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 O=Keefe, Councillors Duff, Colbert, Hickman, Hann, Puddister, Galgay, Coombs, Ellsworth and Collins.

The Chief Commissioner/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 Agenda

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It was decided on motion of Councillor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the Agenda be adopted as presented with the following additional items:

- Memorandum dated February 2, 2007 from the Director of Building & Property Management re: Tender - Newfoundland and Labrador Sports Center
- b. Memorandum dated February 5, 2007 from the Manager, Corporate Secretariat re: Travel by Deputy Mayor O=Keefe
- c. Email from Yvonne Power re Cruise Newfoundland and Labrador News election of Deputy Mayor O=Keefe to the position of Vice Chair of the organization

Adoption of the Minutes

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It was decided on motion of Councillor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the Minutes of January 29, 2007 be adopted as presented.

Planning and Housing Standing Committee Report dated January 30, 2007

Council considered the following Planning and Housing Committee Report dated January 30, 2007:

In Attendance: Councillor Shannie Duff, Chairperson

Councillor Tom Hann
Councillor Sandy Hickman
Councillor Art Puddister
Councillor Frank Galgay
Councillor Ron Ellsworth
Councillor Wally Collins

Mr. Ron Penney, Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor

Mr. Cliff Johnston, Director of Planning

Mr. David Blackmore, Director of Building & Property

Management

Mr. Walt Mills, Development Engineer Mr. Robin King, Transportation Engineer Mr. Joe Sampson, Manager of Development

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

Mr. Jim Clarke, Manager of Streets and Parks

Ms. Debbie Reid, City Internal Auditor Ms. Kelly Butler, Recording Secretary

Proposed Redevelopment of the Tucker Premises at Quidi Vidi Village -Millenium Group (Ward 2)

For the Committee=s information, the Director of Planning advised that the Millenium Group had withdrawn their proposal for the redevelopment of the Tucker Premises at Quidi Vidi Village.

2. Torbay Road North Concept Plan (Ward 1)

The Committee reviewed presentations by the Development Engineer and the Transportation Engineer with regard to servicing and traffic studies undertaken to determine the viability of lands on both sides of Torbay Road between the intersection of Torbay Road and Stavanger Drive, north to the City limits to the Town of Torbay, for future commercial development. (Copies of the studies are available for review on the City=s website.) The studies outlined the necessary infrastructure upgrading which would be required in order to make this area suitable for commercial development

3. Kilbride Concept Plan (Ward 5)

The Committee considered the <u>attached</u> memorandum dated January 26, 2007, from the Director of Planning regarding the above noted matter.

Councillor Ellsworth noted that at the public meeting to discuss the concept plan, the main concern voiced by residents was the proposed access on Griffin=s Lane for the parcel of land between Griffin=s Lane and Connolly=s Lane. He suggested that the proposed access be removed from the concept plan. It was noted that one of the recommendations from staff is to add an alternate access onto Bay Bulls Road for this parcel of land. (Councillor Collins declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on this matter.)

The Committee recommends that the Kilbride Concept Plan be adopted as presented, including the modifications as outlined in the attached memorandum from the Director of Planning.

<u>Please see the attached memorandum dated February 2, 2007, from the Director of Planning which provides supplementary information on the Kilbride Concept Plan.</u>

4. Battery Development Guidelines Study - Proposed Amendments to St. John=s Municipal Plan and Development Regulations (Ward 2)

The Committee considered the <u>attached</u> memorandum dated January 25, 2007, from the Director of Planning regarding the above noted matter. For the Committee=s information, the Director of Planning reviewed the proposed amendments.

The Committee recommends that a public meeting be held on the proposed draft amendments to the Municipal Plan and the Development Regulations to implement the recommendations of the Battery Development Guidelines Study. It is further recommended that the public meeting be scheduled after the proposed amendments to the Development Regulations for design criteria for the City=s Heritage Area including the proposed new Heritage Area Battery are reviewed by the City=s Heritage Advisory Committee.

5. Proposed Rezoning of Property - Mr. Gerald Power - Ballast Road, Quidi Vidi Village (Ward 2)

The Committee reviewed the <u>attached</u> correspondence dated January 16, 2007, from the Manager of Planning and Information to Mr. Gerald Power regarding the status of his rezoning application for property on Ballast Road. The Manager of Planning and Information also tabled correspondence from Mr. Power dated January 29, 2007, regarding his revised development proposal.

The Committee recommends that Council rescind its October 30, 2006, decision to approve the rezoning of property off Ballast Road from the

Open Space (OS) Zone to the Residential Low Density (R1) Zone. The appropriate Notice of Motion is <u>attached</u>.

Please also see the attached memorandum dated January 31, 2007, from the Director of Planning which provides further background information on this matter.

6. Proposed Rooftop Deck - King George V Building - Civic No. 93 Water Street (Ward 2)

The Committee considered the attached memorandum dated January 26, 2007, from the Director of Planning and Manager of Planning and Information regarding the above noted matter.

The Committee recommends that the moratorium on rooftop decks be amended to exclude the King George V Building at Civic No. 93 Water Street.

Councillor Shannie Duff Chairperson

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

Regarding Item #1 - Councillor Duff advised that after discussion with staff and members of the Committee it was decided to refer the whole issue back to staff who will review the plan as it was presented and look at options in terms of a concept for that development. Also, funding options which would possibly include looking for public sector partners such as ACOA or the Province for development will also be looked at, and a report will be brought forward to the next Committee meeting.

Regarding #3 - Councillor Duff asked that the motion be amended to exclude the decision on the Griffin=s Lane access pending further discussion by the Planning Committee. The Associate Commissioner/Director of Engineering suggested that if

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Council wishes to revisit the Griffin=s Lane access, that approval of Block 2 development at this stage be deferred pending review by the Planning Committee, noting that linkage to Griffin=s Lane is critical, otherwise the alternate linkage through Bay Bulls Road could result in cost implications in the vicinity of \$3/4 million.

Regarding Item #5, Councillor Duff tabled a letter from Mr. Gerald Power, 238 Pine Line, concerning his negotiations to acquire the property that would give him the required 15 meter right of way. Councillor Duff noted that the Committee=s recommendation concerning the Notice of Motion to rescind its October 30, 2006 decision can go forward but that she would defer making the motion for at least two weeks to allow Mr. Power an opportunity to conclude that negotiation since the rezoning will not be necessary if Mr. Power can acquire the 15 m right of way.

Regarding Item #6 - Councillor Hann asked if allowing the rooftop deck on King George V Building would be precedent setting. Councillor Duff noted that the deck will not be visible from Water Street and it was deemed that this property would not be a problem and therefore the Committee agreed that this particular building be excluded from the moratorium on rooftop decks.

Following discussion the motion being put including the amendment to Item #3 that Block 2 development be deferred pending review by the Committee, was unanimously carried.

<u>Finance and Administration Standing Committee Report dated January 23,</u> 2007

Council considered the following Finance and Administration Standing Committee Report dated January 23, 2007:

In Attendance: Deputy Mayor Dennis O=Keefe, Chairperson

Councillor Shannie Duff Councillor Gerry Colbert Councillor Tom Hann - 6 - 2007-02-05

Councillor Art Puddister Councillor Frank Galgay Councillor Ron Ellsworth 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. David Blackmore, Director of Building & Property

Management

Mr. Kevin Breen, Director of Human Resources

Mr. Paul Mackey, Director of Public Works & Parks

Ms. Elizabeth Lawrence, Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Culture

Ms. Natalie Godden, Manager of Family & Leisure Services

Ms. Betty Clarke, Risk Manager

Ms. Debbie Reid, City Internal Auditor

Ms. Kelly Butler, Recording Secretary

1. Proposed Terms of Reference - Review of Budget Process and Budget
The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 16, 2007, from the
Director of Finance regarding the above noted matter.

The Committee recommends that the following Terms of Reference for the Budget Review Process be adopted:

- a. The Finance and Administration Standing Committee sitting as a Committee of the Whole will review the current, 2007, budget for each department over the period from February 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007.
- b. The Committee will receive, in the agenda, the program information sheets from the 2007 Budget documents. These information sheets provide the rationale for the program, expenditure history from 2004 to date, staff numbers (as FTE=s or full-time equivalents) and a description of any service level changes from the prior year.
- c. Departmental Directors will provide such additional information as is required to supplement the budget document. This could include statutory requirements, service levels set by Council, performance measures, alternative means of providing the source or any other relevant documents or information.

- d. The 2008 Fiscal and Service Strategy will be presented to the May meeting of the Finance Committee in draft form and will include a full explanation of our current modified zero-based budget format and consideration of alternatives.
- e. The 2008 budget reviews of each department will commence in late September and be done in each case by the Finance Committee/Committee of the Whole.

2. Status of ERP Project and Appointment of Prime Consultant

The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 10, 2007, from the Director of Corporate Services regarding the above noted matter. The Request for Proposals closes on March 15th, following which the submissions will have to be reviewed and evaluated. In this regard, the Director of Corporate Services recommended that Plato Group Inc. be hired as the City=s prime consultant for this project.

The Committee recommends that the City retain Plato Group Inc. as its prime consultant for the ERP acquisition and implementation project.

3. <u>Amendments to Accident Review Policy (06-11-14)</u>

The Committee considered a memorandum dated December 1, 2006, from the Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor regarding the above noted matter.

The Risk Manager advised that the changes to the policy were made in order to shift the focus more towards driver education and safe driving practices rather than disciplinary action. The policy plays an important role in the City=s risk management.

The Committee recommends that the <u>attached</u> policy be adopted as presented.

4. Computer Monitor Policy

The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 8, 2007, from the Director of Corporate Services regarding the above noted matter.

The Committee recommends that the <u>attached</u> policy be adopted as presented.

5. Revised Mobile Device Policy

The Committee considered a memorandum dated December 20, 2006, from the Director of Corporate Services regarding the above noted matter. The amendments

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have been made to tighten the security requirements within the policy.

The Committee recommends that the <u>attached</u> policy be adopted as presented.

6. Policy Governing the Donation of Redundant Computer Equipment
The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 16, 2007, from the
Director of Corporate Services regarding the above noted matter.

The Committee recommends that the <u>attached</u> policy be adopted as presented.

7. Requests for Financial Support for Meetings and Conventions

The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 19, 2007, from the Director of Corporate Services regarding the above noted matter. (Councillor Ellsworth abstained from discussion on this matter, citing a conflict of interest.) The Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture noted that the CMOS Conference would have a significant positive impact on the City. Not only would there be a large number of delegates and scientists attending the conference, it is likely many would be extending their visit in order to meet with local representatives of the ocean and marine technology sector. In this regard, she recommended that the grant for the CMOS Conference be increased to \$2,500.

The Committee recommends that the following grants be awarded as per Policy 04-09-02:

a. CMOS-CGU-AMS 2007 \$2,500 b. NLOWE National Conference \$1,000

8. <u>Morag Productions March Hare Documentary Project</u>

The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 18, 2007, from the Director of Economic Development, Tourism, and Culture regarding the above noted matter.

The Director of Economic Development, Tourism, and Culture noted that as part of the City=s twinning agreement with Waterford, each year the City provides substantial funding to one project or program per year to promote the twinning relationship. She noted that the March Hare production is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, and as part of the celebrations will be undertaking several launches (CD and an anthology) in Waterford this year. The anniversary tour would be a good fit with the intent of the Waterford-St. John=s twinning program. In this regard, she recommended that the City contribute \$2,000 towards the anniversary tour.

The Committee recommends that the City contribute \$2,000 towards the

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20th anniversary tour of the March Hare Documentary Project under the St. John=s-Waterford twinning program.

9. Reception for Goulds Winter Carnival

The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 17, 2007, from Councillor Wally Collins regarding the above noted matter.

The Committee recommends that the City host a reception for the volunteers of the Goulds Winter Carnival on February 11, 2007.

10. Request for Financial Assistance for Biennial Atlantic Provinces Professional Fire Fighters Association Convention

The Committee considered correspondence from Mr. Charles Nurse, President, IAFF Local 1075 regarding the above noted matter. The Director of Corporate Services noted that the City had provided a luncheon for spouses when the convention was last held in St. John=s.

