

December 1, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the St. John's Municipal Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:50 p.m. today.

Mayor Dennis O'Keefe presided.

There were present also Deputy Mayor Ellsworth, Councillors Duff, Hickman, Hann, Puddister, Galgay, Coombs, Hanlon and Collins

Regrets: Councillor Colbert

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

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

SJMC2008-12-01/731R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Collins; seconded by Councillor Hanlon: That the Agenda be adopted as presented with the following additional Items:

- a. Memorandum dated November 28, 2008 from the Manager of Environmental Services, Department of Public Works and Parks re Discoloured Water Complaints in Osbourne Street Area
- b. Memorandum dated December 1, 2008 from the Associate Commissioner and Director of Engineering re Water Complaints- Osbourne Street Area
- c. Terms of Reference – Mayor's Advisory Committee on Senior Citizens

Adoption of Minutes

SJMC2008-12-01/732R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Collins: That the Minutes of the November 24th, 2008 meeting be adopted as presented.

St. John's Transportation Commission Budget 2009

Councillor Hann tabled the St. John's Transportation Commission Budget for 2009. He noted that the budget reflects a \$224,620 subsidy increase which was higher originally, and which is mainly attributable to increased operating costs due to salary increases and capital costs to cover payments on four new buses.

SJMC2008-12-01/733R

It was moved by Councillor Hann, seconded by Councillor Puddister: That the 2009 St. John's Transportation Commission Budget be approved as presented.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Discoloured Water Complaints in Osbourne Street Area

Under business arising, Council considered a memorandum dated December 1, 2008 from the Associate Commissioner and Director of Engineering along with a memorandum dated November 28, 2008 from the Manager of Environmental Services, Department of Public Works and Parks regarding Water Complaints- Osbourne Street Area. As pointed out by staff the Osbourne Street Area has been a problem for a number of years due to high iron concentrations. The levels rose when an automatic flushing device had been turned off in the Rostellan Place area. The new Treatment Plant at Windsor Lake adds carbon dioxide to the water to reduce the alkalinity, thereby making the treated water less aggressive in the distribution system. As pointed out by staff, His Worship the Mayor noted that in addition to Provincial testing, the city collects over 50 samples every week from designated sampling ports throughout the City and that the iron under the Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines is an aesthetic parameter and has no relationship with bacteriological concerns.

Development Committee Report dated November 25th, 2008

Council considered the following Development Committee Report dated November 25th, 2008:

RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL:

- 1. Tiffany Village Seniors Residential Complex – Stage 2
55731 Newfoundland & Labrador Inc.
Tiffany Lane (Ward 4)**

The Development Committee recommends that Council approve the **attached** Terms of Reference for the Land Use Assessment Report for Stage 2 of the Tiffany Village Seniors Residential Complex. It is also recommended that once the report has been received and reviewed by staff, that staff be directed to proceed with public notification of the application and Land Use Assessment Report. This process would include a newspaper notice, notices mailed to the property owners and residents in the area, and posting of the Assessment Report on the City's website.

RECOMMENDATION OF REJECTION:

- 2. Crown Land Grant Referral
Proposed Residential Building Lot
Scott Andrew Williams
Blackhead Road (Ward 5)**

The Development Committee recommends that Council reject the request for a Crown Land Grant in accordance with Section 8.1.2 of the St. John's Development Regulations.

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

SJMC2008-12-01/734R

Regarding Item # It was moved by Deputy Mayor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the Committee's recommendation of approval of the Terms of Reference for the LUAR for Stage 2 of the Tiffany Village Seniors Residential Complex be accepted; and that once the report has been received and reviewed by staff, that staff be directed to proceed with public notification of the application and Land Use Assessment Report, the process to include a newspaper notice, notices mailed to the property owners and residents in the area, and posting of the Assessment Report on the City's website.

SJMC2008-12-01/735R

It was then moved by Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That the motion be amended to include a recommendation that a public meeting on the application and the LUAR be held in the interest of public information.

**The amended motion being put there voted for it the mover and seconder.
The amended motion was lost.**

The main motion being put was carried with Councillors Duff and Galgay dissenting.

SJMC2008-12-01/736R

Regarding Item # 2 It was moved by Deputy Mayor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the Committee's recommendation of rejection be accepted.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Planning and Housing Committee Report dated November 26th, 2008

Council considered the following Planning and Housing Committee Report dated November 26th, 2008:

In Attendance: Councillor Keith Coombs, Chairperson
 Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth
 Councillor Shannie Duff
 Councillor Sandy Hickman
 Councillor Art Puddister
 Councillor Frank Galgay
 Mr. Ron Penney, Chief Commissioner & Solicitor
 Mr. Art Cheeseman, Associate Commissioner/Director of Engineering
 Mr. Cliff Johnston, Director of Planning
 Mr. Paul Mackey, Director of Public Works & Parks
 Mr. Dave Blackmore, Director of Building & Property Management
 Mr. Jim Clarke, Manager of Streets & Parks
 Mr. Joe Sampson, Manager of Development
 Mr. Ken O'Brien, Manager of Planning & Information
 Mr. Gareth Griffiths, Manager of Real Estate Services
 Mr. Paul Boundridge, Planning Coordinator
 Ms. Kelly Butler, Recording Secretary

1. Northeast Avalon Regional Plan

The Committee considered as information the **attached** letter dated November 21, 2008, from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the **attached** memorandum dated November 24, 2008, from the Director of Planning and the Manager of Planning and Information regarding the preparation of the Northeast Avalon Regional Plan.

2. Appeal Board Hearing Division – Appeal by David and Christine Rowe re: Proposed New Residential Building Lot – Civic No. 23 Shoal Bay Road (Ward 5)

The Committee considered the **attached** memorandum dated November 18, 2008, from the Director of Planning regarding the above noted matter.

The Committee endorsed the recommendation of staff that no changes be made to the current standards for development along Shoal Bay Road and that no zoning amendments be considered to the current Rural Residential Infill (RRI) Zoning designation of the properties along Shoal Bay Road.

3. Application for Converted Building to Accommodate a Proposed Coffee Shop – Civic No. 123-125 Quidi Vidi Road (Ward 2)

The Committee considered the **attached** memorandum dated November 21, 2008, from the Director of Planning regarding the above noted matter.

The Committee directed the Department of Planning to prepare an amendment to the St. John's Development Regulations which would allow Council to vary the minimum lot area requirement of 560 m² on a case by case basis where considered appropriate for Converted Buildings in the Residential High Density (R3) Zone. The proposed text amendment will be advertised for public review and comment. Upon completion of this process, the proposed text amendment will be forwarded to a future Regular Meeting of Council for consideration of approval.

The application for the proposed coffee shop at Civic No. 123-125 Quidi Vidi Road can be advertised concurrent to the advertising for the proposed text amendment.

4. Proposed Text Amendment to the St. John's Development Regulations – Fort Amherst Area (Ward 5)

The Committee considered the **attached** memorandum dated November 17, 2008, from the Director of Planning regarding the above noted matter.

The Committee directed the Department of Planning to prepare an amendment to the St. John's Development Regulations which would allow Council to determine the maximum allowable building height for individual homes zoned as Residential High Density (R3) in the Fort Amherst area in order to protect significant public views. The proposed text amendment will be advertised for public review and comment. Upon completion of this process, the proposed text amendment will be forwarded to a future Regular Meeting of Council for consideration of approval.

5. Request for an Alternation to Municipal Boundaries – Mr. Willis Lynch – Camrose Drive, St. John's (Ward 5)

The Committee considered the **attached** memorandum dated November 24, 2008, from the Director of Engineering and the **attached** letter dated November 18, 2008, from Mayor Ralph Wiseman, Town of Paradise, regarding the above noted matter.

The Committee concurred with the staff recommendation that Mr. Lynch's request that an alteration be made to the municipal boundaries in the Camrose Drive area so that his property is transferred from the jurisdiction of the City of St. John's to the Town of Paradise be denied, as such a boundary change would have the effect of opening up additional land for development that is located in the Watershed.

Councillor Keith Coombs
Chairperson

SJMC2008-12-01/737R

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

Regarding Item #3, Councillor Galgay tabled four letters in support of the application to accommodate a proposed coffee shop at Civic No. 123-125 Quidi Vidi Road, from Leslie Vryenhoek, 119 Quidi Vidi Road; Catherine Thompson, 120 Quidi Vidi Road; Dr. Matthew Kerby and Marina McGale.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Development Permits List

Council considered as information the following Development Permit List for the period November 21, 2008 to November 27, 2008:

**DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
FOR THE PERIOD OF November 21, 2008 To November 27, 2008**

Building Permits List

SJMC2008-12-01/738R

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

2008/11/26

Permits List

CLASS: COMMERCIAL

EVENING TELEGRAM	400 TOPSAIL RD	EX COMMUNICATIONS USE
TODD MANNING RAM ENT INC	16 QUEEN ST	OC TAVERN
ROYAL BANK OF CANADA	40 ABERDEEN AVE	MS BANK
LA-Z-BOY	50 ABERDEEN AVE, LA-Z-BOY	MS RETAIL STORE
WOODWARD RENT-A-CAR LIMITED	152 AIRPORT RD	MS CAR SALES LOT
GOULDS CHILDREN'S CENTRE INC.	31 DOYLE'S RD, CHILDRENS	MS DAY CARE CENTRE
CARLSON WAGONLIT TRAVEL	92 ELIZABETH AVE	SN OFFICE
DICKS AND COMPANY LIMITED	385 EMPIRE AVE	MS OFFICE
MARY BROWN'S	140 FRESHWATER RD, MARY BROWNS	MS RESTAURANT
IN MOTION	179 HAMLYN RD	MS CLUB
FIRST ST. JOHN'S DEVELOPMENTS	41 KELSEY DR - MOORES	MS RETAIL STORE
LEGROW'S TRAVEL	75 KELSEY DR - LEGROWS TRAVEL	MS OFFICE
WAL-MART CANADA INC.	75 KELSEY DR	MS RETAIL STORE
NLOW	208 KENMOUNT RD	MS OFFICE
DISCOUNT AUTO	350 KENMOUNT RD-DISCOUNT AUTO	MS COMMERCIAL GARAGE
KING'S GLASS & TIRE INC.	229 KENMOUNT RD	MS RETAIL STORE
BELRON CANADA INCORPORATED	439 KENMOUNT RD	MS COMMERCIAL GARAGE
PENNEY KIA INC.	497 KENMOUNT RD - PENNEY KIA	MS CAR SALES LOT
CHRISTINE'S PLACE	210 LEMARCHANT RD, CHRISTINES	MS TAVERN
A.I.M.E. PHYSIOTHERAPY INC.	204-206 MAIN RD	MS CLINIC
COWAN'S OPTICAL LIMITED	355B MAIN RD	MS CLINIC
PETERS PIZZA	431-435 MAIN RD	MS TAKE-OUT FOOD SERVICE
TIRE MART	219 MAJOR'S PATH	MS RETAIL STORE
CHRISTMAS WAREHOUSE	50 MUNDY POND RD	MS WAREHOUSE
BUDDY'S FISH & CHIPS LTD.	445 NEWFOUNDLAND DR	MS EATING ESTABLISHMENT
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CANADA BREAD	57 OLD PENNYWELL RD, BAKERY	MS RETAIL STORE
ATLANTIC CASH & CARRY	37 O'LEARY AVE	MS RETAIL STORE
SATURN	20 PEET ST - SATURN	MS CAR SALES LOT
ORTHOPEDIC SOLUTIONS	342 PENNYWELL RD	MS RETAIL STORE
SPEEDY GLASS	9 PIPPY PL	MS COMMERCIAL GARAGE
CASH STORE	30 ROPEWALK LANE, CASH STORE	MS RETAIL STORE
STASSIS INVESTMENTS INC.	38 ROPEWALK LANE	MS EATING ESTABLISHMENT
CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY	70 ROPEWALK LANE	SN HOTEL
CREATIVE BRICK & TILE	25 STAVANGER DRIVE	MS RETAIL STORE
SHOPPERS REALTY INC.	390 TOPSAIL RD, SHOPPERS	MS RETAIL STORE
NORTH ATLANTIC REFINING LTD.	446 TOPSAIL RD	SN SERVICE STATION
KARITSIOTIS ENTERPRISES LTD.	662 TOPSAIL RD	MS EATING ESTABLISHMENT
BROTHER'S FOODS LIMITED	686 TOPSAIL RD	MS RESTAURANT
SECOND PAGE BOOK STORE	655 TOPSAIL RD	MS OFFICE
CHES'S SNACKS LIMITED	655 TOPSAIL RD	MS RESTAURANT
COUNTRY KEEPSAKES	286 TORBAY RD, COUNTRY KEEPSAK	MS RETAIL STORE
GRECO PIZZA	286 TORBAY RD - GRECO PIZZA	MS RESTAURANT
BRITON HOLDINGS INC.	272-276 TORBAY RD - RUSTLERS	MS RESTAURANT
PLANET BEACH	272-276 TORBAY RD - PLANET BCH	MS SERVICE SHOP
BOURNES ESSO SERVICE LTD.	660 TORBAY RD	MS SERVICE STATION
SHOPPERS DRUG MART	TORBAY ROAD, SHOPPERS DRUG MAR	MS RETAIL STORE
BULLDOG FITNESS	141 TORBAY RD -BULLDOG FITNESS	MS SERVICE SHOP

PIZZA EXPRESS LIMITED	TORBAY ROAD-TORBAY RD MALL	MS RESTAURANT
PIZZA EXPRESS #2	TORBAY RD, PIZZA EXPRESS	MS RESTAURANT
THE T.D.L. GROUP LTD.	553 TORBAY RD	MS EATING ESTABLISHMENT
JOY'S HAIR BOUTIQUE INC.	611 TORBAY RD -JOY'S HAIR BOUT	MS SERVICE SHOP
TROPICAL AND MARINE PETS INC.	611 TORBAY RD	MS RETAIL STORE
HEALY'S PHARMACY LTD.	722 WATER ST - THERAPEUTIX	MS CLINIC
HOME ON WATER ST	156 WATER ST	CO RETAIL STORE
CRAIG LANGILLE	64 PIPPY PL	CO WAREHOUSE
COLASSAL PIZZA	362 WATER ST	RN RESTAURANT
KRISTA WEBBER	4 VANGUARD CRT	CO OFFICE
ACADEMY CANADA	336 LOGY BAY RD	RN COMMERCIAL SCHOOL
CREATIVE MOLDINGS	463 LOGY BAY RD	CR RETAIL STORE
UAP NAPA	561 TORBAY RD	EX WHOLESALE BUSINESS

THIS WEEK \$ 290,100.00
TO DATE \$ 54,533,844.00

CLASS: INDUSTRIAL

THIS WEEK \$.00
TO DATE \$ 2,685,000.00

CLASS: GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL

SALVATION ARMY	56 KENMOUNT RD, UNIT B	CO WAREHOUSE
MCP	55-59 MARGARET'S PL	RN OFFICE
FED. GOV'T. (D.F.O. COMPLEX)	80 EAST WHITE HILLS RD	NC ADMIN BLDG/GOV/NON-PROFIT

THIS WEEK \$ 1,133,000.00
TODATE\$35,295,470.00

CLASS: RESIDENTIAL

NEW VICTORIAN HOMES	18 BANIKHIN PL - LOT 59	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
FRED & CHERYL TUCKER	1094 BLACKHEAD RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
CRAIG IVANY	26 CESSNA ST	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
TERRY WALSH CONSTRUCTION	57 CHEROKEE DR, LOT 59	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
BRENDA JILL COLE	13 DUMBARTON PL	NC PATIO DECK
ERIC MILLER	32 GAIRLOCK ST	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
KENNETH P. BURSEY	32 GANDER CRES	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
REARDON CONSTRUCTION & DEV LTD	63 GISBORNE PL, LOT Y1	NC TOWNHOUSING
REARDON CONSTRUCTION & DEV LTD	65 GISBORNE PL, LOT Y2	NC TOWNHOUSING
REARDON CONSTRUCTION & DEV LTD	67 GISBORNE PL, LOT Y3	NC TOWNHOUSING
NICHOLAS & KELLY HENDER	116 GOWER ST	NC PATIO DECK
GLEN POWER & FLORENCE KENNEDY	29 HOLLOWAY ST	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
KIRBY OSMOND	38 HOPEDALE CRES	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
WENDY O'KEEFE	15 HUTCHINGS ST	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
STEVE & HEIDI RYAN	CARIBOU PL, LOT 15	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
CHRIS SQUIRES	CARIBOU PLACE, LOT 16	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
MIKE EDWARDS	FLOVER ST, LOT 53	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
PAUL R. AND NOLA D. MURPHY	11 LANCASTER ST	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
DARRELL HAYWARD	58 LARNER ST	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
PRO TECH CONSTRUCTION	61 MACBETH DR, LOT 6-5	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
CHRIS KINSELLA	30 MOUNTAINVIEW DR	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
SKYMAK HOMES	32 NAVAJO PL, LOT 42	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
SKYMARK HOMES CONSTRUCTION	27 NAVAJO PL, LOT 230	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ROGER DALTON	313 PENNYWELL RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
GARY HICKEY	20 PITCHER'S PATH - LOT 3	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
CHAD BUTLER	20 PORTUGAL COVE RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
BLAKE CRYDERMAN	12 QUIDI VIDI RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
TYLER'S CONTRACTING	20 RUSS HOWARD ST, LOT 104	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
NEW VICTORIAN HOMES	20 SGT. CRAIG GILLAM AVE-LOT 5	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING

ERCO HOMES	30 SGT. CRAIG GILLAM AVE-LOT10	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
HANLEY CONSTRUCTION & RENO	519 SOUTHSIDE RD	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
REARDON CONSTRUCTION	SPRUCEDALE DRIVE - LOT 155	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
REARDON CONSTRUCTION &	SPRUCEDALE DRIVE - LOT 154	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
REARDON CONSTRUCTION &	SPRUCEDALE DRIVE - LOT 156	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
REARDON CONSTRUCTION	SPRUCEDALE DRIVE - LOT 158	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
REARDON CONSTRUCTION	20 SPRUCEDALE DRIVE - LOT 148	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
REARDON CONSTRUCTION	SPRUCEDALE DRIVE - LOT 144	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
REARDON CONSTRUCTION	25 SPRUCEDALE DR, LOT 170	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
TERRY WALSH CONTRACTING	58 CHEROKEE DR	CR SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
PENNY O'DEA	50 BANNERMAN ST	RN TOWNHOUSING
THOMAS & PENNY MARNELL	69 GREAT EASTERN AVE	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
MICHAEL O'DEA	8 HAYWARD AVE	RN TOWNHOUSING
MICHAEL O'DEA	83-85 HAYWARD AVE	RN APARTMENT BUILDING
ANTHONY BUTT	34 LIVINGSTONE ST	RN TOWNHOUSING
WAYNE J. MILLER	16 MAYOR AVE	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
SONJA BERGGREN	67 QUEEN'S RD	RN TOWNHOUSING
DIANNE MCLENDON	49-55 SPRINGDALE ST	RN FENCE
DR. CHRISTOPHER PATEY &	126 WATERFORD BRIDGE RD	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
CAROLYN DOBBIN	8 FOREST RD	SW SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ERIC HAMMOND	180 FOREST RD	SW SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
CROSBIE INDUSTRIAL	69 FRESHWATER RD	SW SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
CROSBIE INDUSTRIAL	71 FRESHWATER RD	SW SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
KEVIN RYAN	100 PROWSE AVE	SW SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING

THIS WEEK \$ 3,924,795.00
TO DATE \$138,908,870.00

CLASS: DEMOLITION

THIS WEEK \$.00
TO DATE \$ 1,768,400.00
THIS WEEK'S TOTAL: \$ 5,347,895.00
TOTAL YEAR TO DATE: \$233,191,584.00

REPAIR PERMITS ISSUED: 2008/11/20 TO 2008/11/26 \$ 3,250.00
2007/12/13 TO 2008/11/26 \$ 3,485,660.00 YTD

LEGEND

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

Payrolls and Accounts

SJMC2008-12-01/739R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Coombs: That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending November 13th, 2008 be approved as presented:

**Weekly Payment Vouchers
For The
Week Ending November 27, 2008,**

PAYROLL

Public Works	\$ 350,408.16
Bi-Weekly Amalgamation	\$ 466,209.20
Bi-Weekly Management	\$ 567,020.28
Bi-Weekly Administration	\$ 573,003.03

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Cheque No. 140196 - 140540	\$4,460,042.30
Total:	\$6,416,682.97

Tender

1. Tender - Snowclearing, St. John's Regional Water Supply System

SJMC2008-12-01/740R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Coombs: That recommendation of the Director of Building and Property Management be approved and the tender awarded as follows:

- a. **Clarke's Trucking & Excavating Ltd. for the amount of \$148,821.00 which includes HST**

Notice of Motion

Councillor Coombs gave the following Notice of Motion

TAKE NOTICE that at the January 5th, 2009 Regular Meeting of Council I will move a motion to rescind a decision of Council of November 17, 2008 allowing the establishment of a Towing and Vehicle Impound Lot located on Redmond's Road.

Terms of Reference – Mayor’s Advisory Committee on Senior Citizens

Councillor Hann tabled the Terms of Reference for the Mayor’s Advisory Committee on Senior Citizens.

SJMC2008-12-01/741R

It was moved by Councillor Hann; seconded by Deputy Mayor Ellsworth: That the Terms of Reference for the Mayor’s Advisory Committee on Senior Citizens be adopted as presented.

Councillor Hann noted that the City already does a lot for seniors and establishing a committee will ensure they have a voice at City Hall. Members of Council see the initiative as a strengthening of what the City is already doing for seniors.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

SJMC2008-12-01/742R

It was moved by Councillor Duff; seconded by Deputy Mayor Ellsworth: That Councillors Hann and Hanlon be appointed as Council’s representatives on the Mayor’s Advisory Committee on Senior Citizens.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Bulk Garbage

Deputy Mayor Ellsworth advised that the City will provide a special bulk garbage collection of household items damaged by the weekend’s flooding. He noted that the pickup would be by appointment only and December 5 being the cutoff date for collection appointments.

Deputy Mayor Ellsworth asked that the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor provide clarification on the ownership of the dump on the Foxtrap Access Road.

Weekend Flooding

Councillor Duff

Councillor Duff referenced the heavy weekend flooding and the major impact it had on Quidi Vidi Lake and Rennie’s River and asked what measures could be taken to mitigate the results of flash flooding in the future. His Worship the Mayor advised Council that the Associate Commissioner and Director of Engineering

will prepare a full report that will encompass infrastructure upgrade needs; the impact of flooding as a result of flash flooding and flooding as a result of infrastructure needs.

Councillor Hann

Councillor Hann noted that the weather forecast gave no indication of a pending storm or large rainfall and therefore staff who depend on the weather forecasting acted in accordance with the information they had. He suggested that the Mayor write the Gander weather office concerning the late forecasting of the rainstorm.

Councillor Puddister

Councillor Puddister suggested that staff look at redesigning the Quidi Vidi Lake foot bridge.

Councillor Coombs

Councillor Coombs advised that there will be a meeting of the Waterford Valley Residents Association on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 7 pm, at Beaconsfield Junior High School.

2008 New Years Eve Fireworks Display

SJMC2008-12-01/743R

It was moved by Councillor Coombs; seconded by Deputy Mayor Ellsworth: That the 2008 New Years Eve Fireworks Display be held at Quidi Vidi Lake.

During discussion, it was pointed out that the fireworks would not take place on the waterfront due to liability issues. The Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor explained that Oceanex asked that the City take on the liability which would be a large risk, since the City could not be insured.

Councillor Galgay expressed concern that holding the event at the lake would create problems for pedestrians in the event of heavy snow accumulation.

Councillor Hickman expressed disappointment that the fireworks will not be held downtown this year, but advised that efforts will be made to find another site in the downtown for next year's fireworks display

Following discussion, the motion being put was carried with Councillor Galgay dissenting.

Councillor Hickman

Councillor Hickman thanked Council, on behalf of the Resource Centre for the Arts, for its support of their building project which should be finalized on schedule.

Santa Clause Parade

Members of Council commended all participants who took part in the annual Santa Claus Parade and thanked them for their contribution to another successful event. They also thanked City staff for their efficient cleanup of the area following the parade.

Mayor O'Keefe

Mayor O'Keefe noted that Council and staff are in the process of finalizing the budget and that a proposal was looked at that will allow the City to maintain its 2008 service levels with some enhancements such as the sidewalk snow clearing program, while balancing the budget and avoiding a property tax increase. He noted the budget will be brought forward to Council on December 15, 2008.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

