

February 8th, 2010

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

The City Manager, the Deputy City Manager/Director of Corporate Services and City Clerk; Deputy City Manager/Director of Public Works and Parks, Director of Planning, Director of Engineering, Senior Legal Counsel, and Manager, Corporate Secretariat were also in attendance.

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

SJMC2010-02-08/72R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Hanlon: That the Agenda be adopted as presented including the following additional items:

1. Memorandum dated February 3rd, 2010 from the City Manager re Strickland's Auto Salvage Limited
2. Memorandum dated February 8th, 2010 from the City Manager, re Bell Street

Adoption of Minutes

SJMC2010-02-08/73R

It was decided on motion of Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Collins: That the minutes of the February 1st, 2010 meeting be adopted as presented.

Notices Published

1. **A Change of Non-Conforming Use Application** has been submitted by the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador requesting permission to convert **Civic No. 13 Rickett's Road** (former 'Bingo Country') to be used as a place of assembly

(worship), used clothing distribution (monthly on Saturday), a charity meal centre and an office for a Chaplain to the inner city. The hours of operation are Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., plus weekday evenings. There are 35 on-site parking spaces provided. **(Ward 2)**

SJMC2010-02-08/74R

It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the application be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Public Hearings

- a. Public Hearing Report dated January 27th, 2010 Re
Application from Epic Consulting Services Ltd. to rezone the Gulliver Property
Located at Civic No. 397 Blackmarsh Road
Memorandum dated February 4th, 2010 from the Director of Planning

Councillor Collins reported on a public hearing held on January 27th, 2010 to discuss an application submitted by Epic Consulting Services Ltd. to rezone the Gulliver Farm Property located at Civic Number 397 Blackmarsh Road from the Comprehensive Development Area 1 (CDA-1) Zone to the Apartment Medium Density (A2) Zone and the Residential Low Density (R1) Zone to allow the development of a mixed residential development. The development is to be comprised of eight (8) condominium apartment buildings of varying building heights for a total of approximately 340 condominium apartment units and twenty-two (22) single-detached houses.

In this regard Council considered a memorandum dated February 4th, 2010 from the Director of Planning.

SJMC2010-02-08/75R

It was moved by Councillor Collins; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That staff be directed to proceed with the rezoning of the Gulliver Farm Property from the Comprehensive Development Area 1 (CDA-1) Zone to the Apartment Medium Density (A2) Zone and the Residential Low Density (R1) Zone, and further, Council agreed that the following Resolution for St. John's Development Regulations Amendment Number 477, 2010 be adopted, which will then referred to the Department of Municipal Affairs for Provincial registration in accordance with the requirements of the Urban and Rural Planning Act.

**RESOLUTION
ST. JOHN'S DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS
AMENDMENT NUMBER 477, 2010**

WHEREAS the City of St. John's wishes to permit a mixed residential development on lands located between Blackmarsh Road and Captain Whelan Drive.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City of St. John's hereby adopts the following map amendment to the St. John's Development Regulations in accordance with the provisions of the Urban and Rural Planning Act.

Rezone land located between Blackmarsh Road and Captain Whelan Drive from the Comprehensive Development Area-1 (CDA-1) Zone to the Apartment Medium Density (A2) Zone and the Residential Low Density (R1) Zone as shown on Map Z - 1A attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of St. John's requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs to register the proposed amendment in accordance with the requirements of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000.

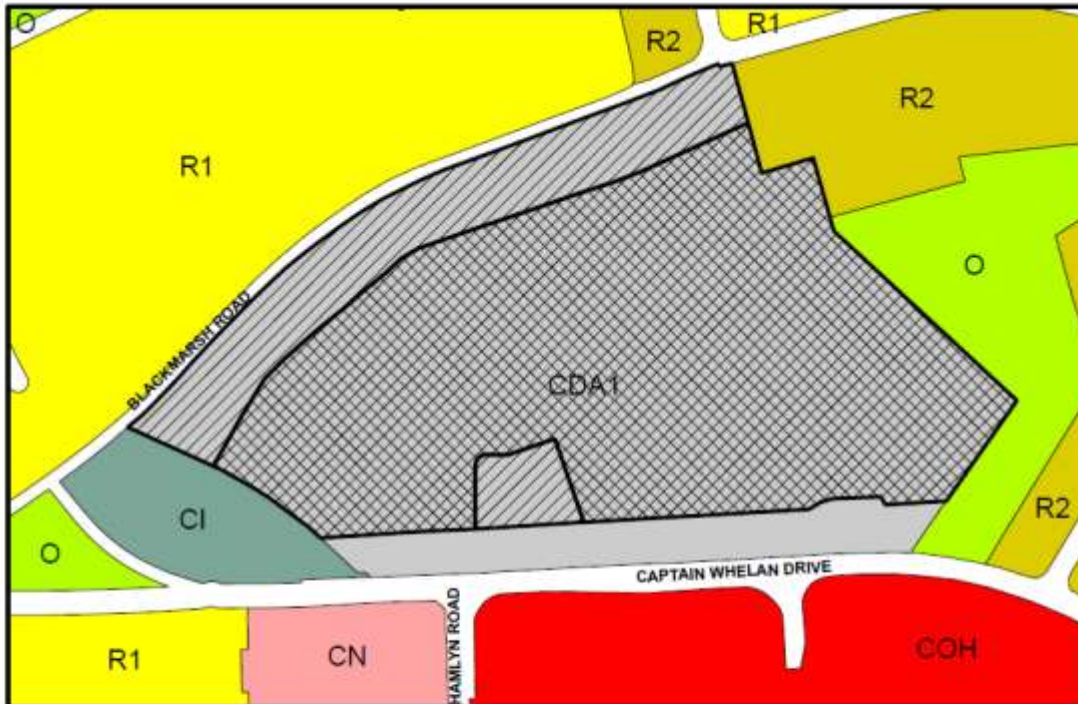
IN WITNESS THEREOF the Seal of the City of St. John's has been hereunto affixed and this Resolution has been signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk on behalf of Council this **8th** day of **February, 2010**.

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.



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**CITY OF ST. JOHN'S
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS
Amendment No. 477, 2010
[Map Z-1A]**

2010 01 28 SCALE: 1:3000
CITY OF ST. JOHN'S
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

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

-  AREA PROPOSED TO BE REZONED FROM
COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA 1 (CDA1)
LAND USE ZONE TO RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY (R1)
LAND USE ZONE
-  AREA PROPOSED TO BE REZONED FROM
COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA 1 (CDA1)
LAND USE ZONE TO APARTMENT MEDIUM (A2)
LAND USE ZONE

397 BLACKMARSH ROAD (Gulliver Property)

M.C.I.P. signature and seal

Mayor

Director Corp. Services/City Clerk

Council Adoption

Provincial Registration

Discussion ensued during which Councillor Tilley tabled a letter from Mr. Michael Doucet, 11 Welland Street, expressing concerns that the development will negatively impact traffic in the area. Councillor Tilley noted he is satisfied with the traffic impact analysis recommendations and is confident the development will significantly benefit the area.

Councillor Hickman presented a petition from residents of the area seeking rejection of the proposed rezoning and development of the Gulliver's Farm Property on Blackmarsh Road, the prayer of which reads as follows:

We the undersigned, residents of St. John's and residents that will be affected by the proposed development, hereby request that the City of St. John's reject this application. We are concerned that the plan as put forward proposes a density that is too high in relation to the surrounding area. We are not opposed to development on the site, but feel that it needs to be done within the context of the surrounding neighbourhood. Any development on the site should reflect the local neighbourhood and should be a residential area, or at most, a mixed residential and low-density apartment setting. Given this statement, we encourage the proponent to consider an alternative development plan and application. We also encourage the proponent to seek public input as they develop their plan, to learn the wishes and needs of the nearby citizens that will be impacted by development of the site.

Councillor Hickman agreed with the concerns raised relative to the impact the development will have on traffic and traffic flows in the area. He noted that the notification of the public hearing held on the development should have taken in a wider radius of Cowan Heights. The Director of Planning advising that the notification radius encompassed slightly beyond the 150 m distribution radius requirement under the Development Regulations.

Members of Council supporting the motion felt that the development, which will be phased in, will benefit the area by providing a mixed residential development allowing an opportunity for affordable housing units to middle income residents and those looking to downsize; and agreed that the completion of the east/west arterial and Team Gushue Highway will help alleviate traffic concerns.

During discussion Deputy Mayor Duff noted that a suggestion made by Mr. Cook that consideration be given to establishing a “Courtesy Committee” as a liaison with the developer, merits consideration.

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

Committee Reports

a. **Development Committee Report dated February 2nd, 2010**

Council considered the following Development Committee Report dated February 2nd, 2010:

RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL:

- 1. Application for An Accessory Building
12m x 6m
Civic No. 66 Blackler Avenue (Ward 3)**

The Development Committee recommends that Council approve the above noted application.

**Ronald Penney, Chairperson
City Manager**

SJMC2010-02-08/76R

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

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Planning & Housing Standing Committee Report dated February 4th, 2010

Council considered the following Planning & Housing Committee Report dated February 4th, 2010:

In Attendance: Councillor Frank Galgay, Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Shannie Duff
Councillor Sheilagh O’Leary
Councillor Sandy Hickman
Councillor Gerry Colbert
Councillor Bruce Tilley
Councillor Danny Breen
Councillor Wally Collins
Mr. Ron Penney, City Manager
Mr. Paul Mackey, Deputy City Manager/Director of Public Works & Parks
Mr. Cliff Johnston, Director of Planning
Mr. Walt Mills, Director of Engineering
Mr. Dave Blackmore, Director of Building & Property Management
Mr. Bob Bishop, Director of Finance
Ms. Elizabeth Lawrence, Director of Economic Development,
Tourism & Culture
Mr. Joe Sampson, Manager of Development
Ms. Lynnann Winsor, Development Engineer
Mr. Jim Clarke, Manager of Streets & Parks
Mr. Chris Small, Planning Technician
Ms. Kelly Butler, Recording Secretary

1. CD #R2009-12-07/2 - Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) as Part of the Gas Tax Agreement

The Committee considered the **attached** memorandum dated February 2, 2010, from the Director of Planning regarding the above noted matter.

The Committee recommends, on motion of Councillor Breen; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the Department of Planning be directed to post the draft St. John’s ICSP on the City’s website with capabilities for interactive public response and to circulate copies to interested persons, inviting comments by March 4, 2010. Printed copies of the draft ICSP will be made available at the City’s Access Centre and the Department of Planning.

Any public comments received by March 4, 2010, will be compiled into a final report by City Staff which will be placed on the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on March 22, 2010, at which time Council will consider the adoption/approval of the ICSP. To meet the requirements of the Gas Tax Agreement, the completed ICSP must be submitted by the City to the Department of Municipal Affairs by March 31, 2010.

Councillor Frank Galgay
Chairperson

SJMC2010-02-08/77R

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

Councillor Colbert noted that he was absent during discussion on this item and asked that the minutes be amended accordingly.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Tourism Standing Committee Report dated February 2, 2010

Council considered the following Tourism Standing Committee Report dated February 2, 2010:

Attendees: Councillor Gerry Colbert, Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Shannie Duff
Councillor Tom Hann
Councillor Bruce Tilley
Ron Penney, City Manager
Elizabeth Lawrence, Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Culture
Kevin Gushue, Manager of Tourism Development
Bernadette Walsh, Special Projects Coordinator
Todd Lehr, Tourism Program Analyst
Karen Chafe, Recording Secretary

Report:

1. National Geographic GeoTourism Project

The Committee met with Tanya Edwards and Suzanne Dooling with the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society; Ken Sooley of Cape Race Cultural Adventures and Juanita Keel-Ryan with the Provincial Dept. of Tourism, Culture & Recreation. This delegation conducted a power point presentation on the concept of the GeoTourism project which is being promoted worldwide through National Geographic. The purpose of the project is to sustain and respect the geographic and cultural integrity of tourist destinations by promoting concepts such as adventure tourism, geo-tourism and community stewardship of valuable assets. The City has been approached to consider becoming involved with this initiative which will provide great exposure for tourism possibilities.

The Committee agrees that the project merits further investigation and recommends that Staff investigate the details of the National Geographic GeoTourism Project and submit a report to the Committee for review at a future meeting.

2. Travel Media Association of Canada Conference 2012

The Committee considered background information from staff with respect to the proposed bid for the Travel Media Association of Canada Conference for 2012. The City had previously hosted TMAC in 2004 and the conference exceeded expectations in terms of return on investment in media exposure as well as positive feedback. TMAC is considering St. John's and Fredericton as the final two sites in its selection process. TMAC has asked for information on levels of financial support to be committed and Destination St. John's has offered them a number of sponsorship options.

The Committee recommends that the City sponsor an opening reception cost shared with one of the major hotels along with City tours as part of the sponsorship bid to bring the TMAC conference to St. John's in 2012. The anticipated cost would be \$8000.00.

3. Merging of Economic Development and Tourism Standing Committees

Chairperson Colbert questioned the need to have two standing committees allocated for one Department. Staff agreed that the merging of both the Tourism Standing Committee and the Economic Development Standing Committee would be beneficial to the Department and would create more synergy within the Department.

The Committee on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Hann recommends that the Economic Development Standing Committee and the Tourism Standing Committee be merged into one Committee to be known as the Economic Development & Tourism Standing Committee.

Councillor Gerry Colbert
Chairperson

SJMC2010-02-08/78R

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

Council agreed, at the suggestion of Councillor Colbert, that Councillor Hanlon, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, continue on as Chair of the merged Committee. Councillor Hanlon accepted.

Following discussion, the main motion being put was unanimously carried.

Development Permits List

Council considered as information the following Development Permit List for the period January 29th to February 4th, 2010:

**DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
FOR THE PERIOD OF January 29, 2010 TO February 4, 2010**

Code	Applicant	Application	Location	Ward	Development Officer's Decision	Date
COM	Curtis Evans	Home Office for General Contracting	38 Ridgemount Street	5	Approved	10-02-02
AG	Wendy Williams Jason Poole	Demolition and Replacement of Dwelling	313-315 Main Road	5	Approved	10-02-03
COM	Global Textiles	Commercial Building	309-313 Kenmount Road	4	Approved	10-02-03
COM	M & M Properties Ltd.	Extension to Building/Site Plan	149 Airport Road	1	Approved	10-02-03

<p>* Code Classification: RES - Residential COM - Commercial A - Agriculture</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">INST - Institutional IND - Industrial</p>
<p>** 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.</p>

**Gerard Doran
Development Officer
Department of Planning**

Building Permits List

SJMC2010-02-08/79R

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

2010/02/03

Permits List

CLASS: COMMERCIAL

MANNING CHIROPRACTIC INC.	193-199 LEMARCHANT RD	CO CLINIC
LAZ-BOY FURNITURE	50 ABERDEEN AVE	MS RETAIL STORE
IRVING OIL CORPORATE	8 BAY BULLS RD	SN COMMERCIAL GARAGE
CLAYTON INNS LTD.	390 DUCKWORTH ST	SN PLACE OF AMUSEMENT
KENMOUNT BILLIARDS INC.	58 KENMOUNT RD	MS PLACE OF AMUSEMENT
SPEEDY GLASS	439 KENMOUNT RD	MS COMMERCIAL GARAGE
A.I.M.E. PHYSIOTHERAPY INC.	204-206 MAIN RD	MS CLINIC
PETER'S PIZZA	431-435 MAIN RD	MS TAKE-OUT FOOD SERVICE
HAIR BY PATRICIA - UNISEX	36 PEARSON ST	MS SERVICE SHOP
2010 JUNO AWARDS HOST	PORTUGAL COVE RD	SN VACANT LAND
NOLAN HALL	TEMPERANCE ST	SN VACANT LAND
PATTISON SIGN GROUP	192-194 TORBAY RD	SN COMMERCIAL GARAGE
NORTH ATLANTIC	660 TORBAY RD	MS SERVICE STATION
PIZZA EXPRESS LIMITED	TORBAY ROAD-TORBAY RD MALL	MS RESTAURANT
PIZZA EXPRESS LIMITED	TORBAY ROAD-TORBAY RD MALL	MS RESTAURANT
TROPICAL AND MARINE PETS INC.	611 TORBAY RD	MS RETAIL STORE
FORTIS PROPERTIES CORPORATION	155 WATER ST, FIRE RATING	RN OFFICE
ALTUS GROUP	186 DUCKWORTH ST - SUITE 300	CO OFFICE
FORTIS PROPERTIES CORPORATION	FACTORY LANE, FIRE ALARM	RN OFFICE
FORTIS PROPERTIES CORPORATION	FACTORY LANE, ELEVATOR UPGRADE	RN OFFICE

THIS WEEK \$ 541,103.00

CLASS: INDUSTRIAL

THIS WEEK \$.00

CLASS: GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL

GEORGE STREET UNITED CHURCH	130 GEORGE ST W	SN CHURCH
EASTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT	190 PENNYWELL RD, SKILLED TRAD	RN SCHOOL
CFS ST. JOHN'S	CHURCHILL AVE, PARKING DEV.	SW ADMIN BLDG/GOV/NON-PROFIT
GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA	BLDG 566 CHARTER AVENUE	EX ADMIN BLDG/GOV/NON-PROFIT
FED. GOV'T.	304 BROOKFIELD RD, REROOF MAIN	RN ADMIN BLDG/GOV/NON-PROFIT

THIS WEEK \$ 608,129.00

CLASS: RESIDENTIAL

TERRY WALSH CONTRACTING	280 BAY BULLS ROAD, LOT 1	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
HANLEY CONSTRUCTION	9 CAPE PINE STREET, LOT 2	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
HANLEY CONSTRUCTION	48 CAPE PINE STREET, LOT 68	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
HANLEY CONSTRUCTION	14 CAPE PINE STREET, LOT 54	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
HANLEY CONSTRUCTION	13 CAPE PINE STREET, LOT 4	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
HANLEY CONSTRUCTION	11 CAPE PINE STREET, LOT 3	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
CLOVER CONSTRUCTION INC.	28 CAPE PINE ST, LOT 60	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
WENDY O'KEEFE	26 CARIBOU PL	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
TOLSON BASTOW	41 CASTLE BRIDGE DR, LOT 120	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
TERRY WALSH CONTRACTING	69 CHEROKEE DR, LOT 65	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
MARILYN J. BROMLEY-BAILEY	558 EMPIRE AVE	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
PRO-TECH CONSTRUCTION	72 FRANCIS ST - LOT #92	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
DOUG STRICKLAND	33 HORLICK AVE	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
KENNETH R. & BRENDA F. WARREN	10 LAWTON CRES	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING

LINDA GUILLEMETTE	48 MAIN RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
PATRICIA O'BRIEN	16 TOPSAIL RD	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
MARK TAYLOR	106 HALLEY DR	CR SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
CARSON R. THISTLE	7 STAMP'S LANE	CR HOME OFFICE
PATRICIA LEONARD	16 CEDARHURST PL	EX SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ERCO HOMES	11 BLUE JACKET PL	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ST.JOHN'S NON-PROFIT HOUSING	179-229 FOREST RD	RN TOWNHOUSING
RAJAN MATHEU	30 GREAT EASTERN AVE, LOT 55	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
RAJAN MATHEU	32 GREAT EASTERN AVE, LOT 54	RN SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
TERRY WALSH CONTRACTING	75 HALL'S RD	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
WALLACE VICTOR WHITE AND	14 MACKLIN PL	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ST JOHN'S NON-PROFIT HOUSING	133 PLEASANT ST	RN TOWNHOUSING
ST. JOHN'S NON-PROFIT HOUSING	36B SHAW ST	RN TOWNHOUSING
ST. JOHN'S NON-PROFIT HOUSING	36C SHAW ST	RN TOWNHOUSING
ST. JOHN'S NON-PROFIT HOUSING	19 TESSIER PL	RN TOWNHOUSING
ST. JOHN'S NON-PROFIT HOUSING	21 TESSIER PL	RN TOWNHOUSING
ST. JOHN'S NON-PROFIT HOUSING	23 TESSIER PL	RN TOWNHOUSING
ST. JOHN'S NON-PROFIT HOUSING	25 TESSIER PL	RN TOWNHOUSING
GUARDIAN HOMES INC.	17 TOBY MCDONALD ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
DARREN FOWLER AND	28 SHAW ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ST. JOHN'S NON-PROFIT HOUSING	24 YOUNG ST	RN TOWNHOUSING

THIS WEEK \$ 2,630,098.00

CLASS: DEMOLITION

THIS WEEK \$.00

THIS WEEK'S TOTAL: \$ 3,779,330.00

REPAIR PERMITS ISSUED: 2010/01/28 TO 2010/02/03 \$ 5,295.00

LEGEND

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

Payrolls and Accounts

SJMC2010-02-08/80R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Colbert: That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending February 4th, 2010 be approved:

**Weekly Payment Vouchers
For The
Week Ending February 4, 2010**

PAYROLL

Public Works	\$ 494,087.65
Bi-Weekly Amalgamation	\$ 465,167.04
Bi-Weekly Management	\$ 696,417.93
Bi-Weekly Administration	\$ 688,889.99

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

	\$1,662,328.89
Total:	\$4,006,891.50

Tenders

- a. **Tender – Quidi Vidi Lake Control Structure**

SJMC2010-02-08/81R

It was moved by Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Colbert: That the recommendations of the Director of Engineering be approved and the tender awarded as follows:

- a. **Newfound Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$3,795,331.00**

Petitions

Councillor Galgay tabled a petition the prayer of which reads as follows, and which was referred to the Deputy City Manager/Director of Public Works and Parks.

Petition for Sidewalks for Cairo Street

Let it be known that the undersigned 31 residents of Cairo Street are petitioning City Hall to have sidewalks installed on their street.

February 2010 Economic Update

Council considered as information the February 2010 Economic Update.

Strickland's Auto Salvage Limited

Council considered a memorandum dated February 3rd, 2010 from the City Manager regarding the above noted.

SJMC2010-02-08/82R

It was moved by Councillor Collins; seconded by Councillor Breen: That the recommendation of the City Manager that approval be given to sell a parcel of City land to Strickland's Auto Salvage Limited, for expansion of their business, at a rate of \$70,000.00 per acre (approximately \$12,000.00) subject to the land being rezoned, and further, that approval be given to begin the rezoning process, be accepted.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Memorandum dated February 8th, 2010 from the City Manager, re Bell Street

Council considered a memorandum dated February 8th, 2010 from the City Manager, regarding the above noted.

SJMC2010-02-08/83R

It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Colbert: That the recommendation of the City Manager that the City's parcels of land, presently part of the Bell Street parking lot, be sold to Langton Green Development Ltd., at the present market value which has been estimated to be \$40.00 per square foot (approximately \$265,000.00), be approved, and that authority be given to surrender a Lease which the City presently has with Langton Green, for land on the Bell Street side presently being used as part of the Bell Street Parking lot.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Councillor Collins

Councillor Collins advised Council of the Goulds 24th Winter Carnival taking place this week.

Councillor Hanlon

Councillor Hanlon advised the residents of Brophy Place that their request for a bus shelter has been reviewed by the St. John's Transportation Commission , meets the criteria and will be placed on their priority list.

Councillor Hanlon tabled a letter from Sheilah Mackinnon, Secretary Jess's Place requesting waiver of permit fees associated with repair work on Jess's Place facility.

SJMC2010-02-08/84R

It was moved by Councillor Hanlon; seconded by Councillor Colbert: That permit fees associated with repair work on Jess's Place facility, be waived.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Councillor Hanlon tabled an email from a resident concerned about the placement of inappropriate photos on poles in the downtown. The matter was referred to the Director of Building and Property Management for follow-up.

Councillor Hanlon raised the issued of traffic and speeding in school zones referencing a recent traffic accident incident in front of St. Andrew's School. She noted it appears people are unaware of a very safe drop-off location behind the school and encouraged the schools to communicate this to the parents.

Councillor Tilley

Councillor Tilley asked that a letter be forwarded by the Mayor on behalf of Council to the Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee as well to the Athletes Committee to congratulate them and extend best wishes as they take part in the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics.

Councillor Galgay

Councillor Galgay referenced the significant damage caused to the wharves and sheds in Quidi Vidi Village and the Outer Battery due to the blizzard conditions this past weekend. He noted that both he and the Deputy Mayor as a result of a call from some of the area residents, met with a representative group concerning the situation. Councillor Galgay mentioned at the meeting the need to work cooperatively with MP, Siobhan Coady and MHA, Lorraine Michaels to address the issues resulting from the storm damage. He noted that arrangements were made for himself, the Deputy Mayor and a staff engineer to meet on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. to view the damage. Councillor Galgay also advised that he was informed that a citizens committee will be formed to address not only the issue at hand but to look at the future tourism potential, how to increase tourism, etc., in that particular area.

Council Breen

Councillor Breen noted last week's announcement by the Federal Minister of ACOA of \$350,000 towards the City's Cycling Program, which involves funding a pilot project in the Virginia River Trail, to expand it to accommodate bicycles and pedestrian traffic. He noted that although he supports the cycling plan he has concerns about having bicycles and pedestrians share the one trail in these areas, noting that the Virginia River Trail is heavily utilized by pedestrians including seniors and children. He indicated it is his hope that before the pilot project moves forward that consideration will be given to the installation of distinct trails.

Councillor Breen asked, when possible, that members of Council be apprized prior to such funding announcements, particularly as they relate to a specific Ward.

Councillor Hann

Councillor Hann asked that Council support his request that the Mayor write the Province along with the Eastern School Board requesting that serious consideration be given during upcoming budget deliberations, to move forward with plans for the construction of a high school for the west end of the City. Council concurred.

Councillor Hickman

Councillor Hickman referenced Council's approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning application of the Gulliver Farm Property and asked if measures will be taken to ensure a potential rodent problem is addressed. The Director of Engineering advised that he anticipates that the owner will be required to obtain an environmental clearance in this regard. He agreed to follow-up.

Councillor Hickman also asked if a hydrological study had been conducted on the project. The Director of Engineering advised that storm water management was considered during review of the application.

Councillor Hickman asked the Deputy City Manager and Director of Public Works and Parks to comment on the roll-out of the sidewalk clearing plan following a major storm vs a small/moderate storm.

The Director of Public Works noted that currently the City has two major sidewalks routes to clear and generally, following a small or moderate storm, it takes approximately 7 or 8 days to get through the routes. However, with a storm like the past weekend it takes significantly longer because some sections require removals. He noted that practice has been to start the sidewalk clearing as soon as the snow stops, however, one of the disadvantages of doing that in certain places is spill over onto the sidewalk, while crews are still widening particularly the 4 lane highways. He noted it usually takes a day or two to complete the push back and generally crews clear the routes a second time because of spill over onto the sidewalks. He advised, however, the practice is being monitored and adjustments

may be made in the future, but for this year sidewalk clearing starts immediately after the snow stops. His Worship the Mayor urged residents not to toss snow back onto the cleared sidewalks.

Councillor O’Leary

Councillor O’Leary commended the St. John’s Clean and Beautiful Schools Committee and Grade 3 students throughout the City who are hosting an exhibition of their work titled “For the Love of St. John’s” to be held at City Hall, Thursday, February 18, 2010.

Councillor O’Leary advised members of Council that she has been invited to serve as a Council representative on the Crime Prevention Committee.

Councillor O’Leary commended Councillor Hanlon on her involvement in the St. Andrews Elementary School issue. She advised she received a call from a concerned parent questioning why the City hasn’t assigned a crossing guard at the St. Andrew’s School due to the fact it is an area established as a high traffic zone. The matter was referred to the Transportation Engineer for follow-up.

Councillor O’Leary advised she received emails concerning the Councillors’ Pension Plan. She will take the matter up with the Director of Finance and City Treasurer, and subsequent referral to the Finance and Administration Standing Committee.

Deputy Mayor Mayor Duff

Deputy Mayor Duff alluded to the recent storm damage to Quidi Vidi Village and the Outer Battery and indicated she feels the City has a role to play in bringing together the various agencies to look at the possibility of erosion of the shoreline and to find ways to address the situation.

In response to Councillor Breen’s comments about the funding announcement for the City’s Cycling Project, Deputy Mayor Duff noted that she was asked in the absence of the Mayor to attend discussions on the economy but she was not informed in advance of the details of the announcement. She noted that following

the announcement, she forwarded a copy of the press release and her comments to all Council members.

Regarding Councillor Breen's concerns relative to multi-use trails, she noted that prior to his membership on Council, there was an extensive briefing and public consultation related to the Virginia Trail . She noted there are parts of the trail that will be separated, and parts where there were no alternatives but to widen and multi use them. Deputy Mayor Duff noted that Council made a commitment to involve the Grand Concourse Authority in the design and implementation phase and that there would be full consultation as the project moves along.

Adjournment

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

MAYOR

CITY CLERK