

February 11th, 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.

Deputy Mayor O'Keefe presided.

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

Regrets: His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Colbert

The Chief Commissioner and 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 the Agenda

SJMC2008-02-11/68R

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

- a. Special Events Advisory Committee Report dated February 6, 2008
- b. Memorandum dated February 11, 2008 from the Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture re: Sealing Series Art Exhibit & Civic Reception

Delegation

Anna Templeton Centre Delegation

SJMC2008-02-11/69R

It was moved by Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Collins: That the City purchase a table of ten at a cost of \$400 towards the fundraising dinner in aid of the Anna Templeton Centre to be held on February 29th, 2008.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Adoption of Minutes

SJMC2008-02-11/70R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Coombs; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the Minutes of the February 4th, 2008 meeting be adopted as presented.

Business Arising

Acting Mayor O’Keefe referenced Council minutes of January 28, 2008 and the discussion surrounding Councillor Ellsworth’s statement that a member of Council had contacted the AHL with a view to getting an AHL franchise for the City and by doing so had undermined the function of St. John’s Sports and Entertainment Ltd. At that meeting no member of Council acknowledged having made contact with AHL teams. Acting Mayor O’Keefe noted that he has since learned that Councillor Ellsworth at a meeting of the Board of SJSE, named him as being the individual who had contacted the AHL. Acting Mayor O’Keefe noted that in “no way shape or form” did he contact AHL about getting a franchise and has to assume that no other member of Council did so, and asked Councillor Ellsworth to clarify any misunderstanding at the next meeting of the Board. Acting Mayor O’Keefe indicated that Councillor Ellsworth owes an apology to Council. Councillor Ellsworth noted an apology would not be forthcoming from him.

Councillor Ellsworth noted that some of the Acting Mayor’s comments are incorrect and indicated that a commentary took place between himself and Councillor Puddister when the issued was raised about SJSE. Councillor Ellsworth indicated he spoke to the item and said “there was a rumour” that a member of Council contacted a professional hockey group. Councillor Ellsworth noted that at no time in the Public Chamber did he mention the names of any member of Council and settled at it being a “rumour”. He noted that there was discussion with SJSE on the issue raised by a member of the board to which he spoke and noted that he mentioned all five names of former board members during and after the meeting.

Councillor Ellsworth agreed to clarify the situation with the Board on behalf of the Deputy Mayor.

Councillors Duff, Puddister, Coombs and Hann denied making the calls with Councillor Coombs taking exception to Councillor Ellsworth's comments that Councillors would be undermining the SJSE board if they were to make such calls noting that Council has been very supportive of SJSE.

Councillor Puddister expressed disappointment that the issued was raised in the Chamber since the Chamber is not a place for "Rumors".

During discussion it was pointed out that verbatim of the discussion on this issue of January 28, 2008 was unavailable due to problems with the Council Chamber Sound Board and asked that staff look at having the system replaced.

St. John's Municipal Plan Amendment Number 53, 2007 and St. John's Development Regulations Amendment Number 422, 2007 Southbrook Floodplain (Ward 5)

Under business arising, Council considered a memorandum dated February 5, 2008 from the Director of Planning regarding the above noted.

SJMC2008-02-11/71R

It was moved by Councillor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the following Resolution for St. John's Municipal Plan Amendment Number 53, 2007 and St. John's Development Regulations Amendment Number 422, 2007 be adopted, which will then be referred to the Department of Municipal Affairs for Provincial registration in accordance with the requirements of the Urban and Rural Planning Act:

**URBAN AND RURAL PLANNING ACT, 2000
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
ST. JOHN'S MUNICIPAL PLAN AMENDMENT NUMBER 53, 2007
AND
ST. JOHN'S DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AMENDMENT NUMBER 422,
2007**

Under the authority of Sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000, the St. John's Municipal Council:

- a) adopted St. John's Municipal Plan Amendment Number 53, 2007, and St. John's Development Regulations Amendment Number 422, 2007, on the 14th day of January, 2008;
- b) gave notice of the adoption of St. John's Municipal Plan Amendment Number 53, 2007, and St. John's Development Regulations Amendment Number 422, 2007, by advertisements inserted in *The Telegram* newspaper on the 19th day and the 23rd day of January, 2008;
- c) set the 4th day of February, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's City Hall for the holding of a public hearing to consider objections and representations.

Now under the authority of Section 23 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000, the St. John's Municipal Council approves St. John's Municipal Plan Amendment Number 53, 2007 and St. John's Development Regulations Amendment Number 422, 2007, as adopted.

SIGNED and SEALED this 11th day of February, 2008.

Mayor

**Director of Corporate Services
and City Clerk**

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Public Hearing Report

Council considered a Public Hearing Report dated February 6th, 2008 which was held to discuss an application from Ron Fougere Associates Ltd. on behalf of Steele Hotels to construct a hotel on vacant land situated at Civic Number 418 Water Street (intersections of Water Street/Buchanan Street/George Street/Prince Street). The hotel is to contain approximately 85 rooms. The hotel is proposed to be six (6) storeys in height from Water Street and five (5) storeys in height from George Street. The subject property is zoned as Commercial Central Mixed Use (CCM) under the St. John's Development Regulations. This zone allows a hotel as a Permitted Use.

In this regard, Council also considered a memorandum dated February 8th, 2008 from the Director of Planning.

SJMC2008-02-11/72R

It was moved by Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That the following Resolutions for St. John's Municipal Plan Amendment Number 58, 2008 and St. John's Development Regulations Amendment Number 428, 2008 be adopted-in-principle, which will then be referred to the Department of Municipal Affairs for Provincial release in accordance with the provisions of the Urban and Rural Planning Act:

RESOLUTION

ST. JOHN'S MUNICIPAL PLAN AMENDMENT NUMBER 58, 2008

WHEREAS the St. John's Municipal Council wishes to permit a hotel development with a Building Height greater than 15 metres at the property located at Civic Number 418 Water Street.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the St. John's Municipal Council hereby adopts the following text amendment to the St. John's Municipal Plan pursuant to the provisions of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000.

1. Modify Part III Section 3.3.4 – the “Commercial Downtown Land Use District” by repealing the first paragraph under the heading of “Building Height and Area” and substituting the following:

“This District allows buildings not exceeding 15 metres in height with a Floor Area Ratio not exceeding 3.0 except where otherwise provided in the Development Regulations. In a situation where owing to substantial grade differences on a lot with frontage on more than one public street, a multi-storey building would have a storey higher than 6.0 metres, Council may increase the maximum Floor Area Ratio to 4.0, provided the maximum Building Height in metres is maintained.”

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.

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 11th day of February, 2008.

Mayor

**Director of Corporate Services
& City Clerk**

I hereby certify that this Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000.

MCIP

RESOLUTION

**ST. JOHN’S DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AMENDMENT NUMBER 428,
2008**

WHEREAS the St. John’s Municipal Council wishes to permit a hotel development with a Building Height greater than 15 metres at the property located at Civic Number 418 Water Street.

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

- 1. Repeal Section 10.23.3 of the Development Regulations – Zone Requirements for the Commercial Central Mixed Use (CCM) Zone and substitute the following:

“10.23.3 Zone Requirements – Commercial Central Mixed Use (CCM) Zone

The following requirements shall apply to all uses except Service Stations:

- (a) **Floor Area Ratio (maximum) 3.0**

In a situation where owing to substantial grade differences on a lot with frontage on more than one public street, a multi-storey building would have a storey higher than 6.0 metres, Council may increase the maximum Floor Area Ratio to 4.0, provided the maximum Building Height does not exceed 15 metres.

- (b) **Building Height (maximum) 15 metres**

- (c) **Residential Density (maximum)**

One (1) Dwelling Unit per 50m² of Lot Area:

- (d) **Notwithstanding Subsections (a), (b) and (c), Council may permit at the property situate at Civic Number 418 Water Street a Building with a Building Height greater than 15 metres.**

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.

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 11th day of February, 2008.

Mayor

**Director of Corporate Services
 & City Clerk**

<p>I hereby certify that this Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000.</p>
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<p>_____ MCIP</p>

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Development Committee Report dated February 5th, 2008

Council considered the following Development Committee Report dated February 5th, 2008:

RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL:

- 1. Proposed Residential Development
 Six (6) Semi-Detached Dwellings
 Harmony Homes Limited
 Powder House Hill (Ward 2)**

The Development Committee has reviewed the above noted application and recommends approval. Final approval of the development is subject to the following:

- a. approval of the lot grading plan by the Department of Building and Property Management;

- b. the applicant shall retain ADI Limited to perform monitoring during bedrock removal activities and its potential affects on the surrounding properties;
- c. payment of the Application and Development Fees as required under Section 6.4 of the St. John's Development Regulations; and
- d. payment of application building permits fees.

