

April 7, 2008

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

Acting Mayor O'Keefe presided.

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

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

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

SJMC2008-04-07/202R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Coombs; seconded by Councillor Duff: That the agenda be adopted as presented with the following additional items:

Adoption of Minutes

SJMC2008-04-07/203R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Coombs; seconded by Councillor Duff: That the Minutes of the March 31st, 2008 meeting be adopted as presented.

Business Arising

Notice of Motion - Councillor Duff

SJMC2008-04-07/204R

Pursuant to Notice of Motion, it was moved by Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the following By-Law be adopted:

BY-LAW NO.

REFUSAL OF LICENSES AND PERMITS BY-LAW

PASSED BY COUNCIL ON APRIL 7, 2008

Pursuant to the powers vested in it under the City of St. John's Act, R.S.N.L. 1990, c.C-17, as amended and all other powers enabling it, the City of St. John's enacts the following By-Law relating to the refusal of licenses and permits.

BY-LAW

1. This By-Law may be cited as the Refusal of Licenses and Permits By-Law.
2. The following is added to the Amusement Machine By-Law of the City of St. John's as section 16.1:
 - 16.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-Law any person who owes outstanding fines to the City of St. John's for a by-law or regulatory violation for which he has been convicted shall not be entitled to a license issued pursuant to this By-Law until such time as all such outstanding fines have been paid and proof of payment, in a form acceptable to the Inspector, has been provided to the Inspector.
3. The following is added to The St. John's Sanitation Regulations as section 18.1:
 - 18.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Regulations any person who owes outstanding fines to the City of St. John's for a by-law or regulatory violation for which he has been convicted shall not be entitled to a license issued pursuant to this By-Law until such time as all such outstanding fines have been paid and proof of payment, in a form acceptable to the City, has been provided to the City.
4. The following is added to The St. John's Plumbing By-Law as section 28.1:
 - 28.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-Law any person who owes outstanding fines to the City of St. John's for a by-law or regulatory violation for which he has been convicted shall not be entitled to a license or permit issued pursuant to this By-Law until such time as all such outstanding fines have been paid and proof of payment, in a form acceptable to the Inspector, has been provided to the Inspector.

5. The following is added to The St. John's Electrical By-Law as section 35.1:
 - 35.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-Law any person who owes outstanding fines to the City of St. John's for a by-law or regulatory violation for which he has been convicted shall not be entitled to a license or permit issued pursuant to this By-Law until such time as all such outstanding fines have been paid and proof of payment, in a form acceptable to the Inspector, has been provided to the Inspector.

6. The following is added to The St. John's Lodging House By-Law as section 3.1:
 - 3.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-Law any person who owes outstanding fines to the City of St. John's for a by-law or regulatory violation for which he has been convicted shall not be entitled to a license issued pursuant to this By-Law until such time as all such outstanding fines have been paid and proof of payment, in a form acceptable to the Inspector, has been provided to the Inspector.

7. The following is added to the St. John's Mobile Sign By-Law as section 6.1:
 - 6.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-Law any person who owes outstanding fines to the City of St. John's for a by-law or regulatory violation for which he has been convicted shall not be entitled to a license or permit issued pursuant to this By-Law until such time as all such outstanding fines have been paid and proof of payment, in a form acceptable to the Inspector, has been provided to the Inspector.

8. The following is added to the St. John's Building By-Law as section 9.1:
 - 9.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-Law any person who owes outstanding fines to the City of St. John's for a by-law or regulatory violation for which he has been convicted shall not be entitled to a permit issued pursuant to this By-Law until such time as all such outstanding fines have been paid and proof of payment, in a form acceptable to the inspector, has been provided to the inspector.

9. The following is added to the St. John's Heritage Area Sign By-Law as section 4.1:
 - 4.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-Law any person who owes outstanding fines to the City of St. John's for a by-law or regulatory violation for which he has been convicted shall not be entitled to a permit issued pursuant to this By-Law until such time as all such outstanding fines have been paid and proof of payment, in a form acceptable to the City, has been provided to the City.

- 10. The following is added to the St. John's Taxi By-Law as section 27(3):
 - 27(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-Law any person who owes outstanding fines to the City of St. John's for a by-law or regulatory violation for which he has been convicted shall not be entitled to a license issued pursuant to this By-Law until such time as all such outstanding fines have been paid and proof of payment, in a form acceptable to the inspector, has been provided to the inspector.

- 11. The following is added to the St. John's Pool By-Law as section 8.1:
 - 8.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-Law any person who owes outstanding fines to the City of St. John's for a by-law or regulatory violation for which he has been convicted shall not be entitled to a permit issued pursuant to this By-Law until such time as all such outstanding fines have been paid and proof of payment, in a form acceptable to the inspector, has been provided to the inspector.

- 12. The following is added to the St. John's Mobile Vending By-Law as section 5(5):
 - 5.5 Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-Law any person who owes outstanding fines to the City of St. John's for a by-law or regulatory violation for which he has been convicted shall not be entitled to a license issued pursuant to this By-Law until such time as all such outstanding fines have been paid and proof of payment, in a form acceptable to the inspector, has been provided to the inspector.

- 13. The following is added to the St. John's Sign By-Law as section 6(4):
 - 6.4 Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-Law any person who owes outstanding fines to the City of St. John's for a by-law or regulatory violation for which he has been convicted shall not be entitled to a permit issued pursuant to this By-Law until such time as all such outstanding fines have been paid and proof of payment, in a form acceptable to the inspector, has been provided to the inspector.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Seal of the City of St. John's has been hereunto affixed and this By-Law has been signed by the Mayor and City Clerk on behalf of the St. John's Municipal Council this day of 7th day of April, 2008.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Harbour Clean-up Project

Council considered as information a memorandum dated March 31, 2008 from the Associate Commissioner and Director of Engineering regarding the Harbour Clean-up Project. The cost overruns for the Harbour Cleanup Project were outlined by the Associate Commissioner and Director of Engineering at last week's regular meeting as detailed in his memorandum to Council. However, the matter was deferred and brought forward in order to allow members of Council an opportunity to study the information presented.

While discussing the Harbour Cleanup cost overruns it was pointed out that there are other projects to be funded such as the treatment plant at Petty Harbour-Long Pond, the Windsor Lake plant along with the upgrades to the Bay Bulls Big Pond plant, not to mention the operating cost of these projects once completed.

It was pointed out by the Acting Mayor that he along with Mount Pearl Mayor Simms and Paradise Mayor Wiseman will be meeting with the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs to discuss the possibility of securing additional funding towards the Harbour Clean-up Project.

Impact of Projects and Cost Increases on Water Tax Rates

During discussion Council considered a memorandum dated March 28, 2008 from the Director of Finance and City Treasurer regarding the above noted along with a memorandum dated April 7, 2008 clarifying some misunderstanding as to when the projected water tax rate increases will be incurred. As well, the Director of Finance and City Treasurer provided a schedule setting out the water tax rates since 1996 and including the projected increases up to the 2012 fiscal year. Pointed out in the memo was the worst case scenario - the water tax would increase from \$440 per year to \$529 in 2009; \$607 in 2010, \$661 in 2011 and \$ \$692 in 2012.

With respect to the water meter pilot project the Associate Commissioner and Director of Engineering advised that the City has recently installed approximately 200 water meters in residences throughout the City. He noted that the data will be monitored for a one year period in an attempt to determine if water metering is a feasible option.

During discussion Councillor Colbert asked that the Director of Finance and City Treasurer provide a breakdown of costs associated with the provision of water; along with a breakdown of capital and operating costs associated with the Harbour Cleanup as shared equally with the other municipalities.

Also during discussion, Councillor Hickman suggested that the City look at other alternatives such as a small mil rate increase in order to be fair to homeowners with two apartment residences. It was noted that taxation will be looked at during the budget process with Councillor Ellsworth noting that he would not support a mil rate increase to offset water taxation but that the meter system might may be the proper route.

Development Committee Report dated April 1st, 2008

Council considered the following Development Committee Report dated April 1, 2008:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REJECTION:

- 1. Proposed Residential Housing Development
Hennessy's Line, Goulds (Ward 5)
Applicants: Mr. John Bidgood and Mr. Bill Clarke**

The Development Committee recommends that Council reaffirm its original decision of December 17, 2007 and reject the application.

- 2. Department of Environment and Conservation Application No. 131918
Crown Land Grant Referral
Blackhead Road – Ward 5
Applicant: Mr. Joey Francis White
Open Space Reserve (OR) Zone**

It is the recommendation of the Development Committee that the Crown Land Grant Application be rejected as being contrary to Section 10.37 of the St. John's Development Regulations.

**Art Cheeseman, Chairperson
Associate Commissioner/Director of Engineering**

SJMC2008-04-07/205R

Regarding Item #1: It was moved by Councillor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Duff: That the Committee's recommendation that Council reaffirm its original decision of December 17, 2007 and reject the application, be accepted.

Discussion ensued during which Councillor Colbert questioned the current City policy respecting the Goulds Ultimate Service area as it relates to this application in terms of the required turn around which is outside the Ultimate Service Area, though supporting the purpose of the policy to restrict development outside Ultimate Service area.

It was pointed out by staff that the City has rejected numerous applications and requests from property owners and developers seeking to have land outside the Ultimate Service Area approved for both serviced and unserviced lots. History has shown that development of building lots on private services ultimately becomes a burden to the City when septic systems fail and water from private wells becomes undrinkable.

Following discussion, the motion to reaffirm Council's previous decision to reject the application being put there voted for it the mover, seconder, Councillors Galgay, Hann and Hickman and Acting Mayor O'Keefe. Voting against the motion were Councillors Collins, Colbert, Coombs and Puddister

The motion to reject was carried.

SJMC2008-04-07/206R

It was then moved by Councillor Colbert; seconded by Councillor Ellsworth: That staff be directed to review the Goulds Ultimate Service Area policy to determine whether it can be modified to address the development of property outside the Ultimate Service Area in situations where the placement of a cul-de-sac bulb is required in order to accommodate emergency access such as ambulance, snow plows etc.; and also that the review look at the possibility of allowing new unserviced development on new roads.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

SJMC2008-04-07/207R

Regarding Item #2: It was decided on motion of Councillor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Duff : That the Committee's recommendation that the Crown Land Grant Application be rejected as being contrary to Section 10.37 of the St. John's Development Regulations, be accepted.

Nomenclature Committee Report dated April 3, 2008

Council considered the following Nomenclature Committee Report dated April 3, 2008:

A. Clovelly Trails Subdivision - Stage 3A - Streets A, B, C, D.
Cabot Development Corporation Limited

1. Craig Gillam Avenue
2. Banikhin Place
3. Kerr Street
4. McCrae Street

B. Street Renaming

1. Bidgood Avenue changed to Spruce Grove Avenue
2. Moses Morgan Place changed to Blaketown Place

SJMC2008-04-07/208R

It was moved by Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the Committee's recommendations be approved.

During discussion, Councillor Puddister suggested that the street name Craig Gillam Avenue reflect his ranking. Council agreed if it's the family's wish.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Resolutions

SJMC2008-04-07/209R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Coombs; seconded by Councillor Puddister: That the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION FOR THE PROVISION OF TRUCK SIDE GUARD PROTECTION

WHEREAS providing safer traffic interaction amongst large vehicle, pedestrians, cyclists and smaller motorized vehicles is a continuous evolution;

WHEREAS all of the above complete for safe positions on our municipal streets and our national highway network;

WHEREAS the implementation of a truck side guard regulation similar to that adopted by the United Kingdom and Europe (89/297/EEC Directive) improves road safety;

WHEREAS to be most effective, national design standards need to be enacted;

WHEREAS the Federal Government (Transport Canada) sets vehicle standards for all new vehicles manufactured in or imported into Canada

BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities urges the Federal Government (Transport Canada) to consider developing and implementing a national standard similar to that of the European model for truck side guard protection.

City of St. John’s, Newfoundland & Labrador

Development Permit List

Council considered as information the following Development Permits List for the period March 28 to April 3, 2008.

| Code | Applicant | Application | Location | Ward | Development Officer's Decision | Date |
|------|---------------------------------|--|--|--------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Com. | Mr. Dean Crocker | Home Office for Deep Country Lodge | Civic No. 97 Radio Range Road | Ward 1 | Application Approved | 2008 03 28 |
| Com. | Mr. Fraser Senior | Used Car Sales Lot | Civic No. 207 Kenmount Road | Ward 4 | Application Approved | 2008 03 28 |
| Com. | Mr. Brendan Gregory | Home Office for a Contracting & Renovations Business | Civic No. 35 Bay Bulls Road | Ward 5 | Application Approved | 2008 03 28 |
| Com. | Mr. Roger Wilkins | Subdivision of Property: End Unit Town House Lot | Civic No. 47 Long's Hill | Ward 2 | Application Approved | 2008 03 28 |
| Ind. | Kirkland Balsom Associates Ltd. | Bell Aliant OPI Site | Opposite Civic No. 13 Boggy Hall Place | Ward 3 | Application Approved | 2008 03 31 |

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| Com. | Ms. Sharon Dominic | Home Office: Home Based Travel Agent | Civic No. 129 Bonaventure Avenue | Ward 4 | Application Approved | 2008 03 31 |
| Ind. | Kirkland Balsom Associates Ltd. | Bell Aliant OPI Site | Civic No. 99 New Cove Road | Ward 4 | Application Approved | 2008 04 01 |
| Ind. | Kirkland Balsom Associates Ltd. | Bell Aliant OPI Site | Southside Road at Hill View Drive West | Ward 5 | Application Approved | 2008 04 01 |
| Res. | Mr. Glen Putt | Residential Building Lot | Civic No. 34-36 Park Lane | Ward 5 | Application Approved | 2008 04 01 |
| Res. | Mr. Michael Yetman | Residential Building Lot | Subdivision of Civic No. 33 Druken Cres. | Ward 5 | Application Approved | 2008 04 01 |
| Res. | Ms. Marjorie Williams | Residential Building Lot | Main Road at Hefferman Place | Ward 5 | Application Approved | 2008 04 02 |
| Ind. | Kirkland Balsom Associates Ltd. | Bell Aliant OPI Site | Adjacent to Civic No. 47 Eastaff Street | Ward 3 | Application Approved | 2008 04 02 |
| Inst. | MAE Design Limited | Proposed Extension to Ruby Manor Personal Care Home | Civic No. 10 Ruby Place | Ward 5 | Application Approved | 2008 04 02 |
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* Code Classification:
 RES - Residential
 INST - Institutional
 COM - Commercial
 IND - Industrial
 AG - Agriculture

** 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.

Ed Murray
Development Officer
Department of
Planning

Building Permits List

SJMC2008-04-07/210R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Colbert: That the recommendation of the Director of Building and Property Management with respect to the following Building Permits list, be approved:

2008/04/02

Permits List

CLASS: COMMERCIAL

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| SPRING | AVALON MALL, SPRING | SN RETAIL STORE |
| BRYAN HOOD | 217A OLD BAY BULLS RD | SN COMMERCIAL GARAGE |
| ONE TO ONE PHARMACY | 430 TOPSAIL RD, ONE TO ONE PHA | SN PHARMACY |
| SERVICE MASTER | 696 TORBAY RD, SERVICE MASTER | MS OFFICE |
| HEFFERMAN HOLDINGS LIMITED | 256-258 WATER STREET | RN RETAIL STORE |

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| TUCKAMORE CAPITAL | 100 NEW GOWER ST - 3RD FLOOR | RN OFFICE | |
| COOK HOLDINGS LIMITED | 11-17 NEW GOWER ST, SUNDANCE | EX TAVERN | |
| ACERGY | 215 WATER ST, ACERGY | CR OFFICE | |
| | | | THIS WEEK \$ 399,720.00 |
| | | | TO DATE \$ 7,516,414.00 |

CLASS: INDUSTRIAL

THIS WEEK \$.00
TO DATE \$ 1,755,000.00

CLASS: GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL

THIS WEEK \$.00
TO DATE \$ 3,172,571.00

CLASS: RESIDENTIAL

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| ROBIN & KIM QUINLAN | 2 CHEYNE DR | NC FENCE | |
| MODERN HOMES LIMITED | 4 LADY ANDERSON ST, LOT 222 | NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING | |
| REARDON CONSTRUCTION AND | 106 LOGY BAY RD, LOT 5 | NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING | |
| SKYMARK CONTRACTING LIMITED | 17 MARGARET'S PL | NC TOWNHOUSING | |
| LINDSEY LOVELESS | 2 MARK NICHOLS PL | NC FENCE | |
| GLENN A. & YVONNE COLLIER | 30 MEIGHEN ST | NC ACCESSORY BUILDING | |
| BARRY EDWARD BISHOP | 17 OLD PETTY HARBOUR RD | NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT | |
| REARDON CONSTRUCTION & DEV LTD | 28 SERPENTINE ST, LOT 14 | NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING | |
| MOUNT PEARL INV. GROUP LTD. | 78 THORBURN RD | CR CONDOMINIUM | |
| IAN JORDAAN | 7 EAST MIDDLE BATTERY RD | RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING | |
| SAMUEL BROMLEY | 54 GIL EANNES DR | RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING | |
| LORNE LODER | 1-3 LONG ST | RN SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING | |
| CYRIL PEACH | 51 PRINCE OF WALES ST | RN SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING | |
| | | | THIS WEEK \$ 963,725.00 |
| | | | TO DATE \$ 10,045,486.00 |

CLASS: DEMOLITION

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| SCOTT MANSFIELD | 81 GILLIES RD | DM SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING | |
| NFLD & LABRADOR HOUSING CORP. | 19 STABB CRT | DM TOWNHOUSING | |
| NEWFOUNDLAND STRUCTURES | 447 KENMOUNT RD | DM OFFICE | |
| | | | THIS WEEK \$ 36,000.00 |
| | | | TO DATE \$ 350,500.00 |

THIS WEEK'S TOTAL: \$ 1,399,445.00

TOTAL YEAR TO DATE: \$ 22,839,971.00

REPAIR PERMITS ISSUED: 2008/03/27 TO 2008/04/02 \$ 34,000.00
2007/12/13 TO 2008/04/02 \$ 319,250.00 YTD

LEGEND

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| CO | CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY | SN | SIGN |
| CR | CHNG OF OCC/RENOVTNS | NC | NEW CONSTRUCTION |
| OC | OCCUPANT CHANGE | TI | TENANT IMPROVEMENTS |
| RN | RENOVATIONS | EX | EXTENSION |
| SW | SITE WORK | CC | CHIMNEY CONSTRUCTION |
| MS | MOBILE SIGN | DM | DEMOLITION |

Payrolls and Accounts

SJMC2008-04-07/211R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Colbert: That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending April 3, 2008 be adopted as presented:

**Weekly Payment Vouchers
For The
Week Ending April 3, 2008**

PAYROLL

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| Public Works | \$ 378,395.14 |
| Bi-Weekly Amalgamation | \$ 518,362.88 |
| Bi-Weekly Management | \$ 535,898.02 |
| Bi-Weekly Administration | \$ 565,498.74 |

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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| Cheque No. 130304 – 130601 | \$3,651,969.71 |
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Total: \$5,650.124.49

Tenders

- a. Tender - Ornamental Traffic Poles
- b. Tender – NL Sports Centre, Strength and Conditioning Equipment

SJMC2008-04-07/212R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Ellsworth: That the recommendation of the Director of Finance and City Treasurer and the Acting Director of Building and Property Management be approved and the tenders awarded as follows:

- a. **Items 1 & 2 – Traffic Structures Ltd. - \$71,860.00 (taxes not incl)**
Item 3 – McLoughlan Supplies - \$28,552.50 (taxes not incl)

- b. **Tender split -**
 - (1) **Spartan Athletic Products \$45,997.00**
 - (2) **Kinetic Solutions Exercise Equipment - \$22,386.00**
 - Total - \$68,383.00 (does not include HST)**

Petition

Acting Mayor O’Keefe tabled a petition regarding the repaving of Royal Oak Drive in Kilbride under the Street Rehabilitation Program, which was referred to the Department of Engineering for follow-up.

Snow Clearing Report for the period January 1st to April 4th, 2008

Council considered the snow clearing report for the period January 1st to April 4th, 2008 showing a negative variance of \$1,284,436.00.

Councillor Ellsworth alluded to an email from the Director of Public Works and Parks regarding overtime charges in relation to pothole patching work and asked that the director provide information on the allocation of funding for the overtime charges.

April 2008 Economic Update

Council considered as information the April 2008 Economic Update.

Councillor Duff

Councillor Duff mentioned the Arts Symposium hosted by the City this past weekend noting that a follow-up from the symposium in 2000 led to the current municipal arts policies. She noted that the level of participation was high and the feedback from those who attended was very positive. She thanked staff for their efforts towards a very successful, well organized event. The City will be creating a new Arts Plan that will build on past experiences and successes and through this forum the City engaged and consulted with the arts community towards that purposes. Councillor Duff noted that a report to Council will be brought forward.

Acting Mayor O'Keefe and Councillor Galgay commented on the symposium and indicated their support of such an event and the importance and value of the arts community's contribution towards the development of a vibrant City.

Councillor Colbert

Councillor Colbert reminded members of Council that the MNL Board of Directors will be in town this week and various resolutions will be brought forward with Councillor Duff noting that the mandatory use of tires issue is being deal with at the provincial level and that a paper has been prepared which will be brought forward to the FCM.

Councillor Hann

Councillor Hann expressed concern with respect to safety and excessive noise as a result of snowmobilers in the area of Southbrook/River Bend/Ruby Line. He noted that the snowmobilers speed on streets as well as in the protected areas. He asked that the RNC be requested to step up enforcement in the area.

Councillor Ellsworth

Councillor Ellsworth congratulated and thanked the town of Port aux Basques for their efforts and hard work in relation to the Kraft Hockeyville 2008 regardless of their standing.

Councillor Ellsworth mentioned the Sport Newfoundland and Labrador Stars and Legends Awards Gala held this past weekend and congratulated all the winners. He thanked Mr. John McGrath, Chair, Sport NL as well as Mr. Tom Godden, President , Sports NL for their efforts in organizing the event.

He also noted and congratulated the inductees into the Newfoundland and Labrador Sports Hall of Fame.

Acting Mayor O’Keefe

Acting Mayor O’Keefe paid tribute to the late Barbara Chalker and asked that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to her family. Acting Mayor O’Keefe noted that Barbara was always interested and active in public affairs, chaired the St. John’s Cabot 500 Committee and received the Queen’s Jubilee Medal in acknowledgement of her public service.

Acting Mayor O’Keefe indicated his displeasure at comments made by Paul Watson regarding sealers, noting that the comments were a direct reference to those of us here in Newfoundland and Labrador who place such a value on the seal fishery and the history behind the seal fishery. He asked that a letter be written the families of the seal hunters from Quebec’s Iles-de-la-Madeleine who died as a result of a sealing accident last week and as well to the local municipality.

Council unanimously agreed.

In this regard, Councillor Hann took exception to a comment contained in an episode of Coronation Street aired by CBC which read “I would rather club a seal than tell Eileen her boyfriend is married.” He asked Council’s support of his intention to write The Canadian Broadcasting officials requesting an apology.

Council unanimously agreed.

Adjournment

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

MAYOR

CITY CLERK