The Committee recommends that the City host a luncheon for spouses of delegates attending the 2007 Biennial Atlantic Provinces Professional Fire Fighters Association Convention.

11. <u>Annual Donation for Kiwanis Music Festival Senior Rose Bowl Award</u> The Committee considered a letter dated January 10, 2007, from Mary Anne Tobin, Kiwanis Music Festival Association regarding the above noted matter. (Councillor Ellsworth abstained from discussion on this matter, citing a conflict of interest.)

The Committee recommends that the City confirm and approve the annual donation in the amount of \$2,500 for the Kiwanis Music Festival Senior Rose Bowl Award.

12. <u>Association of Performing Arts Presenters Conference</u>

The Committee considered a letter dated January 3, 2007, from Ruth Lawrence, Artistic Associate, RCA Theatre, requesting financial assistance to send two delegates to the Association of Performing Arts Presenters Conference.

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

13. <u>Guatemala Humanitarian Project</u>

The Committee considered a letter dated January 2, 2007, from Susan and Liam Squires requesting financial assistance to take part in the Guatemalan Humanitarian Project.

The Director of Finance advised that this request would be covered under the provisions of Policy No. 04-04-06: Funding for Individuals/Teams, which covers travel for such events, and allows for a travel grant of \$250 per person.

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The Committee recommends that the City approve a grant of \$250 each for Susan and Liam Squires to attend the Guatemalan Humanitarian Project as per the provisions of Policy No. 04-04-06.

14. Transcontinental Curling Bonspiel

The Committee considered a letter dated January 22, 2007, from Susan Smallwood requesting a donation towards the above noted event. The Director of Corporate Services advised that this event would be covered under the provisions of Policy No. 04-09-02: Financial Support for Meetings and Conventions, and would qualify for \$500 in funding.

The Committee recommends that the City approve a grant of \$500 for the Transcontinental Curling Bonspiel as per the provisions of Policy No. 04-09-02.

Deputy Mayor Dennis O=Keefe Chairperson

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It was moved by Deputy Mayor O=Keefe; seconded by Councillor Ellsworth: That the Committee=s recommendation pertaining to Item #1 be approved.

Discussion ensued during which Councillor Ellsworth noted his abstention from discussion on Items 7 and 11, due to conflict of interest.

Regarding Item #1, His Worship the Mayor tabled a memorandum dated January 26, 2007 regarding the 2007 budget. In response to the comments by members of Council, which he included in his memorandum, with a view to cutting expenditures, he advised that he had a detailed look at Mr. Bishop=s memorandum entitled AProjected City of St. John=s Major Budget Categories - as requested@, in which Mr. Bishop characterizes expenditures as either those which cannot be cut and those that can. He provided a breakdown in this regard.

Discussion ensued during which Councillor Galgay noted that Athis memo is erroneous. He noted that the record will show that he voted for the budget, noting that his comments were in relation to any future budget. Councillor Ellsworth

indicated he was somewhat confused by the Mayor=s memorandum and its intent. He commended Deputy Mayor O=Keefe on the recommended budget process which he hopes will be a more detailed analysis of expenditures. His Worship the Mayor pointed out that the budget can be cut only by cutting service levels and jobs. He asked members of Council to bring forward their list of proposed expenditure cuts. Councillor Ellsworth suggested that Council lead by example and start by cutting Councillors= salaries.

Councillor Ellsworth noted that Council=s vision is too broad based in terms of supporting funding requests referencing a decision by the Committee to have staff review a request from the Vera Perlin Society which was outside the City=s mandate but in the Committee=s opinion merited consideration and therefore referred back for staff review. He felt this matter should have been included in the report to Council. However, it was noted that it will be brought forward for Council=s consideration following staff review in accordance with current policy.

Discussion continued during which other members of Council agreed with the process as proposed for reviewing the budget.

Following discussion the motion being put was unanimously carried.

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It was then moved by Deputy Mayor O=Keefe; seconded by Councillor Colbert: That the remaining Committee recommendations numbers 2 to 14 be approved.

The motion being put was carried with Councillor Ellsworth abstaining on items 7 and 11.

Parks and Recreation Standing Committee Report dated February 1, 2007

Council considered the following Parks and Recreation Standing Committee dated February 1, 2007:

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Attendees: Councillor Frank Galgay, Chairperson

Councillor Ron Ellsworth
Councillor Tom Hann
Councillor Shannie Duff
Councillor Art Puddister
Councillor Sandy Hickman
Councillor Wally Collins

Ron Penney, Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor

Jill Brewer, Director of Recreation

Paul Mackey, Director of Public Works & Parks

Dave Blackmore, Director of Building & Property Management Nathan Barrett, Acting Director of Finance & City Treasurer Heather Hickman, Manager of Community Development

Tanya Haywood, Manager of Facilities Division

Natalie Godden, Manager of Family & Leisure Services Carla Lawrence, Manager of Youth Soccer Division

Jim Clarke, Manager of Streets & Parks Karen Sherriffs, Special Projects Coordinator Maria Anthony, Active Schools Coordinator

Karen Chafe, Recording Secretary

Report:

1. Active Schools Program

The Committee refers for Council=s information, the attached report from the Department of Recreation outlining the success of the Active Schools Program. A power point presentation was conducted by Ms. Karen Sherriffs and Ms. Maria Anthony in this regard.

2. R.E.A.L. Program

The Committee considered the attached overview of the REAL Program participant statistics. The R.E.A.L Program is very successful because of the enormous support received from the various community and corporate partners. As a result, the Department of Recreation is in need of additional administrative support to fully facilitate the program potential provided by such support.

The Committee on motion of Councillor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Hickman: recommends that Council reallocate the funding provided to the Illhavo Exchange Program to the R.E.A.L. Program so that additional administrative support can be hired to facilitate and enhance this very worthwhile program.

3. Proposal from Avalon Sports Inc. Re: Indoor Field Sports Facility

The Committee met with the following delegation to discuss their proposal for an indoor field sports facility: Jim Buckingham and John Breen, Co-owners of Avalon Sports as well as Mr. Nick Facey representing the Royal Canadian Legion. A power point presentation was conducted on the proposal, and background information is attached to this report, including letters of support from various organizations.

Avalon Sports Inc. has requested that the City provide access to City-owned land situated adjacent to the Caribou Complex for the purpose of constructing a 60,000 ft² indoor field sports facility. The delegation forecasts that the facility will be used by 12,000 people per month for various physical activities, and that 85% of the users will be children. The proposal also provides for improved and lighted parking in the vicinity of the Royal Canadian Legion, who are also in support of this initiative.

City staff raised concerns about the elimination of this site as a major outdoor concert venue, noting that there is no other land within the City that is available to accommodate events of such magnitude, as outlined in the attached letter from the Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor.

It was moved by Councillor Puddister; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That Council support the request of Avalon Sports Inc. based on the following parameters:

- that the City donate the City-owned land adjacent to Caribou Complex, as outlined in the submission of Avalon Sports Inc., and that negotiations be entered into to develop a leasing arrangement in this regard;
- that the City will not provide any financial obligation or commitment to the construction or maintenance of the proposed facility:
- that Avalon Sports Inc. provide the City with a detailed financial and business plan satisfactory to Council based on advice from the Director of Finance & City Treasurer prior to the execution of a lease.

4. Ayre Athletic Grounds

The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 17th, 2007 from the Director of Recreation regarding the above noted matter, and providing an update on the meeting held with the new ownership group of the Prince of Wales Arena. As part of their business plan initiative to expand the use of the facility for operations beyond traditional hockey, they are also interested in improving the parking lot. The Transportation Engineer has advised that an engineering concept plan can be completed internally by the Engineering Department.

The Committee on motion of Councillor Duff; seconded by

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Councillor Hickman: endorses the recommendation of the Director of Recreation that Council approve the creation of a Concept Plan for the parking lot at Ayre Athletic Grounds.

5. Results of Swim Lesson Survey - HGR Mews Centre & Wedgewood Park

The Committee refers for Council=s information, the report prepared by the Manager of Facilities Division outlining the results of the recent survey of participants in the Department of Recreation=s Swim Lesson Programs.

Councillor Frank Galgay Chairperson

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It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the Committee=s recommendations be approved.

Discussion ensued during which His Worship the Mayor, in referencing Item #3, though supporting the proposed site, asked if Avalon Sports Inc. has approached the Guards Athletic Association with respect to an alternative venue. Councillor Ellsworth advised that he met with the group on this and other venues were looked at but were unsuitable.

Following discussion, the motion being put was unanimously carried.

Audit Committee Report dated January 30, 2007

Council considered the following Audit Committee Report dated January 30, 2007:

In Attendance: Councillor Ron Ellsworth, Chairperson

Councillor Shannie Duff Councillor Art Puddister

Mr. Bob Healey, Committee Member

Mr. Ron Penney, Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor

Ms. Debbie Reid, City Internal Auditor Ms. Kelly Butler, Recording Secretary

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1. <u>Internal Audit Report B Follow-Up Review B Fleet Parts Utilization</u> (Review #06-03)

The Committee considered a memorandum dated December 15, 2006, from the City Internal Auditor regarding the above noted matter.

The City Internal Auditor advised that all follow-up recommendations contained in the review were implemented with the exception of the recommendation pertaining to Reworks and Recurrent Repairs. Councillor Ellsworth suggested that this issue be brought forward for further discussion at the next Committee meeting.

The Committee recommends that the follow-up report be adopted as presented.

2. Internal Audit Report - Follow-Up Review - Small Tools and Equipment (Review #06-02)

The Committee considered a memorandum dated December 15, 2006, from the City Internal Auditor regarding the above noted matter

The City Internal Auditor advised that all follow-up recommendations contained in the review were implemented. She noted that in response to one of the report=s recommendations, the Director of Finance has prepared a policy outlining the proper procedures for the purchase of small tools and equipment. However, she noted she has further recommended that the policy on small tools and equipment be brought forward for formal approval by Council, and that it be clearly communicated to all users.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of Low Value Purchase Orders and possible methods to improve controls. It was noted that since the initial report was issued, Low Value Purchase Orders are now reviewed by purchasing staff with the aim of reducing their use.

The Committee recommends that the follow-up report be adopted as presented. It is further recommended that the policy outlining the proper procedures for the purchase of small tools and equipment be brought forward for formal approval by Council.

It was noted that the policy should be referred to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

3. 2007 Audit Plan

The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 8, 2007, from the City Internal Auditor regarding the above noted matter.

The Committee recommends that the 2007 Audit Plan be adopted as

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presented.

Councillor Ron Ellsworth Chairperson

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

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Police and Traffic Committee Report dated January 26, 2007

Council considered the following Police and Traffic Committee Report dated January 26, 2007:

In Attendance: Mayor Andy Wells, Chairperson

Deputy Mayor Dennis O=Keefe

Councillor Art Puddister Councillor Frank Galgay

Mr. Chris Whelan, St. John=s Transportation Commission Mr. Bob LeDrew, Newfoundland Carriers Association Sgt. Darrin Feehan, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary

Mr. Robin King, Transportation Engineer

Ms. Dawn Corner, Supervisor of Traffic and Parking Mr. Bill MacDonald, Supervisor of Traffic Signals

Mr. Chris Pitcher, Supervisor of Municipal Parking Services

Mr. Mark Stuckless, Traffic Operations Engineer Mr. Derm Layman, Foreperson, Streets Division

Ms. Kelly Butler, Recording Secretary

1. Minutes

The minutes of the October 19, 2006, meeting were adopted.

2. Southside Road Report

The Committee reviewed a report prepared by staff in response to a petition from residents of Southside Road requesting various traffic control devices and road upgrading which was tabled at the Committee=s last meeting. (A copy of the report is on file with the City Clerk=s Department, and forms part of these minutes.) The two main recommendations of the report are as follows:

- determining the most appropriate times for the RNC to target their enforcement efforts; and
- b. deploying the City=s neighbourhood radar program on Southside Road periodically throughout the summer months.

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking also noted that while staff were investigating the Southside Road situation, complaints were also received from residents of Waterford Bridge Road regarding the amount of traffic on the street. The Transportation Engineer advised that the two streets fall into different classifications, and, therefore, the amount of traffic on Waterford Bridge Road was deemed to be appropriate for its classification.

The Committee recommends that the report and its recommendations be adopted.

3. Exeter Avenue - Request to turn street into a Cul-de-Sac

The Committee discussed the above noted issue during its last meeting, and directed staff to survey residents regarding the possibility of designating the street as AOne-Way@ and installing Do No Enter signage at Elizabeth Avenue in order to eliminate the short-cutting and speeding problems. The results of the survey were not definitive as residents were split between the One-Way and Do Not Enter signage options. It was suggested that the installation of the Do Not Enter signage would be the best option as it presents the least inconvenience to area residents.

The Committee recommends that Do Not Enter signage be installed at Exeter Avenue @ Elizabeth Avenue.

4. Forest Avenue - One-Way Designation

The Transportation Engineer advised that as per the Committee=s direction at its last meeting, residents were surveyed regarding the possible designation of Forest Avenue as a one-way street. The survey results did not indicate a clear majority for the one-way option. However, in light of the fact that Forest Avenue is only wide enough to accommodate one-way traffic and that there is a sight distance issue at the exit from Forest Avenue onto Kings Bridge Road, the Transportation Engineer recommended that the Committee approve the designation of the street as one-way traffic only.

The Committee, therefore, recommends that Forest Avenue be designated as a One-Way street from Kings Bridge Road to Forest Road.

5. Bond Street - Request for Parking Restriction Adjacent to

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Peacekeepers = Memorial

The Committee considered correspondence from Mr. Garry Best, CPVA NL, regarding the above noted matter. The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking advised that there is sufficient residential parking in the area, therefore, time limited parking should not adversely impact residents.

The Committee recommends that a AMaximum 30 Minutes - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday@ parking restriction be installed adjacent to the Peacekeepers Memorial on Bond Street.

6. Tractor Trailer Traffic on Duckworth Street

The Transportation Engineer advised that the Director of Regional Fire Services should have some information available on this matter for the Committee=s next meeting.

7. Operational Safety Review - Prince Philip Drive @ Allandale Road
The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 19, 2007, from the
Transportation Engineer regarding the above noted matter. (A copy of the report
forms part of these minutes and is on file with the City Clerk=s Department.)

The Committee recommends the following:

- a. that the break in the median on Prince Philip Drive that allows access to Queen=s College be closed under the 2007 Streets Rehab program; and
- b. that the lateral sight distance issue (with the former Brinton Memorial School property) be referred to the Department of Buildings and Property Management for follow up with the property owner. This would include the issue of the closure of driveway access from the property onto Allandale Road. If the property owner does not voluntarily close the driveway access, Council may have to exercise its authority under the St. John=s Access Control By-Law to have it closed permanently.

8. Kenmount Road @ Avalon Mall - Proposed Access Closure

The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 19, 2007, from the Transportation Engineer regarding the above noted matter. (A copy of the report forms part of these minutes and is on file with the City Clerk=s Department.)

The Committee recommends that the Traffic Division contact the Avalon Mall administration and request that they close off the access to the former Lawton=s Drug Store building and Avalon Mall parking lot on Kenmount Road immediately west of the Columbus Drive off-ramp.

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Should the response from the Avalon Mall not be favorable, Council may have to exercise its authority under the St. John=s Access Control By-Law to permanently close this access.

9. Toronto Street @ Macdonald Drive School - CD #R2006-10-30/27

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking advised that following an accident involving a student of Macdonald Drive school, staff were asked to review the area with a view to making any changes necessary to increase pedestrian safety. It appears that the student crossed the street in a location where there was no crossing control in place. Various options were investigated such as relocating the existing crosswalk to the site where the student crossed, or installing an additional crosswalk in this area. It was noted that relocating the existing crosswalk would mean that elementary school students would have to walk further up the street and cross the busy driveway to access the crosswalk. The existing crosswalk and crossing guard system are working well at the current location. Further, the addition of another crosswalk would likely impede safety at the existing crosswalk because of the close proximity to one another. Therefore, no changes are recommended for this area.

The Committee recommends that the status quo be maintained with respect to the location of the crosswalk at Toronto Street @ Macdonald Drive school.

10. Quidi Vidi Village - Traffic Safety Issues

The Committee considered correspondence from the Quidi Vidi Village Foundation outlining their concerns with respect to a number of traffic issues in the area.

The Committee recommends the following actions/measures be implemented in Quidi Vidi Village:

- a. the installation of Hidden Intersection signage at the intersection of Cuckhold=s Cove Road and Maxwell Place;
- b. the installation of warning signage in the vicinity of the new playground on Regiment Road;
- c. a review the existing signage warning of narrow and winding roads by Traffic Division staff to see if additional signage may be warranted; and
- d. the issues with speeding be referred to the RNC.

11. <u>Craigmillar Avenue - Complaints from Residents re: Lack of Parking</u> The Committee considered correspondence from Brenda Courage and Yvonne Peddle regarding the above noted matter. It was suggested that the area residents

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be surveyed to determine what action they would like the City to take in this matter, i.e. permit parking, restricting parking to in front of one=s own residence, limiting the number of vehicles per household, etc.

The Committee recommends that the residents of Craigmillar Avenue be surveyed to determine what action they would prefer the City take with respect to solving the parking problem on Craigmillar Avenue. Results of the survey and a recommendation by staff will be brought forward for the Committee=s next meeting.

12. Roche Street - Request to Remove Two Hour Parking Restriction
The Committee considered correspondence from Mr. David Weiser regarding the above noted matter.

The Committee recommends that area residents be surveyed to determine if there is a consensus to remove the current two hour parking restriction. The results of the survey will be brought forward for the Committee=s next meeting.

13. Argyle Street - Request to Convert Current No Parking Restriction to Two Hour Parking

The Committee discussed the above noted matter and recommends the following:

That the area residents be surveyed to determine whether they are in favour of changing the current No Parking 9-5 Monday to Friday restriction to a Maximum Two Hour Parking 9-5 Monday to Friday restriction. The results of the survey will be brought forward for the Committee=s next meeting.

14. Point Verde Place - Request to Remove Current No Parking Restriction
The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking advised that the current parking restriction
was installed because of parking problems created by the vehicles of people using
the nearby tennis courts. A survey of residents was conducted to determine
whether the current parking restriction should be removed. The results showed no
clear majority, especially of those residents at the bulb of the cul-de-sac who would
be most affected.

The Committee recommends that the status quo be maintained and the current parking restriction will remain in place.

15. Feild Street - Request to Extend Residential Permit Parking

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking advised that area residents were surveyed with respect to extending the current residential permit parking area, and the results

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indicated that there was insufficient support for request.

The Committee, therefore, recommends that the status quo be maintained and that the existing residential permit parking on Feild Street not be extended.

16. Waterfatton Deficiency in the Supervisor of Traffic and Parking advised that oftentimes vehicles belonging residents of either #215 or 217 Waterford Bridge Road are parking on the street in the vicinity of the entrance to Beaconsfield School causing considerable back up of east bound traffic in the mornings and afternoons when vehicles are trying to turn into the school.

The Committee recommends that a No Parking 8 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday restriction be installed adjacent to Civic Nos. 215 and 217 Waterford Bridge Road.

17. Pearce Avenue - Request for No Parking Snow Route Signage
The Streets Department has requested the installation of No Parking - Snow Route signage on the east side of Pearce Avenue.

The Committee recommends that No Parking - Snow Route signage be installed on the east side of Pearce Avenue.

18. Harding Road - Request for Installation of No Parking Anytime Signage
The Streets Department has requested the installation of No Parking Anytime signage on the south side of Harding Road to ensure that parked vehicles do not obstruct snow clearing operations.

The Committee recommends that No Parking Anytime signage be installed on the south side of Harding Road.

19. <u>Temperance Street - Request for Installation of No Parking Anytime</u> <u>Signage</u>

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking advised people have recently begun parking their vehicles on both sides of Temperance Street. The street is narrow and can only safely accommodate parking on one side. It was noted that there are no residences in the area which would be adversely affected by the installation of No Parking Anytime signage.

The Committee recommends that No Parking Anytime signage be installed on the east side of Temperance Street.

20. Bus Stops - Request from Metrobus for New/Relocated Bus Stops on

Rodney Street and Newfoundland Drive

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking advised that Metrobus have requested the installation/ relocation of two new bus stops on Rodney Street and Newfoundland Drive for logistical reasons. Staff have reviewed the two requests and support the installation/relocation of the bus stops. It was noted, however, that both of these stops will be located adjacent to residences, and this may generate complaints from homeowners because of the need to eliminate 18 metres of parking to accommodate each bus stop and possible property damage from people congregating at the bus stop.

The Committee endorsed the proposal from Metrobus for the installation/relocation of two new bus stops on Rodney Street and Newfoundland Drive.

21. Residential Parking Permits - Request to Increase Number of Visitors Permits

The Committee considered a letter from Ms. Theresa Mackenzie regarding the above noted matter. Ms. Mackenzie is requesting an additional visitor=s permit as she does not own a vehicle and does not qualify for a resident permit. It was noted that while this may be an unusual circumstance, issuing additional visitor permits will only set a precedent and possibly encourage abuse of the permit program.

The Committee recommends that the status quo be maintained and that only one visitor permit per household be issued.

OTHER BUSINESS:

22. Barnes Road - Request for Residential Permit Parking

Deputy Mayor O=Keefe requested an update regarding a request from Mr. Derm Kearsey for residential permit parking on Barnes Road. The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking advised that this matter was discussed at a Committee meeting in April last year, and staff were directed to survey area residents to see if they were in favour of having permit parking. Survey results indicated that most residents were opposed, and permit parking was not installed.

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking indicated that she would review the matter and advise the Deputy Mayor accordingly.

23. RNC Traffic Unit

Councillor Puddister requested an update on the status of the RNC=s traffic unit. Sgt. Feehan advised that the implementation of the traffic unit has again been delayed for operational reasons, and a definitive date for commencement is unknown at this time.

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24. <u>Provincial Safety Committee</u>

The Transportation Engineer advised that the City has been invited to sit on the Provincial Safety Committee, which will include representatives from the Department of Motor Vehicles, RNC, RCMP, and Newfoundland Safety Council.

25. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Mayor Andy Wells Chairperson

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

Following discussion, the motion being put was unanimously carried.

Development Permits List

Council considered as information the following Development Permits List for the period of January 26, 2007 to February 1, 2007:

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 26, 2007 TO FEBRUARY 1, 2007

Code	Applicant	Application	Location	Ward	Development Officer's Decision	Date
Com.	Harvey International & Newfoundland Kubota	Site Re-development	Civic No. 88 Kenmount Road	Ward 4	Site Plan Approval	07 01 29
Ind.	Cougar Helicopters Inc.	Proposed Extension to Building	Civic No. 40 Craig Dobbin=s Way	Ward 1	Application Approved	07 01 30

NOTES:

* Code Classification:

RES - Residential COM - Commercial AG - Agriculture INST IND - Institutional - Industrial Ed Murray Development Officer Department of Planning - 24 - 2007-02-05

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

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

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Permits List

CLASS: COMMERCIAL

AFRICANA ENSTYLE	15 LEMARCHANT RD, AFRICANA	co	RETAIL STORE
	328 BLACKMARSH RD, GOLDSTONE D		
MARIE'S MINI MART	12 GLENEYRE ST, MARIE'S MINI	MS	CONVENIENCE STORE
MARIE'S MINI MART	12-20 HIGHLAND DR	MS	CONVENIENCE STORE
VACANT (10605 NEWFOUNDLAND LIM)	193 KENMOUNT RD, CHRISTMAS WAR	MS	RETAIL STORE
VACANT (10605 NEWFOUNDLAND LIM)	193 KENMOUNT RD, CHRISTMAS WAR	MS	RETAIL STORE
P & R CO. LTD	439 KENMOUNT RD, SPEEDY GLASS	MS	COMMERCIAL GARAGE
GOULDS KICKERS SOCCER ASSOC.	537 MAIN RD, PUBLIC LIBRARY	MS	RECREATIONAL USE
GOODLIFE	VILLAGE 430 TOPSAIL GOODLIFE	SN	SHOPPING CENTRE
TROPICAL AND MARINE PETS INC.	611 TORBAY RD	MS	RETAIL STORE
DUNRED HOLDINGS INC.	799 WATER ST	NC	PATIO DECK
CROMBIE DEVELOPMENTS LTD.	AVALON MALL, UNITS 175 - 180	RN	SHOPPING CENTRE
ALIANT	BURGEO ST - ALIANT	NC	ACCESSORY BUILDING
ALIANT	STEAD PLACE - ALIANT	NC	ACCESSORY BUILDING
SOUTHWEST PROPERTIES	215 WATER ST, VESTIBULE	RN	OFFICE
			THIS WEEK \$ 121 00:

THIS WEEK \$ 121,000.00 TO DATE \$ 1,309,250.00

CLASS: INDUSTRIAL

THIS WEEK \$.00 TO DATE \$ 300,000.00

CLASS: GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL

RCMP "B" DIVISION HEADQUARTERS 100 EAST WHITE HILLS RD, RCMP RN ADMIN BLDG/GOV/NON-PROFIT

THIS WEEK \$ 80,000.00 TO DATE \$ 953,500.00

CLASS: RESIDENTIAL

BALNAFAD CO. LTD. 26 BALNAFAD PL, LOT 41 NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING TERRY WALSH CONSTRUCTION 43 CHEROKEE DR, LOT 52 NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING SHAWN ROWE 150 GOWER ST, SHAWN ROWE NC PATIO DECK

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TERRY WALSH CONTRACTING	12 OTTER DR, LOT 93	NC	SINGLE	DETACHED	DWELLING
FRED & CAROL HISCOCK	219 AIRPORT HGTS DR	CO	SINGLE	DETACHED	DWELLING
LILLIAN SQUIRES	120 QUEEN'S RD	CO	SINGLE	DETACHED	DWELLING
KEVIN DAVID POWER &	23 CESSNA ST	CR	SINGLE	DETACHED	DWELLING
MICHAEL TUCKER	314 SOUTHERN SHORE HIGHWAY	EX	SINGLE	DETACHED	DWELLING
TERRY WALSH CONSTRUCTION	38 CHEROKEE DR	RN	SINGLE	DETACHED	DWELLING
THELMA MCCAULEY	8 LARNER ST	RN	SINGLE	DETACHED	DWELLING
PBI GROUP INC	219 AIRPORT HGTS DR	RN	SINGLE	DETACHED	DWELLING
BRIAN RAMSAY & CAROL FARRELL	82 TOPSAIL RD	RN	SINGLE	DETACHED	DWELLING
ROBERT MORRELL	8 MCGRATH PL WEST	WS	SINGLE	DETACHED	DWELLING

THIS WEEK \$ 473,100.00 TO DATE \$ 2,598,566.00CLASS:

DEMOLITION

THIS WEEK \$.00 TO DATE \$ 75,256.00

THIS WEEK''S TOTAL: \$ 674,100.00

TOTAL YEAR TO DATE: \$ 5,236,572.00

REPAIR PERMITS ISSUED: 2007/01/25 TO 2007/01/31 \$ 20,800.00 2006/12/28 TO 2007/01/31 \$ 65,150.00 YTD

LEGEND

CO CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY EX EXTENSION
RN RENOVATIONS CR CHNG OF OCC/RENOVTNS
MS MOBILE SIGN SW SITE WORK
SN SIGN WS WOODSTOVE
NC NEW CONSTRUCTION DM DEMOLITION

REJECTION

B-1-070238 50 New Gower Street -

Application for a Proposed Sign rejected

Mile One Centre

contrary to Section 23.(ii) of the St. John=s Sign By-Law. Billboards are prohibited on lands owned by the City of St. John=s.

Payrolls and Accounts

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It was decided on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Puddister: That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending February 1, 2007 be approved:

Weekly Payment Vouchers For The Week Ending February 1, 2007

PAYROLL

Public Works \$
365,985.83

Bi-Weekly Casual \$
12,960.50

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Cheque No. 111889 - 112197 \$ 2,772,995.04

(Includes Direct Deposits/Transfers/Eqp. Leasing)

Total:

\$3, 151, 941. 37

Tenders

- a. Request for Proposals Development of a Themed Signage Program
- b. Tender Newfoundland and Labrador Sports Center

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It was decided on motion of Councillor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Puddister: That the recommendations of the Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture, and the Director of Building & Property Management be approved and the tenders awarded as follows:

- a. Tract Consulting Inc. (\$40,000 budget ACOA covering 75% and Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture 25%)
- b. Marco Services Ltd. in the amount of \$5,694,300.00

Notices of Motion

Councillor Duff gave the following Notice of Motion:

TAKE NOTICE that I will at the next Regular Meeting of the St. John's Municipal Council, move a motion to rescind the decision made by Council at its Regular Meeting of October 30, 2006, to approve the St. John's Municipal Plan Amendment Number 40, 2006 and St. John's Development Regulations Amendment Number 391, 2006.

(Councillor Duff reminded Council she would defer bringing forward this motion for at least two weeks as per discussions on the Planning Committee report.)

338 Airport Heights Drive - Doris Tucker

Council considered a memorandum dated February 1, 2007 from the Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor regarding the above noted.

SJMC2007-02-05/73R

It was decided on motion of Deputy Mayor O=Keefe; seconded by Councillor Puddister: That the recommendation of the Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor that the owner of property at 338 Airport Heights Drive be compensated in the amount of \$600 for the removal of a tree during street reconstruction.

Reinstate Street Name, Clift=s - Baird=s Cove

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Council considered a memorandum dated January 29, 2007 from the Manager of Surveying regarding the above noted.

SJMC2007-02-05/74R

It was moved by Deputy Mayor O=Keefe; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the recommendation of the Nomenclature Committee that the street name Clift=s - Baird=s Cove, be reinstated, be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Year End 2006 - February Edition of the Economic Update

Council considered as information the Year End 2006 February Edition of the *Economic Update.*

Letter dated January 26, 2007 from Mr. Philip J. Osborne, Benson, Myles, requesting waiver of fees associated with renovations to 79 Blackmarsh Road

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It was decided on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Duff: That a request on behalf of the Waterford Foundation Inc. for waiver of fees associated with renovations to 79 Blackmarsh Road, be granted.

Cruise NL

Council noted Deputy Mayor O=Keefe=s election to the position of Vice Chair of the Cruise Newfoundland and Labrador during the annual general meeting of the organization held on February 1st, 2007 in St. John=s. Deputy Mayor O=Keefe noted that Cruise NL=s schedule for 2007 shows approximately 58,000 total passengers and crew. This is preliminary and more cruise activity may yet be recorded.

Travel by Deputy Mayor O=Keefe

Council considered a memorandum dated February 5, 2007 from the Manager, Corporate Secretariat regarding travel by Deputy Mayor O=Keefe to Miami/Fort Lauderdale, March 7 - 16/17 to attend the annual Seatrade Cruise Shipping Conference & Exhibition.

SJMC2007-02-05/76R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Colbert; seconded by Councillor Hann: That travel by Deputy Mayor O=Keefe to Miami/Fort Lauderdale to attend the Seatrade Cruise Shipping Conference & Exhibition, March 7-16/17, 2007 be approved.

Deputy Mayor O=Keefe

Deputy Mayor O=Keefe asked that the Police and Traffic Committee revisit the possibility of installing a stop sign at the intersection of Petty Harbour Road and Huntingdale Drive.

Councilor Hickman

Councillor Hickman commented on Hospitality NL=s Conference great success and commended the organization.

Councillor Hickman referenced the development of a themed signage program approved by Council which, he noted, originated from a review of the welcome signage to the City. He noted the initiative will be undertaken in concert with the new corporate ID the City is working on and at the same time other signage will be looked at with a view to a theme approach to the Northeast Avalon.

Councillor Hann

Councillor Hann withdrew his earlier comment accusing the Deputy Mayor of Apontificating @.

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Councillor Galgay

Councillor Galgay tabled a letter from Mr. Edward Sexton, Chair, Bishop Abraham Elementary School Council requesting that the sidewalks in the general area of the school be cleared of snow accumulation. It was noted that this may have been an oversight. Councillor Galgay advised that he has referred the matter to the Director of Public Works & Parks who advised that once the new equipment and personnel are in place there will be more effective clearing of sidewalks.

Councillor Coombs

Councillor Coombs advised that he received a call concerning Blackmarsh Road area flooding - Fairhaven Place/Portland Place. He asked that the Associate Commissioner/Director of Engineering investigate whether an alternate route can be found to divert the water running off Blackmarsh Road.

St. John=s Sports and Entertainment

SJMC2007-02-05/77R

It was moved by Councillor Coombs; seconded by Deputy Mayor O=Keefe: That a committee, chaired by the Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor, comprised of senior staff and two Councillors, be created to identify the implications of bringing Mile One Centre under the Department of Recreation.

Councillor Coombs noted that with the departure of the Leafs a study will decide whether the operation should remain a separate entity or whether it should be reinstated as a line department as was Memorial Stadium. Those supporting the motion agreed that an in- house review will show the implications of bringing Mile One under the City=s Recreation Department. They asked that the proposed committee be given the opportunity to acquire the information for Council=s review

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before any decisions are made on how the operation will be governed. Members of Council opposing the motion favoured a new governance structure, suggested a review by an independent group lending to an unbiased objective review.

During his comments, Councillor Coombs advised that he will be removing himself from the Board of St. John=s Sports and Entertainment at the end of his tenure.

Following discussion, the motion being put there voted for it the mover, seconder and His Worship the Mayor. The motion was lost.

SJMC2007-02-05/78R

It was then moved by Councillor Colbert; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the existing Board of St. John=s Sports and Entertainment remain in place until February 28th, 2007 and that Council convene a special meeting prior to February 16, 2007 to discuss the options for the future governance of Mile One Centre and that it operate as a separate entity.

SJMC2007-02-05/79R

It was then moved by Councillor Coombs; seconded by Deputy Mayor O=Keefe: That the motion be amended in order to postpone the effect of the motion until June 1, 2007.

SJMC2007-02-05/80R

It was then moved by Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Coombs: That a second amendment be made to permit deferral of the issue in order to allow Council an opportunity to enter into discussions on the matter. This amendment being put was lost.

The first amendment to the main motion being put, there voted for it the mover, seconder and His Worship the Mayor. The motion as amended was lost.

During discussion on the main motion, it was noted by some members of Council they would prefer to wait and have discussions prior to February 16, 2007 as per the motion, though acknowledging that an amendment may be required after the fact, noting that an interim board could be set up. They indicated they would like the new governance model discussed and implemented by March 1, 2007 while others felt

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the time frame was too tight. Also, during discussion, some members of Council again reiterated they would prefer to have information on the implications of operating Mile One Centre as a line department before decisions are made on governing the operation. Other members of Council felt an interim board would introduce more confusion to the issue.

During discussion, His Worship the Mayor asked that the Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor provide information documenting areas where savings can be accrued by operating Mile One Centre as a line department. Some members of Council agreed that such request has to be at the direction of Council. Discussion on the main motion resumed.

Following discussion the motion being put was unanimously carried.

SJMC2007-02-05/81R

It was then moved by Councillor Coombs; seconded by Deputy Mayor O=Keefe; That the Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor be directed to provide information documenting areas where savings can be accrued by operating Mile One Centre as a line department.

Discussion ensued during which members of Council opposing the motion suggested the motion to be out of order and argued that a Notice of Motion to rescind Council=s previous decision is required. His Worship the Mayor argued that the intent of the motion is for costs only as opposed to the previous motion which was for a comprehensive study.

Following discussion, the motion being put, there voted for it the mover, seconder and His Worship the Mayor, with all other members of Council dissenting. The motion was lost.

Councillor Ellsworth

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Councillor Ellsworth acknowledged and congratulated the Newfoundland and Labrador 2006 Police Officer of the Year. He thanked all the police forces throughout the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador for their continued support and thanked Crime Stoppers for the process of identifying and recognizing officers for the job they do on a regular basis.

Councillor Collins

Councillor Collins updated Council on the Goulds Winter Carnival events to take place commencing February 9, 2007.

<u>Adjournment</u>

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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-	CITY CLERK	