**Ron Penney, Acting Chairperson
Chief Commissioner & City Solicitor**

SJMC2008-02-11/73R

Regarding Item #1: It was decided on motion of Councillor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Galgay : That the Committee's recommendation of approval subject to the conditions outlined, be accepted.

Finance & Administration Standing Committee Report dated January 29th, 2008

Council considered the following Finance and Administration Standing Committee Report dated January 29th, 2008:

In attendance:

- Deputy Mayor Dennis O'Keefe, Chairperson
- Councillor Shannie Duff
- Councillor Gerry Colbert
- Councillor Tom Hann
- Councillor Art Puddister
- Councillor Wally Collins
- Mr. Ron Penney, Chief Commissioner & City Solicitor
- Mr. Art Cheeseman, Associate Commissioner/Director of Engineering
- Mr. Neil Martin, Associate Commissioner/Director of Corporate Services & City Clerk
- Mr. Bob Bishop, Director of Finance & City Treasurer
- Mr. Dave Blackmore, Director of Building & Property Management
- Ms. Elizabeth Lawrence, Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Culture
- Mr. Paul Mackey, Director of Public Works & Parks
- Ms. Jill Brewer, Director of Recreation
- Ms. Debbie Reid, City Internal Auditor
- Ms. Elizabeth Clarke, Risk Manager
- Ms. Kelly Butler, Recording Secretary

1. Special Events and Festivals Review

The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 23, 2008, from the Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture regarding the above noted matter.

The Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture advised that the Committee dealt with this matter at its meeting of October 29, 2007. The Committee concurred with the recommendations of the review, but its recommendation to Council was unclear, and no Council Directive was issued regarding adoption of the review recommendations.

The Committee recommends that the following recommendations of the Special Events and Festivals Review be adopted and that a Council Directive to the Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture be issued in this regard:

- a. **The value of special events and festivals is multi-faceted and supports four main objectives: generating economic activity, showcasing and developing cultural assets, enriching the life of the community, and developing community engagement.**
- b. **Special Events and Festivals are classified in three categories: existing/established, emerging, and one time only.**
- c. **Based on a review of the City of St. John's financial commitments in 2006 and 2007, and a review of commitments by other municipalities in Canada, it is recommended that a dedicated Festival Fund be established at a fixed annual budget of \$150,000.**
- d. **A Festival Staff Committee will be struck to review applications for assistance. Consideration will be given to financial and in-kind assistance.**
- e. **A process will be established by which to both track and measure actual direct in-kind costs.**
- f. **An application process will be established and an annual review of applications will be undertaken.**
- g. **Applications will be reviewed based on five criteria: programming, partnerships, participants/audience, economic impacts, and promotion.**
- h. **Recipients of assistance will be required to prepare a final report.**

2. Property Tax Reduction for Seniors – CD #R2007-11-26/42

It was noted that Councillor Galgay had raised this matter during a Regular Meeting of Council and asked to have it referred to the Finance Committee for consideration. It was also noted that the current taxation rates for 2008 have already been set.

The Director of Finance advised that the current property tax reduction for seniors is 15%, which costs the City approximately \$218,000 per year. Each additional 1% increase in the rate would raise that cost to approximately \$14,000-15,000 per year.

The Committee agreed to refer this matter to the 2009 budget discussions.

3. Annual Contribution – NLHC

The Committee considered a memorandum dated December 7, 2007, from the Director of Building and Property Management regarding the above noted matter.

It was noted that in 1969 and 1970, the City entered into agreements with CMHC and the Province regarding construction and operation of non-profit housing projects at Buckmaster's Circle and Kenna's Hill. The agreements include 50 year loan amortizations and provision for the City to pay 12.5% of the annual net operating costs over the life of the loan. The agreements expire in 2019 and 2020. Given the needs of the City's own Non-Profit Housing Division, it may be time to investigate the early termination of these agreements with the Province.

A brief discussion ensued, with it being noted that it would be best to leave things as they are as it is not likely that the Province will want to terminate these agreements.

The Committee agreed that no further action be taken in this matter.

4. Funding for Southlands Annual Family Fun Days

The Committee considered a letter from Debbie McCarthy, Southlands Family Fun Days Organizing Committee, requesting that Council contribute \$1,500 towards the event.

The Director of Recreation advised that City provides a \$5,000 grant to the Southlands Citizen Committee. Staff reviewed the Committee's expenses, and it was thought that a portion of this grant could also be used to cover the Fun Days event.

The Committee recommends that the City contribute \$1,5000 towards the 10th Annual Southlands Family Fun Days event.

5. Draft Charitable Contributions Policy

The Committee considered a memorandum dated December 6, 2007, from the Director of Corporate Services regarding the above noted matter.

Councillor Hann advised that he had requested further clarification of the City's policy covering charitable contributions. The Director of Corporate Services indicated that while there is currently no formal policy, past practice has been that the City limits its

contributions to those groups/organizations that are directly related to providing services relevant to the City's mandate. In order to have a formal policy, Council should adopt the draft policy provided to the Committee.

The Committee recommends that the attached policy on Contributions to Local Charitable Groups be adopted. It is further recommended that the budget for charitable contributions be set at \$10,000, with the funding to be allocated from the existing budget for donations to meetings and conventions.

6. Visiting Exhibits to City Hall

The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 3, 2008, from the Director of Building and Property Management regarding the above noted matter.

The Director of Building and Property Management advised that the City has received two requests for visiting art exhibits at City Hall – one from the municipality of Baie-St. Paul as part of their Cultural Capital project and the other from BYTE (Bringing Youth Towards Equality), a youth organization in Whitehorse. He noted that both groups are also requesting opening receptions for the exhibits. The Director of Building and Property Management indicated that while the requests don't strictly meet City's policy on unsolicited exhibits, the City's Arts Committee has reviewed them and feel that both projects have merit.

The Committee recommends that while the exhibits do not meet the strict interpretation of the Policy for Unsolicited Exhibits, the City approve both requests for art exhibits and an opening reception for each group.

7. Request for Financial Support for Meetings, Conventions, and Sporting Events

The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 28, 2008, from the Director of Corporate Services and City Clerk regarding the above noted matter.

The Committee recommends that Council approve a grant of \$2,500 for the Appraisal Institute of Canada's National Conference.

8. Request for Sponsorship of a Luncheon – Air Force Association of Canada Annual Convention

The Committee considered a letter dated November 26, 2007, from William Moores regarding the above noted matter.

The Committee recommends that Council contribute \$500 towards the hosting of a luncheon for delegates attending the Air Force Association of Canada's Annual Convention.

9. Request for Purchase of Ad Space – 7th Annual Crime Stoppers Awareness Guide

The Committee considered a letter from Beverley Vey, Newfoundland & Labrador Crime Stoppers, regarding the above noted matter.

The Committee recommends that the request for the purchase of ad space be denied as it is contrary to City policy.

10. Request for Travel Funding to Attend Canadian Nursing Students Association National Conference

The Committee considered a letter dated December 1, 2007, from Nancy Theriault regarding the above noted request.

The Committee recommends that the request for travel funding be denied as it is contrary to City policy.

11. SARScene 2008

The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 28, 2008, from the Director of Building and Property Management regarding a request to host a dinner for the organizing committee and volunteers of SARScene 2008.

The Committee recommends that the City approve the request to host a dinner at City Hall for the organizing committee and volunteers of SARScene 2008.

12. League of Canadian Poets Conference

The Committee considered a letter from Marian White requesting that the City make a financial contribution towards the above noted conference being held in St. John's from June 20-22, 2008.

The Committee recommends that the City host a reception for the participants of the League of Canadian Poets Conference being held in St. John's from June 20-22, 2008.

13. Sidewalk Snowclearing – CD# R2008-01-28/2

Deputy Mayor O'Keefe noted that he had put forward a proposal to Council to allocate \$500,000 from the Ice and Snow Reserve Fund to clear sidewalks for major high volume pedestrian connector streets.

A brief discussion ensued with it being noted that the snowclearing budget for 2008 has already been set and hiring completed, therefore, it would be best to refer this proposal to 2009 budget discussions.

The Committee agreed to defer further consideration of the sidewalk snowclearing proposal until its June meeting.

Deputy Mayor Dennis O'Keefe
Chairperson

SJMC2008-02-11/74R

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

Discussion ensued during which members of Council asked that Item #1 (Special Events and Festivals Review) be deferred pending clarification on the following:

- a. What is the total amount spent last year on Special Events and Festivals;**
- b. Are larger one time events excluded from the dedicated fund;**
- c. Is there a process to accommodate late applications.**

Following discussion, the motion being put was carried with the exception of Item #1 which was deferred.

Parks & Recreation Standing Committee Report dated February 1st, 2008

Council considered the following Parks and Recreation Standing Committee Report dated February 1st, 2008:

Attendees: Councillor Shannie Duff, Chairperson
Councillor Frank Galgay
Councillor Wally Collins
Councillor Tom Hann
Councillor Gerry Colbert
Councillor Sandy Hickman
Ron Penney, Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor
Jill Brewer, Director of Recreation
Paul Mackey, Director of Public Works & Parks
Bob Bishop, Director of Finance & City Treasurer
Natalie Godden, Manager of Family & Leisure Services
Carla Lawrence, Manager of Youth Soccer Division
Jim Clarke, Manager of Streets & Parks
Bob Wilson, Manager – Division of Property Management
Brian Head, Operations Assistant – Parks
Karen Chafe, Recording Secretary

1. **World War II Torpedoes and HMS Calypso Gun**

The Committee considered a letter dated December 20th, 2007 from B.J. Walsh, Lieutenant Commander of HMCS Cabot requesting that the World War II torpedoes and the HMS Calypso gun be returned to the Navy for display in or

near HMCS Cabot with the intention of them being restored as close as possible to their original condition. The return of these artifacts would also merit a repatriation ceremony during the centennial year in 2010. The Grand Concourse Authority has expressed no objection to this proposal and the City’s approval is hereby requested.

The Committee recommends that approval be granted to return the World War II Torpedoes and HMS Calypso Gun to the HMCS Cabot where these artifacts will be restored and displayed, as outlined above.

2. Rotary Sunshine Park Chalet – Rental Fees

The Committee considered a memo dated January 28th, 2008 from the Director of Recreation outlining the proposal for a revised fee structure for the Rotary Sunshine Park Chalet. The following recommendations as prepared by the Department are recommended for Council’s adoption:

1. **Adjust the fee for community groups to \$10.00 per hour, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm;**
2. **Adjust the overnight fee rate for community groups to a flat fee of \$50.00 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 am;**
3. **Adjust the fee for corporate groups to \$25.00 per hour from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm;**
4. **Adjust the overnight fee for corporate groups to a flat fee of \$100 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 am;**
5. **Adjust the Rotary Club booking fee to \$60.00 per meeting;**
6. **Implement the new fee structure for all new bookings effective July 1, 2008.**

3. Proposed Fee Increase for Swimming Programs at Wedgewood Park

The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 17th, 2008 from the Director of Recreation wherein the Department has proposed to stream line the swimming program and service fees so that they are consistent at the H.G.R. Mews Community Centre and the Wedgewood Park Recreation Centre. Currently swim fees at the Wedgewood facility are lower than the HGR facility and the general public have been purchasing the reduced fee passes at the Wedgewood Park Recreation Centre which can be redeemed at both facilities.

The following chart outlines the difference in pricing at both facilities:

<i>Product/Service</i>	<i>Mews Price</i>	<i>Wedgewood Price</i>	<i>Difference</i>
SWIMMING			
Birth – 2 years	Free	Free	
Children 3-11 years	\$2.25	\$1.50	.75
Youth 12-18 years	\$2.25	\$1.50	.75
Adults + 19	\$3.25	\$2.75	.50
Older Adults 50+	\$2.75	\$2.50	.25
Family Swim (Parent)	\$2.00	\$2.00	

Family Swim Child	\$1.00	\$1.00	
Adult 10 Swim Pass	\$21.20 (\$2.12 per swim)	\$21.20 (\$2.12 per swim)	
Adult 20 Swim Pass	\$39.30 (\$1.97 per swim)	\$29.50 (\$1.48 per swim)	\$9.80
Adult 30 Swim Pass	\$54.10 (\$1.80 per swim)	\$35.40 (\$1.19 per swim)	\$18.70
Youth 10 Swim Pass	\$14.80 (\$1.48 per swim)	\$12.30 (\$1.24 per swim)	\$2.50

The Committee recommends Council’s adoption of the following:

- **With regard to the adult and family swims, the Committee recommends the implementation of price adjustments in two stages: increase fee adjustments at 50% of difference on April 1, 2008 and September 1, 2008.**
- **That the price for children and youth drop-in fees be a maximum of \$2.00, with fees at the HGR Mews Community Centre to be adjusted immediately, and the fees at Wedgewood Park Recreation Centre to be phased in two stages: on April 1, 2008 @ \$1.75 and Sept. 1, 2008 @ \$2.00.**

4. CPRA – World Leisure Congress (Quebec 2008)

The Committee referenced the above noted conference to take place during October 6th – 10th, 2008 in Quebec City. The Committee recommends the following:

That Council approve the travel authorization for Councillor Shannie Duff and Councillor Wally Collins to attend the CPRA World Leisure Congress in Quebec City (October 6th – 10th, 2008).

**Councillor Shannie Duff
Chairperson**

SJMC2008-02-11/75R

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

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Economic Development Standing Committee Report dated January 31st, 2008

Council considered the following Economic Development Standing Committee Report dated January 31st, 2008:

Attendees: Councillor Frank Galgay, Chairperson
 Councillor Shannie Duff
 Councillor Wally Collins
 Councillor Tom Hann
 Councillor Art Puddister
 Ron Penney, Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor
 Elizabeth Lawrence, Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Culture
 Vicki Button, Marketing & Business Development Officer
 Wendy Mugford, Economic Development Coordinator
 Heather Mills-Smith, Economic Development Coordinator
 Karen Chafe, Recording Secretary

Report:

1. **Trade Events 2008**

The Committee considered background information on trade events for 2008 and recommends the following action for each:

Trade Event:	Recommendations:
Oceanology International London, UK March 11-13, 2008	Recommend that one staff member attend this event and that no exhibit is required.
Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) and World Energy Cities (WECP) Houston, Texas May 5 – 8, 2008	With regard to the Offshore Technology Conference, it is recommended that the following attend: one departmental staff member; Mayor or his alternate; and Councillor Galgay as Chair of the Economic Development Standing Committee. No exhibit is required. With regard to the WECP, it is recommended that Council continue its representation with this Organization.
Global Petroleum Show Calgary, Alberta June 10 – 12	Recommend that Councillors Hann and Duff attend as well as two staff members. It is also recommended that the City provide an exhibit.
Atlantic Canada Petroleum Show St. John's, NL June 18 – 19	Recommend that the City provide an exhibit and that all members of Council be encouraged to attend.

2. **Economic Overview for 2008**

The Committee considered as information, documentation on the above noted matter which is attached to this report for Council's information.

3. **Genesis Centre – Letter in Support of Entrepreneurship Education**

The Committee considered the attached draft letter to the Honourable Premier Danny Williams from the Genesis Centre in support of having

enterprise/entrepreneurship education re-established as a mandatory component of high school education.

The Committee recommends Council’s endorsement of the letter.

Councillor Frank Galgay
Chairperson

SJMC2008-02-11/76R

It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Duff: That the Economic Development Standing Committee Report dated January 31st, 2008 be adopted;

During discussion Councillor Puddister asked if the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor would confirm whether the Mayor intends to attend the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston Texas, May 5-8, 2008.

Following discussion, the motion being put was unanimously carried

Development Permit List

Council considered as information the following Development Permits List for the period February 1 to 7, 2008:

Code	Applicant	Application	Location	Ward	Development Officer's Decision	Date
Ind.	Phoenix Petroleum Limited / Imperial Oil Limited	Aviation Fuel Storage Facility	St. John's International Airport	Ward 1	Site Plan Approval	2008 02 01
Com.	Reardon Const. & Dev. Limited	Placement of Fill on Rear Portion of Site	Civic o. 67 Major's Path	Ward 1	Application Rejected: Contrary to Section 11.2.3	2008 02 07

*	Code Classification: RES INST COM IND AG	- Residential - Institutional - Commercial - Industrial - 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

SJMC2008-02-11/77R

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

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Permits List

CLASS: COMMERCIAL

THE BOMBAY FURNITURE COMPANY	56A ABERDEEN AVE	MS RETAIL STORE
IRVING OIL LTD	8 BAY BULLS RD	MS COMMERCIAL GARAGE
PROFESSIONAL APPAREL MARKETING NEEDS	203 BLACKMARSH RD	MS RETAIL STORE
J.W. ALLAN CO LTD	100 BROOKFIELD RD	MS CONVENIENCE STORE
NEEDS CONVENIENCE	94 ELIZABETH AVE	MS RETAIL STORE
MARIE'S MINI MART	174 FRESHWATER RD	MS CONVENIENCE STORE
BUDS FINE FOODS INC.	12-20 HIGHLAND DR	MS CONVENIENCE STORE
LOOKING GOOD CAR CARE	207 KENMOUNT RD	MS RESTAURANT
BELRON CANADA INCORPORATED	409 KENMOUNT RD	MS RETAIL STORE
SHOPPER'S DRUG MART	439 KENMOUNT RD	MS COMMERCIAL GARAGE
NEEDS CONVENIENCE	244 LEMARCHANT RD	SN PHARMACY
NEEDS CONVENIENCE	330 LEMARCHANT RD	MS CONVENIENCE STORE
NEEDS	330 LEMARCHANT RD	MS CONVENIENCE STORE
MAJOR'S PATH AUTOMOTIVE	430-432 MAIN RD	MS CONVENIENCE STORE
SOOTHE	59 MAJOR'S PATH	MS COMMERCIAL GARAGE
ACTIVE WOMEN	119 NEW COVE RD	MS CLINIC
NEEDS CONVENIENCE	446 NEWFOUNDLAND DR	MS CLUB
SPEEDY GLASS	449 NEWFOUNDLAND DR	MS CONVENIENCE STORE
CONSUMER CARPETS LTD	9 PIPPY PL	MS COMMERCIAL GARAGE
ALIANAT	25 STAVANGER DR	MS RETAIL STORE
CIR MANAGEMENT LTD.	430 TOPSAIL RD, ALIANAT	SN RETAIL STORE
IRVING OIL CO. LTD.	THE VILLAGE-430 TOPSAIL RD	SN EATING ESTABLISHMENT
DOOLY'S	632 TOPSAIL RD	MS COMMERCIAL GARAGE
IRVING OIL CO. LTD.	681 TOPSAIL RD	MS PLACE OF AMUSEMENT
ADMIRALTY AUTO SERVICES LTD.	192-194 TORBAY RD	MS SERVICE STATION
A. HARVEY & CO. LTD.	452 TORBAY RD	MS COMMERCIAL GARAGE
TROPICAL AND MARINE PETS INC.	714 TORBAY RD	MS PETROLEUM USE
IRVING OIL LTD.	611 TORBAY RD	MS RETAIL STORE
CITY SANITARY FILL	544 WATER ST	MS COMMERCIAL GARAGE
TRENDS	340 EAST WHITE HILLS RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
STUDIO "S" HAIRDESIGN	124 DUCKWORTH ST, TRENDS	CR RETAIL STORE
ROGERS ENTERPRISES LTD.	120 LEMARCHANT RD, STUDIO "S"	CO SERVICE SHOP
ALIANAT	71 AIRPORT RD	RN OFFICE
56725 NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR	HIGGINS LINE @ HOWLEY BLDG	NC COMMUNICATIONS USE
COHEN'S HOME FURNISHINGS	175 HAMLYN RD	CR CLINIC
STARBUCKS COFFEE	81 KENMOUNT RD	RN RETAIL STORE
LABELS CLOTHING STORE	191 KENMOUNT RD, STARBUCKS	CR RESTAURANT
	430 TOPSAIL RD, LABELS	TI RETAIL STORE

THIS WEEK \$ 961,000.00
TO DATE \$ 4,890,444.00

CLASS: GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL

THIS WEEK \$.00
TO DATE \$ 1,806,500.00

CLASS: RESIDENTIAL

SKYMARK CONTRACTING	15 BOLAND ST, LOT 9	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
KEVIN FISHER	77 MAUNDER'S LANE	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
GLORIA ROBBINS	12 NOTTINGHAM DR	CO HOME OFFICE
FERN HOBBS	16 CRAMBRAE ST	CR HOME OCCUPATION
MEL MAHON	30 HARBOUR VIEW AVE	CR SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
FRED DROVER	42 JASPER ST	EX SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
MARK DAVID NORMAN	115-119 QUEEN'S RD, UNIT 18	RN CONDOMINIUM
OZARK HOLDINGS LTD.	22 SUDBURY ST - 2ND FLOOR	RN OFFICE

THIS WEEK \$ 509,500.00
TO DATE \$ 2,747,864.00

CLASS: DEMOLITION

PEOPLES JEWELLER'S	AVALON MALL - PEOPLE'S	DM RETAIL STORE
CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH	260 WATERFORD BRIDGE RD	DM CHURCH

THIS WEEK \$ 57,000.00
TO DATE \$ 176,500.00

THIS WEEK'S TOTAL: \$ 1,527,500.00

TOTAL YEAR TO DATE: \$ 9,621,308.00

REPAIR PERMITS ISSUED: 2008/01/31 TO 2008/02/06 \$ 800.00
2007/12/13 TO 2008/02/06 \$ 61,100.00 YTD

LEGEND

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

SJMC2008-02-11/78R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Puddister; seconded by Councillor Collins: That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending February 7th, 2008 be adopted as presented:

**Weekly Payment Vouchers
For The
Week Ending February 7, 2008**

PAYROLL

Public Works	\$ 508,500.16
Bi-Weekly Amalgamation	\$ 621,755.99
Bi-Weekly Management	\$ 662,105.56
Bi-Weekly Administration	\$ 712,647.17

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Cheque No. 127984 – 128272	\$2,417,777.16
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Total: \$4,922,786.04

Tenders

- a. **Tender - Bay Bulls Big Pond Water Treatment Plant, Contract No. 7 – Ozone Equipment Services Installation**

SJMC2008-02-11/79R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Puddister; seconded by Councillor Collins: That the recommendation of the Associate Commissioner and Director of Engineering be approved and the tenders awarded as follows:

- a. **G.J. Cahill & Company (1979) Limited in the amount of \$693,481.00**

Notice of Motion

Councillor Duff gave the following Notice of Motion

TAKE NOTICE that I will at the next regular meeting of Council move, for housekeeping purposes, to repeal the No. of Councillors By-Law enacted in 1991 as it is contrary to other statutes.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador this 11th day of February, 2008.

Snow Clearing Report for the period January 1st to February 8th, 2008

Council considered as information the snow clearing report for the period January 1st to February 8th, 2008 showing a negative variance of \$490,138.00

Councillor Ellsworth asked if the \$676,769.00 for salt includes the funding allocated for the salt reserve initiatives.

Sealing Series Art Exhibit and Civic Reception

Council considered a memorandum dated February 11, 2008 from the Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture regarding the above noted.

SJMC2008-02-11/80R

It was moved by Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That a request from the Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture that the City host a reception during the first week of March to mark the opening of the Sealing Series Art Exhibit and to commemorate the seal fishery and its contribution to St. John's, be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Special Events Advisory Committee Report dated February 6, 2008

Council considered the following Special Events Advisory Committee Report dated February 6, 2008:

The following recommendation of the Special Events Advisory Committee is forwarded to Council for consideration:

Organizer: Mr. Barry Parsons (X-treme Promotions)
Event: **Snowmobile Race**
Location: St. John's Racing and Entertainment Centre, Goulds
Date: February 4, 2008 (Alternative Date March 15, 2008)

SJMC2008-02-11/81R

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

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Councillor Collins

Councillor Collins thanked Council on behalf of the Goulds Winter Carnival Volunteers for their contribution to the Carnival reception.

Councillor Ellsworth

Councillor Ellsworth tabled a petition the prayer of which reads as follows and which is forwarded to the Police and Traffic Committee for consideration:

Help Keep Our Children Safe....

Petition for proper signage at intersection of Giarlock Street
Kincaid Street (crosswalk, children at play, 3 way stop)

On Monday, Sept. 17, 2007 Zachary Strong lost his life at this intersection, on his way to the park. A request was put forth to the City for the very least a crosswalk but was denied. We are now asking for your support in this matter. It is the responsibility of all of us to keep our children safe.

Councillor Coombs

Councillor Coombs advised that a meeting will be held on February 13th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Cowan Heights United Church to allow residents an opportunity to raise their concerns with respect to flooding in the Blackmarsh Road area – Portland Place, Fairhaven Place, upper section of Gander Crescent, upper section of Bellview Crescent and residents living on the southside of Blackmarsh Road.

Councillor Galgay

Councillor Galgay referenced a Telegram Article by Thomas Johnson, Consumer Advocate, titled Sky High Insurance Tax An Unacceptable Burden and gave the following motion:

SJMC2008-02-11/82R

It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Duff: That the City write the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Tom Marshall requesting that the government eliminate the Provincial tax on insurance premiums for all consumers of insurance, that the City write the President of Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador, Mr. Graham Letto requesting him to encourage all other municipalities in NL to follow

suit; and also, that the City write all members of the House of Assembly representing the St. John's districts to support the request.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK