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

His Worship the Mayor presided.

There were present also: Deputy Mayor Duff, Councillors O'Leary, Hickman, Hann, Colbert, Galgay, Tilley, and Collins.

Regrets: Councillors Hanlon and Breen.

City Manager, Deputy City Manager/Director of Corporate Services & City Clerk, Deputy City Manager/Director of Public Works & Parks; Acting Director of Planning, Director of Engineering, Lawyer/Solicitor, and Manager, Corporate Secretariat were also in attendance.

## Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

## SJMC2012-04-02/195R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor O'Leary: That the Agenda be adopted as presented with following additional items:

- 1. Planning & Housing Standing Committee Report dated March 27, 2012
- 2. St. John's Downtown Parking Study
- 3. Application for a Proposed Hotel Development Civic Number 418 Water Street (Ward 2) Applicant: Ron Fougere Associates Ltd. on behalf of Steele Hotels
- 4. Press Release Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017

## **Adoption of Minutes**

## SJMC2012-04-02/196R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the minutes of March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting be adopted as presented.



## **Notices Published**

1. An application has been submitted by Steven Gardiner and Michael Sparrow requesting permission to demolish **Civic No. 72 Livingstone Street** and to develop the site into four (4), two (2) bedroom Infill Housing Units. Parking will be provided on-site by way of two parking spaces outside on the lot and two parking spaces by in-house garage. **(Ward 2)** 

One (1) Submission of Support

#### SJMC2012-04-02/197R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor O'Leary: That the application be approved.

2. An application has been submitted by KA Pratt Group of Companies requesting permission to occupy Civic No.112 Military Road as office and residential apartments. The building currently operates as a Bed and Breakfast. The proposed use will utilize the main floor as an office for the applicant; the second and third floors will each have two (2) apartments per floor. Parking is provided on-site for eight (8) vehicles.

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#### SJMC2012-04-02/198R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor O'Leary: That the application be approved.

3. An application has been submitted by Todd Perrin requesting permission to establish a restaurant as a Heritage Use in Mallard Cottage at Civic No. 8 Barrow's Road. The reuse of the building will entail an extension at the rear to create additional dining area of 30 square metres creating a total floor area of 150 square metres. The hours of business will be 12 pm (noon) until 2 pm and during the evenings from 5pm - 10 pm. Nine (9) parking spaces are required for the proposed restaurant; the applicant can provide two (2) spaces on the property. Under Section 9.1.2(5) of the St. John's Development Regulations, the St. John's Municipal Council may exempt all of, or vary the number of parking spaces required for occupancies in a designated Heritage Building. Mallard Cottage has been designated by Council as a Heritage Building. (Ward 2)

One (1) Submission of Support

One (1) Submission of Objection

#### SJMC2012-04-02/199R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor O'Leary: That the application be approved.



## **Development Committee Report dated March 27, 2012**

Council considered the following Development Committee Report dated March 27, 2012:

## 1. Proposed Movie Theatres

Torbay Road (former Field Farm) (Ward 1)

Applicant: 55732 Newfoundland and Labrador Inc.

It is the recommendation of the Development Committee that Council grant Approval-in-Principle to the proposed movie theatres subject to the following conditions:

- Compliance with all requirements of the City's Department of Engineering;
- Compliance with all requirements of the St. John's Development Regulations
- Compliance with all requirements of the City's Department of Public Works and Parks;
- Compliance with all requirements of the City's Department of Planning
- Compliance with all requirements of the St. John's Regional Fire Department; and
- Compliance with all requirements of the City's Department of Building and Property Management.

## 2. Proposed Residential Building Lots

Mr. David Jackman/Whitbourne Cottage Developers Limited Olivers' Pond Road
Town of Portugal Cove – St. Phillips
Windsor Lake Watershed

The Committee recommends that Council reject the application.

Robert F. Smart City Manager Chair – Development Committee

#### SJMC2012-04-02/200R

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

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

## **Development Permits List**

Council considered as information the following Development Permits List for the period March 23, 2012 to March 29, 2012:



#### DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING FOR THE PERIOD OF March 23, 2012 TO March 29, 2012

Code	Applicant	Application	Location	Ward	Development Officer's Decision	Date
COM	Principal Holdings Limited	Demolition of Car Sales Building and Construction of TD Bank	65 Stavanger Drive	1	Approved	12-03-23
СОМ	Genivar Inc.	Extension to McDonalds Restaurant	14 Stavanger Drive	1	Approved	12-03-23
INST	Military Family Resource Centrte	Defense Construction Canada	Churchill Avenue	1	Approved	12-03-27
RES	Fred Reddy	Building Lot	96 Bay Bulls Road	5	Approved	12-03-27
СОМ	Carl Yetman	Baker Flooring	80 Brookfield Road	5	Rejected Insufficient Rear Yard Contrary Section 10.27 (5) (1) (i)	12-03-29

\* Code Classification:

RES - Residential
COM - Commercial
AG - Agriculture
OT - Other

INST - Institutional IND - Industrial

Gerard Doran Development Officer Department of Planning

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.

## **Building Permits List**

## SJMC2012-04-02/201R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the recommendation of the Director of Building and Property Management with respect to the following Building Permits List be approved:

2012/03/21

Permits List



#### CLASS: COMMERCIAL

CANDIITE ELECEDIC	20 DAY DILLE DD	CO OFFICE
	38 BAY BULLS RD	
	430 TOPSAIL RD, INSPIRE COLL.	
SATIN LASER SPA/TAMMY NORMAN		SN SERVICE SHOP
COADY CONSTRUCTION	9-11 WALDEGRAVE ST	RN MIXED USE
BELL ALIANT	4 CORPORAL JAMIE MURPHY ST	NC COMMUNICATIONS USE
BELL ALIANT	25 DUNLEA ST	NC COMMUNICATIONS USE
BELL ALIANT	25 DUNLEA ST 51 EASTBOURNE CRES GOLF COURSE ROAD	NC COMMUNICATIONS USE
BELL ALIANT	GOLF COURSE ROAD	NC COMMUNICATIONS USE
	11 HAMPSHIRE PL	
BELL ALIANT	56 HIGHLAND DR	NC COMMUNICATIONS USE
	2A HUSSEY DR	
BELL ALIANT	370 NEWFOUNDLAND DR	NC COMMUNICATIONS USE
BELL ALIANT	570 NEWFOUNDLAND DR	NC COMMUNICATIONS USE
BELL ALIANT	8 O'MARA PL	NC COMMUNICATIONS USE
BELL ALIANT	26 PEARSON ST	NC COMMUNICATIONS USE
BELL ALIANT	47 PENNEY CRES	NC COMMUNICATIONS USE
BELL ALIANT	49 SGT. CRAIG GILLAM AVE	NC COMMUNICATIONS USE
BELL ALIANT	14 STAVANGER DR	NC COMMUNICATIONS USE
BELL ALIANT	3 STENLAKE CRES 54 STIRLING CRES	NC COMMUNICATIONS USE
BELL ALIANT	54 STIRLING CRES	NC COMMUNICATIONS USE
J & B ENGINEERING INC.	26-28 O'LEARY AVE	CR RETAIL STORE
DEAN CALLAHAN	165 WATER ST	CR RESTAURANT
COUGAR HELICOPTERS INC.	40 CRAIG DOBBIN'S WAY	NC TRANSPORTATION TERMINAL
		THIS WEEK \$ 555,500.00

CLASS: INDUSTRIAL

THIS WEEK \$ .00

CLASS: GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL

THIS WEEK \$ .00

#### CLASS: RESIDENTIAL

KENNETH SOOLEY	38 OUTER BATTERY RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
KARWOOD CONTRACTING	34 SPRUCE GROVE AVE, LOT 138	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
PETER WHITE AND ANNE WHITE	142 CHEESEMAN DR	NC SWIMMING POOL
MARNELL ENTERPRISES LTD.	31 CYPRESS ST, LOT 137	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
MARNELL ENTERPRISES	69 CYPRESS ST - LOT 121	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
JASON BARRETT	51 GLENLONAN ST, LOT 7	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
HOMEWORX	136 GREAT EASTERN AVE, LOT 107	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
TERRY WALSH CONTRACTING LTD.	16 HAMLET ST, LOT 67	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
TERRY WALSH CONTRACTING LTD.	18 HAMLET ST, LOT 68	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
TERRY WALSH CONTRACTING LTD.	20 HAMLET ST, LOT 69	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
TERRY WALSH CONTRACTING LTD.	22 HAMLET ST, LOT 70	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
BLUEWATER PROPERTY AND	17 MIRANDA ST, LOT 94	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
LORI MITCHELL	8 NAUTILUS ST, LOT 119	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
FAIRVIEW INVESTMENTS LIMITED	7 OBERON ST - LOT 142	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
TRIPLE L CONTRACTING	18 ROSALIND ST, LOT 391	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
ANTHONY H. GUEST	5 THISTLE PL	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
NORM PHANEUF	97 ST. CLARE AVE	CO HOME OFFICE
HANN CONSTRUCTION LIMITED	115 BLUE PUTTEE DR, LOT 87	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
JOSHUA K. TAYLOR	132 BOND ST - 2ND & 3RD FLOORS	RN SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING



DAVID REDDY

32 CAPE PINE ST

RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
NFLD & LABRADOR HOUSING CORP. 175 CASHIN AVE EXTEN
RN TOWNHOUSING
NFLD & LABRADOR HOUSING CORP. 177 CASHIN AVE EXTEN
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NFLD & LABRADOR HOUSING CORP. 179 CASHIN AVE EXTEN
RN TOWNHOUSING
NFLD & LABRADOR HOUSING CORP. 181 CASHIN AVE EXTEN
RN TOWNHOUSING
PETER SOUCY
18 CATHEDRAL ST
RN SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
PHILIP W OSBORNE
1 DAVIDSON PL
RN SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
PAUL DUNNE
68 FLOWER HILL
RN TOWNHOUSING
ANTHONY PIKE
2 GILBERT ST
RN MIXED USE
DAVID G. FAGNER
42 HAYWARD AVE
RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
NFLD & LABRADOR HOUSING CORP
13 HEATHERTON PL
RN TOWNHOUSING
KEITH G.& LUCINDA BRADBURY
37 HOWLEY AVE EXTEN
RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
NEW VICTORIAN HOMES
6 MCCRAE ST
RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
JOHN J. HARRIS
19 POWER ST
RN SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING
RN TOWNHOUSING DAVID REDDY 32 CAPE PINE ST RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING 6 STEWART AVE RN TOWNHOUSING DONALD MACDONALD SULLIVAN'S CONTRACTING LIMITED 74 TEAKWOOD DR, LOT 9

HARRY & PATRICIA STONE

80 TOPSAIL RD

NFLD & LABRADOR HOUSING CORP

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THIS WEEK \$ 3,435,200.00

#### CLASS: DEMOLITION

PRINCIPAL HOLDINGS LIMITED 65 STAVANGER DR (INT. DEMO) DM CAR SALES LOT

THIS WEEK \$ 15,000.00

THIS WEEK''S TOTAL: \$ 4,005,700.00

REPAIR PERMITS ISSUED: 2012/03/15 TO 2012/03/21 \$ 145,000.00

#### LEGEND

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CR CHNG OF OCC/RENOVTNS MS MOBILE SIGN
EX EXTENSION CC CHIMNEY CONSTRUCTION
NC NEW CONSTRUCTION CD CHIMNEY DEMOLITION
OC OCCUPANT CHANGE DV DEVELOPMENT FILE
RN RENOVATIONS WS WOODSTOVE
SW SITE WORK DM DEMOLITION
TI TENANT IMPROVEMENTS



## **Payrolls and Accounts**

### SJMC2012-04-02-/202R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending March 29, 2012 be approved:

# Weekly Payment Vouchers For The Week Ending March 29, 2012

## **Payroll**

	Total:	\$ 4.	,064,558.84
Accounts Payable		\$ 1,	,705,731.85
Bi-Weekly Fire Department		\$	560,390.57
Bi-Weekly Management		\$	649,627.07
Bi-Weekly Administration		\$	695,429.01
Public Works		\$	453,380.34

## **Tenders**

- a. Tender Overhead Crane Inspection
- b. Tender Two (2) Rubber Tracked Sidewalk Plows
- c. Tender Open Order for Supply of Traffic Paint
- d. Tender Three (3) Ride on Lawn Tractors
- e. Tender Robin Hood Bay Landfill Re-engineering Contract 26 – Premises Isolation Chamber – Watermain

## SJMC2012-04-02/203R

It was moved by Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the recommendations of the Director of Finance and City Treasurer and the Deputy City



Manager/Director of Public Works and Parks be approved and the tenders awarded as follows:

- a. Atlantic Crane and Material Handling @ \$34,772.94
- b. S & S Supply Ltd. @ \$309,858.00, taxes not included
- c. UCP Paint @ \$211,822.70, taxes not included
- d. Nfld. Kubota Ltd. @ \$31,785.24, taxes not included
- e. Pyramid Construction Ltd. @ \$291,946.80

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

# Notice of Motion - St. John's Ticketing Amendment By-Law

Councillor Colbert gave the following Notice of Motion:

<u>TAKE NOTICE</u> that I will at the next regular meeting of the St. John's Municipal Council move to enact an amendment to the St. John's Ticketing Amendment By-Law so as to update provisions related to "disabled parking spaces" to reference "mobility parking spaces".

## **Bell Street**

Council considered a memorandum dated March 28, 2012 from the City Manager regarding the above noted.

## SJMC2012-04-02/204R

It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That approval be given to exchange the existing Bell Street land to the developer, Henry Bell Ltd., for \$1.00 once the new street has been completed and accepted by the City, to replace the existing street, as recommended by the City Solicitor.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

## Request for Exemption to Firearms By-Law (By-Law No. 1422)

Council considered a memorandum dated March 27, 2012 from the Deputy City Manager/Director of Corporate Services and City Clerk regarding the above noted.



### SJMC2012-04-02/205R

It was moved by Councillor Hickman; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That a request from Newdock for exemption from By-Law 1422 for the four year period commencing April 1, 2012 in order to permit it to deal with the problem of nuisance birds on their work site, be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

## **Travel Request by Councillor Sandy Hickman**

Council considered a memorandum dated March 29, 2012 from the Deputy City Manager/Director of Corporate Services and City Clerk regarding the above noted.

## SJMC2012-04-02/206R

It was moved by Councillor Colbert; seconded by Councillor Hann: That travel by Councillor Hickman on May 31 to June 4, 2012 to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference, be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

## 51-57 Job Street, Deacon Investments Ltd.

Council considered a memorandum dated March 23, 2012 from the City Solicitor Regarding the above noted.

### SJMC2012-04-02/207R

It was moved by Councillor O'Leary; seconded by Councillor Hann: That land at 51-57 Job Street be sold to Deacon Investments at a rate of \$19 per sq. ft., as per the City Solicitor's recommendation.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Snow Clearing Report for the period January 1st to March 30th, 2012



Council considered as information the Snow Clearing Report for the period January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 showing a positive variance of \$5,745.00.

**Economic Update April 2012** 

Councillor Tilley presented the highlights of the Economic Update for April 2012.

Notice to Motorists - Rescission of On-Street Parking Ban

Councillor Collins reminded motorists in the City of St. John's that effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 the overnight on-Street Parking Ban is no longer in effect. However, he noted that in the event of a heavy snow fall, motorists should exercise discretion, since it may be necessary to tow away vehicles obstructing snow clearing operations.

St. John's Downtown Parking Study

Council considered the updated summary of the proposed amendments to the St. John's Municipal Plan and the St. John's Development Regulations to implement the Planning Related Recommendations of the Downtown Parking Study.

SJMC2012-04-02/208R

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the Downtown Parking Plan as currently drafted be referred to a public hearing.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Media Release – Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2017

Councillor Hickman presented a media release concerning a public meeting to be held on April 18, 2012 in the Foran/Greene Room to discuss how to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2017.

**Planning & Housing Standing Committee** 

Council considered the following Planning & Housing Committee Report dated March 27, 2012.

In Attendance: Councillor Tom Hann, Chairperson



Deputy Mayor Shannie Duff

Councillor Bruce Tilley

Councillor Sheilagh O'Leary

Councillor Danny Breen

Councillor Frank Galgay

Councillor Wally Collins

Mr. Bob Smart, City Manager

Mr. Paul Mackey, Deputy City Manager and Director of

Public Works & Parks

Mr. Cliff Johnston, Director of Planning

Mr. Walt Mills, Director of Engineering

Mr. Dave Blackmore, Director of Building and Property Mgmt.

Ms. Judy Powell, General Manager - Metrobus

Mr. Ken O'Brien, Manager of Planning & Information

Ms. Lynnann Winsor, Development Engineer

Ms. Lindsay Lyghtle Brushett, Planner

Ms. Jennifer Mills, Communications Officer

Ms. Maureen Harvey, Recording Secretary

Also in attendance were Helen Handrigan, Judy Tobin, Scott Morton-Ninomiya, and Gordon Tucker – all from the Department of Building and Property Management.

# 1. Review of the St. John's Municipal Plan

The Committee considered the <u>attached memorandum</u> dated March 26, 2012 from the Director of Planning and the Manager of Planning and Information which proposed next steps for public consultation for the Review of the St. John's Municipal Plan.

- 1. In the interest of meeting the target of having the Municipal Plan Review completed and a draft plan adopted by Council and forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs by late spring 2013, the Committee recommends acceptance of the proposed workflow and timetable which will see the following processes included:
  - Ward meetings
  - Key area meetings
  - Mail out to all residents/property owners within the City
  - Use of social media
  - Meetings with various organizations
  - Special planning topic meetings
  - Second Mayor's symposium
  - In the interest of energizing the Municipal Plan Review Process, the Committee also agreed to refer to the Municipal Plan Advisory Group a proposal to engage Ken Greenberg and David Buchbinder as speakers who



can present a new approach in to city-building beyond form, emphasizing social connections, economic viability, and environmental sustainability.

2. In the interest of energizing the Municipal Plan Review Process, the Committee also agreed to refer to the Municipal Plan Advisory Group a proposal to engage Ken Greenberg and David Buchbinder as speakers who can present a new approach to city-building beyond form, emphasizing social connections, economic viability, and environmental sustainability.

Councillor Tom Hann Chairperson

## SJMC2012-04-02/209R

It was moved by Councillor O'Leary; seconded by Deputy Mayor Duff: That as part of the Municipal Plan Review Process Council approve funding to engage two speakers, Ken Greenberg and David Buchbinder, at an approximate cost of between \$10,000 and \$12,000 as part of the Municipal Plan Review Process.

#### SJMC2012-04-02/210R

It was moved by Councillor Colbert; seconded by Councilor Hickman: That a decision be deferred for one week and referred to staff to conduct an environmental scan to determine if there are other experts with similar or greater expertise.

The motion to defer being put was carried with Deputy Mayor Duff and Councillor O'Leary dissenting.

## SJMC2012-04-02/211R

It was then moved by Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the report be adopted, noting deferral of Item 2.

The motion being put was carried.

Application for a Proposed Hotel Development Civic Number 418 Water Street (Ward 2) Applicant: Ron Fougere Associates Ltd. on behalf of Steele Hotels

Council considered a memorandum dated March 30, 2012 from the City Manager regarding an application for a proposed hotel development at Civic Number 418 Water Street by Ron Fougere Associates Ltd. on behalf of Steele Hotels.



## SJMC2012-04-02/212R

It was then moved by Councillor Colbert; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That Council grant approval-in-principle to the application subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Parking being provided in accordance with the proposed Downtown Parking Standards for hotels or cash-in-lieu payment for any deficient parking spaces;
- 2. Compliance with all requirements of the City's Departments of Engineering and Planning; and
- 3. Compliance with all requirements of the City's Department of Building and Property Management

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

# **Councillor Collins**

Councillor Collins advised residents that the City of St. John's is adding the MY-WASTE app to its communication and outreach activities, which is available for iPhone/iPad and Android devices.

## **Councillor Tilley**

Councillor Tilley mentioned the Seniors' Day Event to be held June 7, 2012 noting that details will be made available at a later date.

Councillor Tilley reminded residents that the nominations for City Tourism Awards close on April 4, 2012.

Councillor Tilley extended congratulations to MUN Students who captured the Canadian Championship for a petroleum geology case study competition.

Councillor Tilley noted that the street lights on the Waterfront near The Keg Restaurant are not working. The matter was referred to staff for follow-up.

#### **Councillor Hann**



Councillor Hann reminded residents that the deadline for nominations for Senior of the Year Award close May 2, 2012. He noted the information is available on the City's website and can be obtained at the office of the City Clerk.

### **Councillor O'Leary**

Councillor O'Leary acknowledged Global Autism Awareness Day held today, April 2, 2012 and stressed the importance of bringing awareness to autism and how to help those who have been diagnosed with the disorder.

Councillor O'Leary noted the Oxfam Centre in Newfoundland and Labrador is in danger of being closed and advised that there will be a public hearing at The Lantern, Military Road to discuss the distribution of a petition to keep the office open and encouraged members of the public to come out and get involved since the office is a vital presence in the City of St. John's.

Councillor O'Leary referenced the recent murder-suicide on the Port au Port Peninsula and advised that there will be a memorial benefit at the Majestic Theatre on April 26 in memory of victim, Stephanie Chaisson. She indicated that funds raised will go directly to Iris Kirby House. She encouraged people to get involved and raise awareness about violence against women.

## **Deputy Mayor Duff**

Deputy Mayor Duff indicated that next week for the first time in 20 years the Newfoundland Drama Society is returning to St. John's with shows at the Arts and Culture Centre April 10 to 14 which she sees as a great opportunity to take in some extremely fine theatre.

Deputy Mayor Duff noted that she along with His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Galgay and Tilley were present at the opening of the new Vera Perlin facility this week. She noted that during Minister Penahue's speech he rightly put emphasis on the fact that the government plays an important role through their Developmental Skills Programs in integrating persons with developmental disabilities into the workforce in our community. The Deputy Mayor pointed out that we should not lose site of the very valuable service not only by Vera Perlin but by other



organizations for persons with developmental disabilities who may never have the opportunity to be part of the workforce but who still need the services that groups like the Vera Perlin Society provide whether it be socialization, recreation or just the ability to congregate with their peers.

In this regard, His Worship the Mayor advised that during his speech he commented that the City's contribution of \$250,000 was a very sizeable contribution, and is looked upon as an investment in the people, the community and in helping people with disabilities reach their potential.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

	MAYOR	
		CLERK

