

April 2, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the St. John's Municipal Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 4:30 p.m. today.

Deputy Mayor O=Keefe presided.

There were present also Councillors Colbert, Hickman, Puddister, Galgay, Coombs, Ellsworth and Collins.

Regrets: His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Duff and Hann

The Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor, Associate Commissioner/Director of Corporate Services and City Clerk, Associate Commissioner/Director of Engineering, Director of Planning, and Manager, Corporate Secretariat were also in attendance.

Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

SJMC2007-04-02/161R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor

Coombs: That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Adoption of the Minutes

SJMC2007-04-02/162R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Collins: That the Minutes of March 26, 2007 be adopted as presented.

Council Directive R2007-03-05/4 - Proposed Text Amendment-St. John=s Development Regulations - Definition of aPark@ and aPrivate Park@

Under business arising, Council considered a memorandum dated March 29, 2007 from the Director of Planning regarding the above noted.

SJMC2007-04-02/163R

It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Ellsworth: That the following Resolution for St. John=s Development Regulations Amendment Number 403, 2007 be adopted; which will be referred to the Department of Municipal Affairs for Provincial registration in accordance with the requirements of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000.

**RESOLUTION
ST. JOHN=S DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS
AMENDMENT NUMBER 403, 2007**

WHEREAS the St. John=s Municipal Council wishes to change the current definition of ΔPARK@ and introduce a definition of ΔPRIVATE PARK@;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the St. John=s Municipal Council hereby adopts the following text amendments to the St. John=s Development Regulations pursuant to the provisions of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000:

1. Amend **Section 2 (DEFINITIONS)** by deleting the present definition of ΔPARK@ found therein and replacing it with the following:

ΔPARK means an area owned by either the City of St. John=s, the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Government of Canada, or an administrative/ statutory agency, board, commission, or wholly-owned corporation of either of the three levels of government; which is maintained substantially in its natural state and/or landscaped for the use and enjoyment of the public; and includes Play Lots, playgrounds, playing fields, campgrounds and picnic areas; but does not include a Place of Assembly or a Private Park.@; and

2. Amend **Section 2 (DEFINITIONS)** by adding a definition for ΔPRIVATE PARK@ to read as follows:

ΔPRIVATE PARK means an area owned or operated by any person other than the City of St. John=s, the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Government of Canada, or an administrative/statutory agency, board, commission, or wholly-owned corporation of either of the three levels of government; which is maintained substantially in its natural state and/or

landscaped, for the use and enjoyment of the public; and includes playgrounds, playing fields, campgrounds and picnic areas; but does not include a Place of Assembly or a Park.@

- 3. Amend **Section 10 - USE ZONE SCHEDULES** - by adding @Private Park@ as a Discretionary Use in all land use zones which allow @Park@ as a Permitted Use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. John=s Municipal Council requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs to register the proposed amendment in accordance with the requirements of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000.

<p>I hereby certify that this Development Regulations Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Urban and Rural Planning Act.</p> <p>MICIP stamp and signature</p>

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. John=s Municipal Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 39.(2) of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000, requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs to permit the proposed amendment to have retroactive effect to October 10, 2006.

IN WITNESS THEREOF the Seal of the City of St. John=s has been hereunto affixed and this Resolution has been signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk on behalf of Council this 2nd day of April, 2007.

Mayor

**Director of Corporate Services
& City Clerk**

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Water Main Break, Emerson Street

Under business arising, Council considered as information a memorandum dated March 29, 2007 from the Associate Commissioner/Director of Engineering regarding

the issue of water main breaks on Emerson Street and provided a summary of the breaks on Emerson Street and Shea Street during and after the construction project involving the installation of a new storm sewer system on Portugal Cove Road from Elizabeth Avenue to Gooseberry Lane, in addition to the upgraded and replaced storm systems on Emerson and Shea Streets.

Discussion ensued during which Councillor Ellsworth tabled a letter signed by residents of Emerson and Shea Streets, and asked that they be forwarded a copy of the information presented by the Associate Commissioner/Director **of Engineer**.

Water Main Break, Newfoundland Drive

Under business arising, Council considered as information a memorandum dated March 29, 2007 from the Associate Commissioner/Director of Engineering regarding the above noted.

SJMC2007-04-02/164R

It was moved by Councillor Coombs; seconded by Councillor Puddister: That funding amounting to approximately \$220,000, for the replacement of the section of water main on Newfoundland Drive in the vicinity of St. Paul=s School, be referred to the 2007 Capital Works Budget for consideration.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Meeting with Federal Minister Loyola Hearn

Under business arising, Councillor Puddister advised that a meeting has been confirmed with Minister Loyola Hearn to take place April 3, 2007 at 3:00 p.m., Baine Johnston Building.

Development Committee Report dated March 27, 2007

Council considered the following Development Committee Report dated March 27, 2007:

RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL:

- 1. Renovations to Existing Building
Proposed Youth Lodging House/Hostel and Support Services for Youth
Choices for Youth
Civic No. 56-58 Bond Street (Former A. Lilly &Co. Building) (Ward 2)**

The Development Committee recommends that Council grant Approval-in-Principle

to the above noted application subject to the following conditions:

- a. submission of detailed floor plans for review and approval by the City=s Department of Building and Property Management.
- b. submission of detailed building elevations for review and approval by the City=s Heritage Officer; and
- c. compliance with all applicable requirements of the City=s Department of Engineering, Department of Building and Property Management, and Department of Planning.

RECOMMENDATION OF REJECTION:

- 2. Proposed Residential Subdivision
Paradise Properties
Located Between Elizabeth Park Subdivision (Paradise) and Outer Ring Road**

The Development Committee recommends that the above noted application be rejected in accordance with Section 104(4) of the City of St. John=s Act.

OTHER:

- 3. Proposed Extension to Dwelling
Mr. Jason Caines
Civic No. 33 Janeway Place (Ward 1)**

The Development Committee recommends that Council establish the Building Line at 3.58 m to accommodate the proposed dwelling extension.

Art Cheeseman, Chairperson
Associate Commissioner/Director of Engineering

SJMC2007-04-02/165R

Regarding Item #1: It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Puddister: That the recommendation of the Committee to grant Approval -in-Principle to the application subject to the conditions outlined, be accepted.

Discussion ensued during which Councillor Galgay tabled a letter from Ms. Judy Gard Puddester, Principle, Bishop Field Elementary School, noting concerns expressed by the school council with respect to the appropriateness of placing the

proposed building next door to an elementary school; safety issues, the screening process, and the protocol for potential behaviour. Councillor Galgay also tabled a response from Sheldon Pollett, Executive Director of Choices for Youth, advising that as part of their community consultation process, they informed the school of the proposed project at 52-58 Bond Street and that an offer was made to meet with members of the school council to present more detailed information regarding the project. Regarding the concerns raised by Ms. Puddester they will endeavour to clarify the intentions and processes with respect to the project, and will schedule a time to meet with the school council regarding the matter.

Councillor Galgay pointed out that Mr. Pollett has agreed to make every effort to communicate with the school council and have them involved in the process.

Following discussion, the motion being put was unanimously carried.

SJMC2007-04-02/166R

Regarding Item #2: It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay ; seconded by Councillor Collins: That the Committee=s recommendation of rejection in accordance with Section 104(4) of the City of St. John=s Act, be accepted.

SJMC2007-04-02/167R

Regarding Item #3: It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Collins: That the Committee=s recommendation be approved.

Planning and Housing Committee Report dated March 21, 2007

Council considered as information the following Planning and Housing Committee report dated March 21, 2007:

In Attendance:

- Councillor Shannie Duff, Chairperson
- Councillor Sandy Hickman
- Councillor Tom Hann
- Councillor Art Puddister
- Councillor Wally Collins
- Mr. Ron Penney, Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor
- Mr. Cliff Johnston, Director of Planning
- Mr. Joe Sampson, Manager of Development
- Ms. Kelly Butler, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order.

The Committee met with Mr. John Dalton, Project Manager - Canada Lands Company, and Mr. Gerhard Weiland, Tract Consulting, to discuss proposed steps in the preparation of the redevelopment plan for former federal government lands in Pleasantville

Mr. Dalton noted that a number of consultants, including Tract Consulting, have been contracted by the Canada Lands Company to assist with various aspects of the redevelopment plan such as planning and design, traffic, real estate assessment, etc.

Mr. Weiland gave a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the boundaries of the subject property in Pleasantville and outlining the following steps to be taken in the preparation and drafting of a redevelopment plan for the land:

1. Project Orientation
 - review of base maps, previous studies
 - comparison of other Canada Lands development successes
 - site inventory and assessment
 - consultation with City

2. Review Municipal Plan
 - Planning Area 6 - Pleasantville/Virginia Park
 - ensure plan is consistent with Municipal Plan goals
 - consultation with City

3. Public Participation Process (to be confirmed)
 - consultation with City
 - reviews with stakeholders
 - design workshops with various stakeholders
 - open houses and town hall meetings
 - public presentation of draft and final design

4. Engineering Assessment (to determine opportunities and constraints)
 - camera inspection of sanitary and storm sewer system
 - traffic assessment (evaluation of traffic impacts and needs for improvement)

5. Creating the Plan
 - development sustainability, ie. providing innovative design solutions, a choice of housing types, preserve green space, LEEDS
 - develop design guidelines for properties
 - phasing and cost estimates

6. Financial Feasibility and Phasing
 - financial models
 - development timelines and phasing
 - cash flow analysis
 - tax assessment impacts
7. Draft Presentations
 - to Canada Lands Company
 - to City
 - public presentations
8. Final Report and Presentations

A copy of the presentation forms part of these minutes and is on file with the City Clerk=s Department. Please see the attached air-photo which shows the areas in Pleasantville which are the subject of the Canada Lands Company=s plans for redevelopment.

A short question and answer period followed the presentation, with the following items being discussed:

- § time line for implementation of the aforementioned process;
- § the types of stakeholders to be involved;
- § preventative measures to discourage use of the land for purposes other than residential use;
- § the impact of the new development on the existing golf course;
- § plans for consolidation of DND property in Pleasantville; and
- § the need to have a pre-consultation meeting with area residents abutting the property.

With regard to the implementation time line, Mr. Dalton indicated that the whole process should take approximately one year. It is hoped the development plan will be completed by Spring 2008, and the lands can then be marketed for residential development. The Department of National Defence will be consolidating their operations at one site fronting on the Boulevard which is approximately 16 acres in size. The lease agreement for these lands should be completed within the next 2-3 months. The lands which are to be used by the Department of National Defence are not part of the Canada Lands Company=s redevelopment plans for Pleasantville, but are a separate project.

Regarding concerns about the impact on the golf course, Mr. Dalton noted that one of the consultant team members is a qualified golf course designer who will work to ensure that the neither the Bally Haly golf course, nor any future residents are adversely impacted by one another.

It was noted that there have been some inquiries from area residents regarding

Canada Lands= plans for redevelopment. Therefore, it was suggested that consideration be given to having a pre-consultation session with residents in the Ross Road/Pleasantville Avenue area to brief them on what will be taking place. Discussion ensued regarding the streets to be included in the notification process for the pre-consultation meeting. The Committee agreed that the notification process should include the residences to the west of the subject property, from Pleasantville Avenue to Kennas Hill/Logy Bay Road, inclusive.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Councillor Shannie Duff
Chairperson

Council Puddister asked that pre-consultation session also include residents of Pleasantville Apartments.

Development Permits List

Council considered the following Development Permit List for the Period March 23, 2007 to March 29, 2007:

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 23, 2007 TO MARCH 29, 2007

Code	Applicant	Application	Location	Ward	Development Officer's Decision	Date
Inst.	Autism Society of Newfoundland & Labrador	Proposed Accessory Building (Barn)	Clinch Crescent	Ward 4	Application Approved	07 03 27
Res.	Mr. Darren Howell	Proposed Subdivision of Property - 1Additional Residential Building Lot	Civic No. 24 Battery Road	Ward 2	Application Approved	07 03 28

NOTES:

Ed Murray

*	Code Classification: RES - Residential COM - Commercial AG - Agriculture	INST - Institutional IND - Industrial
**	This list is issued for information purposes only. Applicants have been advised in writing of the Development Officer's decision and of their right to appeal any decision to the St. John's Local Board of Appeal.	

Development Officer
Department of Planning

Building Permits List

SJMC2007-04-02/168R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Collins: That the recommendation of the Director of Building & Property Management with respect to the following Building Permits List, be approved:

2007/03/28

Permits List

	CLASS: COMMERCIAL	
KAREN DROVER	208 LEMARCHANT RD	CO SERVICE SHOP
ICING BY CLAIRE'S	AVALON MALL, ICING BY CLAIRE'S	SN RETAIL STORE
SALTWATER IMAGES INC.	203 BLACKMARSH RD	MS RETAIL STORE
PERSONAL TOUCH HAIR STUDIO LTD	271 BLACKMARSH RD	MS SERVICE SHOP
BLACKMARSH MINI MART	711 BLACKMARSH RD	MS CONVENIENCE STORE
CANADIAN TIRE	50 KELSEY DR	MS COMMERCIAL GARAGE
CHRISTMAS WAREHOUSE	193 KENMOUNT RD	MS RETAIL STORE
CHRISTMAS WAREHOUSE #2	193 KENMOUNT RD	MS RETAIL STORE
BUDS FINE FOODS INC.	207 KENMOUNT RD	MS RESTAURANT
SPEEDY GLASS	439 KENMOUNT RD	MS COMMERCIAL GARAGE
LOU'S AUTOMOTIVE INC.	468 LOGY BAY RD	MS COMMERCIAL GARAGE
SANDRA HOWLETT	484-490 MAIN RD, SIGNS	SN CLINIC
MOTION BY FRAMINGLE LIMITED	355A MAIN RD	MS CUSTOM WORKSHOP
PC MEDIC INCORPORATED	16 STAVANGER DR	MS RETAIL STORE
ARIZONA HEAT INC.	386 STAVANGER DR	MS SERVICE SHOP
VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTRE (2006)	THE VILLAGE-430 TOPSAIL RD	SN RETAIL STORE
NORTH ATLANTIC REFINING LTD.	446 TOPSAIL RD, NORTH ATLANTIC	SN SERVICE STATION
PRESS & BEAN	430 TORBAY RD- PRESS & BEAN	SN RESTAURANT
PLAY IT AGAIN SPORTS	141 TORBAY ROAD-TORBAY RD MALL	MS RETAIL STORE
PLAY IT AGAIN SPORTS	141 TORBAY ROAD-TORBAY RD MALL	MS RETAIL STORE
TROPICAL AND MARINE PETS INC.	611 TORBAY RD	MS RETAIL STORE
PICTURE PERFECT PET PARLOUR	252 PENNYWELL RD, PICTURE PERF	CR SERVICE SHOP
MGNA CONSTRUCTION &	250 LEMARCHANT RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
CONAN COATES	29 COOKSTOWN RD	RN TAVERN
DOWNTOWN PROPERTIES LTD	16 QUEEN ST	RN TAVERN
COLOR YOUR WORLD	464 TORBAY RD	RN RETAIL STORE
MATT WILKINSON	215 WATER ST	RN RETAIL STORE
ALISTAIR INVESTMENTS INC	250 DUCKWORTH ST EXHAUST CONPY	RN RESTAURANT
PHB GROUP INC.	TOPSAIL RD, AGNES PRATT HOME	RN HOME FOR AGED
PLAZACORP PROPERTY HOLDINGS	244 LEMARCHANT RD - BASE BLDG.	NC RETAIL STORE

THIS WEEK \$ 1,629,600.00
TO DATE \$ 12,896,023.00

CLASS: INDUSTRIAL

EVERGREEN RECYCLING	79 BLACKMARSH RD, EVERGREEN	CR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USE
COUNTRY RIBBON INC.	EAST WHITE HILLS RD	RN INDUSTRIAL USE
COUGAR HELICOPTERS INC. &	40 CRAIG DOBBIN'S WAY	EX TRANSPORTATION TERMINAL
		THIS WEEK \$ 1,224,967.00
		TO DATE \$ 1,524,967.00

CLASS: GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL

EASTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT	20 SMITHVILLE CRES	RN SCHOOL
THERESA HEFFERMAN	5 HELENA RD	RN HOME FOR AGED
		THIS WEEK \$ 35,000.00
		TO DATE \$ 4,181,500.00

CLASS: RESIDENTIAL

SKYMARK CONTRACTING	5 BRAD GUSHUE CRES, LOT 5-38	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ROSS SULLIVAN	7 BRAD GUSHUE CRES	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
RODNEY PAUL NORTH & SIDONIE	95 EASTBOURNE CRES	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
STEPHEN R. MEANEY	57 GAIRLOCK ST	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
PRO-TECH CONSTRUCTION LTD.	43 MACBETH DR, LOT 6-14	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
MITCHELL HUMPHRIES	56 MELVILLE PL	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
TERRY WALSH CONTRACTING	20 OTTER DR, LOT 89	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
TERRY WALSH CONTRACTING	24 OTTER DR, LOT 87	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ULTRA MODERN HOMES	38 OTTER DR, LOT 80	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
TERRY WALSH CONTRACTING	42 OTTER DR, LOT 78	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
TERRY WALSH CONTRACTING	29 OTTER DR, LOT 112	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
REARDON CONSTRUCTION & DEV LTD	32 SERPENTINE ST, LOT 16	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
GARY CUTLER	10 WINSLOW ST	NC PATIO DECK
GRANT YOUNG	43 JAMES LANE	CO WAREHOUSE
ELVIS GREGORY	54 BATTERY RD	CR SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
MICHAEL O'BRIEN	1 NAVAJO PL	CR SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
LINE SQUALL INC.	42 CORNWALL CRES	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ELIZABETH BURTON	21 DILLON CRES	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
		THIS WEEK \$ 1,313,300.00
		TO DATE \$ 9,510,769.00

CLASS: DEMOLITION

THIS WEEK \$.00
TO DATE \$ 99,056.00

THIS WEEK'S TOTAL: \$ 4,202,867.00

TOTAL YEAR TO DATE: \$ 28,212,315.00

REPAIR PERMITS ISSUED: 2007/03/22 TO 2007/03/28 \$ 32,400.00
2006/12/28 TO 2007/03/28 \$ 254,730.00 YTD

LEGEND

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NC	NEW CONSTRUCTION	SW	SITE WORK
RN	RENOVATIONS	EX	EXTENSION
MS	MOBILE SIGN	CD	CHIMNEY DEMOLITION
SN	SIGN	WS	WOODSTOVE
CR	CHNG OF OCC/RENOVTNS	DM	DEMOLITION

Payrolls and Accounts

SJMC2007-04-02/169R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Collins: That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending March 29, 2007 be approved:

**Weekly Payment Vouchers
For The
Week Ending March 29, 2007**

PAYROLL

Public Works	\$
380,915.62	
Bi-Weekly Casual	\$ 12,710.79

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Cheque No. 114367 - 114633	\$ 2,239,289.28
(Includes Direct Deposits/Transfers/Equip. Leasing)	
Total:	\$2,632,915.69

Tenders

- a. Tender - Monitoring, Inspection, Maintenance & Servicing of Alarm Systems (including transmitters) - Various Locations, Tender 2007019
- b. Tender - Purchase of Forklift

SJMC2007-04-02/170R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Collins: That the recommendations of the Director of Building & Property Management and the Director of Finance be approved and the tenders awarded as follows:

- a. **Techni-Services Ltd. in the amount of \$78,865.20 which includes HST and is for a three year period**
- b. **Liftow Ltd. in the amount of \$32,900.00 (HST Extra)**

Petitions

Acting Mayor O=Keefe tabled a petition the prayer of which reads as follows:

We, the residents of Old Bay Bulls Road, wish to petition the City Council to live up to their verbal commitment of October/2004 to include us in any further sewer development in and adjacent to our area within a year or two of that date.

Council Collins noted that the developer=s report on this matter will likely be available within the next week.

22 Robinson Place, Robert and Laura Triska

Council considered a memorandum dated March 27, 2007 from the Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor regarding the above noted.

SJMC2007-04-02/171R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Colbert: That the recommendation of the Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor that approval be granted to sell four feet of City owned land to Robert and Laura Triska, adjacent to their property, 22 Robinson Place, at a price based on \$2.00 per square foot (approximately \$1,200.00) plus administration fees and HST, subject to the services easement, be accepted.

168 Elizabeth Avenue

Council considered a memorandum dated March 27, 2007 from the Chief Commissioner/ City Solicitor regarding the above noted.

SJMC2007-04-02/172R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Colbert: That the recommendation of the Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor that approval be granted to execute a Quit

Claim Deed in exchange for the owner granting a waterline easement with respect to property at 168 Elizabeth Avenue, be accepted.

Snow Clearing Report

Council considered as information the snow clearing report for the period January 1 to March 30, 2007 showing a negative variance of \$406,937.00.

Emissions from the Newfoundland Hydro Generating Station, Town of Holyrood

Council considered the above noted letter dated March 21, 2007 from Scott Devereaux, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Holyrood, to Mayor and Council regarding emissions for the Newfoundland Hydro Generating Station, Town of Holyrood and asking that Council write Premier Williams, Minister Clyde Jackman and Ed Martin, President and CEO of the Hydro Group of Companies, and voice its concern over the emissions, and ask that they do everything possible to correct the problems at the generating plant. Council unanimously agreed, and at the suggestion of Councillor Ellsworth agreed that the Federal Government be lobbied for extra funding due to the limited funding available under the Federal Green Fund.

Letter dated March 28, 2007 to Ms. Deborah Cook, Tourism Development Coordinator from Mr. Timothy Littley, Manager, Deployment and Itinerary Planning, Holland America Line and Windstar Cruises Re: Site Inspection of St. John=s, Nfld.

Council considered as information the above noted letter.

Economic Update

Council considered as information the Economic Update for April 2007. In referencing the report Councillor Ellsworth noted the number of small businesses continuing to drive the economy despite the negativity surrounding the oil industry.

Councillor Hickman

Councillor Hickman tabled information pertaining to the City of Montreal=s annual pothole operation and asked that it be referred to the Public Works, Environment and Protection Standing Committee.

Councillor Coombs

Councillor Coombs advised that an announcement with respect to SJSEL Board of Directors has been deferred due to the fact that one of the appointees declined for personal reasons, and that an announcement will be made as soon as the results of another vote become available.

Councillor Coombs advised that he will boycott the meeting schedule for April 3, 2007 with Federal Minister Loyola Hearn in support of Premier Williams= position with respect to the Federal Government Budget Announcement on the Atlantic Accord equalization formula, noting that the Federal Government did not live up to its deal with respect to the Atlantic Accord.

Acting Mayor O=Keefe

Acting Mayor O=Keefe agreed with Councillor Coombs= position and reiterated his comments that the Atlantic Accord deal should have been honoured.

Councillor Puddister

Councillor Puddister referred to a letter from Canadian Federation of Independent Business to Mr. Bradley George, Director of Provincial Affairs, and forwarded to members of Council, regarding a survey they conducted on blending of two business taxes (commercial tax and occupancy tax) the results of survey which involved a poll of their members in the St. John=s area, indicated 41% in favor of blending the two taxes; 31% against and 27% uncertain, and noting that comments by the CFIB

indicated that lack of support to combine the two taxes due to the uncertainty of how blending would affect ones local tax burden.

Councillor Puddister, though supporting the comments made by the Acting Mayor O=Keefe and Councillor Coombs, indicated that he intends to attend tomorrow=s meeting with Minister Hearn due to his concern with respect to this Province=s loss of Federal government jobs, and noted he will request a breakdown showing the potential long term loss of revenue as a result, to which the Minister can respond.

Councillor Ellsworth

Councillor Ellsworth, noted that due to a prior commitment, he will not be attending the meeting with Minister Hearn but encouraged members of Council to attend the scheduled meeting as an opportunity to voice and reinforce their concerns.

Councillor Ellsworth thanked the St. John=s North West Rotary Group for their fund raiser held this past weekend, the beneficiary of which is the Buckmaster=s Circle Community Centre; the funding contribution to be used towards the development of the playground at Buckmaster=s Circle. He thanked the Rotarians and all those who supported the event and the Buckmaster=s Circle project.

Councillor Collins

Councillor Collins noted that he too will be attending the meeting with Minister Hearn.

Councillor Collins tabled a letter from Mr. Gerard Murphy, 121 Old Bay Bulls Road concerning the potential impact the proposed new subdivision may have on his well, noting he would like to go on record that any financial costs to

maintain his well or provision of water to his property will be the responsibility of the developer.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK