

February 18th, 2013

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, Breen, Galgay, Tilley, Hanlon and Collins.

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

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

SJMC2013-02-18/81R

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. Request from Deputy Mayor Duff and Councillor Galgay to attend Urban Summit – MNL, Capital Hotel, St. John's, NL - Registration Costs
- a. Request from Councillor Breen to attend Sport Events Congress 2013, Ottawa, April 8 to 10, 2013

Adoption of Minutes

SJMC2013-02-18/82R

It was decided on motion of Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor O'Leary: That the minutes of February 11th, 2013 meeting be adopted as presented.

Mr. Robin King, Transportation Engineer
Ms. Dawn Corner, Supervisor of Traffic and Parking
Mr. Chris Pitcher, Supervisor of Parking Services
Mr. Blair Bradbury, Project Engineer
Mr. Bill MacDonald, Supervisor of Traffic and Signals
Mr. Phil Hiscock, Operations Assistant
Mr. Derm Layman, Foreperson, Streets Division
Constable Paul Murphy, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary
Ms. Maureen Harvey, Recording Secretary

1. Presentation from Teakwood Drive Resident – Ms. Brown

Ms. Brown attended the meeting and addressed her concerns with respect to speeding which takes place regularly on Teakwood Drive and requested the City consider reducing the speed limit in the area. She stated speeding is a serious concern and this concern will likely escalate when additional development takes place in the area.

Discussion took place with agreement that the RNC be requested to step up patrol in the area and further that the City would schedule the placement of speed monitor devices on Teakwood Drive as resources permit.

2. Hipditch Hill – Request to rescind No Parking Anytime

The Committee considered correspondence to Councillor Galgay from a resident who registered his objection to the City erecting “No Parking” signs on Hipditch Hill. The resident indicated that in speaking with other long term area residents there is no problem with parking.

Moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Deputy Mayor Duff, the Committee recommends based on feedback from long term residents of Hipditch Hill that the “No Parking Anytime” restriction previously approved be rescinded.

3. Welland Street – Complaint about speeding and volume of traffic

The Committee considered correspondence from a resident on Welland Drive requesting that the signs restricting turns from Blackmarsh Road onto Empire Avenue and Jensen Camp Road be removed.

These signs were installed last fall to discourage motorists from short-cutting on these streets and on Rotary Drive. The resident contends that these restrictions have resulted in increased speeds and volumes on Welland Street.

The Committee agreed that this matter be deferred pending follow up studies in the spring on Welland Street, Empire Avenue, Jensen Camp Road and Rotary Drive.

4. Waterford Bridge Road – Speeding and volume issues

- a. Traffic Calming
- b. Request for Signage to Redirect Traffic/Local Traffic Only designation
- c. Request to Reduce Speed Limit
- d. Crosswalk Concerns

The Committee recommends that the status quo be maintained Waterford Bridge Road and the RNC be requested to continue regular enforcement activities, particularly in the school zones.

5. Waterford Bridge Road @ Beaconsfield School Access – Request to relocate crosswalk

The Committee considered correspondence from Beaconsfield Jr. High School Council requesting an additional crosswalk in the area of the school on Waterford Bridge Road or in the alternate a relocation of the existing crosswalk.

The Committee recommends that the crosswalk on Waterford Bridge Road at Beaconsfield Junior High remain in its present location but a study be conducted to determine if an upgraded crossing device is warranted.

6. Paddy Dobbin Drive – Speeding Issues

The Committee reviewed correspondence from a resident of Ward one with respect to the speed and dangerous driving practices of vehicles that use Paddy Dobbin Drive as a by-pass between Torbay Road and Carrick Drive and Oakridge to Paddy Dobbin Drive.

The Committee recommends that Paddy Dobbin Drive be placed on the list of streets for traffic calming screening and further that the residents' speeding concerns be forwarded to the RNC for follow up.

7. Birmingham Street – Speeding Issues

The Committee reviewed correspondence from a resident of Ward 3 with respect to speeding issues on Birmingham Street.

The Committee recommends that the RNC be advised of the speeding issues on Birmingham Street with a request to follow up with enforcement and further that the City's Neighbourhood Speed Watch trailer be placed on Birmingham Street in the spring or summer.

8. Fox Avenue – Marine Institute Parking Issues

The Committee considered correspondence from residents of Fox Avenue expressing concerns with students of CONA and the Marine Institute using the end of the street as a place to park while attending class. Correspondence was also reviewed from students about the parking along Ridge Road.

The Committee recommends status quo at this time but that the Traffic Services Division enter into discussions with officials of the Marine Institute to determine its intention with respect to parking for students.

9. Ridge Road – Request from Ecole Grand Vents for No Parking Anytime

The Committee addressed a letter identifying concerns with parking on Ridge Road in front of Ecole Grand Vents and requesting the erection of “No Parking” on the south side of Ridge Road in that area.

The Committee recommends that a “No Parking Anytime” restriction be installed on the south side of Ridge Road from the exit to the Ecole Grand Vents to a point 20 m west.

10. Bond Street- Request for Residential Permit Parking

A resident on Bond Street has requested the removal of the No Parking 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on the north side of the street and the installation of Residential Permit Parking.

The Committee recommends as follows:

- a) **That the No Parking 8:00 am to 6:00 pm restriction on the north side of Bond Street between Cathedral Street and Victoria Street be removed:**
- b) **That Residential Permit Parking be installed on the north side of Bond Street between Cathedral Street and Victoria Street**

11. Field Street- Request for No Parking Anytime

The Committee considered correspondence from the owners of the apartment building at 2 St. George’s Court indicating that a number of complaints have been received from tenants in the building that because there is parking permitted on both sides of the street, (Field Street side) it is sometimes very difficult for the wheelway to drop off/pick up passengers who are in wheelchairs. A stopping prevents other cars from passing.

Staff indicated there are no residences on this section of Field Street that would be impacted by the implementation of a No Parking Anytime restriction.

The Committee concurred with a recommendation that a 20 m section on the west/north side of Field Street adjacent to St. George's Court be designated "No Parking Anytime" and signed accordingly.

12. Bicycle Lanes – Request to permit parking in the winter time.

The Committee considered correspondence addressed to Councillors Tilley, Colbert and O'Leary requesting permission to park in bicycle lanes. The Traffic Services Division also received a call from a resident of Wicklow Street on this issue.

The Committee recommends no change to allow parking to take place in established bicycle lanes throughout the City.

13. Mackey Place – Request for No Parking Anytime

The Committee recommends that a No Parking Anytime restriction be installed at the end of Mackey Place in the turnaround.

14. Howlett's Line – Request for No Parking Anytime

Correspondence from a resident of Howlett's Line submitted to Councillor Collins was reviewed requesting that "No Parking" signs be placed at the turning space at the end of Howlett's Line.

The Committee recommends that a "No Parking Anytime" sign be installed on the turnaround area at the intersection of Howlett's Line and Dinn's Avenue.

15. Pinebud Avenue – Request for "No Parking Anytime"

The Committee considered correspondence expressing concern about cars parking along both sides of Pine Bud Avenue at the corners of Maple Street and Rowan Street. It is presumed that parking at this location is to avoid paying the meters in Churchill Square.

The Committee recommends the following:

- a) **That No Parking Anytime be installed on the south side of Pinebud Avenue from Maple Street to a point approximately 20 m east;**
- b) **That No Parking Anytime be installed on the south side of Pinebud Avenue from Maple Street to a point approximately 10 m west;**
- c) **That No Parking Anytime be installed on the north side of Pinebud Avenue from Rowan Street to a point approximately 30 m east;**
- d) **That No Parking Anytime be installed on the north side of Pinebud Avenue from Rowan Street to a point approximately 20 m west;**

16. Request from Healthcare Foundation – abandoned parking meters

The Committee considered a letter from Paul Snow of the Health Care Foundation advising that it operates the parking meters at the Waterford Hospital Site. Evidently, the meters are older models and are breaking with an increased frequency and spare parts are at a premium. Recognizing the City will soon be replacing meters, the Foundation has requested a donation of 50-75 meters once the new meters are installed.

The Committee recommends a donation of 50-75 parking meters to the Health Care Foundation once the City's new meters are installed.

17. Rumboldt Place (Howley Estates) safety issues

A letter from a resident of Rumboldt Place was tabled identifying several safety issues including signage, lack of compliance with posted signage, excessive speed, parking congestion and noise by-law violations.

The Committee recommends that the status quo be maintained as it relates to the traffic management of Rumboldt Place.

18. Monkstown Road – Petition requesting reduction in speed limit

The Committee reviewed a letter and accompanying petition from the residents of Monkstown Road requesting a reduction in the speed limit from 50 km/hour to 30 km/hour.

The Committee recommends no change in the speed limit of 50 km/hour for Monkstown Road.

19. Request for No Parking Anytime – Stewart Avenue

The Committee was requested to consider a request for “No Parking Anytime” on Stewart Avenue.

The Committee recommends approval of the “No Parking Anytime” restriction on the east side of Stewart Avenue.

20. Request to Change Time on Parking Meters on George Street.

A request has been received representing a number of business owners who have employees that need to feed parking meters daily, to have the time on parking meters in and around the George Street area to be extended.

The Committee recommends rejection of a request to extend time in parking meters on George Street.

Councillor Gerry Colbert
Chairperson

SJMC2013-02-18/84R

It was moved by Councillor Colbert; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the Committee's recommendations with the exception of #18 (Monkstown Road – petition requesting reduction in speed limit) be approved.

Regarding Item #8 (Fox Avenue) - it was agreed that discussions also include officials of CONA.

During discussion, Councillor Hanlon alluded to an item discussed by the Committee in connection with a petition requesting the installation of improved lighting for the crosswalk on Westerland Road. It was noted that a recommendation has already been approved to upgrade the crosswalks on Westerland Road and a request has been submitted for capital works funding under the Pedestrian Crosswalk Upgrade program. It was agreed that the Traffic Services Division enter into discussions with Memorial University about an area wide traffic study that would include pedestrian safety.

(During discussion on the Report Councillor Hann retired from the Meeting).

Following discussion, the motion being put was unanimously carried.

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It was then moved by Councillor O'Leary; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That Item #18 (Monkstown Road – Petition requesting reduction in speed limit) be deferred to allow the residents an opportunity to meet with the Committee to discuss their concerns with respect to traffic in this area.

The motion to defer being put was unanimously carried.

Development Permits List

Council considered as information the following development permits list for the period of February 1, 2013 to February 7th, 2013:

**DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
FOR THE PERIOD OF February 8, 2013 TO February 14, 2013**

Code	Applicant	Application	Location	Ward	Development Officer's Decision	Date
COM		Home Office- Programming Video Games	3 New Cove Terrace	4	Approved	13-02-12
COM	J.B. Hand Ltd	Site Improvements	690 Topsail Road	3	Approved	13-02-13
COM	College of Licensed Practical Nurses	Office Building	209 Blackmarsh Road	3	Approved	13-02-13
COM	Ron Fougere Assoc.	Steele Hotel-Site Plan	418 Water Street	2	Approved	13-02-13

* Code Classification:
 RES - Residential
 COM - Commercial
 AG - Agriculture
 OT - Other

INST - Institutional
 IND - Industrial

** This list is issued for information purposes only. Applicants have been advised in writing of the Development Officer's decision and of their right to appeal any decision to the St. John's Local Board of Appeal.

**Gerard Doran
Development Officer
Department of Planning**

Building Permits List

SJMC2013-02-18/86R

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Tilley: 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 Issued: 2013/02/07 To 2013/02/13

Class: Commercial

15 Hallett Cres, Suite 204	Co	Office		
50 Aberdeen Ave	Ms	Retail Store		
394 Kenmount Rd	Ms	Convenience Store		
193 Kenmount Rd	Ms	Retail Store		
431-435 Main Rd	Ms	Take-Out Food Service		
36 Pearson St	Sn	Office		
656 Topsail Rd	Ms	Tavern		
390 Torbay Rd	Sn	Service Station		
390 Torbay Rd	Ms	Service Station		
660 Torbay Rd	Ms	Service Station		
141 Torbay Rd	Ms	Restaurant		
611 Torbay Rd	Ms	Retail Store		
336 Water St	Rn	Handicrafts		
36 Pearson St	Cr	Office		
5 Mews Place	Rn	Office		
334 Water St -3rd Fl/Bsmt	Rn	Office		
Water Street-Becks Cove	Rn	Hotel		
			This Week \$	372,660.00

Class: Industrial

This Week \$.00

Class: Government/Institutional

215 Blackmarsh Rd	Nc	Admin Bldg/Gov/Non-Profit		
			This Week \$	5,300,000.00

Class: Residential

32 Country Grove Pl, Lot 61	Nc	Single Detached & Sub.Apt		
16 Main Rd	Nc	Single Detached Dwelling		
18 St. Shotts Pl	Nc	Accessory Building		
7 Titania Pl	Nc	Single Detached Dwelling		
8 Sitka St, Lot 270	Nc	Single Detached & Sub.Apt		
24 Walsh's Lane	Nc	Patio Deck		
13 Katie Pl	Ex	Single Detached Dwelling		
97 Bond St	Rn	Townhousing		
84 Castle Bridge Dr	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling		
172 Cheeseman Dr	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling		
21 Colonial St	Rn	Semi-Detached Dwelling		
16 Coronation St	Rn	Townhousing		
13-15 Donovan's Rd	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling		
100 Elizabeth Ave Suite 712	Rn	Condominium		
4 Gerard Pl	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling		

40 Golf Ave	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling
41 Graves St	Rn	Semi-Detached Dwelling
68 Lime St	Rn	Townhousing
21 Riverside Dr E	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling
173 Waterford Bridge Rd	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling
193 Waterford Bridge Rd	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling
18 Waterford Hts N	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling
7 William St	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling

This Week \$ 1,189,600.00

Class: Demolition

1 Prospero Pl	Dm	Semi-Detached Dwelling
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This Week \$ 16,000.00

This Week's Total: \$ 6,878,260.00

Repair Permits Issued: 2013/02/07 To 2013/02/13 \$ 3,000.00

Legend

Co	Change Of Occupancy	Sn	Sign
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		

YEAR TO DATE COMPARISONS			
February 18, 2013			
TYPE	2012	2013	% VARIANCE (+/-)
Commercial	\$11,300,100.00	\$30,000,000.00	165
Industrial	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Government/Institutional	\$1,900,300.00	\$5,300,000.00	179
Residential	\$13,700,200.00	\$11,400,700.00	-17
Repairs	\$200,500.00	\$100,800.00	-50
Housing Units (1 & 2 Family Dwellings)	37	29	
TOTAL	\$27,101,100.00	\$46,801,500.00	73

Respectfully Submitted,

David Blackmore, R.P.A.
 Director Of Building & Property Management.

Payrolls and Accounts

SJMC2013-02-18/87R

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending February 7th, 2013 be approved:

**Weekly Payment Vouchers
For The
Week Ending February 14, 2013**

Payroll

Public Works	\$ 474,789.13
Bi-Weekly Administration	\$ 769,717.31
Bi-Weekly Management	\$ 688,411.88
Bi-Weekly Fire Department	\$ 565,195.85

Accounts Payable \$ 2,500,185.40

Total: \$ 4,998,299.57

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Snow Clearing Report for the period January 1st to February 1st, 2013

Council considered as information the snow clearing report for the period January 1st to February 15th, showing a positive variance of \$69,129.00.

During discussion the Deputy City Manager/Director of Public Works and Parks gave a brief update on sidewalk snow clearing during which Deputy Mayor Duff asked the status of sidewalk snow clearing on the western end of the Boulevard and as well King's

Bridge Road. The matter was referred to the Deputy City Manager/Director of Public Works and Parks for follow-up.

**Request from Deputy Mayor Duff to attend Urban Summit – MNL
Capital Hotel, St. John’s, NL - Registration Costs**

SJMC2013-02-18/88R

It was moved by Councillor Hickman; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That registration costs for Deputy Mayor Duff, City Representative on Urban Municipalities, and Councillor Galgay, St. John’s MNL Director, to attend the Urban Summit Workshop being held on March 1-2, 2013 at the Capital Hotel in St John’s, be approved

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

**Request from Councillor Breen to attend Sport Events Congress 2013, Ottawa,
April 8 to 10, 2013**

SJMC2013-02-18/89R

It was moved by Councillor Hanlon; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That a request from Councillor Breen to attend Sport Events Congress 2013 in Ottawa, April 8 to 10, 2013 be approved, noting Destination St. John’s has agreed to pay the conference registration.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Councillor O’Leary

As a follow-up to earlier discussions in relation to the attraction and retention of young professionals and the fostering of a creative economy and multicultural community, Councillor O’Leary advised that she along with the Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture met with representations of MUN as well as a corporate sponsor on an event being looked at in the City of Montreal in terms of welcoming international students. Councillor O’Leary will further update Council as information becomes available.

In this regard, His Worship the Mayor advised that both he and the City Manager met with the Board of Trade and had discussion on the immigration policy and the initiatives they intend to take in cooperation with the City not only to encourage immigration into the City but to encourage integration of immigrants into the City and ways and means of making the City an even more attractive place to live.

Councillor Hanlon

Councillor Hanlon asked for more frequent snow clearing of Harbour Side Park. The matter was referred to the Deputy City Manager/Director of Public Works and Parks for follow-up.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK