

Notice of Motion: Discovery Day

Whereas

The name "Discovery Day" is an inaccurate way to commemorate John Cabot's voyages, as Newfoundland and Labrador was already inhabited by indigenous peoples;

The Discovery Day holiday is a province-wide holiday;

The City of St. John's has for many years celebrated St. John's Day coinciding with the provincial Discovery Day holiday,

Now therefore I move

That the City of St. John's call on the Province to choose a more appropriate name for the Discovery Day holiday, and

That until a more appropriate province-wide name is chosen, the City of St. John's refer to the holiday on the Monday closest to June 24 annually as "St. John's Day" in all its internal and external communications.

Councillor Maggie Burton