided such a loan, said Breen, adding Goulds arena received one.

"I'm also concerned that if they don't pay the mortgage, we will be responsible for it. I fear that we are actually putting ourselves maybe at a little bit of a risk."

Breen noted the loan is secure, and the cost to the city is relatively small.

"We wouldn't be able to operate a facility like this for that cost," he said. "If we're to lose one

of these rinks – and I'll be perfectly honest with you, we don't have the fanciest rinks in this province when it comes to hockey arenas ... this is a way to keep that building up and running."

After the meeting, Galgay stuck to his guns.

"It's not justifiable," he said. "I can't support giving an organization a \$500,000 mortgage, when I'm still not comfortable with any guarantee if they should pull out."

The city should focus on investing the money in its own recreation programs, said Galgay.

Asked about his support for an increase to the Mile One subsidy – \$700,000 over two years – to benefit the IceCaps, Galgay said the two issues are completely different.

"The issue associated with the St. John's IceCaps is not just directly \$700,000 to go right to the IceCaps," he said.

"This is about utilizing a facility owned by the City of St. John's under St. John's Sports and Entertainment. ...

"If these two arenas were cityowned buildings and there were companies that were coming in and bringing business to the city of St. John's, that would be something I'd be open for."

### **Councillors squabble over communications strategy**

*BY DANIEL MACEACHERN*

A St. John's councillor's request for information on the city's communications department ended up in bickering at city hall Monday night.

Last week, Coun. Art Puddister requested a breakdown on the communications department's \$988,000 budget for 2015. That breakdown was provided Monday, but after Coun. Tom Hann explained the benefits of consolidating marketing and communications work in one department – instead of a piecemeal approach across different departments – Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth complained that information items aren't supposed to be debated.

At that point, Coun. Bruce Tilley – praising work done by communications staff – moved council "reaffirm our support for the strategy and communications engagement strategy and that we fully support the activities of the staff and the office of strategy and engagement."

Puddister said he's concerned about the growth of the department and won't be muzzled. When Coun. Dave Lane, in outlining the duties of the department, said it's unfortunate Puddister doesn't know the purpose of the department – which he later retracted – Puddister objected.

"That's not a point of order," said Mayor Dennis O'Keefe.

"I'm not going to listen to you," responded Puddister, as the mayor repeatedly declared him out of order, and Ellsworth accused O'Keefe of taking the opportunity to go after Puddister for questioning the value of the city's communications department.

"You've maligned me for no reason," shot back O'Keefe.

Ellsworth also pointed out the city approved the 2015 budget last week, including the communications department portion, making Monday's motion unnecessary. "I don't need to stand here and reaffirm a decision we made last week," he said. "I made it very clear last week where I stood, and supported that department and the work of that department."

The largely symbolic motion was approved, with Puddister, Ellsworth and Coun. Wally Collins voting against it.

### **City adopts new parks and open spaces master plan**

*BY DANIEL MACEACHERN*

St. John's approved a new plan the mayor says will make parks the central feature of neighbourhoods.

The parks and open spaces master plan – in the works for more than a year – was approved by council Monday night, and will be the new guiding framework for how open spaces are used and developed in the city.

"I'm very excited about the open space master plan," said Coun. Bernard Davis, who noted the extensive public consultation done earlier this year, with public meetings held in each ward. The planned park for Kenmount Terrace will benefit from the \$100,000 plan, said Davis.

“It’s going to open up walkways, make the city more walkable in this area, link the park itself to the community in each and every neighbourhood,” said Davis.

Mayor Dennis O’Keefe called it a “wonderful” plan.

“It reflects, to a large degree, what we currently have here in the city, and enhances what we currently have,” he said.

“What this plan is doing is enhancing and integrating the open spaces and parks into these broader neighbourhoods, so the parks and open spaces are becoming central to the neighbourhoods. ... I think it’s just like a puzzle coming together, and making the city more pleasant, attractive, enjoyable, amenable place to live, to raise families, to do business and to enjoy quality of life.”

## **Residents prefer local Christmas trees**

*BY ELIZABETH WHITTEN*

It’s a tradition among many families in the province to bundle up in winter and walk into the snowy woods to find their own Christmas tree.

The Department of Natural Resources estimates 20,000 Christmas trees are brought into the province annually, mostly grown in Nova Scotia. However, most people still buy wild Christmas trees. Farmed trees account for only about 20 per cent of the market in this province.

“I’ve had people here who said they didn’t want a farm tree,” Scott Dakins says. He’s had customers who don’t think of farmed trees as “real.”

Dakins has family property around St. Mary’s Bay where he keeps turkeys, geese and ducks. Trees also grow on his land and he comes to St. John’s to sell them.

He set up shop in a parking lot on Newfoundland Drive. He started selling on Saturday and expects to be done in 12 days.

He says his customers aren’t looking for trees that look like they came out of a factory.

“The wild Christmas trees, the Newfoundland-grown Christmas trees, are more so unique and the boughs are not so thick. Some are thick and some are thin,” he said. “So each tree is unique. Everybody has their own opinion to what a tree looks like, so not everybody likes the farm tree.”

The City of St. John’s limits the number of people selling Christmas trees in the city by issuing permits for sale on the first Friday of December. They’re valid until early January. It costs \$200 for the permit, plus a \$100 deposit for cleanup.

## **Police suspect arson in Convention Centre fires**

What was originally believed to be one fire at the St. John’s Convention Centre Sunday turned out to be two.

According to a news release issued Monday afternoon by the RNC, members of the St. John’s Regional Fire Department extinguished two small fires inside the building, located on New Gower Street in the downtown area of the capital city.

It happened at 8:30 p.m. Sunday. RNC officers from patrol services, along with firefighters, arrived on the scene shortly after.

Intentionally set

Supt. Derek Chafe said there was smoke and flame showing at the Queen Street entrance.

The RNC says the fires are suspicious.

Through the course of the investigation, it’s been determined that someone had gained entry to the building and intentionally set both fires.

The building is undergoing an extension and was vacant at the time. There were no injuries, but the structure sustained moderate damage.

Seeking information

The RNC general investigation unit is asking anyone who may have seen any suspicious people or vehicles in the immediate area prior to the fire, or who has any information in relation

to the fire, to contact the RNC at 729-8000 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).  
Information can also be provided anonymously on the NL Crime Stoppers Website at [www.nlcrimestoppers.com](http://www.nlcrimestoppers.com).

## **Morning Headlines - Tuesday December 16, 2014**

### **CBC East Coast Morning Show - Tue, December 16, 2014**

LOOKING AT SNOWCLEARING THIS TIME LAST YEAR: This time last year the weather was a completely different story and to support our claim we have "Paul Mackey" the Deputy Manager of Public Works for the City of St. John's. CBN - St. John's - East Coast Morning Show @ 07:07:00am Duration: 00:04:15 Reporter: Cecil Haire.

### **CBC 7am News - Tue, December 16, 2014**

COUNCIL OFFERS LOAN FOR RINK: St. John's City Council is offering to lend a not for profit group \$500,000 to buy a rink. ["Councillor Jonathan Galgay"] CBN - St. John's - 7am News @ 07:01:40am Duration: 00:00:30 Reporter: Nancy Walsh'

### **CBC 8am News - Tue, December 16, 2014**

COUNCIL VOTES TO GIVE LOAN: The City of St. John's has agreed to give a half million dollar loan to a group that wants to buy the Rogers Bussey Arena. ["Councillor Jonathan Galgay"; "Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth"]. CBN - St. John's - 8am News @ 08:01:10am Duration: 00:01:20 Reporter: Mark Quinn.

### **VOCM Morning News - Tue, December 16, 2014**

COMMUNICATIONS BUDGET: City council spent about 20 minutes last night arguing over a motion to reaffirm the communications budget. The motion held no real weight, but came up after "Councillor Art Puddister" asked for a breakdown of the communications expenditures. ["Councillor Tom Hann"; "Mayor Dennis O'Keefe"]. VOCM - St. John's - Morning Show @ 08:29:00am Duration: 00:04:00 Reporter: Brian O'Connell/Claudette Barnes

## **Headlines - Monday December 15, 2014**

### **CBC 8am News - Mon, December 15, 2014**

FIRE AT CONVENTION CENTRE: Police say a fire last night at the St. John's Convention Centre looks suspicious. CBN - St. John's - 8am News @ 07:59:40am Duration: 00:00:25 Reporter: Nancy Walsh.

PUBLIC TRANSIT COSTS: The cost of providing public transit in the city is still rising. ["Judy Powell", Metrobus General Manager. CBN - St. John's - 8am News @ 08:02:00am Duration: 00:01:10 Reporter: Terry Roberts.

### **CBC 9am News - Mon, December 15, 2014**

FIRE AT CONVENTION CENTRE: Police say a fire last night at the St. John's Convention Centre may be a case of arson. CBN - St. John's - 9am News @ 09:02:20am Duration: 00:00:15 Reporter: Nancy Walsh.

#### **VOCM Morning News - Mon, December 15, 2014**

SUSPICIOUS FIRES: Police now say two separate fires at the Convention Centre in St. John's appear to be suspicious in nature. ["Derek Chafe", Shift Superintendent]. VOCM - St. John's - Morning News @ 07:54:00am Duration: 00:00:45 Reporter: Fred Hutton.

#### **VOCM Morning Show - Mon, December 15, 2014**

FIRES AT CONVENTION CENTRE: Firefighters found two separate blazes at the Convention Centre in St. John's. Crews responded to the building just before 8:30 last night. ["Derek Chafe", Fire Superintendent]. VOCM - St. John's - Morning Show @ 07:20:00am Duration: 00:03:00 Reporter: Fred Hutton.

FIGHTING POVERTY & HUNGER YEAR-ROUND: It is the time of the year that many of us dig deep into our cupboards to donate to local food banks. The push this year was particularly compelling when the Community Food Sharing Association found itself with barer than normal shelves heading into the Christmas season. The City of St. John's and lots of residents got involved. Poverty Advocate "Dan Meads", though, feels that giving to food banks is all well and good, but we need to do more to address poverty and hunger year-round, not just at this special time of year. OCM - St. John's - Morning Show @ 08:19:00am Duration: 00:05:30 Reporter: Fred Hutton.

#### **VOCM Open Line - Mon, December 15, 2014**

THE LOOP: Host preamble. The Loop at Bannerman Park isn't ready for skating yet because the weather is too mild. People should be advised to stay off it for a while yet. VOCM - St. John's - Open Line @ 09:02:00am Duration: 00:01:00 Reporter: Pete Soucy.

FIRES: Host preamble. Several fires in St. John's this weekend. What is really going on here? VOCM - St. John's - Open Line @ 09:07:00am Duration: 00:01:00 Reporter: Pete Soucy

#### **VOCM 1pm News - Mon, December 15, 2014**

NO DETAILS ABOUT CONVENTION CENTRE FIRES: Nobody is able to give an estimate of the damage caused by two fires last night at the St. John's Convention Centre or whether or not it will mean a delay in it's opening. ["Gerry Chafe", Fire Department Shift Superintendent]. VOCM - St. John's - 1pm News @ 01:02:30pm Duration: 00:01:00 Reporter: John Reynolds.

MEETING TO DISCUSS CONSTRUCTION OF APARTMENT COMPLEX: The Cities of St. John's and Mount Pearl will host a meeting tonight to discuss the construction of an apartment complex that will straddle the two cities in the old Sprung Greenhouse area. ["John McCormick", Area Resident]. VOCM - St. John's - 1pm News @ 01:07:30pm Duration: 00:01:00 Reporter: John Reynolds.

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time of year. VOCM - St. John's - NL Today @ 01:55:00am Duration: 00:03:00 Reporter: Fred Hutton.

#### **NTV Mid-Day News - Mon, December 15, 2014**

FIRES AT CONVENTION CENTRE SUSPICIOUS: RNC say today that two separate fires at the Convention Centre in St. John's appear to be suspicious; firefighters found the two fires just before 8:30 last night. CJON (NTV) - Mid-Day News @ 12:02:00pm Duration: 00:01:00 Reporter: Larry Jay

THE LOOP: The City of St. John's is again this week asking people to stay off the Loop in Bannerman Park until the ice is ready. ["Jonathan Galgay", St. John's City Councillor] CJON (NTV) - Mid-Day News @ 12:09:00pm Duration: 00:01:00 Reporter: Larry Jay

#### **VOCM Back Talk - Mon, December 15, 2014**

BANNERMAN PARK: Councillor "Jonathon Galgay" is calling to talk on some issues. First Pete says that Bannerman Park is beautiful and the work done there has been great. He says that people have to stay off the Loop until it is ready. He says that they are making ice on it and you can't skate on it while that process is ongoing. They also talk about Victoria Park and plans for it in the future.

#### **VOCM Evening News - Mon, December 15, 2014**

FIRES INTENTIONALLY SET: The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary has determined that last night's fires at the St. John's Convention Centre were intentionally set, following a break and enter. ["Derek Chafe", St. John's Regional Fire Department] VOCM - St. John's - Evening News @ 05:36:15pm Duration: 00:01:15 Reporter: Zaren Healey White

PROPOSED APARTMENT COMPLEX: The Cities of St. John's and Mount Pearl will host a meeting tonight to discuss the construction of an apartment complex which would straddle the two cities in the old Sprung Greenhouse area. ["John McCormick", Concerned Resident] VOCM - St. John's - Evening News @ 05:44:45pm Duration: 00:01:00 Reporter: Zaren Healey White

#### **CBC Here & Now Early Edition - Mon, December 15, 2014**

SUSPICIOUS FIRES UNDER INVESTIGATION: Police are investigating a suspicious fire that broke out at the convention center in St. John's last night. ["Cst. Steve Curnew", RNC] CBNT (CBC TV) - Here & Now Early Edition @ 05:31:45pm Duration: 00:01:15 Reporter: Amy Stoodley

#### **CBC Here & Now - Mon, December 15, 2014**

SUSPICIOUS FIRES UNDER INVESTIGATION: Police are looking for the public's help in a suspicious fire investigation. ["Cst. Steve Curnew", RNC; "Sandy Hickman", Councillor at Large. St. John's] CBNT (CBC TV) - Here & Now @ 06:08:05pm Duration: 00:01:00 Reporter: Amy Stoodley

LOAN APPROVED FOR ROGERS BUSSEY ARENA: In St. John's this evening council voted to lend a business venture half a million dollars interest free to purchase a hockey rink. CBNT (CBC TV) - Here & Now @ 06:40:19pm Duration: 00:02:00 Reporter: Mark Quinn

### **NTV Evening Newshour Early Edition - Mon, December 15, 2014**

SNOWCLEARING REPORT: The City of St. John's received a final snowclearing report from consultants KMPG in November however Public Works Chair "Jonathon Galgay" says it won't be released publicly until sometime in the New Year. CJON (NTV) - Evening Newshour Early Edition @ 05:48:59pm Duration: 00:02:36 Reporter: Heather Gillis

### **NTV Evening Newshour - Mon, December 15, 2014**

SUSPICIOUS FIRE AT CONVENTION CENTRE: A suspicious fire has damaged the St. John's Convention Centre. ["Supt. Derek Chafe", St. John's Regional Fire Department] CJON (NTV) - Evening Newshour @ 06:19:45pm Duration: 00:01:00 Reporter: Glen Carter/Lynn Burry.

FIRE AT HARDWOOD SUB-STATION: A 50-megawatt generator remains out of service after a fire at the Hardwood sub-station Friday night. ["Supt. Robert Fowler", St. John's Regional Fire Department. CJON (NTV) - Evening Newshour @ 06:20:45pm Duration: 00:01:30 Reporter: Glen Carter/Lynn Burry

### **VOCM Night Line - Mon, December 15, 2014**

THE LOOP:Host Preamble- Jonathan Galgay has been talking about how The Loop has been skated on even though the city has asked people not to. The ice is not finished and the ice has been in the process of being made. VOCM - St. John's - Night Line @ 08:10:00pm Duration: 00:01:00 Reporter: Jonathan Richler.

FIRE AT CONVENTION CENTRE: Councillor "Sandy Collins" is calling to talk about the Convention Centre Fire. He says work is being done and they were small fires. Very soon the inside of the Convention Centre will be worked on. He said it is too bad that someone started the fire. He says there are no council meetings for the next two weeks. VOCM - St. John's - Night Line @ 09:08:00pm Duration: 00:04:00 Reporter: Jonathan Richler.

DELAYED OPENING OF THE LOOP/COUNCIL ISSUES: Councillor "Danny Breen" is calling to comment on The Loop. They are building up the ice and someone had skated on it and ruined the ice. The ice making is moving along well and hopefully we will be ready to skate on it. They also talk about snowclearing and the report. The second phase of this report is much more detailed and will require a lot further thought. They talk about the communication plan. There has been some concern with the cost of that department and at the end of the meeting council agreed that they are on the track and they are going to continue to move forward



## Rogers Hometown Hockey and ECMA Charity Hockey Game

**Sheena McCrate** to: Neil Martin

Cc: Fred Cram

2015/01/20 05:14 PM

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**Sheena McCrate** to: Robert Bishop, Neil Martin, Sheena McCrate, Fred Cram

2015/01/24 01:13 AM

Cc: Danny Breen

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We will move forward on both projects under the assumption that this arrangement will continue.

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**Dennis O'Keefe** to: Neil Martin  
Cc: Ron Ellsworth

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**Neil Martin** to: Derek G Coffey, Kevin Breen

2015/10/27 09:24 AM

Gents:

Looks like we have a solution. We now need to let this play itself out over the next week or so. Kevin and I can discuss this with Dennis and Ron on Friday and see how quickly we can get it to Council for approval.

Neil

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2015/10/27 10:28 AM

Thanks - and yes they are

Derek

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Dennis

That's on our agenda to discuss with Sheena and Fred. Shouldn't be a problem for them as I think the Ice Caps are there for three years and the expanded Convention Centre will be up and running.

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>> Derek, Kevin and I will be meeting with Fred and Sheena on Tuesday, November 3rd to go through the draft of their operating budget using the same budget review process that we have used for all City departments. Once we are satisfied with the budget, the SJSEL Board will review and approve the budget and requested subsidy and that budget becomes part of the City's budget which will be presented to Council for its approval.

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>> Again, as I stated previously, I clearly understand the political sensitivity of this issue. Perhaps we will be in a position to discuss a solution at our meeting on Friday.

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>> Neil A. Martin

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Tuesday , December 8 2015 | 6:02:48 AM

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Davis says he'll have to get used to saying his district instead of his ward. He resigned his council seat last night after winning the provincial election for the Liberals in Virginia Waters-Pleasantville.

<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=59055&latest=1>

#### **VOCM - 'If Puddister Were in Cabinet , He Would Be Kicked Out': O'Keefe**

Tuesday , December 8 2015 | 10:00:36 AM

The mayor says the city councillor who revealed some elements of the budget last week broke the rules.

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Property values are going up by an average 15 per cent with the new assessments and while the mil rate is expected to go down, Puddister says the proposed budget doesn't go far enough.

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<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=59060&latest=1>

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Posted: Dec 08, 2015 8:44 AM NT

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Council said the city's unemployment rate has bumped up to 6.5 per cent in recent months, but for people with disabilities, that number is more than 50 per cent.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/city-working-to-employ-disabled-1.3355114>

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### **TELEGRAM - Davis resigns**

Newly elected MHA Bernard Davis gives up city council seat

St. John’s is down a councillor after MHA-elect Bernard Davis officially resigned his Ward 4 seat at Monday’s council meeting.

City council gave Davis a standing ovation at Monday’s meeting after Mayor Dennis O’Keefe referred to Davis as the newly elected Liberal MHA for the district of Virginia Waters.

“I’d first of all like to say thank you to the residents of Ward 4 for giving me the opportunity to represent them, my fellow councillors who brought me along the way, educated me on a lot of the things that I didn’t understand at the time when I first got here, and the staff and core management team that we have here surrounding us today,” said Davis.

After the meeting, Davis called his leaving – just two years after being elected – “bittersweet.”

“Sad to leave the residents in Ward 4 and residents in the city of St. John’s, but I’m just moving up the chain a little bit to represent them a little bit stronger, in a stronger position,” said Davis, who said he has “always dreamed” of becoming an MHA, but never thought it would happen as quickly as it has.

“I understand people’s concerns about that,” he said. “I didn’t want it to cost that kind of money, either, and that’s unfortunate. Democracy is costly to administer sometimes, and in this case the infrastructure that’s required to put off a byelection in the city of St. John’s is different than in other municipalities.”

Coun. Tom Hann asked the city manager to try to prevent the need for future byelections and their accompanying costs.

"I wonder if maybe the city manager can have a look at some way that we could stagger the elections so that if anybody wants to run provincially during the fixed date, they can, and then they can run for city council, to see if there's some way that we could avoid the byelections," Hann said.

"I don't know if that's possible. I don't know if it's done anywhere else. But I don't know if it could be staggered or not."

City manager Neil Martin was unequivocal: no.

"The dates for municipal elections are set by the Municipal Elections Act, and there's really no way to change them," he said.

Current legislation requires a byelection to fill an open spot if it's vacated with more than a year before the next municipal election (in this case, in September 2017).

The unpredictability of provincial election dates makes it impossible to align them with municipal election dates without legislative amendments.

"Could ask them," suggested Mayor Dennis O'Keefe, and Martin agreed.

Council positions may also be vacated for other reasons than provincial elections, including retirement, illness and death – and federal elections.

The byelection for Ward 4 is set for Feb. 23, with three people – former councillors Sheilagh O'Leary and Debbie Hanlon, and real-estate agent Janet Kovich – having already announced their intention to run.

### **Telegram - Rash of accidents keep first responders busy**

Paramedics from Kent's Pond station of the St. John's Regional Fire Department check out an injured woman after they removed her from her car, which was involved in a collision Monday evening. Her car was struck on the side by another vehicle on Portugal Cove Road. The woman was taken to hospital with what appeared to be non-life-threatening injuries. This was one of at least five accidents that happened Monday night in a span of about two hours. Another woman was taken to hospital following a collision at the intersection of Whiteway Street and Bonaventure Avenue. There were no serious injuries in a two-car accident on Torbay Road at Elizabeth Avenue, or in a single-vehicle accident that sent one car into the median on the Trans-Canada Highway. The fifth accident in the west end sent two people to hospital with minor injuries.

### **TELEGRAM - Missing swan found on Signal Hill**

Reports of 'snow goose' sightings prompted woman to have closer look

When Marg Maunder heard one of the swan cygnets was missing from Mundy Pond, she figured reports of a snow goose on a pond on Signal Hill could solve the mystery.



SUBMITTED PHOTOMarg Mauder of St. John's took this picture Monday of a wayward swan cygnet that made its way from Mundy Pond to a pond on Signal Hill.

Mauder, a St. John's animal enthusiast, said she was right, and she found the cygnet Monday – it was not a snow goose that was sighted, but was in fact the young swan.

“It was a bit of an exciting morning,” she said. “Apparently she flew from Mundy Pond. They didn't clip her wings early enough. I assume she got lost.”

The swan family was being transferred to Bowring Park for the winter when it was discovered one of the cygnets was missing, she said.

Mauder said she was on Signal Hill near the Geo Centre feeding the young swan for about an hour when park workers – also alerted by social media postings – came to get the cygnet.

“I coaxed her close enough for them to catch and take her back to (Bowring) Park. She was used to me sitting there feeding her,” Mauder said.

### **Media Headlines -December 07, 2015**

#### **VOCM Open Line - Mon, December 07, 2015**

POTHoles: Host Preamble- There are a lot of potholes out there but there is one on the Goulds Bypass Road and that is very big. There have been many cars damaged by this pothole. People wonder why the city does not have to compensate you when you damage your car in a pothole.

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BYELECTION IN FEBRUARY: The byelection in St. John's to replace a councillor who won in last week's provincial election is probably going to be run in late February. [“Bernard Davis”, MHA-Elect]

### **VOCM Back Talk - Mon, December 07, 2015**

**MIL RATES:** A tweet regarding mil rates. Pete comments on an ongoing debate at the City of St. John's regarding the budget process and mil rates.

### **CBC 5pm News - Mon, December 07, 2015**

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE:** The current unemployment rate of 6.2 percent in St. John's may be the envy of the rest of the province but it doesn't include people with disabilities. ["Ron Ellsworth", Deputy Mayor]

### **CBC On The Go - Mon, December 07, 2015**

**PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CONCERNS:** Now that property assessments are arriving in the mail in St. John's city residents are getting nervous about the amount of tax they will have to pay next year. Values have gone up by a value of 15 percent this time around. "Art Puddister", St. John's City Councillor talks about the concerns he has been getting from residents.

**RESPONSE TO SNOWFALL:** St. John's had it's first big snowfall of the season on Friday. The storm well exceeded the previous snowfall record for that date. There were a lot of closures. "Lynn Ann Winsor", City's Deputy Manager of Public Works talks about how the City did during the snowfall.

### **VOCM Evening News - Mon, December 07, 2015**

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### **CBC Here & Now - Mon, December 07, 2015**

**PROPERTY TAX CONCERNS:** There is already talk that homeowners in St. John's could see a property tax increase.

**MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO EMPLOY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:** Several dozen people gathered at the workshop in St. John's today to discuss employment opportunities for people with disabilities. ["Kelly White", Coalition of Persons with Disabilities; "Randy Lewis", Former Walgreens Executive; "Ron Ellsworth", St. John's Deputy Mayor]

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### **NTV Evening Newshour - Mon, December 07, 2015**

**ART PUDDISTER WILL NOT SUPPORT NEW CITY BUDGET:** The City of St. John's will be unveiling its next three-year budget on Monday, but one councillor already says that he's not going to support it. ["Art Puddister", St. John's City Councillor; "Jonathan Galgay", St. John's City Councillor]

<http://ntv.ca/councillor-wants-st-johns-to-drop-mil-rate-more-than-planned/>

COSTLY BY-ELECTION: "Bernard Davis" officially resigned from St. John's City Council this evening, but the by-election to replace him could cost more than \$200 thousand. ["Dennis O'Keefe", St. John's Mayor; "Ron Ellsworth", St. John's Deputy Mayor]

<http://ntv.ca/bernard-davis-says-goodbye-to-st-johns-city-hall-triggering-by-election/>

THE CARTER FILE: It is budget time in the City of St. John's. City Hall is about to unveil another three-year spending plan. But, this time, property assessments have shot way up and there is a lot of fear that this is going to lead to a big hike in property taxes. ["Jonathan Galgay"< Chair of the Finance Committee for the City of St. John's]

### **VOCM Night Line - Mon, December 07, 2015**

HANUKAH: Host preamble. Jonathan spent some time teaching a World Religions class about Hanukah. He welcomes "Dave Lane", St. John's City Councillor to the studio and they talk about religion.

AWARDS/CLEAN-UPS: Councillor "Dave Lane" talks about those who received awards from the City today. He comments on the importance of cleaning up and beautifying where you live including the importance of reporting to the City where illegal dumping has happened.

AWARD FROM CITY: "Walter Harding" is calling to talk about the award he received from the City of St. John's. He comments on the volunteers who come out with him to do clean-ups and he is very thankful and grateful for what they do. Councillor "Dave Lane" talks about the award which is Citizen of the Year.

NEW MATH: Councillor "Dave Lane" comments on the new math curriculum and how the type of education you have doesn't dictate how smart you are.

CITY BUDGET: Councillor "Dave Lane" comments on the City of St. John's budget and the situation surrounding it. He says the budget is highly complex and how they have an extended engagement budget process so there are lots of opportunities for people to get involved.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS: Councillor "Dave Lane" discusses property assessments and mill rates. He comments the exact mill rate hasn't been released yet and there are many other things to be considered as the budget is being put together. He also discusses the role of councillors.

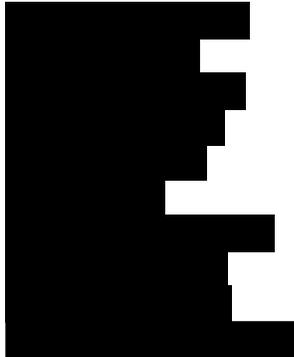


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to: 'Art Puddister'

2015/12/08 11:43 AM

Puddister for Mayor!!



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**From:** Art Puddister [mailto:apuddister@stjohns.ca]  
**Sent:** December-08-15 11:38 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Mayor blasts councillor for budget leak - Telegram

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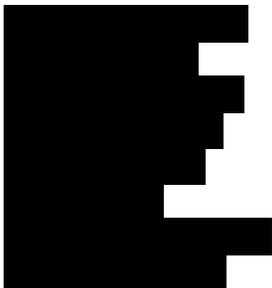
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Sent from my iPad

On Dec 8, 2015, at 11:33 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:  
Art,

I take it all back. I am very pleased to see you argue against yet another excessive tax high. It would have been very easy to go along with the others and let the assessment department take the heat.

No doubt, the fact that you sign the front of the cheque makes you more sensitive to the ever increasing cost of doing business in this city.



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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 8, 2015 10:35 AM

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- *8 Dec 2015*
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- THE TELEGRAM

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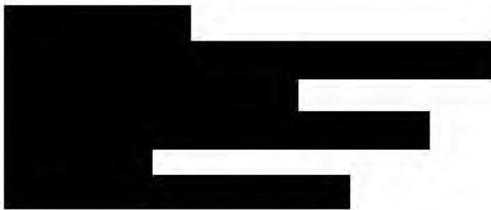
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**Re: Mill Rate**

to: Jonathan Galgay  
Cc: citycouncil, Neil Martin, Derek G Coffey

2015/12/12 12:58 PM

Councillor Galway,

I participated fully in the online engagement process regarding the City's budget but obviously opinions similar to mine were probably ignored. During the entire three month process, I did not see one metric which convinced me that this City was operating at peak efficiency. I did not see any documents comparing our administrative costs benchmarked against cities of similar size. Give citizens insight into these operating indicators to make more informed decisions.

You referenced fire protection services in your response - how about you eliminate the \$700,000 subsidy to St. John's Sports and Entertainment - now that is putting money on "core" services! Maybe the Art Procurement Program could be another option for elimination....or maybe eliminate discretionary travel for staff and council. All viable options if you want to talk "core" service.

Regards,

On Dec 12, 2015, at 12:12 PM, Jonathan Galgay <[jgalgay@stjohns.ca](mailto:jgalgay@stjohns.ca)> wrote:

Mr. [REDACTED]

Residents, business owners and stakeholders had an opportunity to present on where they felt the city should go with our budget over then next three years and council took that information into consideration. I firmly believe that we must retain our core services and not scale back in any manor which will directly impact residents.

Reduction / elimination of core services would keep your taxes the same as last year, but approving these measures would require even further cuts next year.

This would also see a major cut in jobs. SJRFD would also come under review, and I would fear that reducing taxes with an end result of shorter emergency response times would be devastating.

Once you see the full budget on Monday, I believe you will see the rational behind our decision making, and of course we had a full and open dialogue along the way as I have already noted, did you participate in any of these stakeholder engagement sessions?

Jonathan

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Jonathan P. Galgay  
Councillor, Ward 2  
City of St. John's  
[\(709\) 576 7144](tel:(709)5767144)

On Dec 12, 2015, at 11:51 AM, [REDACTED] > wrote:

City Councillors,

As a concerned resident of St. John's, I have been watching the debate about any proposed reduction in the City's mill rate. The process of engaging citizens in this important decision has been woefully inadequate, and according to most media reports, behind "close doors". It is true that we elect our council to protect our interests - and setting the mill rate is one of these important decisions. I cannot accept the fact that elected officials are making these decisions that impact the financial livelihood of its citizens without proper debate and consultations.

The mill rate of 7.1 is already too high. With the "windfall" of property tax assessments going through the roof, the city is poised to receive significant increase in revenue if the mill rate is not reduced to offset these assessments.

I request that all Councillors explore every possible expense items and reduce or eliminate them were possible. I would rather service reductions than tax increases. You should be forced to balance your expenses and revenue like any other household - and not pass your shortcomings on to the citizens who work very hard to earn a living. You should never forget this fact!

I applaud Council Puddistor for speaking out on our behalf - you will have my support in the next election. As for the rest of council, I will watch the vote. If you vote for a mill rate that do not offset the property rate assessments, I hope to meet you at my door during your next campaign.

Regards,

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### **TELEGRAM - Tax hikes 'devastating,' 'irresponsible': Hallett**

BY DANIEL MACEACHERN

Business community gives tax hikes mixed reviews

Tax hikes and arts cuts in the 2016 St. John's budget will stifle the city's cultural and business communities, says a St. John's resident who is a member of both.

Bob Hallett, founding member of Great Big Sea as well as the owner of the restaurant Tavola and co-owner of Erin's Pub, slammed the incoming budget Tuesday, pointing to studies that suggest a vibrant downtown is vital to a community's health.

"By encouraging artists and entrepreneurs to live and work in downtown spaces, you create a healthy city," he told The Telegram. "Right now, our downtown is weathering a very difficult recession. And because hospitality and arts aren't necessities, they're the first things to go in most people's budgets, certainly in most corporate budgets."

Downtown's retail business and the artistic community are struggling to stay afloat in difficult times, he said.

The city announced it will eliminate its annual \$20,000 art procurement funding, and cut grants to arts and recreation organizations in half.

"Their arts funding was a token anyway," said Hallett. "Still, it made a difference in the lives of artists. To see that go out the window, and to see at the same time an absolutely devastating tax increase fall upon a very, very vulnerable commercial sector, to me, is very irresponsible, and I don't understand what the logic is behind this move."

Local business advocates were more mixed in their reactions.

"We were pleased to see that budget is anchored in the city's strategic plan," said Kim Keating, chairwoman of the St. John's Board of Trade. "(But) in a softening economy, we're always concerned to see a tax increase. ... We're a little disappointed that the city is reneging on its commitment to a vacancy allowance, and that there was really no consultation in that regard."

The elimination of the vacancy allowance – a break introduced in 2013 for commercial property owners having difficulty finding tenants – was also the biggest issue for Vaughn Hammond, director of the provincial affairs in Newfoundland and Labrador for the Canadian Federation of

Independent Business, who said council should have focused more on cutting spending than increasing spending, and cutting the vacancy allowance will stifle development.

“In order to build a property now, (developers) are going to have to ensure that that property, for all intents and purposes, is a full property,” Hammond said. “So they’re not going to be able to build and just be OK with some vacant spaces, because that means they’re going to lose money.”

## **TELEGRAM - Works GM says city can't match service at new facility**

BY DANIEL MACEACHERN

St. John's ending \$100,000 grant to Aquarena

The general manager of the Works – which includes the Aquarena swimming facility – says the city's new facility in Wedgwood Park won't be able to provide the same level of service at the new Paul Reynolds community centre.

In the city's 2016 budget, approved by council Monday, a long-contentious operating grant of \$100,000 to the Aquarena was cut, with the city's rationale being the new community centre in Wedgwood Park will provide the same services.

But Works general manager Craig Neil says the city will be hard-pressed to do so.

“One of the things the Aquarena prides itself on is the community involvement that we provide,” he said Tuesday. “I'm not sure if the city can service all the people that we service, as we have about 1.1 to 1.2 million visitors here using our facilities in the run of a year. ... The amount of people who use this facility is tremendous.”

Fee increases possible

Neil said Aquarena staff haven't yet looked at what the loss of \$100,000 on its \$6-million budget will mean for Aquarena users, and fee increases are possible.

“Time will tell,” he said. “We will have to now analyze our budget. Obviously, times are tough in terms of making sure that you stay ahead of your maintenance issues. We pride ourselves at the Aquarena that we keep the facility going – it's almost a 40-year-old building, but we keep on top of all of the maintenance issues that need to be done. When you lose revenue streams, it becomes more difficult to maintain those services at a high level that we pride ourselves on doing. We certainly have to look at (increasing fees).”

Neil said there was no official word before Monday the grant would be cut.

“We have lobbied the city over the last number of years, expressing what we do provide back to the city, and we have given them information on the number of people we service that are from within the city boundaries,” he said. “I know there's people that say it's a northeast Avalon facility, and it is – people from all over the northeast use the facility – but it's mainly used by the people of the city of St. John's.”

## **TELEGRAM - Toil and trouble**

You could call it the bubble budget. Faced with a last-ditch things-were-briefly-going-great

assessment for St. John's homes (house prices are already falling and the economic outlook is anything but shiny), the St. John's city council doubled down by continuing to increase spending and taxes. You could call it the bubble budget. Faced with a last-ditch things-were-briefly-going-great assessment for St. John's homes (house prices are already falling and the economic outlook is anything but shiny), the St. John's city council doubled down by continuing to increase spending and taxes.

Homeowners, with a combination of assessment increases and a mill rate decrease, will, on average, see city taxes rise by 11.7 per cent in 2016. Water taxes will also rise. (Hold your hand up if your salary will increase by 11.7 per cent this year. No? Poor you – or more literally, poorer you.)

That's OK – the budget seems to talk tough, like the council was trying to rein in expenses. But wait: it hasn't really. The cuts? In its own way, the city council has chosen to harvest the low-hanging fruit: the cuts will hit particular groups harder than others, but each of the cuts essentially affects a minority. As well, many are pushed off into the future, taking effect by 2018. (In a lot of ways, that means city council is learning from its provincial counterparts – hope that you can make yourself look better by offering changes that aren't even in this budget year.)

The city plans to cut recreation and arts grants by 50 per cent – saving the huge total of less than one-third of one per cent of city spending – but will not fully implement the cuts until 2018.

The city plans to get rid of a tax break for vacant properties – by 2018.

The city's going to get rid of bulk garbage pickup, litter cleanups, and is going to stop clearing sewerage blockages for homeowners for free, bringing in fees. (The last one is an interesting one – there are areas in the city where city sewer pipes are repeatedly blocked by tree roots, but now, failings in city infrastructure will become a problem for homeowners, but only some homeowners.)

The garbage cuts mean we can probably look forward to an increase in the numbers of love seats and refrigerators dumped on woods roads around the city. The city is removing a tax reduction for properties not connected to water and sewer – meaning those homeowners will now have the huge benefit of paying for something they don't receive.

Meanwhile, the St. John's Sports and Entertainment/Civic Centre Corporation is going to see a \$670,000 increase in its subsidy this year and next, rising to \$752,000 the following year. (To put it more clearly, \$2.6 million in subsidies in both 2016 and 2017, and \$2.7 million in 2018.)

Overall? Great if you can afford a ticket to a game, not so great if you can't flush your toilet.

Another example of an ever-growing city budget with what could only be called a few tentative feints at cuts that will nevertheless hurt some citizens more than others. You have to wonder if the councillors chose cuts that would affect the smallest number of potential voters, making symbolic cuts here and there just so they could say they had.

Baby steps, when something a little more concrete is required. If anything, it's reminiscent of the provincial budget from the spring: stand mostly pat, make small cuts, all the while hoping desperately that everything else will improve.

Memo to the city? It didn't work so well for the provincial government.

## **TELEGRAM - More than 35,000 passengers cruise to N.L. in 2015**

Newfoundland and Labrador welcomed 35,162 cruise ship passengers in 2015, according to the Cruise Association of Newfoundland and Labrador.

This year's cruise ship season began with a stop by the cruise ship Marina on May 23. The final visit was from the vessel Marco Polo on October 4.

In all, 53 port made by 20 ships.

"The cruise industry is truly a provincial affair, with visits this year ranging from Rose Blanche welcoming its first cruise ship ever, on the south

calls were coast of the island to Nachvak Fiord in northern Labrador," said Dennis O'Keefe, chair of the association board and mayor of St. John's, in a statement issued Tuesday.

The association said it was a solid cruise ship season, despite weather and a mechanical issue in one case resulting in 13 cancelled stops.

In 2016, the association is expecting 22 ships, including three new vessels. Visitor numbers are predicted to be on par, with this year, with a projected 50,000 passenger and crew in total.

## **CBC - Cuts to St. John's arts grants called shocking , harmful**

Artists say decision will stifle creativity and progress in the city

Members of the arts community in St. John's are outraged by a 50 per cent cut to arts grants in the city's recent budget, saying it will hurt both artists and the provincial economy.

"It's uninspiring that you live in a city that treats its artists so badly and so offhandedly," said artist Frank Barry.

Barry is using [Facebook](#) to organize a demonstration at City Hall next Monday, Dec. 21. As of Wednesday morning, nearly 250 people have committed to attending the protest.

"To come out and just slash something 50 per cent, to just cut it in half, they wouldn't do this with any other sector in the city," he said.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/grants-art-cancelled-st-john-s-1.3367218>

## **CBC- St. John's employee costs 'staggering,' says Art Puddister**

Coun. Art Puddister continues to criticize the level of tax hikes thrust upon homeowners and the business community in St. John's, saying council could have found savings elsewhere, including what he describes as "staggering" employee costs.

Puddister was one of three councillors to oppose the city's \$300-plus million 2016 budget.

[Property taxes rise with new St. John's budget](#)

The three-year fiscal blueprint includes an average increase for residential property taxes of 12.7 per cent in Year 1, while commercial property taxes will increase by 14.3 per cent.

The city will also slash some services, reduce grants and implement a variety of other austerity measures in order to offset a long pattern of growth in recent years that has since ground to a halt.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/budget-st-john-s-puddister-1.3366384>

## **CBC - Sandy Hickman defends higher subsidy for St . John's Sports and Entertainment**

The City of St. John's adopted one of its most austere budgets in recent times this week, yet found an additional \$670,000 for St. John's Sports and Entertainment (SJSE), the body that operates Mile One Stadium and the St. John's Convention Centre. The increased subsidy – growing from \$1.9 million to \$2.57 million – is earmarked for the convention centre, which has undergone a \$65-million expansion and is scheduled to open this winter.

The city's representative with SJSE, Coun. Sandy Hickman, defended the higher subsidy. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/st-john-s-convention-centre-subsidy-1.3366057>

### **CBC - Ice-Making Commences at the Loop**

Wednesday , December 16 2015 | 5:25:56 PM

The Loop isn't ready for skating yet, but ice-making has begun at the popular outdoor venue. The recent ground and surface temperatures, and those forecast for the next while, have been low enough to begin the ice-making process. Ice is built in layers 1/16 of an inch thickness to a final thickness of one inch.

<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=59271&latest=1>

### **VOCM - Staffing Changes at City Hall Will Cost \$3.5M**

Wednesday , December 16 2015 | 1:41:41 PM

Recent staffing changes at City Hall in St. John's will come with a hefty up-front \$3.5-million price tag. Last month the city offered 35 managers and unionized employees early retirement in a major restructuring effort. The Chair of the City's Finance Committee Jonathan Galgay says the changes will cost several million dollars now, but the city will save money in the long run.

<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=59263&latest=1>

### **VOCM- Demonstration to Protest St. John's Arts Cuts**

Wednesday , December 16 2015 | 10:53:36 AM

A demonstration will be held next week for the arts in St. John's.

The St. John's Supports the Arts Demonstration will be held on Monday, December 21st at 4:00 pm outside city hall. People are encouraged to write letters to councillors, bring signs and noisemakers, and use social media.

<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=59257&latest=1>

### **CBC Central Morning Show - Wed, December 16, 2015**

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Last week we told you about the increase in break and enters in the Gander-area. There have been a lot of people wondering how the community can be safer and how they can help. There is a program that other municipalities in the province have been using for years. ["Ron Ellsworth", St. John's Deputy Mayor/Neighbourhood Watch Program]

### **CBC 8am News - Wed, December 16, 2015**

PROPERTY TAX INCREASE: Homeowners in St. John's are crunching the numbers and most are finding their property taxes are going up. ["Andreas Georju's[?]", homeowner; "Gerry Kirkland", real estate appraiser]

### **VOCM Morning News - Wed, December 16, 2015**

CUT TO AQUARENA: Competitive swimmers at the Aquarena are concerned about the

elimination of the \$100,000 grant from the City of St. John's. ["Scott Wilson", St. John's Legends]

CUTS TO ARTS: Local actress Bernie Stapleton calls it a sad day for the arts community in St. John's.

### **VOCM Morning Show - Wed, December 16, 2015**

GALGAY ON BUDGET: Finance Committee Chair "Jonathan Galgay" joins VOCM live to discuss the City of St. John's budget.

### **VOCM Open Line - Wed, December 16, 2015**

ARTS CUTS: Host Preamble- The St. John's Supports the Arts Demonstration will be held on Monday, December 21st at 4:00 pm outside city hall. People are encouraged to write letters to councillors, bring signs and noisemakers, and use social media.

COMMENTS ON BUDGET: Ward 5 Councillor "Wally Collins" is calling to talk about the budget. He says it was a hard budget to go through. He says that anyone that had not go water and sewer they don't have to pay water tax. If it is on their bill they that wrong. He says that he is fighting for 1500 residents in Goulds because he wants the council to look at people paying increased tax when they are not on the water system.

### **CBC 12 Noon News - Wed, December 16, 2015**

SOME HOMEOWNERS FIGHT BACK ON PROPERTY TAX INCREASE: Homeowners in St. John's are crunching the numbers and most are finding their property taxes are going up. ["Andreas Georgios" (?), St. John's Homeowner; "Jerry Kirkland", Real Estate Appraiser]

### **VOCM 1pm News - Wed, December 16, 2015**

CITY HALL STAFFING CHANGES COST: Recent staffing changes at city hall in St. John's will come with a hefty up-front \$3.5-million price tag. ["Jonathan Galgay", Chair of Finance Committee]

WADE ON CUTS TO RECREATIONAL COSTS: The president of the province's Public Health Association says the decision to cut recreational costs in St. John's operating budget will affect public health. ["Darrell Wade", President Public Health Association]

THE LOOP GETTING READY: The Loop isn't ready for skating yet, but ice-making has begun at the popular outdoor venue.

### **VOCM NL Today - Wed, December 16, 2015**

WILSON ON ELIMINATION OF GRANT: Competitive swimmers at the Aquarena are concerned about the elimination of the \$100,000 grant from the City of St. John's. It was one of the expenditures axed by the city in Monday's budget. ["Scott Wilson", St. John's Legends]

### **Media Headlines - December 15, 2015**

#### **VOCM Back Talk - Tue, December 15, 2015**

CITY BUDGET: Host preamble. A lot of people are wondering why the City of St. John's did

what they did when it comes to the budget especially when it comes to cutting funding to recreation programs. They did drop back the mil rates but by an amount that is still going to mean residents will have to ensure an increase in property taxes. What do you think they should have cut?

CITY BUDGET: "Bill" is calling to talk about the City budget. He doesn't like it very much and it's a poor Christmas present for the City to give to residents. He says they eliminated funding for the Aquarena and a lot of children used it plus they are eliminating lateral services so now homeowners will have to pay the whole shot if they have water or sewer problems.

CULTURAL INVESTMENT: "Bernie Stapleton" is calling to talk about the cultural investment of the City of St. John's. She says today is a sad day as the City is taking a backwards step. She comments on how much artists give back to the community because they are usually the first ones called upon when somebody needs to raise funds.

CITY BUDGET: "Darryl Wade" of the Public Health Association is calling to weigh in on the City budget. He comments there are many things that affect public health especially increases in taxes because some people have to decide between paying taxes, heating their home and buying nutritious food. He says it's very concerning to see cuts in recreation programs because for some it takes away the ability for them to have a healthy lifestyle.

#### **CBC 5pm News - Tue, December 15, 2015**

ST. JOHN'S BUDGET CUTS SERVICES: Homeowners won't just be paying more in taxes; they will also have to pay for many services that are being eliminated. ["David Moores", St. John's Resident]

ST. JOHN'S BUDGET INCREASES SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT SUBSIDY: The City of St. John's is planning to increase its subsidy for St. John's sports and entertainment by \$700 thousand next year. ["Sandy Hickman", St. John's City Councillor]

#### **CBC On The Go - Tue, December 15, 2015**

PUDDISTER ON ST. JOHN'S BUDGET: St. John's City Council tabled its budget last night. Taxes are going up, services are going down, they're being cut. Three councillors - Dave Lane, Sandy Hickman, and "Art Puddister" voted against the budget.

NEW CONCERNS FOR ST. JOHN'S RESIDENTS: A new concern for some St. John's residents following yesterday's budget; the City will no longer do water and sewerage repairs on private properties. The move is going to save the City half a million dollars so if broken or damaged pipes need to be dug up residents could be facing big bills. "David Moores", University Avenue Resident talks about the work he had done on his sewer line last month.

#### **VOCM Evening News - Tue, December 15, 2015**

SWIMMERS CONCERNED ABOUT ELIMINATION OF GRANT: Competitive swimmers at the Aquarena are concerned about the elimination of the \$100,000 grant from the City of St. John's. It was one of the expenditures axed by the city in Monday's budget. ["Scott Wilson", Club President]

ARTS COMMUNITY HAD NO INDICATION OF SLASH TO ARTS BUDGET: The arts community had no indication that the City of St. John's was about to slash the arts budget. It

was only a few years ago that the city doubled the arts budget to try to bring it in line with other cities in Canada, and there was no consultation with the arts community. ["Ruth Lawrence", Artistic Director of the White Rooster Theater]

**TROUBLED, FRUSTRATED AND ANNOYED BY CITY BUDGET:** A business owner in Downtown St. John's says he's troubled, frustrated and annoyed on the heels of last night's city budget. ["Bob Hallett", runs Tavola Restaurant and Erin's Pub]

**NARWHAL INFLATABLE CRAFT BEING UNVEILLED:** The St. John's Regional Fire Department's Surface Water Rescue Team will unveil a new piece of equipment on Thursday. The Narwhal Inflatable Craft is a four metre water craft which can be used for emergencies on inland waterways.

#### **CBC Here & Now - Tue, December 15, 2015**

**INCREASES FOR HOMEOWNERS:** If you live in St. John's the city is giving you higher taxes this Christmas. ["David Moores", St. John's Homeowner; "Sandy Hickman", Councillor]

**PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CHALLENGES COMING:** The new St. John's budget is about more than just cuts, it's also about higher taxes and now that residents know the residential mil rate many are choosing to fight. ["Andreas Georghiou", Home Owner; "Jerry Kirkland", Real Estate Appraiser]

**PEOPLE ABSORBING BUDGET:** People are still absorbing the fall out from the budget at St. John's City Hall last night. ["Ron Ellsworth", Deputy Mayor]

#### **NTV Evening Newshour Early Edition - Tue, December 15, 2015**

**BUSINESS FILE:** The City of St. John's approved its three-year budget last night. There will be higher property taxes, but reduced city services. The City is also trying to do something about vacant buildings. ["Jonathan Galgay", Chair on St. John's Finance Committee]

#### **NTV Evening Newshour - Tue, December 15, 2015**

**MOUNT PEARL & ST. JOHN'S CITY BUDGETS:** The City of Mount Pearl was not able to avoid a tax increase. ["Andrew Ledwell", Mount Pearl City Councillor; "Bob Hallett", Business Owner; "Anita Carroll", Business Owner]

**THE CARTER FILE:** Commercial property taxes are going up about 14 percent. ["Peg Norman", Travel Bug Owner]

#### **VOCM Night Line - Tue, December 15, 2015**

**FRUSTRATION WITH BUDGET:** Host preamble. Bob Hallett who runs Travola Restaurant and Erin's Pub expressed his frustration earlier today with St. John's City Budget.

**CITY BUDGET:** "Roger Andrews", Chef and Proprietor of Relish Burgers is calling to talk about the city budget. He says with the economy going the way it is, increased taxes will impact businesses. He also comments on the construction in downtown St. John's and how it has resulted in having to close his business on many occasions because it's so hard to get around.

**THE BUDGET:** "Sandy Hickman", St. John's City Councillor is calling to talk about what he

disliked about the budget. He comments on the reasons why he decided to vote against this budget and how the occupancy tax probably won't be paid by the provincial government but the federal government do pay their pay. He discusses some of the other concerns he has with the budget.



**Cuts to Arts**

[Redacted]

to: rellsworth

2015/12/17 12:08 PM

Cc: dokeefe

History: This message has been replied to.

Hi Councillor Ellsworth:

Thank you for speaking with me today on the above subject. Like a lot of other citizens, I am very disappointed with the Budget cuts to Arts and Recreation.....particularly the Arts. There is probably no other city of its size in Canada that has as vibrant an arts scene as our fair City enjoys. Through our artists our city is showcased to the rest of the country and the world. They have played an important role in the burgeoning tourist industry in the Province in general and St. John's in particular. Tourists spend money in our city, so its not solely about subsidies. Artists contribute to the economy not just by attracting tourists but by providing employment for actors on stage and in home-grown films such as Republic of Doyle. The promotion of our City by Republic alone is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars in advertising. Its short-sighted and mis-guided to look at only what are the expenditures on Arts when budgeting. There must be an appreciation of the value of the arts, not just in enhancing our culture but in providing hard, economic value to the City.

Over the next two years, the City will increase the subsidy to St.John's Sports and Entertainment / Civic Centre Corporation by almost \$1.5 million . \$670,000 this year and next and \$752,000 the following year. This amounts to total subsidies of \$2.6 million for 2016-2017 and \$2.7 million in 2018. And what do we get for all of this tax-payer money? We get an American League hockey team for another season or two. After that professional hockey may be gone. Oh, and we get over-priced tickets to see concerts with old, past their best-before-date entertainers like Kenny Rogers and Charlie Pride. Oh, I forgot the " spin-offs " that are always trotted out with regard to Mile One and the Civic Centre. Well, " spin-offs " have always been a rather nebulous concept to me. There are still tickets available for Mile One hockey so it looks like the full stadium every night is in jeopardy. Well, we will just have to subsidize it more in the future!. I am not an economist but it seems to me that the bigger bang for the buck is with the Arts.

I sincerely request that the City take another look at this issue with a few to rescinding the cuts to the Arts so that what makes this place special, what nourishes its soul is celebrated and not denigrated.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]



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Kelly Maguire to: Council\_group, Executives, Directors, Susan Ralph, Cindy McGrath, kobrien, Strategy & Engagement

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### TELEGRAM - Unclean cash

BY DANIEL MACEACHERN

Garbage-busting Citizen of the Year dismayed by cuts to litter collection, bulk pickup

“When you have such a large budget – and these moneys aren’t big moneys when it comes to either the litter program or bulk garbage – I think the needs versus wants thing is getting cloudy with those folks there making the decisions.” Walter Harding

One week before the City of St. John’s passed its 2016 budget, Walter Harding accepted the Citizen of the Year award from Clean St. John’s for the time he volunteers organizing litter pickups in the city.

A week later, Harding was dismayed to learn the city will eliminate its 10-week summer litter collection program and bulk garbage pickup.

“When it comes to trying to find new dollars, new moneys coming in, not only to the city but the province, I think one of the most important moneys we can keep is the tourist dollars,” he told The Telegram on Thursday. “I don’t go around with our volunteers and clean up the city because we want money – we just want a clean city. But when they eliminate that kind of thing, you almost invite people to go home and say, ‘Yeah, it was nice. Nice restaurants, nice people, but boy was it dirty.’ You never want to give anybody reason not to come to St. John’s or the province.”

Harding – who ran unsuccessfully for Ward 3 in St. John’s in the 2013 election – said people do need to be more responsible with their garbage, but it’s the job of the city to step in.

“Municipal councils are supposed to be providing the basics, which is garbage collection, snowclearing, fire services, etc.,” he said. “When you have such a large budget – and these moneys aren’t big moneys when it comes to either the litter program or bulk garbage – I think the needs versus wants thing is getting cloudy with those folks there making the decisions, and for the money that it costs, I think the benefits greatly outweigh the dollars and cents it costs to provide the services.”

A spokeswoman for the city said St. John’s expects to save \$404,000 by eliminating the bulk garbage pickup and \$52,000 by cutting the litter collection from the city’s \$302-million budget – which would amount to 0.134 per cent and 0.017 per cent, respectively, of the city’s spending next year.

Harding also said he is worried the elimination of bulk pickup will lead to more garbage being dumped in the woods.

"I'm an optimist, and I would hope that folks would find a way to get the garbage down to the landfill," he said. "I would recommend council extend hours at the landfill. Mondays you're not allowed to bring any garbage if you're just a regular resident. It's (only) commercial. The hours are pretty limited when it comes to bringing stuff to the landfill, so if they're going to cut the bulk garbage, I think they have to (extend the hours). It's a must."

## **TELEGRAM- Twopronged attack**

*BY DANIEL MACEACHERN*

St. John's workers' union slams service cuts in 2016 budget

"The concern, along with the work being taken from our membership, is how are seniors and people on fixed incomes and people like that, how are they going to be able to afford thousands and thousands of dollars, when most of them are barely getting themselves by as it is?" CUPE's Derrick Barrett

The union representing St. John's workers says the 2016 budget is an attack on services and jobs.

"It seems like the council is taking the city as a whole, residents and employees, in the direction of privatization of services that city residents depend on, No. 1, and No. 2 is services that our employees provide and have been providing for quite a few years now," said Derrick Barrett, CUPE's national representative for locals 1289 (inside worker) and 569 (outside), on Thursday. "It is kind of like a double whammy on residents and on our members that we represent."

Barrett pointed to water and sewer lateral repairs; the city will no longer charge a nominal fee to residents when repairs are needed. Instead, residents will shoulder the full cost, which can run to thousands of dollars.

"The concern, along with the work being taken from our membership, is how are seniors and people on fixed incomes and people like that, how are they going to be able to afford thousands and thousands of dollars, when most of them are barely getting themselves by as it is?" he said.

The union is also concerned about the early retirements offered to senior employees recently, and the ripple effect through staff as vacancies left by departing employees will be reviewed to decide if filling them is even necessary.

"That workload doesn't change," he said. "That gets downloaded to our members, who already have full days of work."

Mayor Dennis O'Keefe didn't return a request for comment.

## **TELEGRAM EDITORIAL - Tax trickery**

If anything, the mill rate meltdown in St. John's and some of its commuter communities should dispel a few myths that have survived too long.

First to go should be the egregious lie that government spending inevitably rises (and runs into deficits at provincial and federal levels) because of the infinite, howling demands of the citizenry for

more of this and more of that (hospitals! roads! schools!) rather than because of inherent desires of politicians (“I spend, therefore I am.”).

The formerly booming real estate market has provided tax windfalls to municipal administrations in St. John’s, Mount Pearl and Paradise.

In each case, civic governors have opted to bank extra cash. In each case, they got away with it (so far) by announcing a decrease in the mill rate — the percentage of a resident’s property value that is used to calculate their municipal tax.

In St. John’s, the average residential property assessment in 2015 went up 16 per cent, so city council decreased the residential mill rate from 8.1 to 7.8 — leaving the average residential tax to go up by 11.7 per cent.

In Mount Pearl, the average residential property assessment rose 14 per cent, so city council dropped the residential mill rate from 7.4 to 7— giving residents an average 7.8 per cent increase in municipal tax.

In Paradise — possibly the most inaptly named town in the country — the average residential property assessment ballooned by 20.5 per cent, so council decreased the mill rate from 7.4 to 6.8 — nevertheless hoisting an average tax increase of 10.7 per cent onto residents.

You see the pattern. Politicians are plundering pockets. And then they are spending it. Budget expenditures for 2016 will be up 4.4 per cent in St. John’s, 12.3 per cent in Mount Pearl and 7.8 per cent in Paradise.

Strange, but there haven’t been any recent headlines screaming, “Residents demand city tax them more and spend it.”

The predictable explanation from city/town hall in the three burghs is that the municipality needs the extra tax revenue because costs and requirements keep rising.

This, of course, differs substantially from the costs and requirements of running a household, which have declined so much in recent years as to be almost free. Groceries? Car insurance? Power bills? Sure, they’re giving it away.

When critics cite the arrogance of politicians and the contempt they so often have for the electorate, these tax grabs are as good an example as any.

No mayor or councillor can reasonably argue that the city/town needs the money more than the residents do.

Unjust method

Not that it will cause anything to change, but this week’s indefensible residential tax grabs depict yet again the profound unfairness of property taxes.

There can’t be many people in St. John’s whose salary will go up 11.7 per cent next year, so the vast majority of residents will automatically have less disposable income, thanks to city hall.

If this bothers you, go to an IceCaps game and forget about it for three hours.

At least you’ll get some benefit from the city’s shinny subsidy.

Property taxes are like a remnant from the feudal era.

They bear no relation to a resident’s income or ability to pay, and are unjust from a modern

standpoint.

Like sales taxes, property taxes take money from citizens without any regard for their standard of living.

The poor pay and the rich pay, the low-salaried pay and the high-salaried pay and the retired pay, and everything is fair and equal, except that ... it's not.

This tax trickery with mill rates and property values should be a reminder that the only just method of funding governments is via a progressive income tax system.

### **CBC - CUPE says new St. John's budget means privatization , public service layoffs**

The Canadian Union of Public Employees is calling the latest City of St. John's budget an attack on services and jobs. CUPE, which represents both inside and outside workers with the city, released a statement on Thursday expressing concern over several aspects of the budget. In the statement, CUPE national representative Derrick Barrett said the city is moving in a direction that does not bode well for the city's residents and employees.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/cupe-stjohns-budget-1.3369760>

### **CBC - Bulk garbage pickup curbed , group worries St. John's will be trashed**

A group that works to keep St. John's clean and beautiful says it will have its work cut out for them, now that council has decided to curb bulk garbage pickup.

Karen Hickman, executive director of Clean St. John's, said about 3,200 residents relied on the city's bulk garbage service last year.

"The thing we do not want to see is it littering our city," she told CBC Radio's St. John's Morning Show.

"We've worked so hard to get where we are with the litter crew and the bulk pickup. To sort of go backwards, we don't want to see that."

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/bulk-garbage-clean-stjohns-1.3369405>

### **VOCM - Mayor Dennis O'Keefe Offers Clarification on City Staff Salaries**

Friday , December 18 2015 | 11:21:12 AM

St. John's Mayor Dennis O'Keefe is offering some clarification on comments made by Councillor Art Puddister on the recent city budget.

O'Keefe says in interviews following the budget announcement, Puddister left residents with the mistaken impression that city staff, on average, are paid \$95,000 dollars a year.

<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=59320&latest=1>

### **VOCM - St. John's Arts Cuts 'Hypocritical' says Business and Arts Co-Chair**

Friday , December 18 2015 | 10:40:34 AM

The co-chair of Business and Arts Newfoundland and Labrador says the capital city has struck a nerve in cutting \$100,000 in funding to arts grants by 50 per cent.

Noreen Golfman says the reason why there's been such an outcry is because the funding to begin with was so paltry, it was "pathetic".

<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=59306&latest=1>

### **VOCM - 'Vacant St. John's' Praises Moves to Address Empty Businesses , Condemns Taxes That May Create More**

Friday , December 18 2015 | 11:18:05 AM

The founder of Vacant St. John's says while he's pleased the city is trying to address what appears to be a growing problem, he's disappointed they've chosen to raise business taxes in the city.

James Langer has created a Facebook page called Vacant St. John's, highlighting the vacant

buildings and "dead zones" in and around the capital city.  
<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=59315&latest=1>

#### **CBC 7am News - Fri, December 18, 2015**

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#### **VOCM Morning News - Fri, December 18, 2015**

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METROBUS PILOT PROJECT: The province's Environmental Industry Association is applauding Paradise for introducing a pilot project providing Metrobus service to the community starting in June of 2016.

#### **VOCM Morning Show - Fri, December 18, 2015**

CUTS TO ARTS FUNDING: The City of St. John's was about 88 per cent below the national average in arts funding even before this current budget that's slashed what they were doing in half. ["Pat Foran", Artistic Fraud]

GOLFMAN ON CUTS TO ARTS FUNDING: There's a growing sense of outrage in the arts community in St. John's about the city's decision to cut arts funding. Artists are claiming that councillors are blind to the true value that the artistic community brings to our city. ["Dr. Noreen Golfman", Business & Arts NL]

#### **VOCM Open Line - Fri, December 18, 2015**

ST. JOHN'S BUDGET: Host Preamble - There has been deserved ridicule of the St. John's Budget. Some of the cuts made have upset people, such as bulk garbage pick-up and the arts. The City's budget for arts is 88% below the national average - how can that be? Is it not valuable? Some argue that it is not an industry which should be funded. But Paddy feels we should have access to artists of all sorts and all ranges of experience and success. He finds it a desperate decision to cut their funding.

**CITY NO LONGER RESPONSIBLE FOR RESIDENTS' WATER & SEWER PROBLEMS:** Former St. John's City Councillor "Jerry Colbourne" is very concerned about the part of the St. John's Budget which states people will now be responsible if their water or sewer laterals collapse or become entangled. Now they will have to go find a contractor to do the work, rather than rely on a City worker. He says this is going to most affect those living in the older parts of the city where the pipes are due for corrosion and collapse. Mr. Colbourne says that root infestation is a big problem which causes issues with the underground pipes as well as digging in areas where the older pipe systems are when the City is there doing roadwork. Paddy says this is going to be a big mess for residents.

**ST. JOHN'S WARD 4 CAMPAIGN:** "Janet Kovich" plans to run for the Ward 4 vacancy in St. John's. She is concerned about signs being stuck out in snowbanks and feels that can put pedestrians at risk. She wants to use posters instead and reaches out to her fellow candidates to do the same.

### **Media Headlines - December 17, 2015**

#### **VOCM Back Talk - Thu, December 17, 2015**

**MUNICIPAL BUDGETS:** Host preamble. A lot of talk about municipal budgets especially because property assessments rose but unfortunately in Gander they dropped the mil rate to compensate for assessments, the residents will see a 9.74 increase in property taxes plus they added in a \$400 water and sewer tax.

**PROPERTY ISSUES:** "Clayton" is calling to talk about property issues. He comments that for the first eight years his mother-in-law had no issues with her property but once development started on Massey Drive, the house was flooded with sewage several times. He says the house was paid for but because they have had to take out a mortgage on the property again and the home is getting destroyed on a yearly basis. He comments his mother-in-law is a well respected woman in the community but the City has put her through hell since she bought this property.

**CITY BUDGET:** "Jeff Marshall" is calling to talk about the City budget and how it affects the Goulds. He says in 1992 the Goulds was amalgamated into St. John's and even today the residents lack proper services like water and sewer which is pretty bad. He comments on other infrastructure that is lacking like sidewalks.

**CITY BUDGET:** "Sheilagh O'Leary" is calling to talk about the City budget. She comments on being in the chamber when the budget was brought down and what wasn't said really speaks louder to her than what was said in the budget because there are a number of hits when it comes to cuts that will impact those on low incomes. She says there was no mention of sacrifices by Council at all.

**ST. JOHN'S BUDGET:** "Janet Kovich" is calling to talk about the St. John's budget. She says most people who she has talked to didn't want their taxes to go up and they see taking away investment in community centers are investments in young people so overall they aren't pleased.

**METROBUS COMMUTER ROUTE FOR PARADISE:** A town plagued with traffic congestion is finally getting some public transit. ["Dan Bobbett", Paradise Mayor]

### **CBC On The Go - Thu, December 17, 2015**

ST. JOHN'S BUDGET: Property taxes, city services are being reduced and there are cuts to the arts community. The City of St. John's 2016 budget caught many off guard so today on Crosstalk Host "Cecil Haire" asked the question: should the City have consulted people before setting the budget? His guests were Councillor "Art Puddister" who voted against the budget and Councillor "Jonathan Galgay" who as Chair of the Finance Committee supported it. ["Keith", Resident and Business Operator from St. John's]

### **CBC Here & Now - Thu, December 17, 2015**

GALGAY DEFENDING BUDGET: More reaction tonight to budget cuts made by the city of St. John's this week. ["Jonathan Galgay", St. John's City Councillor; "Karen Hickman", Clean St. John's]

NEW EQUIPMENT ON DISPLAY: St. John's regional fire department just unveiled it's newest piece of rescue equipment today.

### **NTV Evening Newshour Early Edition - Thu, December 17, 2015**

METROBUS COMMUTER TRANSIT PILOT PROJECT: A new pilot project set to be introduced in Paradise should help alleviate the traffic and congestion issues in that ever-expanding town. ["Dan Bobbett", Paradise Mayor]

### **NTV Evening Newshour - Thu, December 17, 2015**

CITY DEFENDS FUNDING FOR CBC DOCUMENTARY ON BEAUMONT-HAMEL: The Chairman of the Finance Committee for the City of St. John's is defending Council's decision to allocate \$50 thousand to the CBC. ["Jonathan Galgay", City of St. John's Finance Committee]

THE CARTER FILE: A big hike in commercial property taxes in St. John's with the budget as well as residential property taxes. ["Kim Keating", Chair, St. John's Board of Trade]

SNOW CLEARING HELPING SENIORS: Shoveling can be a pain but for some it's next to impossible to avoid but there is a program now that gets the job done for seniors. ["Kelly Heisz", Executive Director, Seniors Resource Center; "Colin Corcoran", Director, Choices for Youth]

### **VOCM Night Line - Thu, December 17, 2015**

CITY BUDGET: "William" is calling to talk about the St. John's city budget. He says Councillor Jonathan Galgay didn't seem too concerned about this years taxes and was flippant about the \$50 thousand they gave to the CBC to do a documentary.

DISCOUNTS ON TAXES: Shelley Pardy with the City of St. John's sent in an e-mail about discounts on taxes for seniors with GIS.



## City Budget

Ron Ellsworth, J Galgay, T Hann, Sandy  
to: Hickman, Dave Lane, Denis O'Keefe,  
Bruce Tilley, dbreen, apuddister

2015/12/20 07:06 PM

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History: This message has been replied to.

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Please reconsider & think of the extra hardships you are putting on the residents that voted you in to keep our interest & needs a priority.



Re: Happy City - Questions re Budget (as promised)

Dave Lane to: [REDACTED]

2015/12/20 09:10 PM

History:

This message has been forwarded.

Hi [REDACTED]!

I had a great time. Thanks a lot for having us :)

I'll see if I can get some answers for you asap

Dave

On Sun, Dec 20, 2015 at 11:51 AM, [REDACTED] > wrote:

Hey Dave,

Thanks for coming last night! Hope you had a great time (despite being bombarded with questions regarding the budget). As I mentioned, Happy City is planning on doing a "budget analysis" type blog post, and Josh and I are getting together tomorrow to go over a few things. In reviewing the budget, I have a few questions that I'm hoping you might be able to clarify.

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Again, thanks so much for chatting the other night, and thanks in advance for providing this information. I think there is still alot of confusion out there regarding the budget which is leading to even more (and perhaps misdirected) frustration.

Looking forward to hearing from you. I am meeting with [REDACTED] this afternoon to have a preliminary discussion, and we hope to have something up in the next couple of days to ensure it is still timely and relevant.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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Dave Lane

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Re: Fwd: Happy City - Questions re Budget (as promised)   
Derek G Coffey to: Dave Lane

2015/12/21 09:30 AM

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Cheers,

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From: Dave Lane/CSJ To: Derek G Coffey/CSJ...

2015/12/21 12:23:34 AM

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**Derek G Coffey** to: Kevin Breen, Neil Martin

2015/12/21 09:33 AM

Gents - see below - #4 - the surplus - has not gotten any traction yet - just keeping you in the loop

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**Re: Happy City - Questions re Budget (as promised)**   
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2015/12/21 10:14 AM

History: This message has been replied to and forwarded.

Hi Dave - as 2015 was balanced with surplus from prior years this is where this "revenue" was recorded. This of course is not the case for 2016 and thus the substantial reduction.

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2015/12/21 10:09:29 AM

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Date: 2015/12/21 10:09 AM  
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Thanks Derek, actually there was one other. 49201 Assessments / Transfers?

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### Quick question

to: dlane@stjohns.ca

2015/12/21 10:41 AM

History:

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Hope to hear from you.

  
The Telegram



Re: City Budget

Art Puddister to: [REDACTED]

2015/12/21 02:56 PM

I voted against the budget,  
Art

Sent from my iPad

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**Re: Fwd: Quick question**   
**Derek G Coffey** to: Dave Lane  
Cc: smccrate

2015/12/21 03:17 PM

Dave - I am going to cc Sheena McCrate on this one as she would have been directly involved here - Sheena is the CEO of SJSEL. I will add that I am not so sure the agreement would have been null and void as our agreement is with the Icecaps (or whatever the legal name of Danny's company is) - not the Winnipeg Jets franchise.

Sheena,

can you comment on the below?

Thanks

Derek

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From: Dave Lane/CSJ To: Derek G Coffey/CSJ...

2015/12/21 03:14:16 PM

From: Dave Lane/CSJ  
To: Derek G Coffey/CSJ@csj  
Date: 2015/12/21 03:14 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Quick question

Hey Derek,

Can you confirm the point below about funding for the IceCaps?

Thanks!

Dave

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** December 21, 2015 at 10:41:27 NST  
**To:** "[dlane@stjohns.ca](mailto:dlane@stjohns.ca)" <[dlane@stjohns.ca](mailto:dlane@stjohns.ca)>  
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The Telegram



**Re: Quick question**

to: Dave Lane

2015/12/21 03:53 PM

History:

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Hi Dave:

That would seem strange – and if the city had a two-year agreement to keep Winnipeg here (and they left), would you not have to go back to council for a new agreement to spend the money on Montreal's farm team? That seems like the only way possible,

**From:** Dave Lane <[dlane@stjohns.ca](mailto:dlane@stjohns.ca)>

**Date:** Monday, December 21, 2015 3:13 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Quick question

Hi [REDACTED],

Good question. My understanding is that it was sustained for the new team but I will confirm for you!

Cheers,

Dave

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**Re: Cuts to Arts, Money to a Billionaire**  
**Dennis O'Keefe** to: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Danny Breen, Ron Ellsworth

2015/12/21 08:26 PM

[REDACTED]  
Merry Christmas. Your vote is a privilege, use it wisely and not as a threat! All the best  
Dennis

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 21, 2015, at 7:43 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Danny:

Thank you for the clarification. Unfortunately, you wasted a lot of words to clarify something

I already understood.

I was addressing the cut to arts grants, which is shameful, juxtaposed against the increase

in funding sports and entertainment.

See this story:

<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=59393&latest=1>

The funds to arts grants should be fully reinstated by shaving off some of the increased funding

to sports, or, perhaps, by shaving a little off salaries at city hall.

If not, plan to lose a lot of votes.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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**Re: Happy City - Questions re Budget (as promised)**   
**Derek G Coffey** to: Dave Lane

2015/12/22 09:54 AM

History: This message has been replied to.

Hi Dave,

6212 was split out from 6211 - the 6211 is more solely the admin function and 6212 representing more events & services - so really all just internal transfers

Derek

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From: Dave Lane/CSJ To: Derek G Coffey/CSJ...

2015/12/21 09:05:39 PM

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Date: 2015/12/21 09:05 PM  
Subject: Re: Happy City - Questions re Budget (as promised)

Ok great. And these under Community Dev? 6211 Strategic Development and 6212 Events and Services

Thanks as always

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Hi Dave - as 2015 was balanced with surplus from prior years this is where this "revenue" was recorded. This of course is not the case for 2016 and thus the substantial reduction.

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Thanks Derek, actually there was one other. 49201 Assessments / Transfers?

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1. This is merely a reclassification and adjustment of how we have treated the transfers to and from reserves for the accommodation taxes - for these increase in expenditures there is also a corresponding revenue so not a net increase in the budget. DSJ's budget will remain the same.
2. Yes - that is the increased subsidy required for the operations of the convention centre
3. The increase in capital stems from four main sources -

one time revenues from the parks and open spaces reserve - \$800k; restoring the fleet acquisition fund to agree with policy - \$922K; increase due to expected HST savings - \$600K; one time increase of \$6.5M - this is monies available due to planning for both a consistent mil rate and also the one necessary to fund the expenditures in 2018. This allowed for a one time increase to capital of \$6.5M in 2016.

Let me know if anything else

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Date: 2015/12/21 12:23 AM

Subject: Fwd: Happy City - Questions re Budget (as promised)

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Hey Derek,

When you get a moment can you help me answer the questions below?

1) Line #6343  
under Housing and  
Real Estate  
expenditures has  
"Avalon Visitors'  
and Convention  
Bureau" receiving a  
119.7% increase  
from 2015 to 2016  
(a 1.5 million dollar  
increase). Can you  
tell me what is the  
Avalon Visitors'  
and Convention  
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the increase? You  
mentioned Friday  
that, if it is  
Destination St.  
John's, the funding  
comes from hotel  
tax and is  
redirected by the  
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2) Line #7445  
Civic Centre  
Corporation is  
receiving an

increase of \$670,000 (35% increase). Is that the subsidy toward St. John's Sport & Entertainment?

3) Line #8990 Capital Expenditures is receiving an increase of \$8.8 million (54.1% increase). I know that Capital Expenditures is complicated, but in the 2015 budget, it only increase by 900,000 (5.3% increase). Is there an explanation for such a steep increase in this budget (that could be understood by a broad sample of the public)?



## Concerns Regarding Budget

to: citycouncil

2015/12/22 01:37 PM

Dear City Councilors:

As a citizen of St. John's and resident of Ward 2, I am writing today to voice my concerns with the 2016-2018 Budget as presented on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

First of all, I would like to applaud the Council for implementing the Local Immigration Partnership Strategy and increasing funding to Para-Transit in the upcoming Budget. Both of these matters deserve the attention of our community, and I am glad to see our municipal government showing leadership in such areas.

That said, I am disappointed by the overall priorities set in this year's budget with regard to cuts in community grants, and discontinuation of services such as bulk garbage collection and water and sewer lateral repairs.

The 50% cut to arts grants – while small in size compared to the overall City Budget – sends a message to the entire community that this Council does not appreciate the arts and culture of St. John's. There are many arguments for funding the arts in a community such as ours; the economic and cultural impacts are two that are currently a major part of the conversation. Our art remains one of the most important facets of our identity as citizens of St. John's. It is not only shameful for the elected representatives of this City to signal decreased support and respect for the arts, it is harmful. It is harmful to the arts community which contributes so much to our lives, and harmful to the well-being of the entirety of our community.

In an economic downturn such as the one we are undeniably experiencing in Newfoundland & Labrador, one of the most important responsibilities of government is to maintain a sense of stability and to mitigate the risk of hysteria among citizens. Making such a controversial decision as a 50% cut to community grants is not fulfilling that role, it is only increasing the ongoing concerns of the public. Over the past week, these concerns have been demonstrated through protests, social media, traditional media, and likely through letters to Council. I respectfully ask that you consider the broader impact of these cuts to community grants in the coming weeks.

With regard to City services, I am particularly disappointed by the Council's decision to discontinue water and sewer lateral repairs. It is my understanding that, with the burden of repair costs shifted to citizens, an emergency repair could cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The rationale provided for this reduction in services is that St. John's is one of the only cities among those surveyed which offers such a service. In my opinion, this is not sufficient rationale for shifting the risk of a potential \$5000 cost to our citizens. In particular, this places a greater burden on some of our most vulnerable citizens. Despite our recent prosperity as a community and a province, many homeowners in St. John's are still living paycheque-to-paycheque and an increase to residential and water taxes will be enough of a burden without adding the risk of emergency repairs to their water and sewer laterals. This is a burden that many citizens may not be able to shoulder, and I respectfully ask that you take this into consideration.

In light of these cuts, I find it particularly indefensible and insulting that the Council chose to provide a \$670,000 subsidy to St. John's Sports and Entertainment. I am concerned that we are falling into the same trap that so many cities have fallen into before us. That of confusing the

potential civic pride associated with a sports team with potential for economic impact. I wish to bring your attention to a [2001 study](#) on the impact, or lack thereof, of publicly-funded sports facilities. While it appears appealing to fund professional sports teams and their stadiums as economic drivers, there is little proof of the positive economic impact. In fact, there are strong arguments in favour of funding other civic initiatives before professional sports teams.

your time,

Thank you for





## Media Headlines - December 22, 2015

**Kelly Maguire** to: Council\_group, Executives, Directors, Susan Ralph, Cindy McGrath, kobrien, Strategy & Engagement

2015/12/22 01:51 PM



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#### **VOCM - Rally Against Arts Cuts Draws Hundreds**

Tuesday , December 22 2015 | 11:28:05 AM

Hundreds of people showed up at St. John's City Hall this afternoon to protest against council's decision to cut funding to Arts and Culture programs.

Organizers want councillors to revisit the budget, and had a petition circulating requesting a meeting in the new year. City Councillors Dave Lane, Sandy Hickman, Art Puddister and Ron Ellsworth were all in attendance.

<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=59402&latest=1>

#### **VOCM - Hanlon Speaks Out Against City Budget**

Tuesday , December 22 2015 | 9:46:26 AM

Ward 4 candidate Debbie Hanlon says the capital city's recent budget should have been revenue neutral when it comes to taxes.

The city lowered its commercial and residential mil rates, but not enough to counter an average 16 per cent increase in property assessments.

<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=59401&latest=1>

#### **VOCM - Demonstration on St. John's arts cuts says 'support our troupes'**

About 400 people turned out at St. John's City Hall on Monday evening to voice their disapproval of council's cuts to arts funding in its latest budget

St. John's actor, filmmaker and author Andy Jones spoke at the demonstration. He stressed the importance of the city's funding and said that local productions keep box office receipts in the city.

Jones said that he gets financial help from the city's arts jury almost every year and it's not a lot of money, but it makes a big difference.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/support-our-troupes-1.3375748>

#### **The Overcast - You Don't Slash a Nationally Renowned Arts Industry That Is Making Money to Compensate for One That Isn't**

*Chad Pelley*

The Arts Sector Generates Money: More Than \$400 Million A Year in Fact

There is one way to interpret a 50% cut to a city's Arts Sector: our city councillors believe the arts are a frivolous hobby, not a profession; they see the arts as a money bleed, not an industry; they think artists are lucky to get any scrap they doled out to them, and should be grateful, not revolting, when they chop the scraps in half. They're wrong about all that.

We're not leeches, we're an industry. In fact, we're an industry that fuels others: The Arts employ not only artists, but retailers who sell our wares. Those retailers have numerous employees. Think of city beacons of culture like Fred's Records or the Christina Parker Art Gallery.

<http://theovercast.ca/you-dont-slash-a-nationally-renowned-arts-industry-that-is-making-money-to-compensate-for-one-that-isnt/>

## **TELEGRAM - Fighting to 'keep the arts alive'**

BY TARA BRADBURY

Hundreds attend rally at St. John's City Hall to protest arts funding cuts

There's only one word for the city's relationship with its arts community, playwright and artist Frank Barry said Monday: abusive.

Barry was one of a handful of artists from different disciplines to speak at a demonstration in front of St. John's City Hall in protest of recent cuts to arts funding.

About 400 people showed up in the cold to participate, bearing signs and with slogans such as "Keep the arts alive" and "Earth without art is just eh."

A week ago, the city brought down its budget during a regular meeting of council, announcing it was cutting funding for arts grants by half, to \$100,000. The city's arts procurement program, worth \$20,000, has also been cut. "What else would you call a relationship where one partner goes about flattering and praising to all and sundry, nationally and worldwide, putting the other partner up on a pedestal, then turns around and slaps them in the face? Because that's what this is, a slap in the face," Barry told the crowd, to cheers of agreement.

"This type of behaviour, enacted at a personal level, is considered abuse. So let's make it personal."

Rather than the term "underfunded," Barry used the term "managed starvation" to describe the current spending on the arts, and said the municipal and provincial levels of government have discriminatory and patronizing attitudes towards artists.

"This attitude supposes that artists are not worth talking to," he said. "That artists can be used when necessary and dismissed when expedient. That we're disposable."

Neighbourhood Dance Works executive director Calla Lachance also took to the podium, addressing city officials directly. At least four city councillors – Dave Lane, Art Puddister, Sandy Hickman and Ron Ellsworth – attended the demonstration. Lane, Puddister and Hickman voted against the budget, which was passed 7-3.

"Your contribution to the financial equation is crucial," Lachance said.

"Although we may see increases from the federal government ... this new money does not mean that you can shirk your cultural responsibility. We still need you.

"We may not be seen as a core service, but we function at the very core of our city. Your budget does not reflect this, nor does it

honour this very truth."

Others to speak at the protest included actor/author Andy Jones, filmmaker Ruth Lawrence,

Unifor director (Atlantic) Lana Payne and MHA Gerry Rogers, who is also a filmmaker, among others.

A petition was circulated at the demonstration, calling on city officials to reinstate the arts funding, work towards a \$4 per capita allocation of funding for arts and culture, and plan for sustained increases.

Members of the arts community are also calling on city councillors to meet with them early in the new year to come up with a strategy for more stable funding.

The city issued a statement on its website late last week, highlighting the contributions it is continuing to make in the arts, including support of the Quidi Vidi Village Plantation, a onetime \$300,000 allocation towards the purchase of local art for the renovated St. John's Convention Centre and community art grants, which support organizations such as the LSPU Hall and the Kiwanis Music Festival.

When asked if Monday's protest was likely to make a difference to council, since the budget has already been presented and passed, Lane said he is hopeful it will.

"Council will see how much support we've been hearing from the arts community in a major way," he said.

"Several of us, I know the ones who are here today, are prepared to sit down with the arts community and talk about how we can move forward and, if not reverse, certainly make sure we are making some better decisions in terms of the arts."

#### **CBC 7am News - Tue, December 22, 2015**

PROTEST OPPOSES ARTS FUNDING CUTS: Actress "Ruth Lawrence" led yesterday's protest against a decision by St. John's City Council to cut arts funding. ["Shannie Duff", Former St. John's City Councillor]

#### **CBC 8am News - Tue, December 22, 2015**

ANDY JONES SPEAKS AT PROTEST AGAINST ARTS FUNDING CUTS: "Andy Jones" tried to give St. John's City Council credit for their previous support of the arts.

#### **VOCM Morning Show - Tue, December 22, 2015**

SHANNIE DUFF ATTENDS PROTEST AGAINST ARTS FUNDING CUTS: Lots of people showed up at St. John's City Hall yesterday to protest against Council's decision to cut funding to arts and culture programs. One of the people who attended the rally was former Councillor "Shannie Duff".

ANDY JONES SPEAKS AT PROTEST AGAINST ARTS FUNDING CUTS: Last evening, hundreds of people showed up at St. John's City Hall to protest against council's decision to cut funding to arts and culture programs. Local actor and artist "Andy Jones" was one of several speakers to address the crowd. He says the arts community is begging the City not to mess up a good thing.

## **Media Headlines - December 21, 2015**

### **CBC 12 Noon News - Mon, December 21, 2015**

NOT HAPPY WITH NO BULK PICK-UP: A man recognized for keeping St. John's clean is not happy the city has scrapped the bulk pick-up program. ["Walter Harding"]

### **VOCM 1pm News - Mon, December 21, 2015**

LANE WANTS BUDGET REVISITED: A St. John's city councillor is going to try to have the budget revisited, specifically cuts to arts funding. ["Dave Lane", Councillor]

ARTS PROTEST: A demonstration is in the works for this afternoon to show St. John's City Council the impact of recent cuts to arts funding. ["Noreen Golfman", Co-chair of Business and Arts Newfoundland and Labrador]

WILLIAMS ON SUBSIDY: The President and CEO of the St. John's IceCaps is defending the capital city's subsidy to St. John's Sports and Entertainment. ["Danny Williams", President and CEO of the St. John's IceCaps]

GALGAY DEFENDS ST. JOHN'S BUDGET: The controversial St. John's budget has drawn the ire of taxpayers, poets, and restaurant owners, to name just a few. It was City Finance Chair "Jonathan Galgay"'s first budget in the position. He says he understands why people are upset, but maintains that the budget is the best for the city in the long-run.

CITY CONTINUES DISCUSSION ON ARTS BUDGET WILL RE-EXAMINE BUDGET-WRITING PROCESS: City of St. John's Councillor "Dave Lane" says they are not finished discussing the slashed arts budget and Council will re-examine the budget-writing process in the New Year. Lane says he plans to figure out how to re-instate the arts funding.

### **NTV Mid-Day News - Mon, December 21, 2015**

MAYOR FIRES BACK AT COUNCILLOR: St. John's Mayor "Dennis O'Keefe" is firing back at Councillor Art Puddister; after the city budget was released the councillor criticized the cost of staff salaries.

### **CBC On The Go - Mon, December 21, 2015**

ARTISTS AND SUPPORTERS DEMONSTRATE OUTSIDE CITY HALL: Artists and their supporters are demonstrating outside St. John's City Hall. The arts community took a big hit in the latest budget, \$100 thousand a year in grants and funding have been cut and a \$20 thousand a year arts procurement program has been suspended for the next three years. CBC's "Todd O'Brien" is at City Hall and talks about the demonstration which is the biggest he has seen at City Hall. ["Patrick Foran", Producer with Artistic Fraud]

### **CBC 6pm News - Mon, December 21, 2015**

RESPONSE TO END OF BULK GARBAGE PICKUP PROGRAM: A man recognized for keeping St. John's clean is not happy the City has scrapped the bulk garbage pickup program. ["Walter Harding", Golden Broom Award Winner]

### **VOCM Evening News - Mon, December 21, 2015**

**PROTEST OF ARTS FUNDING CUTS AT CITY CALL:** Hundreds of people showed up at St. John's City Hall this afternoon to protest against council's decision to cut funding to Arts and Culture programs. Organizers want councillors to revisit the budget, and had a petition circulating requesting a meeting in the new year. ["Andy Jones", Addressed the crowd]

**WILLIAMS DEFENDS CITY'S SUBSIDY:** The President and CEO of the St. John's IceCaps "Danny Williams" is defending the capital city's subsidy to St. John's Sports and Entertainment. Despite cuts to services, like bulk garbage collection and a slash in arts funding, the city managed to find enough money in its latest budget to increase its subsidy from \$1.9 million to \$2.57 million.

### **CBC Here & Now - Mon, December 21, 2015**

**RALLY PROTESTS ARTS FUNDING CUTS:** Several hundred people showed up at a rally at St. John's City Hall this afternoon to protest the City's cuts to arts funding. ["Shannie Duff", Former St. John's City Councillor]

**SUCCESSFUL CRUISE SHIP SEASON:** 2015 was a successful year for cruise ships visiting NL.

### **NTV Evening Newshour Early Edition - Mon, December 21, 2015**

**PROTEST OVER ARTS CUTS:** Members of the arts community protested outside St. John's City Hall late this afternoon. ["Ruth Lawrence", Rally Organizer]

<http://ntv.ca/about-500-protest-arts-funding-cuts-outside-st-johns-city-hall/>

**CHURCH-SPONSORED SYRIAN FAMILY ARRIVES:** A Syrian family arrived in St. John's last week.

### **NTV Evening Newshour - Mon, December 21, 2015**

**ARTS CUTS PROTEST:** Nearly 500 people protested St. John's City Council's budget cuts to the arts slate this afternoon. ["Ruth Lawrence", Filmmaker; "Sandy Hickman", St. John's City Councillor]

**RE: City Budget**

to: 'Art Puddister'

2015/12/22 04:49 PM

History:

This message has been replied to.

Art, I realize you voted against the budget along with Sandy Hickman & Dave Lane .... I just wanted you to have information on how some of the residents feel so you can bring forward our opinions and defend your position. Merry Christmas!

**From:** Art Puddister [mailto:apuddister@stjohns.ca]**Sent:** December-21-15 2:57 PM**To:** [REDACTED]**Subject:** Re: City Budget

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Art

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 20, 2015, at 7:06 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

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Please reconsider & think of the extra hardships you are putting on the residents that voted you in to keep our interest & needs a priority.



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**Art Puddister** to: [REDACTED]

2015/12/22 06:21 PM

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**Re: Quick question**

to: Dave Lane

2015/12/23 01:14 PM

Thanks Dave:

Your message didn't get through before, but thanks for this one.

**From:** Dave Lane <[dlane@stjohns.ca](mailto:dlane@stjohns.ca)>

**Date:** Wednesday, December 23, 2015 10:48 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Quick question

[REDACTED], did I get back to you? I know I composed something but can't seem to find it - sorry.

Basically the justification is that the agreement was made directly with the IceCaps, not the Jets, and the intent was to help ensure a pro hockey team was in the arena.

I supported the move, but recognize in light of this budget that there may be a need to review our priorities.

On Monday, 21 December 2015, [REDACTED] > wrote:

Hi Dave:

That would seem strange – and if the city had a two-year agreement to keep Winnipeg here (and they left), would you not have to go back to council for a new agreement to spend the money on Montreal's farm team? That seems like the only way possible,

**From:** Dave Lane <[dlane@stjohns.ca](mailto:dlane@stjohns.ca)>

**Date:** Monday, December 21, 2015 3:13 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Quick question

Hi [REDACTED]

Good question. My understanding is that it was sustained for the new team but I will confirm for you!

Cheers,

Dave

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Dave Lane

Councillor at Large, St. John's

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On Dec 21, 2015, at 10:41, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Mr. Lane:

While I was reviewing the budget, something occurred to me: in 2014, the city agreed to an IceCaps request for \$350,000 a year for two years to offset the additional costs of keeping the Winnipeg AHL team here. Obviously, the Winnipeg AHL team left, meaning that agreement

must have been void. Did the city renew that agreement with the new IceCaps team – in other words, did the subsidy stay in place, even though the Winnipeg franchise left anyway?  
Hope to hear from you.



The Telegram

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**Re: SJSEL Subsidy**

**Danny Breen** to: [REDACTED]

Cc: Sandy Hickman

2015/12/28 04:37 PM

History:

This message has been replied to and forwarded.

Hi [REDACTED]:

Thanks for your email. I am no longer Council rep on SJSE. I have forwarded your request to Councillor Hickman who is now the rep on SJSE.

I wish you and your family a very happy new year.

Sent from my iPhone

Danny Breen

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**Fwd: SJSEL Subsidy**  
**Derek G Coffey** to: Fred Cram

2015/12/29 11:02 AM

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Sandy

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History:

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Re: SJSEL Subsidy

to: Sandy Hickman  
Please respond to [REDACTED]

2015/12/29 05:54 PM

History: This message has been forwarded.

Hello Mr. Hickman,  
Thank you for the reply. Looking forward to hearing from you.  
Thank you,

[REDACTED]

On Tuesday, December 29, 2015 10:50 AM, Sandy Hickman <SHickman@stjohns.ca> wrote:

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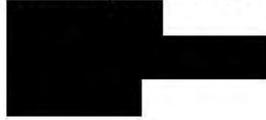
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**RE: SJSEL Subsidy**  
**Fred Cram** to: Derek G Coffey

2016/01/07 12:42 PM

History:

This message has been replied to.

Hi Derek,

I've compiled the Financial Statements from 2000 to 2014 and due to the changes in presentation and formatting etc. there is no way to determine the split between the MOC and CC unless an allocation is made.

So here's what I have:

A total of \$18.5 million in operating subsidy has been provided to SJSEL/Civic Corp from 2000-2014 inclusive.

There is a cumulative operating deficit of [REDACTED] for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Please let me know if you require anything further.

Thanks,

*Fred Cram, CPA, CMA*

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Fred

**From:** Derek G Coffey [mailto:DCoffey@stjohns.ca]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2016 9:39 AM

**To:** Fred Cram

**Subject:** RE: SJSEL Subsidy

Ok - again - not as worried about the allocation

Derek Coffey, CPA, CA, MBA  
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To: Derek G Coffey <[DCoffey@stjohns.ca](mailto:DCoffey@stjohns.ca)>  
Date: 2016/01/06 09:35 AM  
Subject: RE: SJSEL Subsidy

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Hi Derek,

I couldn't find anything that was previously completed. I started a spreadsheet last week but things have been crazy busy and I haven't got back to it.

It's on my list for today/tomorrow so I'll have something to you this week.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2016 9:31 AM  
**To:** Fred Cram  
**Subject:** RE: SJSEL Subsidy

Hey Fred,

any update on this one?

Derek

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2016/01/07 12:52 PM

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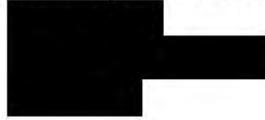
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██████████ to: Sandy Hickman  
Please respond to ██████████

2016/01/26 09:31 AM

History: This message has been replied to.

Hello Mr. Hickman,  
Wonder if you've had any success with my request regarding the amount of the total subsidy for the SJSEL and the total subsidy for the Convention Centre dating back to 2001?

Thank You,  
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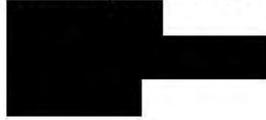
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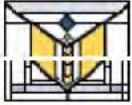
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**Neil Martin** to: Sandy Hickman  
Cc: Derek G Coffey

2016/01/26 10:15 AM

History: This message has been replied to.

Sandy:

I believe Derek already responded to this. I will, by way of this e-mail, ask him to check his file on the matter.

Neil

Neil A. Martin  
City Manager  
City of St. John's  
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St. John's, NL  
A1C 5M2  
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Sandy Hickman

Neil: in the hubbub of the Xmas season and vigi...

2016/01/26 10:09:47 AM

From: Sandy Hickman/CSJ  
To: Neil Martin/CSJ@CSJ  
Date: 2016/01/26 10:09 AM  
Subject: Fw: Re: SJSEL Subsidy

Neil:

in the hubbub of the Xmas season and vigil of my father I forgot to forward this, I believe, can you have someone try and pull this info together please?

many thanks

S.

Sandy Hickman  
Councillor at large  
City of St. John's

-----Forwarded by Sandy Hickman/CSJ on 01/26/2016 10:08AM -----

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From: [REDACTED]

Date: 12/29/2015 05:54PM

Subject: Re: SJSEL Subsidy

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**Derek G Coffey** to: Neil Martin, Sandy Hickman

2016/01/26 12:30 PM

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**Derek G Coffey** to: Sandy Hickman

2016/01/26 12:59 PM

Too funny! We all having them lapses lately!

Cheers

Derek

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On Jan 26, 2016, at 12:47 PM, Sandy Hickman <[SHickman@stjohns.ca](mailto:SHickman@stjohns.ca)> wrote:

Thanks I remember now!

I'm stunned

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## Media Headlines - February 08, 2016

**Kelly Maguire** to: Council\_group, Executives, Directors, Cindy McGrath, kobrien, Strategy & Engagement

2016/02/08 10:54 AM



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### Media Headlines - February 08, 2016

#### TELEGRAM - LETTERS

##### **The city overspends and keeps sending us the bill**

Here are some suggestions as to how the City of St. John's can save money.

As a citizen of St. John's, I can call the city's 311 line 24/7 and speak with an employee to find out anything from garbage collection to what day there is a parking ban. These are all things I can find on the city's website that was rolled out some years ago at great expense.

Why do I need to have access to be able to speak to a city worker 24/7? One person Monday to Friday from 9 to 5 should do it. This arrangement we now have requires four people to do the job of one. How many cities have this option for their taxpayers? How much does it cost?

After this latest increase in taxes and the outcry from the arts and business communities, along with the many other cuts that the city are claiming necessary to keep the budget under control, we find out that they were planning to purchase a parcel of land for the purpose of building a new fire station. They were willing to send approximately \$10 million for this land. Aren't our existing facilities OK? Won't they serve their purpose during the financial tough times that we're living under?

They've since put that plan on the shelf, at least for now.

The city seems to think that continual spending is required during times when restraint is needed. No problem, just raise the assessments/taxes. They somehow feel that they have a blank cheque. I wouldn't be surprised to learn that cities of comparable size and population have much smaller budgets and are more efficiently run.

Back to council and, in particular, Mayor Dennis O'Keefe. He has, for a number of years, portrayed this city as a beautiful thriving city with some of the best people in the world – all these compliments while continually increasing the budget and the taxes we pay. I agree with and appreciate his enthusiasm, but don't necessarily agree with the thriving part.

Not all citizens work in the oil industry and not all can afford the expenses that his direction has led us in contributing to the excessive cost of living here. This city is out of control and we are the ones paying the bill!

Just like the business and arts communities, we, as taxpaying citizens, should be up in arms over the many years of tax grabs. We do have the avenue to appeal assessments, but from experience this doesn't bring down your assessment very much.

There was a time that Ron Ellsworth ran for council based on taking control of spending, noting that the city was out of control and saying it should be accountable, like any business looking over its finances. He was unsuccessful back then for the position. Now he's deputy mayor. The city is our business and we are the owners who pay the bills. We should always keep this in mind during elections, remembering where we found ourselves during the leadership of O'Keefe and some other long-standing members.

K.M. Johnson St. John's

### **Taxpayers bearing brunt of city blunders**

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This may not be as eloquently put as R.K. Whiteway's letter of a couple of weeks ago ("Don't raise taxes, cut costs," Jan. 26) but Whiteway's remarks were so very accurate and gave me incentive to add mine.

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When Kathy Dunderdale was thrown to the wolves on basing a budget on oil being \$125 a barrel, she was, by some people's standards, and probably rightly so, disgraced and subsequently run out of office. It was a grave mistake, albeit one she did not make alone. She was set up to take the fall.

Some learn from other's mistakes, but that did not stop council from basing a budget on the high price of houses back in 2014. Granted, the price of houses didn't go down a lot, but the bottom dropped out of the market. Any real estate agent can confirm that nothing is selling – in fact, you can't even give it away. You have to set yourselves up for the fall; it just may take a little longer.

The main reason for the tax increases and cuts is the whopping 18 per cent raise given to city workers. That can in no way be justified in this economic stalemate we are in. No one should be getting a 4 1/2 per cent annual increment in these days of austerity and belt-tightening others are now facing.

In fact, we do not need the number of employees council has – they are extremely overstaffed. That is evidenced by the number of men out on any given job, a lot of time travelling in unnecessary numbers. Not much response from unions on that, was there? Apparently "staff" recommended the pay increase. This to me is like the tail wagging the dog, is it not?

As to the purchase of land in Galway ... really? Our mayor claims he wants to buy while prices are low. In the meantime, he is taxing us while prices are exceptionally high. Unless our egotistical mayor is clairvoyant, there is no way of knowing what the price of land will be in five years' time.

That idea is now off the table, which I suspect is a red herring until all the backlash dies down.

Dennis O'Keefe also wants the government to stop taxing the city. Well, Mr. Mayor, right back at you – it is time you stopped taxing us.

I wish I had the wherewithal to arrange a full-blown homeowners' march on city hall, but it would take a stronger voice than mine to organize it. Make no mistake, however, I would be right in there.

It is too bad elections are so far away, but hey, they aren't concerned. Worst-case scenario is that they will be out enjoying their lovely pension cheques arriving each and every month on schedule.

D.L. Rideout St. John's

### **VOCM Morning Show - Mon, February 08, 2016**

**BUSINESS OWNERS DEMAND IMMEDIATE TAX RELIEF:** Members of the St. John's business community are demanding immediate tax relief from the City, a removal of the new vacancy tax, and cuts to City spending. Business owners met on Friday to voice their concerns about the City's 2016 budget. ["Des Whelan", St. John's Board of Trade]

### **Media Headlines - February 07, 2016**

#### **CBC - Bell from HMCS St. John's ringing in city council chambers**

The City of St. John's has added a little pageantry to the start of its weekly council meetings, thanks to a special bell from a vessel that bears its name.

The city recently received the ship's bell from the HMCS St. John's. The bell was located in the city's archives, and refurbished by retired firefighter George Pottle.

'So when this one came along, it was a treasure re-found.'- Sergeant-at-arms Jim Power

It's sergeant-at-arms Jim Power's duty to tap the bell once, and announce the arrival of the mayor, before placing the mace.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/hmcs-st-johns-bell-ringing-council-chambers-1.3435414>

### **Media Headlines - February 06, 2016**

#### **TELEGRAM - St. John's businesses call for tax relief**

BY DANIEL MACEACHERN

Board of Trade warns of layoffs and closures

St. John's business and property owners Friday warned of closures and layoffs unless the city provides tax relief.

"We are asking our members to bulletproof their businesses, and we are asking council to be our partners and provide tax relief," Des Whelan, chairman of the St. John's Board of Trade, said at a news conference Friday morning at Rocket Bakery, which drew several business owners and representatives from industry groups.

"We have joined forces to work together so that city council knows that we are united in our concerns. This year's budget has been bad for business. This year's budget is bad for the city,

and this year's budget is bad for citizens," said Whelan, who called tax increases in the 2016 budget "outrageous and antigrowth."

The cost of the budget will be felt in higher prices and job losses, said Whelan, adding that businesses that can't absorb higher taxes will close their doors, and even those that can absorb them will be forced to delay expansions and other plans.

Whelan called on city council to cut spending and provide tax relief.

Rocket owner Kelly Mansell became choked up as she spoke about the 45 people the business employs.

"When you work in a business like ours, we're like a small community," Mansell said. "People have children, people get married, people come out – it's a real community here at Rocket, and if I have to lose someone, it's really hard. We haven't had to lose anyone yet, but I've had to write the cheques already for the (tax) increase and it's really hard. ... I'm emotional because for people who have families, it's scary to think they might get laid off."

Bob Hallett, owner of Erin's Pub, Tavola and Kilbride Music, said city council needs to be convinced of the pressures businesses are under.

"A lot of small businesses are very, very worried about what they have to face in the coming year, and they don't know how they're going to face this tax burden," Hallett said. "If businesses start closing, the tax base is going to go down in a hurry."

Mansell said she was encouraged by the gathering of business owners vowing to pressure the city for relief.

"I'm really optimistic about being able to get some change made to the tax load," she said.

Whelan said he was pleased with city council's recent announcement of a stronger budgetary review process, but added it needs to begin immediately, and set measurable targets.

## **TELEGRAM - Hall pass**

BY DANIEL MACEACHERN

Province won't interfere in St. John's budget, says spokesman

The provincial government won't intervene in the St. John's budget battle.

Downtown business owners Bob Hallett and Jason Brake this week asked Municipal Affairs Minister Eddie Joyce to overturn the city's 2016 budget, which they called "the worst budget in the history of this 500-year-old city" and warned it would be disastrous for residents and businesses.

Joyce was not available for an interview, but a spokesman for the department provided a statement saying the provincial government will not interfere.

"The only instances where we would intervene in municipal operations are where there has been fraudulent activity or a serious breach of legislative authority," reads the statement. "The City of St. John's council is a democratically elected body with the authority to prepare budgets

and is ultimately accountable to the residents of the city of St. John's. We urge the business community to continue to work with the City of St. Johns on these issues."

Hallett and Brake said Friday they hadn't heard back from the department yet, but Hallett called the statement "pathetic."

"When you see the economic generation that St. John's brings to the province, and you see how delicate we are in the current situation, I think the minister of Municipal Affairs owes more to us than lip service," he said. "I don't understand how he could see the passion and the anger and the fear that's in this room and just wave his hands in the air and say 'tough.'"

Hallett said they'll continue "aggravating and agitating" the city about the budget, while Brake said all of city spending is under a microscope.

"I'm just starting to dig in," he said. "We're going to look at every single cost that the city is incurring. We're going to look at every single line item that the city has. We're going to dig in and find out where all the money is going, from gym memberships to whatever is going on with regards to the port authority, to whatever is going on with regards to vacation pay, to whatever is going on with regards to anyone who is receiving any benefit whatsoever. We're going to magnify it, we're going to bring it to the media and we are digging in."

## **TELEGRAM - LETTERS**

### **City was right on Grand Concourse decision**

While I can never support this city council in their position on tax increases for both commercial and private property, I do fully support them in their position on the Grand Concourse.

The Grand Concourse was established to develop a system of trails in and around the city. This they did this through the generous support of the Johnson Family Foundation and from support from various levels of government who used the tax dollars collected from you, the public, and your employer, and this includes the landscape industry and the professionals that make their living there, to make the trail system we now have a fantastic addition to our livable city.

However, the Grand Concourse did not stop there. In short order they were completing a variety of landscape work, everything from mowing the grass around fire halls, to designing and building landscapes – work that should have been put to tender. Work that those professionals who have opened landscape and green industry businesses, hired and trained their staff, purchased and maintain property in the city and, yes, paid tax back to all levels of government, (the same government that passed it right back to the Grand Concourse), never had a chance to even bid on.

The mayor is correct, we have a landscape industry that can complete this work, meet the required standard and deliver good value. And in passing this work back to industry, you support the growth of small business, increase employment and, yes, increase the tax the city can collect.

The Grand Concourse needs to stick to the reason it was established: the building and maintenance of our trail system. No one, I think, would have any issue with continued support from our tax dollars for this purpose.

Don Barry Barry Property Services Greenlawn Lawn Care St. John's

**CBC - Struggling St. John's businesses ask council to 'go deep' looking for other savings**

Angry over high taxes imposed by the City of St. John's, a group of business owners gathered for a news conference Friday to demand tax relief.

They say the city's 2016 budget is anti-growth and is hitting them hard, and they are joining forces to ask for a rollback.

"The commercial tax on the building we lease has doubled with this budget and our landlord will have no choice but to pass that tax on us, the tenant," said Rocket Bakery owner Kelly Mansell.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/business-owners-st-johns-tax-news-conference-1.3435276>

**CBC 8am News - Sat, February 06, 2016**

**BUSINESS OWNERS DEMAND TAX RELIEF:** The St. John's business community has sent a stern message to St. John's City Council about its 2016 budget. ["Des Whelan", St. John's Board of Trade Chair; "Bob Hallett", Business Owner]

**BELL FROM CITY OF ST. JOHN'S ARCHIVES INSTALLED IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS:** The City of St. John's has a new addition to its Council chambers. ["Jim Power", Sergeant-at-Arms]

**VOCM Morning News - Sat, February 06, 2016**

**ST. JOHN'S DEPUTY MAYOR SAYS IMMEDIATE TAX RELIEF IS NOT IN THE CARDS:**

Immediate tax relief is not in the cards for St. John's businesses upset with a 20 per cent hike in taxes, but council says it will be working to address other concerns they've raised. ["Andrea Maunder", Baccalao Restaurant Owner/Restaurant Association NL; "Ron Ellsworth", St. John's Deputy Mayor]

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**Media Headlines - February 05, 2016**

**CBC 8am News - Fri, February 05, 2016**

**VOTER'S LIST IRREGULARITIES FOR WARD 4 ELECTION:** The City of St. John's says it is working to address irregularities in the voter's list for the upcoming Ward 4 by-election.

**VOCM Morning News - Fri, February 05, 2016**

**PEDESTRIAN STRUCK BY CAR:** A 51-year-old man was struck by a car last night while he tried to cross Columbus Drive at Mundy Pond Road.

## **VOCM Open Line - Fri, February 05, 2016**

**WATER TAX:** "Marcel Etheridge" is from the Beverage Association. He is calling to talk about the level of taxation in St. John's. He says they were not well served with the level of water tax. The water tax is very expensive. He says if the mil rate is 10 mils or 11 mils they think it is not too bad but when you look at apartments to that, it is 10 mils per apartment and that is expensive for an apartment house owner.

**WATER TAX PART TWO:** "Marcel Etheridge" is from the Beverage Association. He is calling to talk about the level of taxation in St. John's. He says they were not well served with the level of water tax. He says it is unfortunate that people don't take the same care with public money like they do their own. He is a small business buy and he will not get a pension but he says the city is really charging a lot for water tax. He is against the subsidy to the IceCaps, he wonders why we have to pay for this team to play.

## **VOCM 1pm News - Fri, February 05, 2016**

**BUSINESS OWNERS MEET:** Members of the St. John's business community gathered at Rocket Bakery on Water Street this morning demanding immediate tax relief from the city. ["Dave Fleming", Northwest Taxi; "Andrea Maunder", Baccalao Restaurant; "Des Whelan", Chair of BOT]

**WARD FOUR BALLOT ERROR:** The City of St. John's says some residents did indeed get ballots to the Ward Four byelection even though they don't live there.

## **VOCM NL Today - Fri, February 05, 2016**

**BUSINESS OWNERS MEET:** Members of the St. John's business community gathered at Rocket Bakery on Water Street this morning demanding immediate tax relief from the city. ["Andrea Maunder", Baccalao Restaurant; "Des Whelan", Chair BOT]

## **VOCM Back Talk - Fri, February 05, 2016**

**BUSINESS COMMUNITY DEMANDS TAX DECREASES:** Host Preamble - Members of the downtown business community met at The Rocket this morning and want the City of St. John's to reverse their tax increases. But, the City says the money is needed now, and they can discuss future plans, but the tax is remaining.

## **CBC On The Go - Fri, February 05, 2016**

**BUSINESS UPSET WITH ST. JOHN'S CITY BUDGET:** The St. John's business community has united, united in their dislike of the latest city budget. Today they gathered in a room above the Rocket Bakery with representatives from the George Street Association, Destination St. John's, The Restaurant Association, Downtown St. John's, The Building Owners and Managers Association of NL and independent business owners as well. "Des Whalen" Chair of the Board of Trade discussed their view on the 2016 St. John's City Council budget. "Bob Halett", discussed the effect this budget will have on his business with a tax bill that has almost doubled. A representative of the building owners and managers association "Joanne Slaney" discussed their frustrations with the budgets recent vacancy tax. "Ron Ellsworth", the Deputy Mayor of St. John's offered reaction to the comments and frustration expressed in the meeting.

## **VOCM Evening News - Fri, February 05, 2016**

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#### **CBC Here & Now - Fri, February 05, 2016**

**BUSINESS COMMUNITY DEMANDS TAX RELIEF:** The St. John's business community is sending a big message to City Council about the 2016 budget. ["Des Whelan", Chair of the St. John's Board of Trade; "Bob Hallett", St. John's Business Owner; "Brenda O'Reilly", St. John's Business Owner; "Joanne Slaney", Director with RONA; "Kelly Mansell", St. John's Business Owner; "Ron Ellsworth", St. John's Deputy Mayor]

**VOTERS' LIST IRREGULARITIES:** The City of St. John's says it is working to address irregularities in the voters' list for the upcoming Ward 4 by-election.

**VINTAGE BELL OPENS ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL MEETINGS:** The City of St. John's added a little extra pageantry to the start of its weekly Council meeting thanks to a special bell. ["Jim Power", Sergeant-at-Arms]

#### **NTV Evening Newshour - Fri, February 05, 2016**

**BUSINESS COMMUNITY HOLD RALLY AGAINST TAX HIKES:** The St. John's business community painted a desperate picture today of the consequences of whopping tax hikes. Tonight they are begging for relief. Without it, they say people will lose their jobs and businesses will disappear. ["Des Whelan", Chair of the St. John's Board of Trade; "Andrea Maunder", Chair of the Restaurant Association; "Kelly Mansell", Rocket Bakery Owner; "Ron Ellsworth", St. John's Deputy Mayor]

<http://ntv.ca/st-johns-businesses-warn-of-layoffs-if-tax-hikes-not-reversed/>

#### **VOCM Night Line - Fri, February 05, 2016**

**BUSINESS OWNERS VERSUS CITY:** Host preamble. A lot of business owners are upset with the city budget and they attended a rally today.



## Media Headlines - February 11, 2016

Kelly Maguire to: Council\_group, Executives, Directors, Cindy McGrath, kobrien, Strategy & Engagement

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### Media Headlines - February 11, 2016

#### **TELEGRAM - Councillors want bike lanes on committee's agenda**

BY DANIEL MACEACHERN

The city's new bicycle committee hasn't met yet, but two councillors have given them their marching orders.

Coun. Dave Lane, city council's representative on the committee, told council earlier this week that the committee – which will review the city's current bicycle plan – has been selected and will soon begin meeting.

But Coun. Tom Hann said he's not satisfied the committee adequately reflects the population of St. John's, and the views of people who don't want bike lanes in front of their homes need to be represented.

"I want to ensure that any meeting that takes place, any changes to the existing bicycle plan, will take into consideration the comments on the problems of seniors and citizens who have made comments before," said Hann. "We're talking about Canada Drive, Frecker Drive, we're talking about streets in Airport Heights where we have all of these problems in terms of accessibility and so on."

Coun. Art Puddister, who successfully pushed to lift the parking ban in bike lanes over the winter – and wants the ban to be lifted year-round – said he wants the committee to acknowledge that bike lanes have "affected the quality of life" for residents who would otherwise be able to park their vehicles on the road in front of their houses.

"I hope that people in the bicycle community would understand and recognize this," he said.

Lane said the committee will consider all issues regarding cycling in the city.

"It's essential that we consider the issues that have been brought here today," he said, adding there have been lessons learned so far in the application of the city's bike plan.

#### **TELEGRAM - St. John's announces city manager's retirement**

St. John's city manager Neil Martin will retire at the end of March, the city has announced. Martin – a city employee for 29 years – replaced Bob Smart as city manager in 2014, after stints as deputy city manager and city clerk. The statement from the city doesn't say why Martin – whose contract as city manager was recently renewed and expires in 2018 – is retiring, but notes he has been battling cancer for the past five years. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my working experience at the city and I am proud of what councillors and staff have accomplished together in my tenure as city manager," said Martin, in a quote provided in the news release. "I now look forward to spending more time with my wife and family at our cottage. I thank everyone for their kind support and for respecting my desire for privacy at this time." The city says recruitment for

Martin's replacement will begin immediately. Martin and Mayor Dennis O'Keefe did not return calls requesting comment.

## **TELEGRAM - EDITORIAL**

### **Leadership vacuum**

When the CBC reported: "St. John's Mayor Dennis O'Keefe says a closed-door meeting set for Sunday is not about his leadership," it was tempting to say that O'Keefe was absolutely right. Because the meeting should be about his lack of leadership – and, for that matter, the lack of leadership in the entire council. When the CBC reported, "St. John's Mayor Dennis O'Keefe says a closeddoor meeting set for Sunday is not about his leadership," it was tempting to say O'Keefe was absolutely right.

Because the meeting should be about his lack of leadership – and, for that matter, the lack of leadership in the entire council.

This council has managed to dither its way into a big hole, and is now expecting cash strapped taxpayers to dig council's way out.

Somehow, council failed to get the memo that our oil-based economy was in a deepening fiscal spiral, and that, while home assessments were peaking with a last gasp of hopefulness, most people in the city were going to have an extremely hard time coming up with an average tax increase of 11.7 per cent.

Businesses, already facing a customer downturn, were offered an even-more-bitter pill: average single-year tax increases of 21.2 per cent.

Sure, we have money for hockey subsidies and convention-centre subsidies – and for a brief period of time, it looked like we were, for some reason, going to spend millions on vacant land for a new depot and fire station to service new private development as well. We can spend and spend on wage settlements, but at the end of the day, someone has to pay for it all.

And the latest city budget is proof positive that a council can anger almost every segment of the city, from arts to business, with hardly a happy face in the city.

Coun. Art Puddister is blunt about the situation: "There is certainly a vacuum of leadership," he told The Telegram Tuesday.

"We have a bureaucracy that is extremely strong and we have a council that's extremely weak. ... Right now, we seem to have a situation whereby the bureaucrats are setting policy, and I think that's wrong."

Puddister pointed out that the entire review of this year's budget by councillors lasted just 90 minutes – that would equate to \$2,370.37 in tax increases for every single second the council spent talking about the budget. How did it get this way? When times were good, the city council, like the provincial government, let its decision-making get fat and lazy.

Just look at the city's budgets over the last five years: the 2011 budget was \$224.2 million.

For 2016, the city's planning on \$302.2 million. That's almost a 35 per cent increase in spending during that period.

By 2018, the current administration is forecasting the budget to grow to \$316.4 million – chances are, it will grow more than that.

When it came to long-term planning, the buzzword was growth all the time. The good times would go on forever, the council grasshoppers cried. Bigger is better: housing starts are up, etc.,

etc.

But winter came, and with current oil forecast numbers, the winter looks like it could be a long one.

We have to start living within our means, and start making hard decisions about city spending. The St. John's council has to realize that a vacuum of leadership just isn't good enough.

### **CBC 9am News - Thu, February 11, 2016**

SIGN IN BUSINESS WINDOW PROTESTS TAX HIKES: A new sign on Water Street in downtown St. John's is turning heads. ["Kim Winsor", Johnny Ruth-Living Planet]

### **VOCM Open Line - Thu, February 11, 2016**

COMMENTS ON ST. JOHN'S CITY BUDGET: "Wayne" is calling to talk about city council and what the \$370,000 was for and no one can answer that question. He says that people voted for the budget and yet they did not seem to know what they were voting for. Paddy reads and email that outlines what the money is for.

### **VOCM - Surveys Coming to Larger Communities Across Northeast Avalon**

Thursday , February 11 2016 | 10:00:20 AM

Large communities across the Northeast Avalon are taking part in a survey of the population between now and the end of March.

The St. John's Census Metropolitan Area includes St. John's, CBS, Paradise, Portugal Cove-St. Philip's, and Torbay. The confidential surveys aim to inform policy, planing, and the delivery of services in each of the municipalities.

<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=60484&latest=1>

### **VOCM - St. John's Board of Trade Launches Petition for Tax Relief**

Thursday , February 11 2016 | 10:10:22 AM

The St. John's Board of Trade is distributing a petition to member businesses calling for immediate tax relief from the city of St. John's.

It's part of an ongoing outcry from the business community, many of whom are facing a 20 per cent hike in their business taxes as a result of the city's latest budget.

<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=60485&latest=1>

### **Petition to the City of St. John's Business Associations Call for Immediate Tax Relief**

Whereas the City Budget 2016 introduced large tax increases; Whereas the introduction of a new vacancy tax will further raise commercial tax bills and deter development; and Whereas City spending has exceed the rate of inflation for the past several years. Therefore we, the undersigned, petition Council for immediate tax relief, elimination of the vacancy tax and to immediately curtail City spending.

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/85ace64cafcb5c8a25b46e80/files/Petition to City Council FIN AL.pdf?mc\\_cid=c86e33a525&mc\\_eid=be5f2582f7](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/85ace64cafcb5c8a25b46e80/files/Petition%20to%20City%20Council%20FIN%20AL.pdf?mc_cid=c86e33a525&mc_eid=be5f2582f7)

### **VOCM - Breen says Council Meeting will 'Be a Good Start'**

Thursday , February 11 2016 | 8:25:14 AM

St. John's City Councillor Danny Breen says although one meeting won't solve all the issues on council, it's a good start.

The private get-together is set for Sunday where councillors will close the doors and speak frankly in order to resolve tensions among them. The aim of the meeting is to get the issues out

of the way, so council can focus on doing their job.

<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=60477&latest=1>

### **CBC - Private St. John's council meeting a chance to 'clear the air', says deputy mayor**

The mayor of St. John's says a closed-door meeting that's called for Sunday will not be about his leadership, but city councilors say it's an issue that will definitely be discussed.

"It's very clear that we have some issues internally ... and this is an opportunity to clear the air," said Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth of the Feb. 14 meeting.

'We're elected to govern this capital city and we need to get back to governing this capital city.' - Ron Ellsworth

"For me, this meeting is about council and council's leadership as a whole ... and I'm hoping that at the end of the day that we'll come out of that with a picture and a path forward as a team."

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/private-stjohns-council-meeting-ron-ellsworth-1.3441647>

### **CBC - St. John's city manager to retire after 29 years**

Neil Martin fighting cancer, asks for privacy

A man who has played key roles in helping steer the City of St. John's for nearly three decades is battling cancer, and has decided to retire.

City Manager Neil Martin will retire on Mar. 31, according to a news release from the city Wednesday.

Martin, who has been in that role since 2014, previously served as deputy city manager and city clerk.

The news release said he has been battling cancer for the past five years.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/st-john-s-city-manager-neil-martin-retires-1.3441783>

### **Media Headlines - February 10, 2016**

#### **VOCM Open Line - Wed, February 10, 2016**

Re-CONFIGURING INTERSECTION: "Jason" says that St. John's is re-configuring dangerous intersection with the Avalon Mall. Why is the Avalon Mall having a say in this? We have a traffic division and they should be the ones making these decisions. He says that all you need to do at that intersection is have no theft turn onto Kenmount Road. The Avalon Mall should have no say at all on what the city should do just because they want business. He says a no left turn should have been done a long time ago

RE-CONFIGURATION OF INTERSECTION/GRAND CONCOURSE: Deputy Mayor "Ron Ellsworth" is calling to talk about the re-configuration of the intersection by the mall. They want the mall to move their entrance and exit down near Polina Road. The thrift store would move their entrance to Polina Road. He says that when it comes to the sign from people from the Grand Concourse, he is sorry they lost their jobs. He says that they decided to put the work to tender because private enterprise should be doing the work.

CITY ISSUES: "Barry" is calling to talk about Jonathan Galgay and how he was Paul Antle's campaign manager. He wonders if that was okay. He also talks about council meetings into the budget. He thinks the city is going to have to go back on a few other things that they said they were taking away. People are upset.

GARBAGE USER FEES: "Phil" wants to talk about garbage. He says in some places you buy ten tags for \$10.00 and when garbage day comes you put one of the tags on the bags. If you don't have a tag you don't get your garbage picked up. There needs to be a user fee for the

garbage.

**SIDEWALK SNOW CLEARING:** "Caller" wants to talk about sidewalk snow clearing. He says that the sidewalk on Thorburn Road is not cleared at all and the sidewalk is cleared on Long Pond Road where the richer people live. He says that people running in ward 4 need to have a look at this.

### **VOCM 1pm News - Wed, February 10, 2016**

**UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING:** An upcoming St. John's City Council meeting planned for Sunday is an opportunity to have discussions about how well the council is working together as a group. {"Ron Ellsworth", Deputy Mayor]

**CITY MANAGER TO RETIRE:** The City of St. John's has announced that City Manager Neil Martin will be resigning from his position as for March 31.

**RE-CONFIGURATION OF INTERSECTION:** The re-configuration of the intersection of Polina and Kenmount roads is expected to go ahead this spring.

### **NTV Mid-Day News - Wed, February 10, 2016**

**SECRET ST. JOHN'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** The leadership of St. John's Mayor "Dennis O'Keefe" is being questioned as tensions at City Hall come to a head. ["Ron Ellsworth", St. John's Deputy Mayor]

### **VOCM Back Talk - Wed, February 10, 2016**

**CITY ACCOUNTABILITY:** "Sheilagh O'Leary" is calling to talk about accountability of the City. She was approached by the owner of a condominium complex and they have to pay a 28 percent tax increase on top of having to pay for garbage collection. She says the issues with accountability with the city didn't just come out suddenly and has been ongoing for quite a while but it is important that the council be transparent.

**MUNICIPAL CONCERNS:** "Danny Breen", St. City Councillor is calling to talk about municipal concerns. He discusses plans for the Wedgewood Park area and the upcoming council meeting on Sunday. He says this meeting will hopefully clear the air and give the councillors a chance to regroup so they can move forward because they can accomplish much more together than by being apart. He comments that he will check into the condo issue that Sheilagh O'Leary brought up during his call.

### **CBC On The Go - Wed, February 10, 2016**

**MESS LEFT BY SNOW PLOW:** Ted reads an e-mail from On the Go Listener "Ian Martin" about shovelling snow and the mess left by the snow plow of snow and ice.

**LISTENER FEEDBACK - CLOSED-DOOR MEETING PLANNED FOR ST. JOHN'S CITY COUNCIL:** Listener Rob Reid shares his tongue-in-cheek thoughts on information leaks at St. John's City Hall. [Clip of Mayor "Dennis O'Keefe" included.]

### **CBC Evening News - Wed, February 10, 2016**

**CITY MANAGER IS RESIGNING:** The city of St. John's has announced that City Manager Neil Martin will be resigning from his position as of March 31st.]

### **CBC Here & Now - Wed, February 10, 2016**

**DATE RAPE DRUGS & SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORTS:** More reports of date rape drugs and sexual assaults have surfaced in downtown St. John's. ["Local Residents"; "Sgt. Colin McNeil", RNC; "Jessica Barry", SPAAT Activist]

**JOHNNY RUTH-LIVING PLANET SIGN SENDS MESSAGE TO CITY COUNCIL:** A new sign on

Water Street in downtown St. John's is turning heads. ["Kim Winsor", Johnny Ruth-Living Planet Co-Owner]

### **NTV Evening Newshour - Wed, February 10, 2016**

ST. JOHN'S CITY MANAGER RETIRING: The City of St. John's is looking for a new City Manager. ["Dennis O'Keefe", St. John's Mayor]

NEW FIRE STATIONS NEEDED IN ST. JOHN'S: Fire Chief Jerry Peach and the Finance Department with the City of St. John's are reviewing the fire department's infrastructure because the City of St. John's is going to need two new fire stations to keep up with nationally-mandated response times. ["Jonathan Galgay", St. John's City Councillor]

### **VOCM Night Line - Wed, February 10, 2016**

CITY TO HOLD MEETING: Host preamble. Twitter is on fire about the meeting City council will be holding on Sunday. Do you think it should be a public meeting? Probably not because they may have a better chance of resolution if they work on getting alone in private.

CITY MANAGER RESIGNS: Host preamble. The City Manager of St. John's is resigning. What is going on there?

COMMENTS ABOUT CITY MANAGER: Jonathan comments many people are commenting that the City Manager has been battling cancer for the pass five years.

CAMPAIGNING IN WARD 4: "Jill Bruce" is calling to talk about her campaign in the ward 4 by-election. She comments on knocking on doors and getting all kinds of information from residents about their concerns and issues. She discusses some of things she can bring to ward 4 including wanting to be the voice for the people and reaching out to them when they have issues.

SIDEWALKS NOT CLEARED IN CHURCHILL PARK AREA: "Shirley" is calling to talk about the sidewalks in the Churchill Park area. Today there was a teenager in a wheelchair who was coming from Gonzaga going down the road and because the sidewalks weren't clear so the wheelchair tipped over. She says he was wet and was trying to upright his wheelchair when two young girls came along to help him and she really feels hurt for this child because the City really isn't taken proper care of their pedestrians.



## Media Headlines - March 22, 2016

**Kelly Maguire** to: Council\_group, Executives, Directors, Cindy McGrath, Ken O'Brien, Janet Adams, Strategy & Engagement

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## Media Headlines - March 22, 2016

### **CBC East Coast Morning Show - Tue, March 22, 2016**

**MAYOR O'KEEFE'S CONFIDENCE IN DEPUTY MAYOR REMAINS UNCHANGED:** At the St. John's City Council meeting last evening, the Deputy Mayor had lots to say about City Grants, but when Ron Ellsworth was asked questions about a high-interest loan that he allegedly made to Anne Squires, he has said what he said since the beginning of the media reports - 'no comment'. The Mayor, however, did have something to say. ["Dennis O'Keefe", St. John's Mayor; "Reporters"]

### **CBC 7am News - Tue, March 22, 2016**

**MAYOR CALLS ELLSWORTH LOAN TO ANNE SQUIRES 'A PRIVATE ISSUE':** While the Deputy Mayor of St. John's isn't speaking publicly about a private loan he made, he has talked about it to the Mayor. ["Dennis O'Keefe", St. John's Mayor]

**\$200 THOUSAND IN ARTS FUNDING:** The City of St. John's has given out more than \$200 thousand in arts funding. ["Sandy Hickman", St. John's City Councillor]

### **CBC 8am News - Tue, March 22, 2016**

**MAYOR DIRECTS PRESS TO SPEAK TO DEPUTY MAYOR ON LOAN:** The Deputy Mayor of St. John's still isn't saying anything about a high interest loan he made. ["Ron Ellsworth", St. John's Deputy Mayor; "Dennis O'Keefe", St. John's Mayor]

### **CBC 9am News - Tue, March 22, 2016**

**MAYOR CALLS ELLSWORTH LOAN TO ANNE SQUIRES 'A PRIVATE ISSUE':** While the Deputy Mayor of St. John's isn't speaking publicly about a private loan he made, he has talked about it to the Mayor. ["Dennis O'Keefe", St. John's Mayor]

### **VOCM Morning Show - Tue, March 22, 2016**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST GUIDELINES:** The City of St. John's is going to create a template for conflict of interest guidelines and ethics for members of city council. One councillor who frequently blows the whistle on matters deemed not for public consumption doesn't like the notion. ["Councillor Tom Hann", "Councillor Art Puddister"]

**MAYOR CALLS ELLSWORTH'S LOAN A 'PRIVATE MATTER':** The Mayor of St. John's is not commenting on any aspect of his Deputy Mayor's financial dealings with Exit Realty on the Rock. "Dennis O'Keefe", who was back in the chair at last night's Council meeting after a week at a cruise ship conference, says it's a 'private matter'. ["Reporters"]

**JACK AXES MAY COME TO ST. JOHN'S:** What could be more fun or Canadian than having a few beers and throwing around a few axes? Jack Axes will offer just that experience. The

business is inching closer to opening its doors to the axe-throwing public. ["Adrian Beaton", Co-Owner of Jack Axes]

### **VOCM - Exit Realty on the Rock Issues Have No Place at Council : O'Keefe**

Tuesday , March 22 2016 | 8:41:16 AM

The mayor of St. John's is not commenting on any aspect of his deputy mayor's financial dealings with Exit Realty on the Rock.

Dennis O'Keefe, who was back in the chair at last night's council meeting after a week at a cruise ship conference, says it's a private matter and that questions should be forwarded to Ron Ellsworth.

<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=61358>

### **VOCM - 'Stop Destroying My Home' Pleads Kilbride Resident**

Tuesday , March 22 2016 | 8:41:40 AM

A Kilbride resident has resorted to erecting hand made signs to get a point across to St. John's city plow operators. VOCM's Gerri Lynn Mackey has more on the story.

The two homemade signs erected in front of Richard Pike's home on Bay Bulls Road are clear. They read in bold print: 'City plows slow down' and 'stop destroying my home.'

<http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=61351>

### **TELEGRAM - Deputy mayor stays silent on loan to troubled realty company**

*DANIEL MACEACHERN*

St. John's Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth is still not answering questions about reports of a loan made to the owner of Exit Realty on the Rock.

Following the first city council meeting since NTV broke details of a \$50,000 loan provided to Anne Squires – to be paid back two months later with an additional \$10,000 as the “cost of borrowing” – Ellsworth declined to comment. The \$10,000 fee to borrow \$50,000 for two months effectively amounts to 120 per cent annual interest, double the limit set by Canada's Criminal Code.

Mayor Dennis O'Keefe also declined to say much beyond directing questions to Ellsworth.

“The city's position, I'll reiterate, is that is a personal issue that the deputy mayor will deal with, and questions related to it should be directed to him,” O'Keefe said after Monday's meeting.

O'Keefe said he didn't have any concerns about the reports of the loan.

“The public should have confidence in city council,” he said. “City council is a group of 11 people, led by the mayor, and the public has every right to feel confident that council is handling their affairs. The issue that the deputy mayor is dealing with is, again, a private issue and a personal issue, and he should be the one to react to any questions that you may have.”

O'Keefe said he spoke to Ellsworth “casually” about the issue Monday, but repeated that it's a private issue for the deputy mayor.

### **TELEGRAM - Code of ethics 'overkill,' Puddister says**

BY DANIEL MACEACHERN

“I don't want to be voting on someone else, to remove them from council, if they're elected by the people.”

Coun. Art Puddister

A St. John's city councillor says a new code of ethics for the city would be "overkill."

Coun. Art Puddister on Monday evening voted against a staff recommendation that the city pursue an omnibus code – as outlined in a report on conflict of interest by former premier Clyde Wells – that would encompass standards of behaviour as well as consequences for not adhering to those standards.

"Basically, it's recommended that (council) incorporate and expand the existing bylaws into one omnibus bill, or code, that's taking into account our current (rules on) conflict of interest, our code of ethics, our election finance bylaws, whistleblower protection in the workplace, human resources," Coun. Tom Hann said at Monday's meeting.

Puddister, who was the lone vote against the recommendation Monday night, said the city's current bylaws cover ethics issues "quite well." But he's also concerned about what the consequences will be and how they would be enforced.

"I wouldn't want to be in a situation whereby ... other members of council took offence to what I did here, said something or released a certain document," said Puddister, who has leaked confidential council information on the St. John's Sports and Entertainment subsidy as well as warning of increasing taxes in the 2016 budget before council released the budget publicly.

"I wouldn't want to be in a situation where members of council would feel that they had a right to sanction me, which means to be suspended or removed from council," he said. "I feel I have a right to inform the public what's taking place."

Puddister noted that when he warned taxes would go up, Mayor Dennis O'Keefe said Puddister, were he at the provincial level, would be removed from cabinet for doing something like that.

"In that type of situation, I'm sure he would look for some type of a sanction against me, either suspending me for a long period of time or remove me from office, and I wouldn't want six of my peers to sit around the table and have that right. That's wrong," Puddister said. "I don't want to be voting on someone else, to remove them from council, if they're elected by the people. Right now it's in the bylaws that if they're convicted of a criminal offence or absent for 12 months, they're removed. That's democracy in action. I think a lot of this is overkill."

City manager Neil Martin said "it's not in the purview of staff" to identify scenarios under which councillors would be suspended or removed.

"That is more the purview of council, and when they retain the services of an independent lawyer and prepare the omnibus bill, I'm sure that's what he would address."

Hann called presenting the report at council Monday night "anticlimactic," since the report was leaked to The Telegram in February ahead of councillors voting on it publicly.

### **Media Headlines - March 21, 2016**

#### **CBC - Christian flag raised at St. John's, Mount Pearl city halls**

A Christian flag was raised at city halls in St. John's and Mount Pearl on Monday to mark the beginning of Christian Holy Week, and to remember the "continued persecution of Christians worldwide."

Tolson Chapman, a member of the St. Stephen the Martyr Church in St. John's – which organized the events – says the flag will hopefully serve as a reminder to the people in the city. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/christian-flag-stjohns-march-persecution-1.3501058>

### **CBC - Day 6 of 'no comment': Ron Ellsworth refuses to explain high interest loan**

Ron Ellsworth is continuing to dodge questions about a high interest loan he allegedly made to the embattled owner of a real estate franchise, Anne Squires. It was reported by media outlets in St. John's on March 15 that Ellsworth loaned \$50,000 to Squires in January 2013, at what appears to be an annual interest rate of 120 per cent.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/ron-ellsworth-loan-anne-squires-exit-realty-on-the-rock-1.3501229>

### **CBC East Coast Morning Show - Mon, March 21, 2016**

SNOW CLEARING IN CANADA: Some people think snow clearing here is pretty bad. We have been looking into this and we have found some interesting things. ["Carl Kuhnke", University of Saskatchewan Centre of Excellence for Transportation and Infrastructure]

### **VOCM Morning News - Mon, March 21, 2016**

FUNDING FOR ST. JOHN'S ORGANIZATIONS: Organizations which have applied to the City of St. John's for funding will find out today if they have been accepted.

### **VOCM Morning Show - Mon, March 21, 2016**

SHARING OUR CULTURES PROGRAM: The Rooms Provincial Gallery was bustling with activity as the Sharing Our Cultures event kicked off yesterday. The program focuses on connecting culturally diverse students to foster acceptance and belonging. St. John's City Councillor "Tom Hann" was there.

### **VOCM Open Line - Mon, March 21, 2016**

AXE THROWING LEAGUE AND LOUNGE: Host Preamble- If alcohol and axe throwing is your idea of a good time, a new business proposed for the City of St. John's could be your dream come true. The application is for adjacent to Shoppers Drug Mart at 390 Topsail Road and would establish a place for an axe throwing league and lounge.

### **VOCM Back Talk - Mon, March 21, 2016**

RICHMOND COTTAGE: Host preamble. Do you care that Richmond Cottage may end up demolished? There is a year for the developer to find a buyer but it may not be easy.

PROMOTION OF THE BRIER: "Danny Breen", St. John's City Councillor is calling to talk about The Brier. He is attempting to speak to Curling Canada regarding promotion of the Brier here in St. John's next year during other curling events. He says they were quite concerned that there was no advertising already but Curling Canada said there will be major advertising in the fall.

### **CBC Here & Now - Mon, March 21, 2016**

ELLSWORTH STILL MUM ABOUT LOAN TO ANNE SQUIRES: It has been nearly a week since Ron Ellsworth became the subject of published media reports over a \$50 thousand loan to Anne Squires, owner of Exit Realty on the Rock. ["Dennis O'Keefe", St. John's Mayor; "Reporters"]

CHRISTIAN FLAG RAISED AT ST. JOHN'S CITY HALL: The Christian flag was raised at St. John's City Hall this morning to mark the beginning of Holy Week. ["Tolson Chapman", Member of the St. Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church in Paradise]

### **NTV Evening Newshour - Mon, March 21, 2016**

RON ELLSWORTH & CRIMINAL INTEREST RATES: St. John's Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth gave a loan to Exit Realty on the Rock owner Anne Squires, but has avoided media inquiries for some time now. ["Dennis O'Keefe", St. John's Mayor; "Reporters"]



**Fw: Intranet Suggestion Box**  
**Suggestions** to: Kevin Breen, Derek G Coffey  
Sent by: **Victoria Etchegary**

2016/03/24 04:47 PM

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From: "Suggestion Box No-Reply" <no-reply@stjohns.ca>  
To: suggestions@stjohns.ca  
Date: 2016/03/24 03:01 PM  
Subject: Intranet Suggestion Box

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Icecaps grant should be cut. They are a profit making business and should not be given a subsidy.



Re: City Budget

Sheilagh O'Leary to [REDACTED]

2016/03/29 10:00 PM



Thanks for your email and for your commentary. I am glad to be back but I have a tough road ahead.

As you know, I was not a part of this budget process. I believe it is unfair to residents and do not approve of many decisions that were made.

As a result of these decisions, we are conducting an internal review of every department and subsequently, cuts and efficiencies is where we now find ourselves. People will lose jobs as we voted on last night and that is tough, but it cannot just be the lowest level workers alone to make sacrifices.

I completely agree that all positions and salaries, especially upper management has to be scrutinized as well.

I will work hard to be fair and to represent the public's interest as best I can.

Kind regards

Sheilagh

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 29, 2016, at 8:08 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Congratulations Sheilagh on being re-elected to council & I am hoping that you will be the voice & reasoning for the RESIDENTS of the city. Each time this council makes a decision we wonder why they do not understand or care how it will affect us the tax payers & the council seems so out of touch with reality that it is actually scary to think "what is next"!

Our taxes have increased this year & services keep getting cut...attached is a letter that I forwarded to each member in December I actually only heard from Tom Hann to say he voted against it & Ron Ellsworth asked for my phone number to call with a follow up....that never came.

My questions are outlined below & I also wonder why salaries & positions of the many managers have not been scaled back.

Also a footnote re the Mile One center....from Sept 1, 2015 to Feb 29, 2016 this building has had an event for a total of 36 days out of 182, 20% versus 100% of usage at the Aquarena where the priority for funding should go.

Hopefully you can bring some sensible reasoning & decision making back to City Hall.

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** December-20-15 7:06 PM

**To:** Ron Ellsworth ([rellsworth@stjohns.ca](mailto:rellsworth@stjohns.ca)); J Galgay ([jgalgay@stjohns.ca](mailto:jgalgay@stjohns.ca)); T Hann ([thann@stjohns.ca](mailto:thann@stjohns.ca)); Sandy Hickman ([shickman@stjohns.ca](mailto:shickman@stjohns.ca)); Dave Lane ([dlane@stjohns.ca](mailto:dlane@stjohns.ca)); Denis O'Keefe ([dokeefe@stjohns.ca](mailto:dokeefe@stjohns.ca)); Bruce Tilley ([btalley@stjohns.ca](mailto:btalley@stjohns.ca)); 'dbreen@stjohns.ca'; 'apuddister@stjohns.ca'

**Subject:** City Budget

I am writing today to ask you gentlemen for an explanation & justification on the budget. As a senior resident who has lived in this city all my life I cannot understand how you in all consciousness can bring in a budget that has increased our property taxes by 11.7% after an increased assessment while reducing much needed services like bulk garbage (twice a year) which helps homeowners keep property clean & have NO MEANS of having it brought to the landfill. It will cost council more to pick up garbage from sidewalks & as an added note cities like Ottawa pick up household waste like mattresses, chairs etc on a regular garbage pickup, so are you prepared to in state that here?

Reducing subsidy to Aquarena where we can go walk the track in winter as the sidewalks are not cleared of snow & ice or swim for exercise which is a necessity not a luxury ,thus increasing those fees for users yet you can bluntly give SJS&E/Civic Centre a \$674,000 increase for an annual total of \$2.6 million. The people using this facilities are business people that can afford & take advantage of expenses for tax reduction. How often are those buildings used by the general tax payers of this city???? A big white elephant joined by 4 pedways in ONE block, while a high school with 1000 students crossing a major street 4 times a day doesn't need one.

Vacant commercial building owned by business like Loblaw's still getting a tax break for another 2 years, while council misses out on business taxes...WHY...because this council cares about business more than residents?

Please reconsider & think of the extra hardships you are putting on the residents that voted you in to keep our interest & needs a priority.



## Media Headlines - June 16, 2016

**Kelly Maguire** to: Council\_group, Executives, Directors, Cindy McGrath, Ken O'Brien, Janet Adams, Deborah Cook, Cheryl L Mullett, Strategy & Engagement 2016/06/16 10:36 AM

### Media Headlines - June 16, 2016

#### **VOCM - St. John's Convention Centre Reopens For Business**

The St John's Convention Centre has celebrated its official opening and representatives from all levels of government are calling it a game-changer for the city. VOCM's Gerri Lynn Mackey was at the ribbon cutting event yesterday and filed this report.

The \$70-million centre was created through a partnership between the all levels of government along with St John's Sports and Entertainment. Initial cost estimates were thousands of dollars lower then the final price tag but building completion is on time.

<http://vocm.com/news/st-johns-convention-centre-reopens-for-business/>

#### **Allnewfoundlandlabrador.com - Convention Centre Bash**

Steve Sparks says he and his fellow St. John's hotel owners expect good things for their operations now that the \$70 million convention centre has officially opened.

"If downtown is full its good for my business says Sparks" whose Clayton Hospitality Inc. owns Comfort Inn Airport and another Comfort Inn in Gander.

*(Council - To view the full article please see Janet Adams.)*

#### **CBC East Coast Morning Show - Thu, June 16, 2016**

EVENTS TO MARK 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BEAUMONT HAMEL: We are winding our way closer to the July 1st anniversary of Beaumont Hamel and over the next couple of weeks you will hear lots about what is happening to mark the 100th anniversary of the WWI battle that changed NL. St. John's Councillor "Danny Breen" is here to talk about some of the events the city has planned.

#### **VOCM Morning News - Thu, June 16, 2016**

CONVENTION CENTER RE-OPENING: St. John's Convention Center has celebrated its official re-opening. ["Sandy Hickman", St. John's Councilor]

CHOICES FOR YOUTH AGM: Over 200 people attended the Choices for Youth AGM held at the Foran Room at City Hall. ["Sheldon Pollett", Choices for Youth Executive Director]

#### **VOCM Morning Show - Thu, June 16, 2016**

CONVENTION CENTRE OPENING: A big day yesterday at St. John's Convention Centre. They celebrated the official opening and reps from all levels of government calling it a game changer for the city. ["Councillor Sandy Hickman"]

#### **TELEGRAM - Wells info request suggests St. John's council broke own bylaws**

Look out, St. John's city council.

Former mayor [REDACTED] might just be loaded for bear.

Wells has received the answer to his request for information surrounding the payment of \$641,000 in severance to former city manager Neil Martin, and the answers are raising more questions about whether the council acted within its own bylaws when it paid the severance.

First of all, council minutes from March 19, 1980, show that the city changed the rules in contracts for unionized employees, meaning they couldn't cash out sick leave when they left the city.

At that time, the city manager "noted that the new plan eliminates the need to pay unused sick leave to employees leaving the services of the city. He also recommended that the same plan be adopted by council for non-union employees hired in the future," something the current council seemed to be unaware of when they signed a deal allowing Martin to do just that.

But that's not the only problem Wells' research has uncovered.

The current council has apparently breached another city bylaw in its treatment of the former city manager. The city's Freedom of Information bylaw was passed by council on June 21, 2005, and is still listed in its entirety on the city's website as an active bylaw.

That bylaw, in Section 4.2, spells out that, "It shall be a violation of this By-Law for Council to vote for any financial benefit to any Member of Council or any member of Staff at a private meeting." As well, the bylaw says, "All individual contracts of employment shall be placed on the agenda of a public meeting of Council for its consideration and decision."

Neither of those was done before council amended Martin's contract and paid his severance. So has the council broken its own rules?

Wells says there's a big problem.

"It tells me that there is a bylaw there ... and that they have broken the law. And all these transactions with respect to Mr. Martin's compensation have to be voted on at a public meeting of council. They're not being honest with us about the way in which he finished his employment. The rules are quite specific."

Calling the deal "unnecessary and excessive," Wells said the city had other options: "I would have said, 'Go off on sick leave, and when your sick leave is exhausted, you have to make a decision and deal with it at that time.'"

Wells says he has since heard from other management employees who were not offered similar deals when they left the city's employment.

"It's underhanded. Will I go to Municipal Affairs and ask for an investigation? I don't know. I've got to think about it."

Meanwhile, abiding by that same Freedom of Information bylaw might create some brand new problems for council – because the bylaw applies to "all boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council."

And it says that, "Corporations seeking tax concessions must be prepared to publicly justify their case; and no discussions of tax concessions shall be permitted at Special Meetings." It does not specify what constitutes a "tax concession."

It will be interesting to see if the city has to explain whether making a decision, in private, to give a sports team a break on its rent contravened its own bylaw as well. Remember this? "City council approved a proposal at Monday's weekly private council meeting to increase the subsidy to St. John's Sports and Entertainment, which runs Mile One Centre, allowing a break in rent for the IceCaps, which is facing a \$1.5-million increase in its affiliation fee with the Winnipeg Jets to stay in St. John's an extra season." (The Telegram, Sept. 20, 2014).

Interesting times ahead.

## **TELEGRAM - 5 things to know about the St. John's Convention Centre**

1. It was largely funded by an accommodations levy.

A four per cent levy on rooms at hotels and bed and breakfasts in the city, known as the accommodation tax, helped fund the St. John's Convention Centre, which is valued at \$70 million. The provincial and federal governments contributed a combined \$28.8 million.

2. It has room for 1,700 guests at a time.

The building has 47,000 square feet of space, which includes 10 meeting rooms, a kitchen and two ballrooms. Spaces are divisible to help accommodate events of various sizes.

3. It pays tribute to local spaces.

The rooms are named after well-loved public space in St. John's: Bowring Park, Bannerman Park, Pippy Park, Victoria Park, Harbourside Park, Churchill Park, Wishingwell Park and the Battery.

4. It showcases local art.

The City of St. John's spent \$300,000 on art for the building. There are about 40 diverse pieces of art throughout the building, as well as a mural on the exterior. Just a few of the artists whose work is displayed at the convention centre: Christine Koch, Barbara Daniels, Will Gill, Kym Greeley, Peter Wilkins and Steve Payne.

5. Some major conventions are coming soon.

Fifteen major conventions have already been booked for the new centre. A couple of big ones: the Professional Convention Management Association in November, and the Canadian Society of Association Executives in fall 2017. Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development Minister Christopher Mitchelmore notes the delegates at those conventions are key decision-makers when it comes to convention destinations.

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## **Media Headlines - June 15, 2016**

### **VOCM Back Talk - Wed, June 15, 2016**

POSTER REMOVAL: "Randy" is calling to talk about the poster removal story in St. John's last week. There was an article in The Telegram this weekend about this but there was a similar situation back in 2008 when he put signs up but the council removed them. The signs said say no to monster homes and the council even went on public property to collect the signs.

### **NTV Evening Newshour - Wed, June 15, 2016**

CONVENTION CENTER GRAND TOUR: It is newly expanded, renovated and today we got a sneak peak of the convention center's new look. ["Sandy Hickman", Councillor and Tour Guide]

<http://ntv.ca/expanded-st-johns-convention-centre-celebrates-official-re-opening/>

### **VOCM Night Line - Wed, June 15, 2016**

NEW CONVENTION CENTER: "Sandy Hickman", St. John's City Councillor is calling to talk about the St. John's Convention Center. He says they are very proud of it and it's more than double the size of the other one so there is a lot more flexibility for hosting events there. He

comments on the difference this will make to those who are holding conferences or even grads and it would even work for a live music venue.



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## Media Headlines - July 18, 2016

### **CBC - St. John's recommends hiking wedding fees**

Getting hitched at St. John's City Hall could soon hit you a little harder in the wallet. A new staff report recommends raising the fee for performing weddings at city hall to \$200. It's currently free for a service that happens between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. and \$80 for a City Hall ceremony outside those hours. Weddings performed by the mayor off-site cost \$160.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/city-hall-weddings-1.3682917>

### **CBC - St. John's once saw lowest business taxes : KPMG**

St. John's had one of the lowest commercial tax rates in Canada just months ago, says a new report by accounting firm KPMG, but tax hikes this year have erased that luxury for local businesses.

The international study, comparing tax rates in 10 countries around the world, suggests St. John's had the lowest effective tax rate on businesses of any of the 17 Canadian cities or 111 world cities studied – on Jan 1, 2016.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/stjohns-business-taxes-kpmg-lowest-in-country-1.3681786>

### **CBC - Pride parade takes over St. John's**

The annual St. John's Pride Parade saw hundreds of people march from city hall to Bannerman Park.

Check out the photos below from the parade on Sunday.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/st-johns-pride-parade-2016-1.3682957>

### **CBC 7am News - Mon, July 18, 2016**

ST. JOHN'S USED TO HAVE LOW CORPORATE BUSINESS TAXES: This month saw the introduction of dozens of new taxes and fees in NL.

### **CBC 8am News - Mon, July 18, 2016**

ST. JOHN'S USED TO HAVE LOWEST BUSINESS TAX RATE IN CANADA: St. John's once had an advantage over the rest of Canada when it came to business taxes.

### **CBC 9am News - Mon, July 18, 2016**

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## Media Headlines - July 17, 2016

## **VOCM Morning News - Sun, July 17, 2016**

PRIDE PARADE KICKS OFF AT 3: The St. John's Pride Parade kicks off at 3 this afternoon and begins and the newly rainbow painted crosswalk at City Hall.

## **VOCM 1pm News - Sun, July 17, 2016**

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## **Media Headlines - July 16, 2016**

### **TELEGRAM - Subsidizing the game: who should pay?**

Russell Wangersky

Here we go again. We're looking for a new hockey team – so how much will it cost us this time?

The usual arguments will probably be made.

On the “expense” side of the ledger, that travel to this province is expensive, that other teams expect the St. John's franchise to assist with travel costs, and that running a franchise here helps to support the already-perpetually-taxpayer-supported Mile One Centre.

On the “revenue” side, there's the claim about the intangibles: that downtown businesses get an increased number of patrons on game nights, and that the games help support the local economy.

Fact is, there are some studies that claim sports franchises bring money into a municipality, and others – far more – that suggest traffic to sporting events only redistributes entertainment dollars that people are going to spend anyway.

But even if you accept the “it's an economic driver” argument as true, you have to wonder if there isn't a point when we have to fold up the tent. St. John's Sports and Entertainment saw its subsidy from the city grow from \$1.9 million to \$2.57 million this year, an increase of more than 35 per cent. Those bills are expected to continue growing by close to another \$100,000 by 2018.

And a trip through the city's consolidated financial statements shows losses are pretty much the norm. In 2013, it found \$7,713,889 in revenues, but with \$8,732,591 in expenses, lost \$1 million. In 2014, on revenues of \$8,440,517, it had expenses of \$9,312,471, losing \$872,000. (The numbers for 2015 won't be available until closer to the end of this year.)

Thing is, though, that looking for a new team means offering the best deal to the latest team that might temporarily (until a better offer comes along) paste “St. John's” on the front of their jerseys. So how low will we go? Well, other provinces are experimenting with the bottom, for sure.

Here's the head of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's Halifax Mooseheads, Bobby Smith, as quoted in a Nova Scotia government news release: “There are teams that are a source of pride in communities from one end of the province to another and, for some young people, a start to a career in sports. ... Paying minimum wage for all the athletes' time, including practice or travel, would make it difficult for teams to operate. We want to ensure our athletes continue to have opportunities to develop athletically and play sports for Nova Scotia-based

teams.”

So, what happened? Well, to ease that “difficulty,” the province exempted junior hockey players from the minimum wage requirements of the provincial labour standards code.

But not just minimum wage: “Athletes will be exempt from regulations regarding: vacation and holiday pay, minimum wage, defined hours of work (and) protections around the termination of employment,” the provincial labour minister announced. Wonderful. What’s next? Exempting paying the ushers and other facility staff from minimum wage to also, as the Nova Scotian government put it so succinctly, “recognize the uniqueness of the sport world”?

Let’s talk business here. Not unique sport world business. Basic business.

At the very least, before taxpayers are asked to offer up anything else, we should know exactly what it is we’re paying for, and how that money is going to be offset by payments from those who benefit from the spending. If downtown businesses benefit from the city and its taxpayers investing in a team, perhaps those same businesses should pay a levy to cover the costs of the benefit they claim is so necessary to their bottom lines.

Quite frankly, if a franchise is going to operate here with substantial assistance from any level of government, it’s got to be willing to open its books. And not just to a closed session of city council, either. Wide open. How much does a sports business earn from its share of concessions, box leases, advertising, ticket sales, rental subsidies, etc.? How much does it pay out in salaries and benefits to its staff? How many staff are there?

You know, simple questions like that.

And, no – profit isn’t a dirty word.

But subsidy – especially one that never seems to end and only seems to grow – surely is.

#### **TELEGRAM - Pride crosswalk marred , but source unclear**

Despite some social media posts claiming the newly painted pride crosswalk in front of St. John’s City Hall was vandalized overnight, the city says it is unclear whether what happened was vandalism or an accident.

According to the city, overnight a line of grey paint appeared on the crosswalk and the sidewalk nearby.

The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary has had no reports of vandalism.

On social media some people were expressing anger about what they took to be vandalism.

And while the city says it’s unclear whether the paint streak was intentional or an accident, there is construction going on in the area.

#### **TELEGRAM - Harbourside harmony**

The City of St. John’s outdoor concert series at Harbourside Park on Water Street East in downtown St. John’s continued on Friday afternoon with performances by Naomi Russell and Ouroboros. Performing their set are Ouroboros members (from left) Greg Bruce, Susan Evoy, Andrew McCarthy (drums), Nicole Hand and Chris Harnett. The outdoor concerts take place at 12:30 p.m. every Friday, weather permitting, and begin with a youth performer, followed by the main act. Also, every third Sunday of the month, an outdoor concert takes place at Bannerman Park in the performance area adjacent to the Colonial Building. The Harbourside performances take place until Friday, Sept. 23 and the Bannerman Park sets conclude on Sunday, Sept. 18.

### **CBC - Teen Challenge Looking To Sell Land To Raise Necessary Funds**

The Teen Challenge drug addiction treatment centre on the outskirts of St. John's may have cleared one hurdle with city council, but now needs some help from the province.

<http://vocm.com/news/teen-challenge-looking-to-sell-land-to-raise-necessary-funds/>

### **CBC 8am News - Sat, July 16, 2016**

HOUSE FIRE: The RNC remains at the scene of a residential fire in St. John's; shortly after 4 this morning fire crews and police were called to a detached home on Suez Street.

CRUISE SHIP WELCOMED TO ST. JOHN'S TODAY: St. John's will welcome the Rotterdam cruise ship today; she will arrive in port at noon and depart at 8 pm.

### **VOCM Morning News - Sat, July 16, 2016**

HOUSE FIRE: Fire in the center city area has caused significant damage to a home; it broke out on Suez Street about dawn and also spread to an adjacent but free standing house.

ADDICTIONS CENTER NEEDS HELP TO LIFT LAND RESTRICTIONS: The Teen Challenge Drug Addiction Center on the outskirts of St. John's may have cleared one hurdle with city council but now needs some help from the province. ["Glenn Barnes", Spokesperson]

### **VOCM 1pm News - Sat, July 16, 2016**

FATAL HOUSE FIRE: One person is dead after a house fire in the center city area of St. John's.

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### **Media Headlines - July 15, 2016**

#### **CBC - St. John's housing prices, property assessments not lining up**

An increasing number of homes in St. John's are selling for substantially less than their municipal assessment value, as the local housing market continues to slow down.

Overall housing sales are down 1.5 per cent, according to Royal LePage, and the City reported that new construction is down 25 per cent.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/stjohns-housing-prices-property-assessments-mismatch-values-1.3681604>



**Re: E-Poll to Hold Free Screening of the Tragically Hip Concert**

**Dave Lane** to: Sandy Hickman

2016/08/12 12:13 PM

Cc: Ron Ellsworth, Karen Chafe, Council\_group, Derek G Coffey, Tanya Haywood, Linda Bishop

I love the idea, but have concerns about logistics on such a tight timeline. Downtown St. John's (Reel Program) have no resources, money or otherwise, to contribute, and this isn't as simple as renting a projector and pointing it at a wall. Security, alcohol, fire preparedness... Folk Fest spends an entire year prepping for their event and this event is in less than two weeks.

This is an awesome idea but realistically I think it's too late to pull off, particularly in a time where we're trying to save every penny.

I reluctantly have to disagree

Dave

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Dave Lane

Councillor at Large, St. John's

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On Aug 12, 2016, at 11:14, Sandy Hickman <[SHickman@stjohns.ca](mailto:SHickman@stjohns.ca)> wrote:

Nope.

Can't charge admission but could do something like that.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 12, 2016, at 10:26 AM, Ron Ellsworth <[rellsworth@stjohns.ca](mailto:rellsworth@stjohns.ca)> wrote:

So what's the plan for the screening ? Any reason we couldn't ask for donations for the real program?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 12, 2016, at 10:16 AM, Sandy Hickman <[SHickman@stjohns.ca](mailto:SHickman@stjohns.ca)> wrote:

I vote in favour.

Funds from operations of SJSE which would, I assume, mean increase in overrun on subsidy.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 12, 2016, at 10:12 AM, Karen Chafe <[KChafe@stjohns.ca](mailto:KChafe@stjohns.ca)> wrote:

Councillor Hickman has requested that an e-poll be conducted seeking your approval of the following motion. The cost to hold this free screening will be approximately \$21,000 which has not been budgeted. Council will have to provide some direction on where the funds should be taken should you approve this event. Please read through the e-mails below to get the gist of the request before responding.

***Epoll Motion:***

***That the City of St. John's host a screening of the Tragically Hip farewell concert at the St. John's Convention Centre with the City covering all costs.***

***So moved***

***Counc. Sandy Hickman***

Karen Chafe  
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----- Forwarded by Karen Chafe/CSJ on 2016/08/12 09:56 AM -----

From: Derek G Coffey/CSJ  
To: Tanya Haywood/CSJ@csj  
Cc: Elaine Henley/CSJ@csj, Karen Chafe/CSJ@csj  
Date: 2016/08/11 10:49 PM  
Subject: Re: The Hip

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This is not budgeted. It will have to be taken from somewhere which will reduce the funds available for other items.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 11, 2016, at 10:44 PM, Tanya Haywood <[THaywood@stjohns.ca](mailto:THaywood@stjohns.ca)> wrote:

Elaine

I would suggest an outdoor venue is not possible at this time due to lack of time to organize the logistics required. And as noted below, trained concert security are being utilized for the Eastbound Hoedown in Avondale that same night and therefore not available for an outdoor venue.

Derek can speak to where the money may come from as this is not a budgeted item.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 11, 2016, at 10:37 PM, Elaine Henley <[Ehenley@stjohns.ca](mailto:Ehenley@stjohns.ca)> wrote:

Hi Tanya.

Do you have further details to provide prior to sending epoll?

Elaine

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Sandy

Hickman" <  
[SHickman@stjohns.ca](mailto:SHickman@stjohns.ca)>

**Date:** August 11,  
2016 at 7:10:37  
PM NDT

**To:** "Elaine  
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[Ehenley@stjohns.ca](mailto:Ehenley@stjohns.ca)>

**Subject: Fwd:**  
**The Hip**

Elaine  
Could you forward  
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ASAP please for a  
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Colleagues  
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Several municipalities in the province are doing this. After you read this over, give consideration, etc. I would ask you to vote on the following motion:

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Counc. Sandy  
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Tanya,

I have some info on The Hip screeni ng. Since I've been talking to you both on this, I figure email is the simple st way to bring everyo ne up to speed..

**Viewin g Party Websit e**

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**George Street**

From what I can gather, Pete Quinton (who originally considered doing it on George Street) cannot pull it together now, mainly due to the lack of

security staff available. The Eastbound Hoedown is on in Avondale that same day, and he just can't source the bodies. In addition, security would cost approximately \$40,000, and since he cannot charge admission, he would have no way to recover that cost.

**Show  
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The concert will air at 8.30ES T (10pm in Newfoundland) and based on their set list, I'm guessing it's about a 2-hour show. In which case, for an outdoor screening, the Noise By-Law would be an issue.

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Kevin Breen to: Kevin Breen

2016/09/08 03:10 PM

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Kevin Breen  
City Manager  
City of St. John's



**Re: Freedom of Information By-Law 2005**   
**Kevin Breen** to: Linda Bishop

2016/09/08 03:17 PM

See below in red my responses to [REDACTED] .....I will give you a call. I assume we will have to go to council to release the minute....

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[REDACTED] This is clearly a waste of time,but I do have som... 2016/09/01 12:13:37 PM

From: [REDACTED]  
To: Kevin Breen <KBreen@stjohns.ca>  
Date: 2016/09/01 12:13 PM  
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information By-Law 2005

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I also note that individual tax accounts are personal financial information that is protected under ATIPPA (2015) sections 39 and 40.

I did not ask you if Council is now in compliance with ATIPPA and the By-Law, I asked you WAS Council in compliance with the FOI BY-LAW in the period 2008 –2015?

Yes, except where FOI superseded by ATIPPA in which case ATIPPA complied with.

WHEN WILL council be giving notice of motion to amend the FOI BY-LAW.

I cant speak for Council, but we will be bringing it forward very soon. It is up to Council what they do with it.

  
From: Kevin Breen <[KBreen@stjohns.ca](mailto:KBreen@stjohns.ca)>

Date: Monday, 22 August, 2016 9:52 AM

To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Linda Bishop <[L.Bishop@stjohns.ca](mailto:L.Bishop@stjohns.ca)>  
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information By-Law 2005  
[REDACTED]

See my responses in red below. I hope all your questions have been answered.

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From: [REDACTED]  
To: Kevin Breen <[KBreen@stjohns.ca](mailto:KBreen@stjohns.ca)>  
Date: 2016/08/09 10:59 AM  
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information By-Law 2005

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Your response to my email raises more questions than it answers. I am of course not surprised. I have the following supplementary questions.  
First of all you state that "the FOI By-Law(2005) is not invalidated in the whole." What does that mean? What provisions of the FOI(2005) have been invalidated by ATIPP(2015)?

The only section of the bylaw which is invalid is section 4.2.

"4.2 It shall be a violation of this By-Law for Council to vote for any financial benefit to any Member of Council or any member of Staff at a private meeting."

This contradicts section 1.1 and the provisions of ATIPPA.

Section 5 on tax concessions states as follows:

### **5. Tax Concessions**

5.1 Corporations seeking tax concessions must be prepared to publicly justify their case; and no discussions of tax concessions shall be permitted at Special Meetings.

5.2 All Council votes on tax concessions must be preceded by a four week notice to the general public of such vote.

This provision is not invalid however, exceptions for taxation are processed at the staff level in accordance with the City of St. John's Municipal Taxation Act, while collections, which are legal matters, and Payment Review Board, which contains personal financial information, are for the Special Meeting agenda.

Has Council a legal opinion(s) which it used in making its decision? Please provide a copy of same.

Your question is not clear. To which decision of Council are you referring? Council did not make a decision to make invalid any portion of the bylaw. This was done by virtue of the Province enacting ATIPPA. There would be no legal opinion required.

Please provide minutes of any meetings, public or private, at which these matters were discussed.

Why has FOI(2005) not been amended to reflect the new dispensation and properly displayed on the City's web page. This should be done at once.

This is a good point and the bylaw will be amended to remove the invalid provision.

We are entitled to clarity in this matter.

Finally pre-ATIPPA, I repeat the question in my email of July 26. Did Council follow the provisions of FOI(2005) in the years 2008-2015 as it was legally required to do?

Both ATIPPA (enacted in 2002) and ATIPPA 2015 (the "Acts") contain provisions stating that where there is a conflict between the Act or its regulations and any other legislation, such as the Freedom of Information By-Law, the Acts shall prevail. This is a common transitional provision in legislation. Council is in full compliance with both the ATIPPA Legislation and the Bylaw.

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**From:** Kevin Breen <[KBreen@stjohns.ca](mailto:KBreen@stjohns.ca)>

**Date:** Thursday, 4 August, 2016 9:36 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Freedom of Information By-Law 2005

The FOI By Law of 2005 is not invalid in the whole. Certain sections of the bylaw have been superseded by the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015. Section 7(1) of ATIPPA, 2015 states:

"Where there is a conflict between this Act or a regulation made under this Act and another Act or regulation enacted before or after the coming into force of this Act, this Act or the regulations made under it shall prevail."

There are certain provisions of the By-Law which are still valid and in practice such as provisions respecting the subject matter of Special Meetings of Council (Section 1), the ratification of collective agreements and the tabling of employment contracts (section 4.1 and 4.3). Council and staff are not ignoring the bylaw.

Regarding your last two questions, would you be more specific? My terms and conditions of employment are yet to be finalized.

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From: [REDACTED]  
To: "[citymgr@stjohns.ca](mailto:citymgr@stjohns.ca)" <[citymgr@stjohns.ca](mailto:citymgr@stjohns.ca)>  
Date: 2016/07/26 11:44 AM  
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Can you advise me why the FOI By-Law(2005) is still listed on the City's Web Page. According to the Mayor it became invalid as a consequence of the ATIPP Act of 2015. Was it officially rescinded? If it is not rescinded why are Council and senior staff systematical ignoring it. Prior to ATIPP was the By-Law respected by Council and senior staff? Was it followed with respect to your employment as City Manager? If not, why not? [REDACTED]



**Minute of Special Meeting Request**  
Kevin Breen to: Maureen Harvey

2016/09/08 04:07 PM

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*Update . St. John's Ice Caps Contract Extension*

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*SJMC2014-09-15/171S*

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**Jason Sinyard** to: Ryan Crewe

Cc: Scott Winsor

2016/09/19 12:32 PM

Thanks

On Sep 19, 2016, at 12:15 PM, Ryan Crewe <[RCrewe@stjohns.ca](mailto:RCrewe@stjohns.ca)> wrote:

Jason

We issue those public notices every week, we have been doing so for years. I'm not sure why they're making a deal out of this one.

Queen Street will be a tangle. That street will be closed, with detours in place. Other than Queen Street and the Rawlins Cross area, the rest of the issues should be minimal.

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----- Forwarded by Jason Sinyard/CSJ on 2016/09/19 12:02 PM -----

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To: Council\_group, Executives, Directors, Cindy McGrath/CSJ@CSJ, Ken O'Brien/CSJ@CSJ, Janet Adams/CSJ@CSJ, Deborah Cook/CSJ@CSJ, Linda Bishop/CSJ@CSJ, Janine Piller/CSJ@CSJ, Strategy & Engagement

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### **Media Headlines – September 19, 2016**

#### **VOCM - Widespread Delays Expected Due To Metro Region Road Work**

You may find delays on your commute to and from work in the metro area for the rest of the week. On which route? All of them. The city of St. John's tweeted out a list of locations on which roadwork is expected to cause delays for the rest of the week. The list names almost every major thoroughfare, including Topsail Road, Waterford Bridge Road, Kenmount Road, Duckworth and Water Street, and the Prince Philip Parkway. <http://vocm.com/news/widespread-delays-expected-due-to-metro-region-road-work/>

### **Media Headlines – September 17, 2016**

#### **TELEGRAM - Sad news for city anglers**

[Paul Smith](#)

Published on September 17, 2016

The local news was very distressing for me today, and many other anglers and environmentally aware folk I suspect.

Each morning I read the news online over my coffee. Lately I amuse myself to full awareness with Donald Trump nonsense, and a newly opened package of Belize java.

I picked it up at the airport in Belize City for a test run, great stuff it is, full-flavoured and bold, every bit as good as Costa Rican beans, my traditional favourite.

The stuff you discover while fishing, anyway, enough coffee chat, back to the latest on the web.

There has been a serious fish kill on the Waterford River. You likely know the news story, so I won't waste my word allotment on that, other than to say, our disinfect

drinking water kills fish quite readily.

A bloody water main break, of all the pestilents these brown trout might be subjected to by calling home a city river, done in by chlorinated tap water. I would have suspected muddy runoff from a housing development, or waste from a chemical plant of some sort, not pure harmless drinking water.

Good Lord, this blindsides me.

Just the other day I was thinking of doing some autumn fly angling on the Waterford.

Mostly I fish there in winter, but I have had some very good fall days. Some years ago, more precisely six, I entertained an angling writer by the name of John Ross.

He came to Newfoundland to experience our sea run brown trout fishing and relate his experience in *Sporting Classics*, a still surviving hardcopy angling and hunting magazine.

He got the idea by reading my very first crack at the writing game, a general piece on sea trout fishing that I wrote in *Canadian Fly Fisher*, then paper published, but now digital only I think.

Before John arrived at YYT I scouted out the fishing I would impress him with. The Waterford was high on my list. As I said, I mostly fish it in winter, but I knew there to be good September sport as well.

Hurricane Igor hit Newfoundland on Sept. 21, 2010. The Waterford went into flood. John was scheduled to arrive late September and fish into early October, typically a grand time to tangle with rotund trout returning from the salt.

I feared for the trouting, given the unprecedented rainfall we had experienced. But I would test the waters.

Matt Brazil and I fished the Waterford as soon as the floodwaters subsided, on the following weekend I think, the storm having hit on a Tuesday. John was scheduled in around next midweek.

The fishing that weekend was amazing, the best trout fishing I have ever experienced anywhere in the world. Isn't that something, world-class trout fishing within the boundaries of the oldest city in North America?

These fish were big silver feisty sea run trout, I imagine drawn in from St. John's Harbour and surrounding ocean by the heavy autumn rain. This natural phenomenon is played out often in the anadromous fish world.

John arrived and I took him fishing. First we covered my stomping grounds around

Spaniard's Bay, that's Shearstown, South River, and so on. Days following we fished Conception Bay South and Trinity Bay Rivers, giving him the grand tour of our sea trout water.

I saved the best for last. We headed to town for a day on the Waterford. The fever of the bite had weaned some since Matt and I had fished, but John still enjoyed quite a blast. He preferred the Waterford to all else I had shown him, mainly because of the abundance of good sized fish and the style of fishing. He featured the Jewel of St. John's prominently in his writing.

Without getting into technical fly fishing stuff, suffice to say the Waterford is unique amongst Newfoundland's varied fly fishing opportunities. It's much like the brown trout rivers of Eastern Europe, where intriguing nymphing techniques may be employed.

If you wonder about what I babble, Google Czech or Polish Nymphing. This river was a treasure to those of us who seriously swing the rod.

Notice I said was.

Since Igor, the Waterford has declined drastically. I'm thinking that the floodwaters must have destroyed key spawning beds, but I am no expert on these matters.

Although the point is, that somebody in authority to protect our resources and enhance tourism should have cared.

Scientific research should have been done.

This river could be a golden opportunity for angling tourism, combined with our other salmon and brook trout resources.

I'm talking present tense again. Maybe now that the Waterford has made the mainstream news for its trout population we can get something done to protect it.

Although it's sad to see hundreds of trout dead in the water, especially since the river was just beginning a bit of a comeback. The fishing improved last winter.

Now we need to concentrate on environmental protection, mandate the whole river hook and release only, and appreciate what we have.

Maybe this ill wind might blow some protection and conservation our way.

<http://www.thetelegram.com/Living/2016-09-17/article-4641344/Sad-news-for-city-anglers/1>

**TELEGRAM - A big mess**

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We don't give it much thought when we flush the toilet or run the tap.

Where does the water, the wastewater, go?

For most communities in Newfoundland and Labrador, it flows through an elaborate network of pipes and straight out in the beautiful bay or harbour on which our communities were settled.

It's been that way since water and sewer systems replaced outhouses.

That's a period of many decades for most places, and recognizing the continuing environmental damage, the federal government, with the support of provincial ministers, put a deadline in place for municipalities to treat their wastewater.

<http://www.thetelegram.com/Opinion/Editorials/2016-09-17/article-4642628/A-big-mess/1>

### **VOCM - St. John's Deputy Mayor Seeks Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers**

St. John's Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth, says if people are interested in started a [Neighbourhood Watch](#) group, they can contact him and organize a group meeting. He says they could use more volunteers.

<http://vocm.com/news/st-johns-deputy-mayor-seeks-neighbourhood-watch-volunteers/>

### **Media Headlines – September 16, 2016**

#### **TELEGRAM - Councillor wants answers on IJ Samson sale**

St. John's City Councillor Jonathan Galgay has written the auditor general Friday seeking a review of the sale of the former IJ Samson School.

"I formally ask your office to review the handling of this file and all processes with the tendering and sale of former school properties in the City of St. John's. In particular, I request that you review the tendering process and oversight regarding this transaction, Galgay wrote in a letter to Auditor General Terry Paddon regarding the Bennett Avenue location.

<http://www.thetelegram.com/News/Local/2016-09-16/article-4642286/Councillor-wants-answers-on-IJ-Samson-sale/1>

#### **TELEGRAM - Turtle rescuer needs your help**

Dennis Oliver has, by his rough count, 36 turtles in need of a home before Monday, or they'll be out on the street — along with his family.

Oliver lives on Quebec Street in St. John's, or at least he does for now. He received a notice this week saying he has until Sept. 19 to remove a collection of rescued turtles from his residence, or else 30 days to get out.

He was still in the process of moving into the home, after leaving a previous rental.

<http://www.thetelegram.com/News/Local/2016-09-16/article-4642492/Turtle-rescuer-needs-your-help/1>

### **CBC - I.J. Samson buyer hopes he doesn't lose his shirt**

The man at the centre of the controversial sale of I.J. Samson school is speaking out. Businessman Terrance Penney says at \$189,000 the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District got a deal on the property and he'll be lucky if he doesn't lose his shirt on its resale.

#### [Former I.J. Samson School back on the market](http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/samson-school-sale-1.3766321)

Penney owns Metro Environmental Services, a company that removes hazardous materials, and Whiteway Holdings, the company that's listed as the owner of the school. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/samson-school-sale-1.3766321>

### **CBC - From parking spot to paradise: St. John's landscapers push for more green space**

Some St. John's landscapers are putting the park back in parking lot, by turning two coveted downtown parking spaces into a temporary community garden.

According to Rachael Fitkowski and Tim Murray, landscape architects with Murray's Landscape and Horticultural Services, the event is part of a worldwide movement called [Park\(ing\) Day](#).

"[It's] definitely to show the importance of green spaces within an urban core," said Fitkowski.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/parking-day-lot-landscapers-1.3766363>

### **VOCM Open Line - Fri, September 16, 2016**

IJ SAMPSON UP FOR SALE AGAIN: Host Preamble - People are pretty angry about the School Board selling IJ Sampson for such a low price a couple of months ago while the new owner is now trying to sell it for ten times the purchase price. Some say we should never sell under the appraised value. People feel like they have been taken for a ride by the developer who claimed they would develop the property for affordable housing. Now we are in a place where we have trouble trusting.

### **CBC 12 Noon News - Fri, September 16, 2016**

CITY SHOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF SALE: The real estate agent trying to sell the former IJ Samson school in St. John's says the city should be more supportive of the sale. ["Jim Burton", Real Estate Agent]

### **VOCM 1pm News - Fri, September 16, 2016**

GALGAY ON SALE OF IJ SAMSON: St. John's city councillor "Jonathan Galgay" has written Auditor General Terry Paddon asking him to review the recent sale of IJ Samson by the English School District.

### **CBC 5pm News - Fri, September 16, 2016**

**IJ SAMPSON OWNER SPEAKS ON PLANNED RESALE OF PROPERTY:** The businessman who bought a former school in St. John's says he is taking a big risk. ["Terrance Penney", Businessman]

**CBC On The Go - Fri, September 16, 2016**

**IJ SAMPSON OWNER EXPLAINS PLANNED SALE OF PROPERTY:** The sale of the old IJ Sampson Junior High building has prompted outrage from a couple of local politicians. One St. John's Councillor, Jonathan Galgay has asked the province's Auditor General to investigate the sale. NDP MHA Gerry Rogers has likened the transaction to a fire sale. The old school had an assessed value of over \$2 million. But, it was sold in June for \$189 thousand. Now the property is back on the market for \$1.8 million. ["Terrance Penney", IJ Sampson Owner]

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**COUNCILLORS WANTS AG TO REVIEW FILE:** Host preamble. St. John's City Councillor Jonathan Galgay is asking the Auditor General to review the handling of the file regarding the sale of the old IJ Sampson property.

**COUNCILLOR GALGAY:** "William" first comments on the trading company being started in Port Union by William Coaker. He is calling to talk about Councillor Galgay. He comments when the budget and taxes came down everyone didn't like the city councillor and in his opinion Councillor Galgay is just trying to make himself look good in front of the people so he can get re-election in the next municipal election. He says people don't have short memories so he may be surprised.



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*LOUIS POWER/THE TELEGRAM* Former St. John’s Mayor Andy Wells is upset with the current council for voting to amend the Freedom of Information bylaw that was passed in 2005.

The former mayor sat in the public chamber Monday evening, fuming as his successor Dennis O’Keefe and the rest of council voted to amend the city’s Freedom of Information bylaw.

Council voted to add “Excepting personnel and legal matters” to the beginning of Section 4.2, which reads: “It shall be a violation of this By-Law for Council to vote for any financial benefit to any Member of Council or any member of Staff at a private meeting.”

A sentence was also added to the bylaw to assert that in the event of a conflict between it and the provincial Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATTIPA), the provincial act would prevail.

In Wells’ words, council “emasculated” the legislation he brought in during his time in office. He said they are using ATTIPA to allow them to violate the city’s bylaw.

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“And a number of occasions over the past few years, they have deliberately broken that bylaw — either deliberately or through ignorance, because I don’t think half of them knew (it) existed,” he said.

Wells gave three examples of times he believes the bylaw was broken: a massive subsidy given to St. John’s Sports and Entertainment, payments to former city manager Neil Martin and increases to salaries of senior bureaucrats.

Wells said the bylaw “was, and still is, if it was properly followed, the best municipal bylaw respecting freedom of information of any municipality in the country. It covers all that is necessary to protect citizens against dishonest and incompetent and corrupt politicians.”

He said nothing he did during his time as mayor mattered more to him.

“Because this is the essence of democracy. The people, the citizens of St. John’s are entitled to know how their money is being spent, and on what, and they’re entitled to have it properly debated in the public chamber. That is the essence of democracy, not the nonsense that O’Keefe and them were talking about tonight.”

No debate

Council passed the motion to amend the bylaw Monday with no debate.

“Nobody defended the fundamental principle of the right to have access. So they’re just a bunch of con artists all around, the whole lot of them,” Wells said.

Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth seemed unperturbed by what Wells said about council.

“Well, on some of the names he’s called me in the past, I would take those as a compliment,” he told media.

“I actually reached out to the former mayor some weeks ago, and he was not willing to have any conversation at that point, and was very clear that he wanted no part in discussing any issue with me.”

He said there were two paragraphs in the original bylaw about releasing personal information that contradicted each other.

“That was a conflict that was written there by — oh, the former mayor — when he created this bylaw originally. So that cleans that part up. But obviously, transparency is really important, and if he’s got any concerns or issues, our city manager certainly corresponded on a regular basis with the former mayor explaining the information to him, but obviously he’s not interested in having a discussion.”

Asked if he’d consider running for office again, Wells wouldn’t say yes or no, instead musing about how “the long run gets awful short” at his age, then complaining about tax increases in the 2016 budget.

Ellsworth, who said his name will be on the ballot again next year, said he wishes him well in his campaign.



“There’s nothing wrong with more debate and discussion, for sure,” he said.

## Capital to get special New Year’s celebrations

St. John’s will celebrate the new year a little differently this time around with some help from the Canada 150 fund. New Year’s Eve celebrations will kick off at The Loop in Bannerman Park for another family skate. The popular event attracted about 2,000 people last year. Later in the evening local acts will perform in a concert in front of City Hall, with a pyrotechnics show at midnight. The popular Quidi Vidi fireworks display will be moved to 8 p.m. on Jan. 1, making it easier for families to get out for them. Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth said it’s a one-time bash. “But there’s nothing stopping a promoter, or any business that wants to come together to do this on an annual basis, and we’ll certainly do our part to work with anyone who’s interested in doing something like that,” he said.

# My heart is full'

## Elinor Gill Ratcliffe given Freedom of the City

Elinor Gill Ratcliffe's face beamed with pride Monday night as St. John's Mayor Dennis O'Keefe presented her with the freedom of the city.



*LOUIS POWER/THE*

*TELEGRAM* Philanthropist Elinor Gill Ratcliffe receives the Freedom of the City Monday night from Mayor Dennis O'Keefe.

The philanthropist stood next to O'Keefe as he read the proclamation Monday.

“In her lifetime career, she has effected great change through her constant efforts to enrich the cultural heritage of her birthplace and the world around her. Her support to the arts, heritage, education, health care, families in need and human rights has made her impact on our city a great one. She is a true philanthropist,” O'Keefe read before going through a long list of her contributions and accomplishments.

Ratcliffe is a recipient of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Order of Canada, an honorary doctorate of law from Memorial University and the Red Cross Humanitarian Award.

She has donated a number of pieces of public art, including “The Spencer Girl” at Rawlins’ Cross, The Rower at Quidi Vidi Lake and the George Street sculpture, ‘Time’, which celebrates the city designation as the Canadian cultural capital. When the Newfoundland Realist Artists

exhibited at city hall, she purchased the bulk of that collection and donated it to the city for display.

After receiving the medallion, an emotional Ratcliffe addressed members of council.

“I walked around our beautiful city today. I walked down Prescott Street, over Duckworth Street, around the Sheraton Hotel, Military Road and through Bannerman Park, and I was thinking as I walked how beautiful it is. How lucky we are to live in such a beautiful space, a beautiful city, and how lucky was I to have been nurtured and to have grown up in this space,” she said.

“And then I was thinking of this evening and this wonderful award, and my heart is full. I cannot tell you how proud I am to receive this medallion, this freedom of the city from my city. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

#### **CBC Central Morning Show - Tue, September 27, 2016**

PLASTIC BAG BAN ON FOGO: St. John's City Councillor Sheilagh O'Leary has suggested a need for a province-wide ban on plastic shopping bags, that is what she said in council last week. Yesterday the Canadian Federation Independent Businesses says a ban is not the way to go. ["Brad Cull", Cull's Foodland] CBG - Central - Central Morning Show @ 07:44:00am Duration: 00:04:30 Reporter: David Newell Ref Id: j5b-6M8-27

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WATER MAIN BREAK: The Signal Hill neighbourhood of St. John's has been hit by another water main break. CBN - St. John's - 7am News @ 07:02:00am Duration: 00:00:30 Reporter: Maggie Gillis Ref Id: w3v-6y5-27

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WARD CHANGES FOR ST. JOHN'S: If you live in St. John's, you could find yourself in a different ward come next year's municipal election. ["Ron Ellsworth", St. John's Deputy Mayor] CBN - St. John's - 7am News @ 07:04:00am Duration: 00:00:50 Reporter: Maggie Gillis Ref Id: J2Y-4b5-27

#### **VOCM Morning News - Tue, September 27, 2016**

NEW WARD BOUNDARIES: St. John's City Council has approved new ward boundaries for the 2017 municipal election. VOCM - St. John's - Morning News @ 07:47:40am Duration: 00:00:25 Reporter: Fred Hutton Ref Id: z4H-5A5-27

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ST. JOHN'S FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BY-LAW: Last night, former Mayor "Andy Wells" attended St. John's City Council's regular meeting as they voted to amend the City's Access to Information by-law. ["Ron Ellsworth", St. John's Deputy Mayor] VOCM - St. John's - Morning Show @ 06:41:20am Duration: 00:05:00 Reporter: Gerri Lynn Mackey Ref Id: g3s-4m5-27

ST. JOHN'S HONOURS PHILANTHROPIST ELEANOR RADCLIFFE: Philanthropist "Eleanor Radcliffe", known for her vision and generosity, has been awarded the Freedom of the City medallion on behalf of St. John's City Council. VOCM - St. John's - Morning Show @

08:29:05am Duration: 00:03:40 Reporter: Gerri Lynn Mackey Ref Id: T2Z-2d2-27

#### **VOCM Open Line - Tue, September 27, 2016**

NO NYE FIREWORKS: Host Preamble - The City of St. John's will not have a fireworks display on New Year's Eve this year. They will hold a Canada 150th birthday celebration instead and the fireworks will be on January 1st. Paddy says one listener has contacted him, completely unhinged about it. VOCM - St. John's - Open Line @ 09:00:40am Duration: 00:00:55 Reporter: Paddy Daly Ref Id: Q7i-3w8-27

16 VOCM/METROBUS FOOD INITIATIVE: "Eg Walters" from the Food Sharing Association is calling to talk about the VOCM Metrobus Food Drive. He says that they hopes that school, companies, and residents help to fill the food bank shelves in the province. He says that people can bring donations to schools or to a Sobey's to drop off a few items. VOCM - St. John's - Open Line @ 10:07:45am Duration: 00:04:00 Reporter: Paddy Daly Ref Id: h7b-8s3-27  
CBC 12 Noon News - Tue, September 27, 2016

CHANGES TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BY-LAW: Former St. John's Mayor "Andy Wells" says the current council is trying to change a by-law he drafted two decades ago so it can conduct more city business in secret. ["Ron Ellsworth", Deputy Mayor of the City of St. John's] CBN - St. John's - 12 Noon News @ 12:00:36pm Duration: 00:01:20 Reporter: Nancy Walsh Ref Id: U6Y-8c9-27

#### **VOCM 1pm News - Tue, September 27, 2016**

NYE FIREWORKS: A change in plans for this year's traditional New Year's Eve celebrations in St. John's. ["Ron Ellsworth", Deputy Mayor] VOCM - St. John's - 1pm News @ 01:01:29pm Duration: 00:01:04 Reporter: John Reynolds Ref Id: J5d-4V9-27

FOOD DRIVE: The 27th Annual Metrobus/VOCM Cares Thanksgiving Food Drive is set to begin for another year. ["Eg Walters", Community Food Sharing Association] VOCM - St. John's - 1pm News @ 01:10:30pm Duration: 00:00:44 Reporter: John Reynolds Ref Id: Y8D-6e2-27

#### **VOCM NL Today - Tue, September 27, 2016**

ST. JOHN'S HONOURS PHILANTHROPIST ELEANOR RADCLIFFE: Philanthropist "Eleanor Radcliffe", known for her vision and generosity, has been awarded the Freedom of the City medallion on behalf of St. John's City Council. VOCM - St. John's - NL Today @ 01:46:00pm Duration: 00:03:40 Reporter: Gerri Lynn Mackey Ref Id: y9G-6I2-27

#### **NTV Mid-Day News - Tue, September 27, 2016**

25 NEW WARD BOUNDARIES: St. John's City Council has approved new ward boundaries that will come in affect before the 2017 municipal election. CJON (NTV) - Mid-Day News @ 12:02:30pm Duration: 00:00:37 Reporter: Toni-Marie Wiseman Ref Id: E7t-3N2-27

#### **VOCM Back Talk - Tue, September 27, 2016**

FIREWORKS: Host preamble. There will be no fireworks on New Year's Eve in St. John's but there will be a laser show and the fireworks will be on New Year's Day. VOCM - St. John's - Back Talk @ 02:12:00pm Duration: 00:01:00 Reporter: Pete Soucy Ref Id: H3c-7c5-27

BLUE ZONE PARKING: An e-mail asking why the blue zone parking spaces aren't painted in St. John's. VOCM - St. John's - Back Talk @ 03:49:00pm Duration: 00:01:00 Reporter: Pete Soucy Ref Id: R4B-9g9-27

#### **CBC On The Go - Tue, September 27, 2016**

ANDY WELLS WEIGHS IN ON CHANGES TO CITY BY-LAW: "Andy Wells" is back at City Hall. He was there yesterday to protest changes to the City's Access to Information Act and Reporters caught up with him outside council chambers. After speaking with him Reporters turned to the current Deputy Mayor "Ron Ellsworth" for comment. CBN - St. John's - On The Go @ 05:41:00pm Duration: 00:09:00 Reporter: Ted Blades Ref Id: K2K-4m2-27

#### **VOCM Evening News - Tue, September 27, 2016**

NYE FIRE WORKS: A change in plans for this year's traditional New Year's Eve celebrations in St. John's. ["Ron Ellsworth", Deputy Mayor] VOCM - St. John's - Evening News @ 05:46:09pm Duration: 00:01:04 Reporter: Lacy O'Connell Ref Id: Z8F-8e9-27

39 FOOD DRIVE: The 27th Annual Metrobus/VOCM Cares Thanksgiving Food Drive is set to begin for another year. ["Eg Walters", Community Food Sharing Association] VOCM - St. John's - Evening News @ 05:47:13pm Duration: 00:00:44 Reporter: Lacy O'Connell Ref Id: C2H-9Q4-27

#### **CBC Here & Now - Tue, September 27, 2016**

ST. JOHN'S CITY COUNCIL VOTES IN FAVOUR OF PLASTIC BAG BAN: St. John's City Council is supporting the move to ban plastic bags. CBNT (CBC TV) - Here & Now @ 06:09:35pm Duration: 00:00:25 Reporter: Debbie Cooper/Jonathan Crowe Ref Id: z2U-9d6-27

NEW WARDS FOR ST. JOHN'S: If you live in St. John's, you could find yourself in another ward come next year's municipal election. CBNT (CBC TV) - Here & Now @ 06:10:00pm Duration: 00:00:25 Reporter: Debbie Cooper/Jonathan Crowe Ref Id: m4j-5P4-27

WATER MAIN BREAK: There is another cleanup happening near the bottom of Signal Hill and, for one resident in the neighbourhood, it's a case of deja vu. CBNT (CBC TV) - Here & Now @ 06:10:25pm Duration: 00:00:25 Reporter: Debbie Cooper/Jonathan Crowe Ref Id: e6B-3c3-27

CHANGES TO ACCESS TO INFORMATION BY-LAW: "Andy Wells" was at St. John's City Hall last night to blast the current crew running the council. CBNT (CBC TV) - Here & Now @ 06:10:50pm Duration: 00:00:55 Reporter: Debbie Cooper/Jonathan Crowe Ref Id: i9A-6z8-27

ANDY WELLS ON ACCESS TO INFO BY-LAWS AND POLITICAL FUTURE: An outspoken former mayor of St. John's is back in the public eye tonight and he's still being outspoken. CBNT (CBC TV) - Here & Now @ 06:29:25pm Duration: 00:04:10 Reporter: Jonathan Crowe Ref Id: g7V-4E7-27

#### **NTV Evening Newshour - Tue, September 27, 2016**

CHANGES TO CITY OF ST. JOHN'S FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAWS: Former St. John's mayor "Andy Wells" says Council has changed the rules so they can make decisions behind closed doors. ["Tom Hann", St. John's City Council; "Dennis O'Keefe", St. John's Mayor] CJON (NTV) - Evening Newshour @ 06:07:00pm Duration: 00:03:10 Reporter: Heather Gillis Ref Id: E3R-5D8-27

NO NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS: There is a big change coming to New Year's Eve celebrations in the city of St. John's this year. ["Ron Ellsworth", Deputy Mayor] CJON (NTV) - Evening Newshour @ 06:27:05pm Duration: 00:01:25 Reporter: Glen Carter/Lynn Burry Ref Id: p3u-7h9-27

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**Fwd: Hockey subsidy**  
**Danny Breen** to: Dennis O'Keefe

2016/10/05 12:50 PM

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Danny Breen

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**Subject:** Hockey subsidy

I am now in possession of the minutes of SJMC2014-09-15/171S. I presume the S refers to a special meeting. In that meeting you referenced and I quote "Council's position in response to their (SJSE) request for an additional \$350,000 for the next two years." Will you please advise me forthwith what Council's position was on this matter. Is there a document? If so I want a copy of same and a copy of the minutes of the Council Special meeting when this matter would have been discussed. I also ask you once again to confirm or deny that you made an announcement that a decision to pay the \$700,000 SUBSIDY WAS MADE BY YOU at or shortly after the date in question and that the justification was an economic study which purported to show the economic value of AHL hockey. If of course you refuse to comply with my request I will go the official route and note your lack of consideration for a legitimate taxpayer request. [REDACTED]



**Fwd: Hockey subsidy**  
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2016/10/06 12:31 PM

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**Subject:** Re: Hockey subsidy

I am asking you once again. What is that you are talking about in the minute of 2014-09-15 wherein it is noted that "Councillor Breen reported that the Board of Directors of SJSE had met and discussed Council's position in response to their request for an additional \$350,000 for the next two years?." What was Council's position? Is there a document? Where are the minutes at which "Council's position " was discussed? On what basis was Council prepared to offer increased subsidy? We are talking about an expenditure of \$700,00 voted at an illegal privileged meeting. I assume only the first 350,000 was transferred. The money went from one public body, Council, to another public body SJSE and yet you as the instigator did not have the decency to inform taxpayers (so you say) that their money was being spent in this cavalier manner without any supporting documentation according to the minutes. I am also requesting the minutes of the SJSE meeting at which Council's position was discussed. This is public money and we are entitled to full public disclosure in this matter which was the very circumstance that my FOI By-Law was passed to address.

**From:** Danny Breen <[DBreen@stjohns.ca](mailto:DBreen@stjohns.ca)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, 5 October, 2016 9:48 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Elaine Henley <[Ehenley@stjohns.ca](mailto:Ehenley@stjohns.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Hockey subsidy

Mr. [REDACTED]:

I note the City Clerk has provided you with the information you requested and also noted that no official announcement was made by myself with regards to this.

I have forwarded your latest email to the City Clerk to ensure you have been provided all the information you are requesting.

Thank you.

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**Re: Memo from Neil Martin - September 2015 re SJSE subsidy** 

**Kevin Breen** to: Linda Bishop  
Cc: Elaine Henley

2016/10/11 09:34 AM

Elaine, I just spoke with Linda. We will release the memo however references in the first paragraph which detail the business/economic relations between the parent and farm clubs should be redacted.

Thanks.

Kevin Breen,  
City Manager  
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(709) 576-8446

Linda Bishop

From: Linda Bishop/CSJ To: Kevin Breen/CSJ@csj

2016/10/06 05:25:24 PM

From: Linda Bishop/CSJ  
To: Kevin Breen/CSJ@csj  
Cc: Elaine Henley/CSJ@csj  
Date: 2016/10/06 05:25 PM  
Subject: Re: Memo from Neil Martin - September 2015 re SJSE subsidy

Should say for Special. Also memo itself does not deal with legal, personnel or intergovernmental. In isolation it is anemone recommending a budgetary expenditure

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On Oct 6, 2016, at 5:04 PM, Kevin Breen <[KBreen@stjohns.ca](mailto:KBreen@stjohns.ca)> wrote:

It was presented at the special meeting.....does it need to say that on the memo? It speaks about the dealings between the ice caps and the winnepeg parent club. That should not be released imo.....

Kevin Breen,  
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Elaine Henley---2016/10/06 01:14:51 PM---From: Elaine Henley/CSJ To: Kevin Breen/CSJ@csj

From: Elaine Henley/CSJ  
To: Kevin Breen/CSJ@csj  
Date: 2016/10/06 01:14 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Memo from Neil Martin - September 2015 re SJSE subsidy

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**Subject: Re: Memo from Neil Martin - September 2015 re SJSE subsidy**

Nothing in this that says it is "privileged and confidential" for for "Special Meeting" . Memo goes out.

Linda S. Bishop, Q.C.  
Senior Legal Counsel  
Legal Department  
City of St. John's  
576-6107

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From: Elaine Henley/CSJ  
To: Linda Bishop/CSJ@CSJ  
Date: 2016/10/06 10:37 AM  
Subject: Memo from Neil Martin - September 2015 re SJSE subsidy

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Hi Linda:

Can you review and advise if we are able to release to [REDACTED]?  
Call me if you are able.

Of course we would redact any/all items that need to be.

Elaine

ELAINE A. HENLEY  
City Clerk  
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## Media Headlines - October 20, 2016

**Kelly Maguire** to: Council\_group, Executives, Directors, Cindy McGrath, Ken O'Brien, Janet Adams, Deborah Cook, Linda Bishop, Janine Piller, Strategy &

2016/10/20 10:15 AM



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### Media Headlines - October 20, 2016

#### TELEGRAM

##### Former mayor says he won't let council off the hook

It's an interesting argument, and one St. John's city council may have to try to dig its way out of.

Former mayor Andy Wells has had a long-running beef with council over the fact that it doesn't seem to know its own bylaws – in particular, its freedom of information bylaw, a piece of legislation drawn up and brought in by Wells.

Wells has already won part of the battle; after he pointed out problems with how the bylaw was being applied, council made a motion to go back and change parts of the law.

Now Wells is taking aim at council over a decision it made in 2014 to give the St. John's IceCaps a two-year, \$700,000 subsidy.

Wells is focusing on a section of the freedom of information bylaw that places specific limits on council's ability to grant benefits to corporations behind closed doors.

Section 5.1 of the bylaw reads: "Corporations seeking tax concessions must be prepared to publicly justify their case; and no discussions of tax concessions shall be permitted at Special Meetings.

"5.2 All Council votes on tax concessions must be preceded by a four week notice to the general public of such vote."

Wells argues that the IceCaps subsidy was approved behind closed doors in a special meeting, and without the required four weeks' notice to the public. Now, whether tax concessions and city subsidies are the same thing might be a subject for discussion and perhaps one for the courts.

And he's pretty firm about what he wants to see,

He wants council to go back and start the process for the subsidy all over again, complete with having the case for it made in public by the IceCaps organization. He also wants any payments not yet made to the IceCaps under the subsidy arrangement to be halted.

"This is the very thing I had in mind when I drafted section 5," he says.

Wells's harsh words, though, are for individual councillors.

"Do the laws apply to them or not? Are councillors subject to their own bylaws? I think they are," Wells says, adding he personally believes the council is guilty of negligence.

"\$700,000 and no serious economic analysis at all."

If council does not revisit the subsidy, Wells is planning a two-pronged attack over the council's actions. On the one hand, he wants to see action taken against individual councillors for breaking city bylaws, a violation that would carry a \$5,000 fine.

He also plans to report to the city's auditors that the city has made improper payments to the IceCaps in violation of city bylaws. The city would be unable, Wells claims, to get a clean audit having made such a large payment in violation of the bylaw, and "that's serious business."

Reopening the subsidy would clear the air.

"If they make it legal, there will be no need to go to the auditor."

It's an interesting case, especially because the original payment was made to have the Winnipeg Jets farm team stay for an additional year. A short memo arguing for the subsidy, obtained by Wells, spells out that the money was to be spent to help, "cover some of the additional costs" involved with having the Winnipeg farm team stay on in St. John's.

That team didn't stay, but the subsidy carried on for the Montreal Canadiens farm team without having the funding discussion go back to council.

Asked about that several months ago, Coun. Dave Lane said in an email to me that, "Basically the justification is that the agreement was made directly with the IceCaps, not the Jets, and the intent was to help ensure a pro hockey team was in the arena."

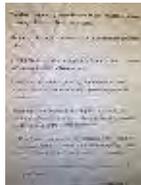
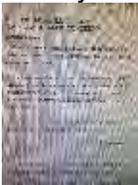
Whatever the intent is or isn't, Andy Wells is pretty firm on one thing: hockey teams and city councils both have to play by the rules.

<http://www.thetelegram.com/Opinion/Columnists/2016-10-20/article-4666911/Russell-Wangersky%3A-Former-mayor-says-he-won%26rsquo%3Bt-let-council-off-the-hook/1>

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### **Up Next for Bill Clarke: Talking Traffic Concerns**

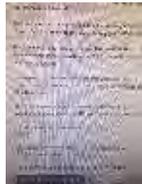
Traffic may be the next issue for developer Bill Clarke's long stalled east end subdivision now that the city has cleared all environmental concerns. *See attached.*



Traffic Concerns- 1.JPG Traffic Concerns- 2.JPG Traffic Concerns- 3.JPG

### **Recycler Ordered to Pay Disposal Firm**

Metal Disposal Company NLL Recycling Limited has been ordered to pay Newfoundland Disposal Systems for a years' worth of work. A Newfoundland and Labrador Supreme Court default order says NLL owes \$174,432. *See attached.*



NLL Recycling- 1.JPG NLL Recycling- 2.JPG

### **CBC- Small fire in downtown St. John's leaves minor damage, no injuries**

A fire in downtown St. John's resulted in minor damage and no injuries early Thursday morning. The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary said it responded to a report of a fire at a home on Colonial Street just after midnight.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/colonial-street-fire-1.3813293>

**Media Headlines -October 19, 2016**

**NTV Mid-Day News - Wed, October 19, 2016**

**COUNCILLOR O'LEARY STANDS WITH PROTESTERS:** St. John's City Councillor "Sheilagh O'Leary" says she stands with the Muskrat Falls protesters.

**TWO STORE CLOSURES ON STAVANGER DRIVE:** Stavanger Drive in St. John's has long been a booming hub of commerce, but over the last few years more and more the big box stores have been closing their doors and moving out. ["Danny Breen", St. John's City Councillor]

**VOCM Evening News - Wed, October 19, 2016**

**SENIORS RESOURCE CENTER OFFICES OPENED:** The new offices of the Seniors Resource Center officially opened their doors in St. John's this morning.



**Re: Council Illegality**  
**Dennis O'Keefe** to: Danny Breen

2016/10/30 07:52 PM

Wow! He rivals Trump! Ignore him! He still doesn't understand there was no subsidy but a renogiated lease!

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 26, 2016, at 5:58 PM, Danny Breen <[DBreen@stjohns.ca](mailto:DBreen@stjohns.ca)> wrote:

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**Subject:** Council Illegality

You can stonewall the issue all you want but it is not going away. The meeting of Sept.15,2014 was illegally constituted and the motion instigated by you was illegal passed. All current members of Council are therefore liable to a fine of \$5000 OR JAIL under Sec.403 of the City of St.John's Act. To avoid prosecution you must follow the provisions of Freedom of Information By-Law (2005), I.e. You must give notice of motion at least 4 weeks in advance of the motion to grant the subsidy of \$700,00,SJSE must make a public case for the subsidy and the taxpayers will have the opportunity to know how you propose to spend their money. The matter is quite simple: Do you and the rest of Council respect the rights of taxpayers or not? So far you have shown no respect. I note you are in deliberations re: the 2017 budget. Taxpayers expect serious reductions.Tokenism will not suffice.

[REDACTED],  
Taxpayer

**FW: BUDGET REVIEW**

to: Jonathan Galgay

2016/11/04 12:10 PM

History:

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When can I expect a reply to this email?.

I have advised your partner in illegality Coun.Breen that a failure by this Council to properly deal with this matter will have political consequences for all members of Council. I strongly recommend that you take me very seriously. I do not give up and I am not a neophyte in these matters. AHW

**From:** [REDACTED]**Date:** Thursday, 27 October, 2016 12:01 PM**To:** Jonathan Galgay <[jgalgay@stjohns.ca](mailto:jgalgay@stjohns.ca)>**Subject:** Re:BUDGET REVIEW

I understand from media reports that under your inspired leadership a review of the unconscionable level of municipal spending which has characterized Council over the past seven years or so is underway. So far you have apparently identified some \$13-20 m. in savings. This is ostensibly impressive but context is important. To assist those of us who are interested in this issue (and we are legion) I am asking that the following information be made immediately available to the taxpayers of the City:

2008 budget with per capita expenditures vs 2016 budget with same

2008 salary costs per employee inclusive of all payroll and any other related costs vs 2016

2008 salary costs (all in) vs 2016 costs per classification for the senior executive group—top ten paid positions

2008 costs as above for Local 569 and Local 1289 vs 2016

The same as above for the supervisory/non-bargining unit group,Fire Dept and Nape

Total payroll burden as per above 2008 vs 2016

Total number of employees 2008 vs 2016

Population of COSJ 2008 VS 2016.

On a related matter of unnecessary tax expenditure by the Council I have already informed Coun.Breen who was the instigator of the motion re: SJSE subsidy that the meeting of Sept. 9/14 was illegally constituted as contrary to the Freedom of Information By-Law 2005. This renders the decision to provide a \$700,000 subsidy for hockey null and void but unless reversed renders members of Council liable to legal action under the COSJ Act Sec403 and if found guilty in a court of law a fine of up \$5000 or jail (my preference). I have asked Coun. Breen to do the honourable thing and give the requisite 4 week notice of motion if he wishes to make this expense legal.

The people are watching and will not be fooled by and legerdemain.

[REDACTED]



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**Danny Breen** to: Dennis O'Keefe

2016/11/04 03:36 PM

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See below

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Jonathan P. Galgay  
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**Date:** Thursday, 27 October, 2016 12:01 PM  
**To:** Jonathan Galgay <[jgalgay@stjohns.ca](mailto:jgalgay@stjohns.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re:BUDGET REVIEW

I understand from media reports that under your inspired leadership a review of the

unconscionable level of municipal spending which has characterized Council over the past seven years or so is underway. So far you have apparently identified some \$13-20 m. in savings. This is ostensibly impressive but context is important. To assist those of us who are interested in this issue (and we are legion) I am asking that the following information be made immediately available to the taxpayers of the City:

2008 budget with per capita expenditures vs 2016 budget with same

2008 salary costs per employee inclusive of all payroll and any other related costs vs 2016

2008 salary costs (all in) vs 2016 costs per classification for the senior executive group—top ten paid positions

2008 costs as above for Local 569 and Local 1289 vs 2016

The same as above for the supervisory/non-bargining unit group, Fire Dept and Nape

Total payroll burden as per above 2008 vs 2016

Total number of employees 2008 vs 2016

Population of COSJ 2008 VS 2016.

On a related matter of unnecessary tax expenditure by the Council I have already informed Coun. Breen who was the instigator of the motion re: SJSE subsidy that the meeting of Sept. 9/14 was illegally constituted as contrary to the Freedom of Information By-Law 2005. This renders the decision to provide a \$700,000 subsidy for hockey null and void but unless reversed renders members of Council liable to legal action under the COSJ Act Sec403 and if found guilty in a court of law a fine of up \$5000 or jail (my preference). I have asked Coun. Breen to do the honourable thing and give the requisite 4 week notice of motion if he wishes to make this expense legal.

The people are watching and will not be fooled by and legerdemain.

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## Media Headlines - November 7, 2016

**Kelly Maguire** to: Council\_group, Executives, Directors, Cindy McGrath, Ken O'Brien, Janet Adams, Deborah Cook, Linda Bishop, Janine Piller, Strategy &

2016/11/07 10:08 AM



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### Media Headlines – November 7, 2016

#### **VOCM Morning News - Mon, November 07, 2016**

ST. JOHN'S CURBSIDE FOOD DRIVE: St. John's Mayor Dennis O'Keefe and Councillor Danny Breen will be on hand this morning at the formal launch of the City's annual Curbside Food Drive

#### **Businesses Lukewarm On Liberals' Proposed Plastic Bag Ban**

The local business community isn't opposed to banning plastic bags but wants government to think of all aspects before adopting such a law.

The Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador passed a non-binding resolution on the weekend urging the Liberal Government to put such a ban in place.

<http://vocm.com/news/local-businesses-lukewarm-on-liberals-proposed-plastic-bag-ban/>

#### **TELEGRAM - \$5-M deficit in city's final 2015 cash budget**

Pension and benefit expenses, taxation revenue had significant variances

The 2015 cash budget for the City of St. John's fell more than \$5 million short of being balanced, the actual results show.

St. John's City Council will hear at this week's council meeting that the city did not balance its budget in 2015, but actually turned out to have a deficit of more than \$5 million.

The numbers were reported and adopted at Thursday's Finance and Administration Committee meeting.

"In accordance with legislation, the city's budget for 2015 was balanced, meaning no surplus or deficit was projected," reads a report to be tabled at today's council meeting. "The final results for 2015 show a deficit of \$5,096,185.

"While this might appear high it is 1.79% of the city's total budget of \$291M. In addition, there are a few key items which led to the deficit."

One of the main contributing factors to the deficit was a \$3.8-million variance in pension and benefit expenses. The report says that can be largely attributed to early retirement packages that were offered in December that year.

"It must be remembered this has resulted in permanent savings in the operating budget of approximately \$3.3M per year," the report states.

Other expenditure items over budget include fiscal services (\$1.1 million); employee fringe benefits (\$1.24 million); and mechanical expenditures (fleet).

Some expenditures were under budget, too, including the Petty Harbour Long Pond water treatment facility, which didn't begin operating on time (\$1.6 million); the regional water system at Bay Bulls Big

Pond (\$1.9 million); and fiscal services (\$1.1 million). Revenue variances On the revenue side, the item that contributed most to the deficit was Government of Canada grants in lieu of taxes (under budget by \$2.6 million). According to the report, that was tied to the loss of revenue on special purpose properties.

Another significant item was taxation revenue, which the committee says was under budget by \$1.24 million. In particular, accommodation tax revenues were \$825,000 below budget.

“This is offset by a reduction in expenditures, so this has a net zero impact on the city’s budget,” the report states.

Taxes on commercial real estate also fell short by \$450,000; the report suggests that would have been about \$2.4 million higher, “except for the loss of revenue on special purpose properties.”

Water taxes came up \$495,000 under budget.

Other revenue items that fell short were environmental health, construction permits and transfers to reserves.

A few revenue items came in over budget, too: interest on tax arrears (\$755,000); other grants (\$497,000); and assessments (\$821,000).

The report says excluding these variances, the deficit would have been much smaller at \$1.26 million.

“Had the city not lost its appeal regarding special purpose properties, there would have in fact been a surplus for the year,” the report reads.

“The deficit for the year will be covered with surplus from the previous year’s operations. There is no impact on program review or future operating budgets.”

### **Telegram - CHEERS AND JEERS**

Jeers: to seasonal affective garbage can disorder. Every year as winter approaches, the City of St. John’s — for some inexplicable reason — decides to remove garbage cans from city parks. In the east end, for example, the three waste containers in Conway Glen Park have been reduced to one. For conscientious dog-walkers who pick up after their pooches, that’s a major inconvenience in a park that size. A word to the folks at city hall: doggiedoo isn’t seasonal. Nor is litter. Bring back those trash cans!

### **Media Headlines – November 6, 2016**

#### **NTV Evening Newshour - Sun, November 06, 2016**

CITY HAS DEFICIT: The city of St. John's had it financial statements for 2015 audited.]

#### **VOCM - Recycling Slump In St. John’s**

The number of people who recycle in St. John's isn't where the city would like to see the numbers, but the product being placed at curbside has a low rate of spoilage.

What that means is that people who do recycle are doing a good job of preparation of the materials so that they are acceptable for recycling.

Public Works Chair Danny Breen says most people should be going through about two or three bags of regular garbage a week.

<http://vocm.com/news/recycling-slump-in-st-johns/>

### **Media Headlines – November 5, 2016**

## **TELEGRAM - Better bike paths can be built**

It's time for the City of St. John's to get serious about cycling and become proactive. Being a capital city, it has an obligation; and with tremendous opportunities to take advantage of, it bedevils me that only token attention is given to this issue as per recent media articles and my own personal contacts with city hall.

With so many cross-city walking trails and low-traffic streets connecting so many popular spaces in St. John's and the surrounding area, why are so few of those open to cyclists? It would be great to go from one place to another by bike and take in some activities along the way. I looked on Google Maps to find a route to ride and I found several cross-city routes that showed some promise, albeit these were not for everyone — rough paths, trails, busy wide streets, private and public parking lots, utility easements, sidewalks, steep steps, parks, playgrounds, sports fields — a real mix of riding environments. Nonetheless, I was intent on making a good ride of it.

While riding through the Wishingwell Park area, an idea came to me: the new Farmer's Market is to be built at the old Metrobus depot and will sit very conveniently in a large green area — the Wishingwell Park/Taxation Centre block; this is accessible from all directions and easily connects to existing trails and low-traffic roads. Being centrally located it is within easy reach for serious cyclists of other public spaces such as the university, Pippy Park, Avalon Mall, Mundy Pond, the Village mall, the Rooms and Lions Park. As well, the relatively level ground and types of development within this block would make it easy to construct new local bicycling paths (meandering between and around existing sports fields and buildings). Multipurpose accessible trails for seniors, kids and parents on bikes, dog walkers and others could so easily be incorporated into the existing landscape here to create an attractive and functional adjunct to the Farmer's Market. A centre-city bicycling park/hub/training area blending with a local market and existing infrastructure is worth considering. This or something similar could trigger a restart of the city's cycling plan.

My leisurely three-hour ride was enjoyable: from the Ches Penney Family Y to the Mews Centre, through Pippy Park Campground to Long Pond/MUN, then on to the paved bike path along Prince Philip Drive to Mundy Pond; and then back from the Swilers Rugby Field/Wishingwell Park sports fields past the Rabbittown Community Centre into Kelly's Brook/ Lions Park/Curling Club to St. Pat's Ball Park/Riverdale Tennis Court; then I tackled the uphill pedal along the Rennie's River Trail to Pius X church and onto Confederation Building/Kent's Pond and home. The return portion of my ride was actually along sections of the popular Grand Concourse — the Mundy Pond to Riverdale Walk.

Although my newfound route was enjoyable, I encountered, to my disbelief, "No bicycling" signs on some trail sections. And as expected, some surfaces were difficult to ride due to loose gravel or rough grass/potholes and other challenges, but it was still OK. I did not see any "Seniors' only bicycling" signs if there is a concern about speeding. Great though to see joggers, walkers, people and dogs, workers taking a break, and other cyclists along the way, all respecting each other's space and enjoying a good time together. People mixing with people and enjoying what they do — it's called community.

If municipal leaders would only seek they will find a way.

John Leonard St. John's

## **Only in Newfoundland**

I was born in St. John's, raised on Torbay Road, went to school here and have never worked anywhere

else but in the city.

So I speak with a degree of insight into the Newfoundland psyche. And we are — from a sports viewpoint, or more to the point, from a professional hockey and St. John's perspective — a petty, petulant group of people living in a backwater.

Not all of us. But there are many.

The ink was barely dry on Brendan McCarthy's column Wednesday, on why the St. John's IceCaps have drawn miserably through the early going this season, when the online comments started rolling in.

And somehow, in some way, Danny Williams and the endless Muskrat Falls saga were drawn into the conversation.

I'm not here to prop up Williams. He's capable of standing up for himself. And the truth is I've likely ticked him off as much as anyone over the years in various commentaries.

But can somebody please inform me in what other instance did fans' displeasure — real or perceived — towards an owner (Williams leases the IceCaps) impact ticket sales? Other than in Newfoundland? It didn't happen in Toronto with Harold Ballard. Nor Edmonton with Peter Pocklington, or New York with the tyrannical George Steinbrenner. Nor did it occur in Oakland back in the day with the mercurial A's owner Charlie Finlay.

We acknowledge there's a huge difference between Major League Baseball, the NHL and the American Hockey League, but I trust you see the point.

Here in St. John's, however, Williams' decisions during his term in political office, coupled with his wealth, is somehow tied to a hockey team and used as rationale for a boycott.

Much has been made of the "subsidy" the city has given the IceCaps, which the team's chief operating officer, Glenn Stanford, insists is rather a renegotiation of building rent.

Call it what you like, but perhaps people forget there's always been some kind of subsidy with the city and Mile One, and Memorial Stadium prior to that.

I have neither the time nor patience to conduct an exhaustive study of building rent and major tenants in cities across the country, but suffice it to say, comparable agreements — based on history — work in Halifax, Moncton and Saint John, Sherbrooke and Shawinigan, Oshawa, Peterborough and London, Brandon, Red Deer and Saskatoon, Kelowna and Kamloops and all points in between.

But here in St. John's, in Newfoundland, we decry any hint of a correlation between hockey and the city-owned arena, conveniently forgetting the hockey team is its primary tenant and up until last season routinely drew upwards of 5,000 people or more on a nightly basis. A minimum 38 times a year. So ignore the IceCaps if you choose. Hockey's not everyone's bag. You can pine for the days of senior hockey, straight blades and St. Bon's if you're so inclined.

But enough of the ridiculously feeble and inane attempts to draw some kind of parallel between hockey and Muskrat Falls, and the vague suggestions Mile One Centre would be better served without a hockey team as its main tenant.

You know what they say, only in Newfoundland ...

### **Temperance Street condo company loses bankruptcy appeal**

A company linked to a failed plan to build condos on Temperance Street in downtown St. John's has lost its appeal of a previous Supreme Court order that pushed it into bankruptcy.

On Friday, the Newfoundland and Labrador Supreme Court of Appeal ruled against Project Management and Development Ltd. (PMDL).

"PMDL has failed to establish that the applications judge erred in granting the declaration of bankruptcy," Justice Charles White wrote in the unanimous Court of Appeal decision.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/temperance-street-condo-company-pmdl-loses-appeal-1.3838296>

### **Media Headlines – November 4, 2016**

#### **VOCM Open Line - Fri, November 04, 2016**

TURKISH CELEBRATIONS: Host Preamble - How and why are the City of St. John's and the Province falling all over themselves to congratulate the Turkish Republic on commemorations? Talk about a country in absolute turmoil. It may not be a direct support for the dictatorship in Turkey, but it seems very odd we celebrate a country that is doing the terrible things that one is.

#### **VOCM NL Today - Fri, November 04, 2016**

SIGNIFICANT GIFT TO CITY: The Presentation Sisters have given St. Patrick's Convent to the City of St. John's to develop supportive housing for seniors ["Jonathan Galgay", Councillor]

#### **NTV Mid-Day News - Fri, November 04, 2016**

CONVENT TO BE CONVERTED INTO AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SENIORS: A historic convent steeped in the history of the Catholic Church has been gifted to City Hall. ["Sister Betty Rae Lee", Presentation Sister; "Sister Patricia Whittle", Presentation Sister; "Jonathan Galgay", St. John's City Councillor]



**Re: CD#S2014-09-15/2 - Subsidy - St. John's Sports and Entertainment Authority**

**Derek G Coffey** to: Elaine Henley  
Cc: Kevin Breen, Danny Breen

2016/11/07 11:50 AM

The city never issued a payment to the above group and will not be. This was a Lease agreement item with SJSEL.

Derek

Sent from my iPad

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**Derek G Coffey** to: Elaine Henley  
Cc: Danny Breen, Kevin Breen

2016/11/07 12:07 PM

Yes

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 7, 2016, at 11:54 AM, Elaine Henley <[Ehenley@stjohns.ca](mailto:Ehenley@stjohns.ca)> wrote:

For clarification, the City agreed to reduce the lease by 700,000 over a two year period... is that correct?

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**2017-19 Budget Subsidy Request**  
**Fred Cram** to: Derek G Coffey  
Cc: Sheena McCrate

2016/11/07 02:30 PM

Hi Derek,

The budget has been completed and the subsidy request from the City of St. John's is \$1.99 million in 2017; \$2.17 million in 2018 & \$2.16 million in 2019.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Once you get a chance I'd like to discuss next steps with you.

Thanks,

*Fred Cram, CPA, CMA*

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**RE: 2016 Cash deficit**  
**Fred Cram** to: Derek G Coffey

2016/11/09 02:47 PM

History:

This message has been replied to.

Hi there,

The projection is a subsidy of \$1.82 million compared to the budgeted [REDACTED]

Please note that this excludes the \$300K of capital funding from the TML and the \$500 that is provided for the capital reserve.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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**From:** Derek G Coffey [mailto:DCoffey@stjohns.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 09, 2016 1:11 PM  
**To:** Fred Cram  
**Subject:** 2016 Cash deficit

Fred,

what's the number you are projecting for this year?

Thanks

Derek

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2016/11/10 07:59 AM

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**Sheena McCrate** | CEO

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**Sent:** November-09-16 11:20 AM

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2016/11/10 09:15 AM

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My 2pm just cancelled. But I have someone else who wants to meet me with this afternoon.

Derek, can you let us know when it best for you this PM and I'll block a half hour in my calendar.  
Merci.

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**From:** Fred Cram  
**Sent:** November-10-16 8:08 AM  
**To:** Derek G Coffey; Sheena McCrate  
**Subject:** RE: Budget presentation

Sounds good, Sheena's calendar is pretty full from the looks of it. There's a 1:30 to 2 open. Does that work?

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**Re: Council Statement**

**Art Puddister** to: Jonathan Galgay

2016/12/06 05:46 PM

Cc: Kevin Breen, Council\_group, Susan Bonnell, Kelly Maguire,  
Executives

Kevin,

In response to your statement to the media, I can recall one item in particular that was decided on in a private meeting that was not legal intergovernmental affairs or personnel, and that was the increase to SJSE to increase the subsidy by 700,000 so that they could lower the rent to the Icecaps.

In that meeting I voted for it however asked to have it brought to the chamber for ratification but was refused. The mayor said it should go to finance for budget discussions. This was clearly a financial matter and council broke its own rules.

As you recall I released the memo to the CBC and I stand by my decision.

I cannot support the statement that council has always adhered to decisions only being made on legal personnel and intergovernmental affairs.

Best regards,

Art Puddister

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 6, 2016, at 5:31 PM, Jonathan Galgay <[jgalgay@stjohns.ca](mailto:jgalgay@stjohns.ca)> wrote:

Very well done.

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Jonathan P. Galgay  
Councillor, Ward 2  
City of St. John's  
[\(709\) 576 7144](tel:7095767144)

On Dec 6, 2016, at 4:59 PM, Kevin Breen <[KBreen@stjohns.ca](mailto:KBreen@stjohns.ca)> wrote:

Just a heads up. This is a Council statement that we have drafted in response to recent criticism of our spending and transparency.....This will go out from the Mayor on behalf of Council tomorrow morning. Any questions let me know.

Thanks.

*(See attached file: CS\_Budget Process \_2016\_12\_06.docx)*

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## Media Headlines - March 14, 2017

**Kelly Maguire** to: Council\_group, Executives, Directors, Cindy McGrath, Ken O'Brien, Janet Adams, Linda Bishop, Janine Piller, Stephen Fagan, Thea

2017/03/14 11:36 AM



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#### **OVERCAST – St. John's Spent \$333,000 on Road Salt, Because It Had To**

In the back of the Agenda for March 6th's council meeting, there is a section entitled "Payment Vouchers For The Week Ending March 1, 2017," and in it there's a figure: "ROAD SALT: \$332, 695.15." That figure and this article's headline isn't a complaint: council is just making sure we don't slide off the roads — or the occasionally plowed sidewalks — into harm's way. If they didn't spend so much money on road salt, we'd damn well blast them for it.

It is a surprising figure, but according to Environment Canada, Canadians spread between 2 – 4 million tonnes of salt across its icy winter wonderland every year. And there is a cost beyond the obvious financial investment in road salt: it ruins more than your dog's paws and your favourite boots. The stuff erodes roads, cars, and the environment itself.

<https://theovercast.ca/st-johns-spent-333000-on-road-salt-because-it-had-to/>

#### **Who you gonna call?**

Newfoundland Power and RNC explain best course of action for reporting issues during major weather events

The Telegram (St. John's)

14 Mar 2017

BY KENN OLIVER koliver@thetelegram.com Twitter: kennoliver79

Even with a beefed-up call centre following Darknl in the winter of 2014, the sheer volume of calls — an estimated 20,000 since Saturday — made it difficult for some customers to get through to Newfoundland Power.

During the height of Saturday's storm, an estimated 70,000 residents in Eastern parts of the province were without power.

As a result, Newfoundland Power was understandably flooded with calls from customers reporting outages and downed power lines, and seeking information about power restoration efforts.

But even with a beefed-up call centre following Darknl in the winter of 2014, the sheer volume of calls — an estimated 20,000 since Saturday — made it difficult for some customers to get through. "There were some periods of time when customers may have had a little trouble getting through to us, but we asked for their patience and they would get through to us in due time," Michelle Coughlan, the company's manager of public affairs told the Telegram on Monday.

"Our contact centre was fully staffed right from the time the storm hit when we began to see outages

around midday Saturday and we will remain open until all our customers are restored.”

Coughlan says Newfoundland Power’s 1-800 number automated information service can handle up to 2,000 calls at a time from customers looking for information on outages, and if the information is not available through that method there are 90 direct lines to the contact centre.

On Saturday, 40 customer service representatives were on hand to serve those lines with a reduced staff overnight as call volume dropped.

Coughlan notes that the phone is just one method by which the company and its customers can communicate. They can also do so via social media channels and through the company’s website. As of Tuesday evening, the website has received nearly 340,000 hits, nearly 80 per cent of which were made through mobile devices.

And in the event of emergency situations, such a downed power line or live wires on the ground, Coughlan says customers can contact 911 and the information is be relayed to the Newfoundland Power.

“We’d certainly encourage them to call us first, but if they can’t reach us for one reason or another, they can reach out to 911 and they’ll get the information to us as well.”

Royal Newfoundland Constabular spokesperson Cst. Daniel Morrissey says over a 36hour period during the windstorm roughly 750 calls came into the RNC’S general number.

“Based on this call volume some callers were placed on hold and hung up prior to speaking with an RNC call taker. We do not know if any of those callers who hung up subsequently called 911 in an attempt to have their call answered sooner,” he says.

That said, Morrissey suggests it’s important for people to understand that 911 should only be called in situations where police presence is immediately required and never as a substitute for the RNC general line. In the case of the windstorm, 911 should only have been used in circumstances in which there was an imminent concern for safety and not, for example, for every traffic light issue.

“If a traffic light is loose and dangling, that would be a city call, if it’s hanging from an electrical wire that would be a 911 call,” Morrissey explains. “You’ve got to use common sense in terms of 911. If there’s a situation where someone could actually be hurt and it requires response ASAP, then 911 is fine.” A representative from the 911 Operations Centre could not be reached for comment.

### **Red light, yellow light, no light**

Slow but steady move toward full recovery after windstorm

The Telegram (St. John’s)

14 Mar 2017

BY ASHLEY FITZPATRICK

JOE GIBBONS/THE TELEGRAM

Damage was still evident Monday after the weekend’s major windstorm that saw gusts sustained at almost 158 km/h on Saturday afternoon. Above, Hillshire Manor on Patrick Street still had some major cleanup needed Monday afternoon. Around the metro region, workers scrambled to fix traffic lights, a task that will take weeks, city officials say.

Power to Matty Rose's place returned at about 3 p.m. on Monday. He had been without electricity at his home in downtown St. John's since about 9 p.m. on Saturday.

The Avalon Peninsula was struck by the worst winds seen in 40 years, leaving about 70,000 customers (homes and businesses) without power. Some were still without, as of Monday night.

"I spoke to (Newfoundland Power) eight times to have eight different answers given," said a frustrated Rose, shortly before his power was restored.

He said he was relieved to get power, but believed his area could have been dealt with sooner, or given a clearer idea of the possible restoration time.

Newfoundland Power crews began their repairs even before the weekend storm was over, starting with obvious issues, including 15 broken power poles and trees blown down onto lines.

Wind speeds limited the overhead line work into Sunday, but there were also some less-obvious problems, requiring house-to-house calls by road crews.

By late Monday afternoon, the utility was reporting about 3,600 customers without power. Of those, about 1,600 were in the Burin area, fed by a line owned by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and under repair (restoration for customers was expected by about 10 p.m.); another 1,000 or so customers were outside of St. John's and surrounding area, with an estimated half in cabin areas; and the final 1,000 or so customers were in and around St. John's.

Crews were set to work through the night, with the vast majority back online by the morning.

City estimates \$150,000 damage

Chair of the city's public works committee, Danny Breen said the latest estimate is the storm has caused about \$150,000 in damage, largely due to sustained high winds.

Traffic lights have been a priority in the response, with 95 intersections affected by damaged lights, flashing lights and

Province in touch with municipalities

Beyond the city, Premier Dwight Ball told reporters the priority has been on getting power restored, and so far N.L. Hydro hasn't asked for any provincial assistance.

Eddie Joyce, minister responsible for Fire and Emergency Services said that in the thick of things on Saturday, there was a big effort by the government to stay in touch with municipalities.

"We called the mayors and said, 'look, do you need anything?' And they said, 'no, we're fine right now,'" he said.

Joyce said that as far as the government can tell, most damage reported has been to private property, and that should be covered by insurance.

The Brier blackout

Ball said when Mile One lost power during the Brier on Saturday the government was aware of it, but it didn't specifically push to get it back on the grid.

"We knew there were a lot of people there, and the Brier was a big event that was in the city, but they weren't carved out as anything special in any way," he said.

Power was returned, allowing the event to be completed as planned.

The CEO of St. John's Sports and Entertainment, Sheena Mccrate, said late Monday afternoon the organization was still gathering information on the extent of damage to the Convention Centre across from Mile One. She said she might be able to offer more later in the week.

## **Be ready**

The Telegram (St. John's)

14 Mar 2017

Monday morning, and St. John's streets were strewn with remnants of Saturday's windstorm with winds stronger than a hurricane. The crusted snow was dotted with shingles, shards of yellow traffic lights, tree branches, shattered siding and tufts of insulation.

Wires came down, trees broke off, car windows exploded. All of that, while, often, the sun shone and clouds shot by.

At the height of the wind storm, Newfoundland and Labrador's premier offered a teaching moment, saying that Fire and Emergency Services Newfoundland and Labrador, "is reminding municipalities to review their emergency management plans."

That might not have been the best time for a teaching moment, but perhaps this is.

All of the Atlantic provinces have had their share of violent weather in the past fall and winter. Think of the Thanksgiving Day flooding in Cape Breton, along with high winds that at one point left 175,000 without electrical power in Nova Scotia, the successive storms that have battered that province, along with P.E.I. (four winter storms in a mere eight days), and the January ice storm that left New Brunswick with the secondworst power failures in its history. At one point, more than 130,000 NB Power customers were without power, literally one out of every three of that province's electrical consumers —the worst winter power failure in that province.

The weather numbers are startling: in Sydney, N.S., the Oct. 12, 2016 storm brought 225 millimetres of rain, breaking the one-day rainfall record of 128.8 mm. In St. John's, Saturday saw wind gusts topping 158 kilometres an hour, stronger than those felt in the city during hurricane Igor, and in parts of the province gusts reached 180 km/h. More than 70,000 lost power, with people in some rural parts of the province still without it well into Monday.

Back to that teaching moment: while power companies and emergency services do their part to keep people safe during storms, we all have a role to play.

First and foremost, stay out of the way. If you are safe where you are, stay there. Don't add to the problems by trying to head out to the mall. Hunker down. And be ready: the Canadian Red Cross and government agencies say you should be prepared to be on your own for up to 72 hours during a major emergency — that means water, food, emergency medical supplies and prescription medications.

Advice on emergency preparedness can be found here <http://bit.ly/1lotfxo>. Keep in mind, you may have to plan for sources of heat as well.

Be aware of the risks, like the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning from improperly vented generators or heating appliances.

Seventy-two hours — three full days. Many of us have already learned the hard way that we aren't ready. Let's change that.

### **CBC - Could roundabouts have prevented this week's traffic nightmare in St. John's?**

A retired driving instructor thinks it's time that metro St. John's region starts looking at alternatives to intersections with traffic lights.

When he first saw the roundabout being built in Paradise, Barry Whalen wasn't convinced the idea would work.

Now, after a weekend [wind storm that knocked out traffic light service](#) in more than 70 intersections around St. John's, and after seeing the success of the one in Paradise, Whalen has changed his tune.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/roundabouts-broken-traffic-lights-1.4023804>

### **VOCM - Patrick Street Parking Study Approved**

Residents on Patrick Street in St. John's could see changes to the parking rules as the city is going to do a parking study for the area.

Councillor Johnathan Galgay asked for the study last night as residents are concerned about current practices. Two months ago, the City brought in two-hour parking on one side of Patrick Street, which Galgay supported, however not everyone is happy with that situation.

<http://vocm.com/news/patrick-street-parking-study-approved/>

### **VOCM - St. John's Deputy Mayor Calling For Background Checks For Cab Drivers**

St. John's Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth is trying to rally support for a province-wide class of licence that would require cab drivers to undergo background checks.

It's part of an effort by the capital city to have the provincial government make changes that would make taxis safer for the general public.

<http://vocm.com/news/st-johns-deputy-mayor-calling-for-background-checks-for-cab-drivers/>

### **VOCM - St. John's, Province Look At Slum Crackdown**

The City of St. John's is working with the provincial government in an effort to reduce the number of substandard properties.

Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth says the city is working closely with several government departments. Some of the issues discovered are life-safety related like holes in walls, water penetration, exposed electrical outlets, and lack of handrails on a staircase. Ellsworth says the city has a formal agreement with the NL Housing Corporation allowing them to inspect all units receiving a rent supplement from the department.

<http://vocm.com/news/st-johns-province-look-at-slum-crackdown/>

### **CBC - Ticket sales, excitement through the roof for Brier in St. John's**

After a heroic showing from the hometown team and more than 122,000 tickets sold at the Tim Hortons Brier, Curling Canada is singing praise for the City of St. John's.

From start to finish, and long before the winning bid was even announced, there was a buzz surrounding the Brier in Newfoundland and Labrador's capital city, said Al Cameron, communications director for the national body.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/ticket-sales-high-for-brier-1.4021853>

**CBC East Coast Morning Show - Tue, March 14, 2017**

TRAFFIC LIGHT ISSUES: This weekend's hurricane-force winds certainly whipped up a lot of damage and in addition to The Brier blackout, Saturday's storm also downed dozens of traffic lights. 27 intersections in St. John's were still without functioning lights yesterday and nearly 70 more still in need of repair. ["Danny Breen", Councillor; "Barry Whelan", Retired Driving Instructions]]

#### **CBC 7am News - Tue, March 14, 2017**

FOUR-WAY STOPS AT SEVERAL INTERSECTIONS: It could be another trying day for drivers in the St. John's area. ["Danny Breen", St. John's City Councillor]

#### **CBC 8am News - Tue, March 14, 2017**

LIMITED TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN CITY OF ST. JOHN'S: Many commuters in the St. John's area will be facing intersections with limited traffic lights again this morning. ["Danny Breen", Public Works Chair for City of St. John's]

#### **VOCM Morning News - Tue, March 14, 2017**

CITY OF ST. JOHN'S UNDER FIRE OVER WARMING CENTRE OPENING: The City of St John's came under fire on the weekend for not opening up public warming centres during peak winds on Saturday evening, opting to instead wait until Sunday morning at 8:00. ["Kevin Breen", St. John's City Manager]

EFFORT TO REDUCE SUBSTANDARD NL HOUSING: The City of St. John's is working with the provincial government in an effort to reduce the number of substandard properties. ["Ron Ellsworth", St. John's Deputy Mayor]

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EFFORT TO ERADICATE SUBSTANDARD HOUSING PROPERTIES IN ST. JOHN'S: The City of St. John's is working with the Provincial Government in an effort to eradicate substandard properties around St. John's. ["Ron Ellsworth", St. John's Deputy Mayor]

### **Media Headlines – March 13, 2017**

#### **Wild winds**

Cities, province cite more than 70 intersections in St. John's area affected by high winds

The Telegram (St. John's)

13 Mar 2017

Power crews, residents cleaning up after storm

The damage to traffic lights in the metro area was so great during this weekend's high winds that the provincial government, the City of St. John's and the City of Mount Pearl have come up with a plan to stagger opening hours to avoid traffic snarls during rush hour.

Dozens of intersections are not functioning after the weekend's high winds busted up a lot of infrastructure around the capital city.

Municipal offices in St. John's, which would normally open at 9 a.m., will open at 9:30 a.m.

Mount Pearl City Hall will open at 9:30 a.m. instead of 8 a.m., and other municipal services in Mount Pearl will open at regular hours.

Provincial government offices throughout the St. John's and Mount Pearl area will open at 10 a.m.

Schools will open at regular times.

"The provincial government is asking all residents to be cautious and patient during tomorrow's commute, obey traffic laws and treat all intersections that do not have functioning traffic lights as a four-way-stop," a release from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment states.

St. John's Coun. Danny Breen said city crews were out since early morning to address the damage, starting by removing hanging traffic lights that posed a danger.

"The replacement process began late Sunday afternoon but with more than 70 intersections impacted, this process will take some time," Breen wrote on Facebook.

He said more than 140 signals had been damaged during the storm, and while some can be fixed, others will need to be replaced.

On Twitter, he said 142 traffic lights are needed for 72 intersections and has 40 on hand. More are being ordered.

"City staff have identified a list of high priority intersections and have been in communications with the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary for support, especially during the commute periods," he wrote.

Breen asked the public to be extremely cautious, especially in school zones as crossing lights could be out of order.

### **Brier attendance cracks Top 20 all-time**

The Telegram (St. John's)

13 Mar 2017

Attendance for the 2017 Tim Hortons Brier in St. John's made it to the Top 20 in the alltime history of the Canadian men's curling championship even though Mile One Centre was one of the smallest venues to host the event in recent times.

Final attendance was just under 123,000 over the nine days and 22 draws of the event. That made for an average of about 5,580 per draw.

There were two sellouts of 6,261— Thursday nights' round-robin draw highlighted by the match between Newfoundland and Labrador and defending champion Team Canada, Friday night's Page Playoff 1-2 game between Newfoundland and Labrador — and one over-capacity match — Sunday night's championship final, a rematch between Brad Gushue's Newfoundland rink and the defending champs skipped by Kevin Koe that came in at 6,471.

Overall attendance in St. John's was 20th most all-time and nearly 8,000 more than last year's event at the 8,200-seat TD Place in Ottawa (Civic Centre). It was more than 15,000 greater than the 2010 event at 10,500-seat Halifax Metro Centre, the last time the Brier was held in Atlantic Canada.

The all-time record for attendance at a single Brier is 281,985 at Rexall Place (16,700 capacity) in

Edmonton in 2005.

### **Canoe.com- 'Siding was blown off their houses'; Assessing damaging after N.L. windstorm**

ST. JOHN'S, N.L. — Residents in Newfoundland and Labrador spent Sunday taking stock of the damage caused by a fearsome windstorm that roared through the province a day earlier.

<http://cnews.canoe.com/CNEWS/Canada/2017/03/12/22710113.html>

### **CBC - Watch out below! Taxi driver escapes falling traffic light**

The obstacles are usually on the road for a taxi driver. But one St. John's cabbie narrowly escaped something falling from above during Saturday's hurricane-force winds.

Joe White was driving his Jiffy Cab towards the intersection of Freshwater Road and Adams Avenue when he noticed a traffic light dangling dangerously.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/stjohns-taxi-driver-escapes-falling-traffic-light-1.4022798>

### **CBC - St. John's still working on traffic lights after collision-free morning commute**

People driving in St. John's are still facing dozens of damaged or destroyed traffic lights, [after hurricane-force winds struck the city over the weekend](#).

There are 27 intersections inside the city without functioning lights, Counc. Danny Breen said Monday afternoon, and another 68 that are working but are not in ideal condition.

City crews are working to repair the lights which can be salvaged, and are dipping into the reserve of replacement equipment the city has on hand. Before the weekend, there were about 40 spare traffic lights, according to Breen, and more replacements are on order.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/march-13-traffic-lights-commute-1.4022145>

### **VOCM - Wind Damage Estimates Reach \$150,000 In Capital City**

Chair of the Public Works Committee with the City of St. John's, Danny Breen, is providing an update on the impact of the weekend storm.

Breen says damages caused by the high winds add up to approximately \$150,000. He says there are 147 signalized intersections in St. John's and the storm impacted 95 of them.

Of the 95, three are still without power, 24 are flashing and 68 are functioning but not at 100 per cent. Breen used the example of one traffic light still in place where there is normally two.

<http://vocm.com/news/wind-damage-estimates-reach-150000-in-capital-city/>

### **VOCM - RNC Assisting Traffic Flow Through Evening Commute**

Though this weekend's storm wreaked havoc on buildings and infrastructure in the province the RNC are reporting the storm avoided hurting the public.

RNC Constable Daniel Morrissey says residents were lucky.

He says the RNC did not respond to any calls involving serious injuries sustained during the storm.

<http://vocm.com/news/rnc-assisting-traffic-flow-through-evening-commute/>

### **VOCM - Storm-Damaged Traffic Lights Making For Rough Commute**

It's slow-going through metro today. A total of 142 traffic signals were damaged this weekend in 72 intersections across the city.

The City says crews have been out making repairs since 5:30 Sunday morning, first removing

precariously hanging signals, with the replacement and repair effort beginning late yesterday afternoon. While some signals have been repaired, a number of them will need to be replaced outright, and the City advises motorists to use caution.

<http://vocm.com/news/storm-damaged-traffic-lights-making-for-rough-commute/>

#### **VOCM - Metro Area Water Conservation Order Lifted**

A water conservation order in metro has now been lifted. It was imposed because of a problem with the power supply into the Bay Bulls-Big Pond treatment plant.

Residents of St. John's, Mount Pearl, Paradise, Conception Bay South and Portugal-Cove-St. Philips were being asked to do their part and help by conserving water, however levels at the reservoir have now been restored.

<http://vocm.com/news/water-conservation-order-in-effect-for-metro-region/>

#### **CBC East Coast Morning Show - Mon, March 13, 2017**

WATER CONSERVATION ORDER: Councillor "Danny Breen" talks about the storm aftermath and the water conservation order.

#### **CBC 8am News - Mon, March 13, 2017**

STORM AFTERMATH: Many are still cleaning up damage caused by the ferocious windstorm that roared through the province on Saturday. ["Danny Breen", St. John's Councillor]

#### **VOCM Morning News - Mon, March 13, 2017**

WATER CONSERVATION ORDER: A water conservation order is in effect for the metro region immediately because of a power outage at the water treatment plant at Bay Bulls-Big Pond.

TEAM GUSHUE WINS THE BRIER: The excitement at Mile One was off the charts last night as Brier history was made. After a fourteen year wait, "Brad Gushue" has a Brier title.

#### **VOCM Morning Show - Mon, March 13, 2017**

CITY OF ST. JOHN'S UPDATE ON REPAIRS & CLEANUP: City workers have been working non-stop trying to get the city back to normal after a weekend record-breaking wind. Traffic lights at about 72 intersections are still out of commission. Now, a water conservation order has been put into effect because of a technical issue at Bay Bulls Big Pond. ["Danny Breen", Chair of St. John's Public Works Committee]

#### **VOCM Open Line - Mon, March 13, 2017**

COSJ LATE OPENING WARMING CENTRE: "John" congrats the Gushue Team on their win. He says a soon as the power was out for six or seven hours Mount Pearl, CBS, and Paradise opened warming centres Saturday night. St. John's did not do it until 8:00 am Sunday morning. He wants to know what they were waiting for.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS: "Frank" wonders why COSJ does not have the same street lights as other places. The lights in St. John's seem to blow off in storms and in CBS and Paradise the lights are much more sturdy and it will save taxpayers money. He would rather have money spent on lights so we are not replacing them at very storm.

#### **CBC 12 Noon News - Mon, March 13, 2017**

DAMAGE TO TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE: 72 intersections were without traffic lights during the morning commute in St. John's. ["Cst. Daniel Morrissey", RNC; "Danny Breen", Councillor]

WATER CONSERVATION ORDER: A water conservation order in affect because of a problem with the electrical feed to Bay Bulls-Big Pond.

#### **VOCM 1pm News - Mon, March 13, 2017**

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DRIVING WITH NOT TRAFFIC LIGHTS: "Rudy Singleton" from Safety NL talks about four-way stops.

TEAM GUSHUE WINS THE BRIER: For "Brad Gushue", it has been on his bucket list since his late teens and last night he crossed it off - winning The Brier. ["Reporters"]

#### **VOCM Back Talk - Mon, March 13, 2017**

STRONG WIND: Host preamble. There was some insanely strong wind this weekend and some people are still without power but is this the new reality for us, are we doing to see this kind of wind frequently from now on? The Newfoundland Power crews are to be commended for all their efforts. Many intersections have no traffic lights so it certainly slows things down around the City.

#### **CBC On The Go - Mon, March 13, 2017**

WIND STORM TAKE ROOVES OFF HOMES/CAB DRIVER EXPERIENCE ON ROADS DURING STORM: Perhaps nowhere was the damage from Saturday's killer winds more spectacular than in Torbay, where the wind ripped the roof off "Kelly" and Terry Young's new home. Just a week after they moved into that rented house, they are homeless. Kelly and her husband took a break from unpacking their boxes to take part in

a dart tournament in Bauline. That is where she was when she got the news. ["Judith Adler", Homeowner; "Joe White", Cab Driver]

DOING REPAIRS AFTER THE STORM: The hurricane force winds that destroyed traffic lights at 72 intersections in St. John's have abated but there's still lots of repairs to do. For more details on where the City is at in getting back up to speed, City Councillor "Danny Breen" spoke with reporters a short while ago.

#### **VOCM Evening News - Mon, March 13, 2017**

UPDATE ON IMPACT OF STORM: The Chair of the Public Works Committee with the City of St. John's "Danny Breen" is providing an update on the impact of the weekend storm. ["Jamie Chippett", Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs]

WARNING CENTRE: The City of St. John's is taking a few knocks for not opening a central facility for people in the overnight hours.

#### **CBC Here & Now - Mon, March 13, 2017**

HIGH WINDS WRECK AROUND 140 TRAFFIC LIGHTS: The storm was particularly hard on one piece of St. John's city infrastructure. ["Danny Breen", Public Works Chair]

ST. JOHN'S LIKELY TO HOST BRIER AGAIN: It seems the odds are pretty good that St. John's will get to host The Brier again. ["Arnold Asham", Owner of Asham Curling Supplies; "Cy Crocker", Curling Fan; "Al Cameron", Curling Canada]

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING WILL FOCUS ON CLEAN DRINKING WATER & WASTE WATER TREATMENT: The Province announced a new three-year \$100 municipal infrastructure program today. ["Eddie Joyce", Municipal Affairs Minister; "Karen Oldford", Municipalities NL President]

#### **NTV Evening Newshour - Mon, March 13, 2017**

POST-WINDSTORM CLEANUP/POWER RESTORATION: The cleanup continues tonight after record-breaking winds brought havoc, leaving a trail of destruction in their wake, downing lines, infrastructure damage, and power outages which continue to be a challenge. ["Michelle Coughlin", Newfoundland Power; "Danny Breen", Chair of Public Works; "Unidentified", City of St. John's; "Captain Mike Maher", St. John's Regional Fire Department]

#### **VOCM Night Line - Mon, March 13, 2017**

MUNICIPAL MONDAY: Host preamble. Jonathan welcomes "Dave Lane", St. John's City Councillor and "Karen Oldford", President of Municipalities NL and "Craig Pollett" of Municipalities NL to the studio for Municipal Monday.

WINDY WEEKEND: Host preamble. Lots of damage over the weekend and government even had a soft opening to accommodate the delays caused by the downed traffic lights. Crews are working hard to get everything repaired but in the meantime it is important that drivers treat intersections without traffic lights as a four-way stop.

BRIER/TRAFFIC LIGHTS: "Danny Breen", St. John's City Councillor comments on the Brier and how great it was for this event to go ahead in this province. He comments on the amount of money that was spent in the City over the past couple of weeks. He also updates on the traffic light situation and how crews are focusing on high priority intersections to get them fixed. The RNC were at several of the busy intersections this morning and reported there were no big issues. He also discusses the emergency plan that kicked in this weekend. ["Craig Pollett", Municipalities NL; "Karen Oldford", Labrador City Mayor]

MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM: "Eddie Joyce", Municipal Affairs Minister first comments on the Spirit of Newfoundland and Labrador that shone through this weekend especially during the Brier. He discusses the government's new Municipal Infrastructure Program He comments on the priorities for many municipalities being on waste water and water so they will be focusing on funding options. It is important that many municipalities work together to regionalize services and all money taken out of municipal funding will be reinvested into the fund for municipalities. ["Karen Oldford", Mayor; "Craig Pollett", MNL]

ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION/RICHMOND COTTAGE: "Dave Lane", City Councillor first of all urges anybody who wants to contact him to send an e-mail. He discusses a proclamation for an International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. There will be an event on Sunday which is all about the sharing of cultures at The Rooms from 1 to 4. He also discusses the property called Richmond Cottage.

### **Media Headlines – March 12, 2017**

#### **The Weather Network**

MAYOR UPDATE: Clean up efforts underway in Newfoundland

Sunday, March 12, 2017, 10:15 AM - Thousands are still without power Sunday after hurricane force winds lashed parts of Newfoundland, leaving widespread damage behind.

While the [violent winds continue to push offshore](#) Sunday, blizzard warnings remain in effect for western portions of the province.

St. John's mayor Dennis O'Keefe was startled while driving his grandchildren home from a swimming lesson around noon Saturday when the powerful winds shook his vehicle.

<https://www.theweathernetwork.com/news/articles/st-johns-mayor-violent-winds-newfoundland/80221>

#### **VOCM 1pm News - Sun, March 12, 2017**

WARMING STATION: A little over thirty people still at the St. John's City Hall warming station this hour. ["Justin Foley", Concerned Citizen; "Amanda Mercer", Resident]

LACK OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS: Numerous traffic lights in the Avalon region with flashing lights or no lights at all because of yesterday's storm.

BUSY TIME FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT: St. John's Regional Fire Department had a busy 24 hours with 10 pole fires and 44 live wires down because of the wind storm.

## **NTV Evening Newshour - Sun, March 12, 2017**

WIND DAMAGE: The wind and weather this weekend was like most have not seen before. ["Kelly Young", Torbay Resident; "Dave Lane", City Councillor]

THE BRIER: Lots of excitement at Mile One. ["Brad Gushue", Team NL]

## **Media Headlines – March 11, 2017**

### **City hall needs an overhaul**

The Telegram (St. John's)

11 Mar 2017

Soviet citizens had a word for the condition: the nomenklatura, the connected ones, the priviligiensia — the political and bureaucratic insiders that had preferential access to salary and benefits beyond the comprehension of the great mass of taxpayers who paid the bill.

Nowhere is this condition more blatant than at St. John's City Hall, which currently has an average salary of probably in excess of \$100,000, and super-elite senior managers enjoying salaries in excess of \$225,000 annually, with a work week of 32.5 hours.

It all started before my time on council when, in 1974, the city union — the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) — demanded a wage increase of 10 per cent. Mayor Dorothy Wyatt counter-offered with 15 per cent. Bargaining ended with a wage premium of 7.5 per cent that I would estimate has been built into city wages ever since. For 2017 on a \$100-million wage bill, that would equal \$7.5 million; \$7,500 on \$100,000; \$15,000 on \$200,000. (Positively Shakespearian, for those with a literary inclination.)

Fast-forward to the past five years or so and with an indulgent council and big-spending city managers who negotiated collective agreements from which they directly benefited (a profound conflict), and we have the present unjust and unsustainable state of affairs.

It must be pointed out that council has attempted to dodge responsibility for the current situation ("the 2016 budget was a staff budget," so they said). The 2017 budget was not much of an improvement, with an adjusted-for-inflation decrease in spending of around a derisory four per cent. So much for council taking control of events.

What should be done, for starters

The city budget must be rolled back to a 2008/09 level net of legal commitments and legal entanglements. (Think of the \$8-million lawsuit launched against the city on behalf of the owners of 105 New Cove Rd. Taxpayers lose, no matter what the outcome).

Assistant city manager positions must be abolished. The top bureaucratic positions with the city must be reduced to director level.

A strict time management system must be created for all top positions so that taxpayers are assured of value for money, as happens in the private sector.

City unions will be advised that there will be no negotiations for any economic increases during the

period 2017-2021.

Existing collective agreements will be honoured, but any increased costs therein will be zerosummed.

A regulatory review will be conducted to reduce unnecessary regulations.

The development review process will be reviewed to remove obstructive bureaucrats.

Council should engage in a boundary review to determine whether a smaller city would be more efficient.

The goal of all of these proposals is to provide meaningful tax reductions for all taxpayers.

The final change must be the restoration of trust and honesty at city hall, which has been completely eroded by the current cabal.



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### **Globe and Mail**

#### **Hurricane-force winds wreak havoc in Newfoundland**

Vicious gales ripped through Newfoundland and Labrador Saturday, tipping over cars, downing power lines and damaging homes in the fiercest storm the province has seen in more than a decade, according to Environment Canada.

Hurricane-force winds prompted police to urge drivers to clear off the roads while emergency crews dealt with the damage. The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary issued a statement advising motorists to avoid "all non-emergency travel" until the blustery weather subsides.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/brier-play-stopped-as-extreme-winds-batter-newfoundland/article34275289/>

### **CTV News**

#### **Newfoundland hit by hurricane-force winds**

<http://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/newfoundland-hit-by-hurricane-force-winds-1.3321060>