

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 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, City Solicitor and Manager, Corporate Secretariat were also in attendance.

### **Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda**

#### **SJMC2010-01-25/43R**

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

- 1. Cycling Initiatives Committee Report dated January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**
- 2. Travel Request by Councillor Hickman**

### **Adoption of Minutes**

#### **SJMC2010-01-25/44R**

**It was decided on motion of Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the minutes of the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting be adopted as presented.**

### **Business Arising**

#### **Notices Published**

- 1. A Discretionary Use Application** has been submitted by Mr. James Langor for a proposed Home Occupation at **Civic No. 120 Regent Street**. The proposed business is a retail outlet, selling specialty fishing flies. The operation is mainly a mail order outlet, with occasional clients visiting the home by appointment only. The approximate floor area of the business is 15.8 m<sup>2</sup>. Proposed hours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., May – July. Three (3) on-site parking spaces are provided. The applicant is the sole employee. **(Ward 1)**

Two (2) Submissions of objection

**SJMC2010-01-25/45R**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Collins: That the application be approved subject to the applicant (the resident) being the only employee; and, the home occupation being limited to the sale of specialty fishing flies only; and, the home occupation should only be authorized to operate as per the business months, days and hours as proposed by the applicant; and further, that the driveway at the application site be cleared and made available during business hours between 6 pm and 10 pm.**

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**LED Traffic Signals**

Under business arising, Council considered as information a memorandum dated January 20, 2010 from the Director of Engineering regarding LED Traffic Signals, further to an issue raised by Councillor Hanlon at the Regular Meeting of Council of January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**Notice of Motion**

**SJMC2010-01-25/46R**

**Pursuant to Notice of Motion, it was moved by Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the following St. John's Accommodation Tax (Amendment No. 1-2010 By-Law be adopted:**

**BY-LAW NO.**

**ST. JOHN'S ACCOMMODATION TAX (AMENDMENT NO. 1 – 2010) BY-LAW**

**PASSED BY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 25, 2010.**

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Pursuant to the powers vested in it by virtue of the City of St. John's Act, RSNL 1990 c. C-17, as amended, the City of St. John's Municipal Taxation Act, SNL 2006 c.C 17.1, as amended, and all other powers enabling it the St. John's Municipal Council in regular session convened on December 21, 1998 hereby passes and enacts the following by-law respecting the Accommodation Tax.

**BY-LAW**

1. This by-law may be cited as the "St. John's Accommodation Tax (Amendment No. 1 – 2010) By-Law".
2. Section 3 of the St. John's Accommodation Tax By-Law is repealed and the following substituted:

- “3. The person responsible for the management of accommodations as defined in section 28 of the City of St. John’s Municipal Taxation Act shall collect the accommodation tax.”

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the Seal of the City of St. John’s has been hereunto affixed and this By-Law has been signed by the Mayor and City Clerk this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**Public Hearings**

**Public Hearing Report dated January 12, 2010  
Civic Number 1 Cornwall Crescent,  
The Former Rectory of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin  
Memorandum dated January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from the Director of Planning**

Councillor Galgay presented a public meeting report dated January 12, 2010, which was held to discuss the application from The Church of St. Mary the Virgin to rezone the former church rectory building located at Civic Number 1 Cornwall Crescent from the Residential Low Density (R1) Zone to the Institutional Zone.

In this regard, Council also considered a memorandum January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from the Director of Planning.

It is noted that on January 14, 2010, correspondence was submitted by Mr. Lloyd Wicks, People’s Warden with The Church of St. Mary the Virgin to the Department of Planning to advise that the Church was withdrawing its application for the proposed rezoning of Civic Number 1 Cornwall Crescent.

**SJMC2010-01-25/47R**

**It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Tilley: To approve staff's recommendation as follows:**

**That if a formal application is submitted by The Church of St. Mary the Virgin to operate a Day Care Centre for more than fifteen (15) children present at any one time at Civic Number 1 Cornwall Crescent, that the application be processed as a Discretionary Use under the current Residential Low Density (R1) Zoning of the property without the necessity of having to make any site-specific text amendments to Section 7.6 of the Development Regulations to allow more than fifteen (15) children at the Day Care Centre.**

It is noted that as a Day Care Centre is a Discretionary Use in the R1 Zone, any application received to operate a Day Care Centre at Civic Number 1 Cornwall Crescent would first have to be advertised to the residents/property owners in the area for their review and comment before being referred to Council for consideration of approval.

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**Development Committee Report dated January 19, 2010**

Council considered the following Development Committee Report dated January 19, 2010:

**RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL:**

- 1. Crown Land Lease Referrals  
Country Ribbon Inc.  
Incinerator Road (Ward 5)**

The Development Committee recommends that Council approve the above noted application for Crown Land Leases.

**Ronald Penney, Chairperson**

**SJMC2020-01-25/48R**

**It was moved by Councillor Hann; seconded by Deputy Mayor Duff: That the Committee's recommendation be approved.**

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**Finance and Administration Standing Committee Report dated January 12, 2010**

Council considered the following Finance and Administration Standing Committee Report dated January 12, 2010:

In Attendance: Deputy Mayor Shannie Duff, Chairperson  
Councillor Sheilagh O’Leary  
Councillor Sandy Hickman  
Councillor Tom Hann  
Councillor Gerry Colbert  
Councillor Danny Breen  
Councillor Frank Galgay  
Councillor Bruce Tilley  
Councillor Wally Collins  
Mr. Ron Penney, City Manager  
Mr. Neil Martin, Deputy City Manager/Director of Corporate Services & City Clerk  
Mr. Paul Mackey, Deputy City Manager/Director of Public Works & Parks  
Mr. Bob Bishop, Director of Finance & City Treasurer  
Mr. Kevin Breen, Director of Human Resources  
Mr. Dave Blackmore, Director of Building & Property Management  
Mr. Walt Mills, Director of Engineering  
Mr. Bob Bursey, City Solicitor  
Ms. Jill Brewer, Director of Recreation  
Ms. Elizabeth Lawrence, Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Culture  
Mr. Cliff Johnston, Director of Planning  
Mr. Jason Silver, City Internal Auditor  
Ms. Kelly Butler, Recording Secretary

Also in attendance was Mr. Craig Ennis with the St. John’s Board of Trade.

Deputy Mayor Duff called the meeting to order.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted with the following additions:

- a. Funding for Traffic Calming Policy Study
- b. Role of the DDC in the Tax Blending Process

**Adoption of the Minutes**

The minutes of the October 28, 2009, meeting were adopted as presented on motion of Councillor Galgay.

### **Red Cross Funding Request for Disaster Management Training Centre**

Under business arising, Councillor Tilley inquired about the status of the funding request from the Red Cross for a Disaster Management Training Centre in St. John's. The City Manager advised that the request was referred to budget discussions, however, no funding was approved. Councillor Tilley spoke about the role the Red Cross plays in the City and the Province in emergency situations, and he asked that further consideration be given to the request for funding by the Red Cross for construction of a Disaster Management Training Facility.

The City Manager suggested that Council may wish to consider providing some funding towards the project on a per capita basis, contingent on the Red Cross getting similar funding commitments from the other municipalities. He noted that this project is similar to other projects that the City has normally cost-shared in the past. The City Manager indicated that he would investigate this possibility and report back to the Committee.

### **Review of the Budget Process**

The Committee considered as information a memorandum dated January 5, 2010, regarding the above noted matter. Deputy Mayor Duff noted that following this year's budget process, some Councillors expressed concern about the process. It was noted that the municipal elections and subsequent swearing-in of the new Council as well as the ongoing work on Project Velocity impacted the budget process and caused a delay in the start of the proceedings. As a result, the review of the budget by Council took place later than normal.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the process to be followed for future budget discussions, with it being noted that a detailed review of the budget is necessary in order to Council to be fully aware of the City's financial picture and to make any necessary decisions on expenditures and revenues. It was noted that in the past, each Standing Committee met with staff and reviewed, line by line, those portions of the budget relevant to the particular committee. This provided a good overview of the changes in the budget allocations from one year to the next. Councillors Colbert and Breen noted that they would prefer meeting with the respective Standing Committees as it would give them a better perspective on the operations of each department and enable them to have a better understanding of the needs of each department. The Director of Finance suggested that the review of the budget be done throughout the year, using the current year's budget, for each of the Standing Committees. This would give Council the opportunity to better understand how things work in terms of operational requirements and budgetary constraints. Councillor Colbert indicated that this approach might work better as it would allow each Committee Chair to be better prepared to defend the budgetary requests put forward by the individual departments reporting to their respective Committees, when Council meets as the Finance Committee (Committee of the Whole) to review the budget in its entirety.

**Following the discussion, the Committee agreed that initial budget discussions would be restricted to the Standing Committee level, to be followed by a full review of the budget by Council as the Finance Committee (Committee of the Whole).**

The issue of public budget consultations was also discussed, specifically the recommendation by the Director of Finance that the consultations need to be more broadly based and done at various times throughout the year rather than in the midst of budget finalization. The Director of Finance advised that such broad based consultations would involve the use of surveys and blind focus groups. A large number of both would be required for a municipality the size of St. John's. This type of work would have to be contracted out as it would be too large a project for the Department of Finance to handle on its own.

The Committee was evenly divided on whether the format of the City's public budget consultations should stay the same or be changed. Some members felt that with adequate notification, more members of the general public would attend the consultation sessions and provide adequate feedback on the City's budget. Other members felt that the consultation sessions would only benefit self-interest groups, and that focus groups would give more diverse feedback. It was also noted that focus groups can be expensive and surveys will likely only elicit the same response – more services, lower taxes.

**Following the discussion, the Committee agreed that the current budget consultation process would be sufficient, provided that the consultation sessions are advertised well in advance to ensure there is adequate notice given to all citizens.**

#### **Funding for Community Groups**

The Committee discussed the City's Grants and Subsidies Program, with it being noted that there is an application process with a specific set of criteria used to determine which applications receive funding and which do not.

The main point of contention is when Council receives funding requests from community groups and organizations outside of the Grants and Subsidies Program application process. Many of these requests are brought to the public chamber, and they are subsequently approved by Council without any identified funding in the budget. As a result, the Grants and Subsidies budget always exceeds its limits, and funding must be reallocated from other areas to cover the over-expenditure.

Councillor Colbert indicated that he did not have an issue looking at such requests on a case by case basis, however, his major concern is when Council approves funding for items that are well outside the City's mandate. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the City's policy on the purchase of tables for fundraising events and participation in golf tournaments. Councillor Hann noted that several citizens have commented to him that they didn't feel it was appropriate for Council to be making donations to charities on their behalf. Councillor Hickman countered that oftentimes community groups can provide services to citizens cheaper than Council can, therefore, providing funding to them is of benefit to the City.

**Following the discussion, it was moved by Councillor Collins; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the City no longer purchase tables for fundraisers or participate in charity golf tournaments.**

**The motion being put, there voted for it the mover, the seconder, and Councillors O’Leary and Galgay. Voting against the motion were Councillors Breen, Colbert and Hickman.**

**The motion was passed.**

**Review of 50/50 Cost Sharing Program**

Due to the length of the agenda, the Committee agreed to defer discussion of this item until its next meeting.

**Terms of Reference for Standing Committees**

The Committee discussed the need to develop a Terms of Reference for the Finance and Administration Committee. Deputy Mayor Duff suggested that a sub-committee be struck to develop a Terms of Reference. She asked that the Director of Finance undertake some research into the Terms of Reference used by other municipalities for their respective finance committees.

**The Committee recommends, on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Breen: That the issue of developing Terms of Reference be referred to each of the City’s Standing Committees with a request that each Committee develop its own Terms of Reference for the approval of Council.**

**It is further recommended that a sub-committee be struck to develop a Terms of Reference for the Finance and Administration Committee. The sub-committee will be comprised of Deputy Mayor Duff and Councillors Tilley and Breen. The Director of Finance will provide the sub-committee with the results of his research with respect to the Terms of Reference used by other municipalities for their finance committees. When the sub-committee has drafted a proposed Terms of Reference, it will be reviewed by the Finance and Administration Committee and referred to Council for adoption.**

**Grants and Subsidies Funding**

The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 7, 2010, from the Director of Finance regarding the above noted matter.

Councillor Hann inquired if there would be any anticipated increase in approved grant funding over and above what has already been allocated in the 2010 budget. The Director of Finance noted that the amount allocated in the 2010 budget for grants and subsidies is \$515,000. However, the majority of the funding is not allocation until the grants applications have been reviewed. Council did approve \$25,000 in unbudgeted funding for the Junos during yesterday’s Council meeting, and there are other funding requests on the Committee’s agenda for consideration.



The Committee discussed the matter at length, with it being suggested that perhaps the City should consider setting aside a small budget allocation to cover any additional requests for grant funding that the City receives throughout the year. It was noted, however, that it is unlikely that Council would have approved a “slush fund” for this type of unallocated spending during the budget process. Every year, the City receives numerous requests for grant funding outside the Grants and Subsidies application process, and some groups get funding and others do not.

Following the discussion, no further action was recommended.

**Grants to Artists – CD #R2009-11-30/7**

The Committee discussed the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Committee that Council consider increasing the allocated arts grants fund by 50% per year over the next two year period of 2010 and 2011, which would see the current grant allocation increasing from \$1.00 to \$1.50 in 2010 and from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per capita in 2011. This would effectively increase the total of the Arts Grants funding to \$200,000 by 2011.

During the discussion it was noted that more money is needed for the arts and artists and the arts community provide a huge benefit to the City. The current budget allocation for the Arts Grants Program is \$130,000.

**The Committee recommends that the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Committee to increase the City’s allocated Arts Grants funding by 50% per year over the next two year period be referred to the 2011 budget process for consideration.**

**Wreckhouse Jazz and Blues Festival – Request for Sustaining Funding**

Deputy Mayor Duff advised that Kirk Newhook had met with Council in November and proposed a funding partnership between the City and the Wreckhouse Jazz and Blues Festival. The proposal was referred to the Finance Committee for review and consideration. The Director of Finance noted that the group received \$10,000 last year through the City’s Special Events and Festivals Program.

The Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture indicated that there are two separate issues at hand. The group is looking for sustaining funding for their year round operations, and they are also looking for funding to hold their annual Jazz and Blues Festival. However, the presentation made by the group to Council incorporated both funding requirements into one proposal.

The Committee discussed the matter, with it being noted that if the groups who look to the City for sustaining funding took a more profession and proactive marketing approach to fundraising, they would not have such a reliance on government funding. It was suggested that the Committee should ask the Wreckhouse Jazz and Blues group to provide additional information on the two separate requests – sustaining funding and festival funding.

**Following the discussion, the Committee recommends, on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That Mr. Newhook be advised to apply to the City's Special Events and Festivals Program for funding for the Wreckhouse Jazz and Blues Festival and that he also be advised to provide additional information on the request for sustaining funding and then make application to the City for that funding as well.**

(Councillor Hickman retired from the meeting.)

**Clovelly Condominium Corporation – CD #R2009-11-02/26**

The Committee considered a letter dated October 29, 2009, from Reg Reid, Clovelly Condominium Corporation regarding lack of City services to the condominium development and requesting that the Corporation's issue be considered on its own merits, apart from the work currently being done by the Committee set up by the City to review the issue of services to condominium developments.

The City Manager advised that the situation of the Clovelly Condominium Corporation is no different than other condominium corporations. A meeting of staff and Council has been scheduled to discuss the condominium issue, and the Director of Finance has a questionnaire prepared for Council's review.

**The Committee agreed that the letter from the Clovelly Condominium Corporation be referred to the Condominium Services Review Committee for consideration.**

**Policy No. 09-09-02: Proof of Tour Operator Liability Insurance**

The Committee considered a memorandum dated December 15, 2009, from the City Manager regarding the above noted matter

**The Committee recommends, on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Breen: That Policy No. 09-09-02: Proof of Tour Operator Liability Insurance be amended as outlined in the attached memorandum from the City Manager.**

**Request for Proposals – Supply of Personal Lines of Insurance Products to City Employees**

The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 4, 2010, from the Director of Human Resources regarding the above noted matter.

**The Committee recommends, on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Breen: That Council approve the attached Request for Proposals for the Supply of Personal Lines of Insurance Products to City Employees.**

**Request for Waiver of Fees – Annual Lester’s Farm Pumpkin Fest**

The Committee considered a memorandum dated November 19, 2009, from the Director of Recreation regarding the above noted matter.

**The Committee recommends, on motion of Councillor Collins; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That Council approve the waiver of Parking Enforcement fees in the amount of \$449.22 for the Annual Lester’s Farm Pumpkin Fest held in support of the City’s REAL Program.**

**Special Events and Festivals Fund**

The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 7, 2010, from the Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture regarding the above noted matter.

The Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture advised that the Special Events and Festivals Program was developed in response to the increasing number of funding requests that Council was receiving for various festivals and special events taking place in the City. As part of the approval of funds for special events and festivals, Council directed that a review of the first year of the program be completed for the 2010 program. As part of the review process, a staff committee was struck and the current application process was reviewed and the successful applicants were surveyed. Of the 14 questionnaires issued, 8 were completed and returned. Generally the recipients were pleased with the funding program and the evaluation process.

Following the review, some minor changes are being recommended for the 2010 Special Events and Festivals Program as follows:

- a. The application form will have some minor amendments to assist with ease of completion and review. The form will include a simple eligibility section to assist applicants with determining their eligibility for the Special Events and Festivals Fund.
- b. Successful applicants will be provided with an overall evaluation score on their application.
- c. The deadline for applications will be set earlier in the calendar year, and therefore, the awarding of grants will also be completed earlier in the year.
- d. A small percentage of the Special Events and Festivals Fund will remain in reserve to address any eligible event that is unforeseen at the time of the funding deadline. The maximum amount of support for such events will be \$500.

- e. Up to 2009, Festival 500 received \$100,000 annually in direct support from the City. It is recommended that Festival 500 make application to the Special Events and Festivals Fund as do all other festival applicants. As such, Council would have to recognize that the past funding assistance provided to Festival 500 may change based on the Special Events and Festival Fund criteria.

The Committee discussed the recommended changes to the Special Events and Festivals Fund Program, with it being noted that representatives from Festival 500 are scheduled to attend the Committee's next meeting to discuss the possibility of continuing the City's financial support. The Director of Finance advised that \$200,000 has been budgeted in anticipation of this request. In light of this information, Deputy Mayor Duff suggested that the changes to the Special Events and Festivals Program be deferred until the Committee has had an opportunity to meet with Festival 500. The Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture suggested that in order to ensure that the Special Events and Festivals Program is advertised as early as possible, the Committee might wish to consider approving the program changes with the exception of the item related to Festival 500.

**The Committee recommends, on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Breen: That above noted changes to the Special Events and Festivals Fund Program be adopted (Items A to D), with the exception of Item E. The Committee will make a decision on Item E after it has met with representatives of Festival 500.**

**Riverdale Tennis Club – Request for Special Consideration re: Water Meter Consumption Charges**

The Committee considered a memorandum dated November 9, 2009, from the Manager of Revenue Accounting and correspondence dated October 28, 2009, from Stephen Winter, Riverdale Tennis Club regarding the above noted matter.

**The Committee recommends, on motion of Councillor Collins; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That in light of the extenuating circumstances, that Riverdale Tennis Club be permitted to pay its normal water charges of \$431.57 and that consumption charges of \$2,718.39 be waived.**

**Tax Sale Properties for 2010**

The Committee considered as information a memorandum dated November 15, 2009, from the Manager of Revenue Accounting regarding the above noted matter.

**Financial Support for Meetings and Conventions**

The Committee considered a memorandum dated January 7, 2010 from the Deputy City Manager/Director of Corporate Services and City Clerk regarding the above noted matter.

**The Committee recommends, on motion of Councillor Collins; seconded by Councillor O'Leary: That Council approve \$500 in funding for the Canadian Administrators of Volunteer Resources Conference in accordance with Policy 04-09-02: Financial Support for Meetings and Conventions.**

**Request for Reception – Canadian Merchant Navy Veterans’ Association 2010 Reunion**

The Committee considered a letter dated November 1, 2009, from J. J. Strong, Canadian Merchant Navy Veterans’ Association regarding the above noted matter.

**The Committee recommends, on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Collins: That the City host a reception at City Hall on either Thursday, September 9, 2010 or Friday, September 10, 2010, for the delegates attending the Canadian Merchant Navy Veterans’ Association 2010 Reunion and Annual General Meeting. It is further recommended that the Red Ensign be raised over City Hall on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, and taken down on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Request for Renewal of Sponsorship – 2010 Senior Rose Bowl - Kiwanis Music Festival**

The Committee considered a letter dated October 23, 2009, from Mary Anne Tobin, Kiwanis Music Festival regarding the above noted matter.

**The Committee recommends, on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That Council approve sponsorship of the 2010 Rose Bowl Award in the amount of \$2,500.**

**Oral History Archives Project Proposal**

The Committee considered correspondence from Agnes Walsh requesting consideration of funding for her Oral History Archives proposal. It was noted that the Committee previously considered Ms. Walsh’s funding proposal in the fall of 2008, and recommended against providing any funding. It was noted that Memorial University’s Folklore Department has provided grant funding for similar research projects, therefore, it may be advisable for Ms. Walsh to apply for funding through the University.

**The Committee recommends, on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor O’Leary: That the request from Agnes Walsh for funding for her Oral History Archives Project be rejected and that Ms. Walsh be advised to consider applying for grant funding through Memorial University’s Folklore Department.**

**Request for Financial Support for Travel Costs – Shallaway Choir**

The Committee considered a letter dated November 10, 2009, from Kathryn Atkin, Shallaway Choir, regarding the above noted matter.

Deputy Mayor Duff noted that Council has, in the past, contributed up to \$5,000 for travel for children’s choirs, but it has not provided funding for adult choirs. She indicated that Council has provided funding to the Shallaway Choir in the past. The Director of Finance advised that the City has a policy governing travel funding for youth groups. Under this policy, a youth choir would qualify for \$400 in funding.

**The Committee recommends, on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Collins: That Council approve \$400 in funding for travel costs for the Shallaway Choir.**

**Request for Financial Support – Terry Fox Marathon of Hope 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project**

The Committee considered a letter dated November 27, 2009, from Sean Hanrahan, St. John's Port Authority regarding the above noted matter.

The Committee discussed the request from the Port Authority, with it being noted that the City is being asked to contribute \$100,000 as well as administer the construction of the monument and accept responsibility for future upkeep and maintenance, while the Port Authority's contribution is \$40,000 and the donation of land. It was noted that this project would likely qualify for funding under the City's 50/50 Cost Sharing Program. The Port Authority should be advised that the City would be willing to provide funding through this program. The City Manager suggested that a decision on this matter be deferred to allow him the opportunity to consult with the Grand Concourse Authority in terms of the concept plan and the estimate for construction.

**The Committee agreed to defer a decision on this matter to allow the City Manager the opportunity to consult with the Grand Concourse Authority regarding a cost estimate for the proposed concept plan. The City Manager will also contact the Port Authority to advise that the City would be willing to contribute to the project on the basis of its 50/50 cost sharing program.**

**Request for 50/50 Cost Sharing of Pebble Bridge Restoration Project – Bowring Park Foundation**

The Committee considered a letter dated December 28, 2009, from Michael Power, Chairperson, Bowring Park Foundation regarding the above noted matter.

**The Committee recommends, on motion of Councillor Collins; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That the City provide 50/50 cost-shared funding, up to a maximum of \$60,000 (+HST), for the Bowring Park Foundation's Pebble Bridge Restoration Project.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Marketing Campaign – Cleaning Up George Street**

Councillor O'Leary advised that she had recently met with the DDC and a representative of the George Street Association with respect to the possible participation of the City in a marketing campaign aimed at cleaning up the proliferation of cigarette butts in the downtown. She noted that an ad hoc committee has been formed, with the aim of putting together some funding to undertake a marketing and education campaign. Councillor O'Leary inquired if the City might consider approving-in-principle some financial support

for this initiative. Deputy Mayor Duff suggested that additional information would be needed before Council could make any financial commitment.

Councillor O’Leary agreed to put some additional information together on the amount of funding required to get the initiative going, and she indicated she would bring the request back to the Committee for consideration once she has this information.

**Funding for Traffic Calming Policy Study**

Councillor Hann referenced the issue of funding for a study on development of a Traffic Calming Policy which was discussed and approved by Council at its January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, and he inquired if Deputy Mayor Duff had ascertained where the funding for this study would come from. In response, Deputy Mayor Duff advised that staff have not identified any surplus funds for this study within the existing budget.

A lengthy discussion ensued with it being noted that Council approved the recommendations of the Police and Traffic Committee, which included \$17,000 in funding for a Traffic Calming Policy Study, and a motion of Council would be required to rescind that decision. It was also noted that during the budget process, funding for a Traffic Calming Policy Study was turned down. Councillor Colbert indicated that members of Council, in particular the Ward Councillors, are being inundated with complaints from residents about speeding and traffic. The development of a Traffic Calming Policy is necessary in order for the City to adequately address these complaints and make safety a priority in residential neighbourhoods. It was noted that if speeding and safety are major issues for the City, then perhaps Council may want to reconsider the idea of operating its own traffic unit.

During the discussion, the Director of Finance cautioned the Committee about spending money outside the budget, and he referenced Section 290 (1) and (2) of the City of St. John’s Act which states:

- “**290.** (1) The council shall not have power to incur, enter upon, or contract or become liable for an expenditure or indebtedness beyond, or in excess of, the amount of its estimated receipts or income, without the express sanction or authority of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the council shall have power to order expenditures in addition to the estimates, or for an object not included in the estimates, where
- (a) the expenditures are within the legal powers of council; and
  - (b) funds in excess of appropriations are available from the revenues of the city.”

He noted that unbudgeted expenditures tend to happen later in the budget year, however, Council has recently approved two such expenditures.

Following the discussion, the following suggestions were put forward to deal with the issue of funding for the Traffic Calming Policy Study:

- That as there is currently no funding available in the budget for the study, that the matter be referred to the Director of Finance as a priority expenditure when the status of the budget is reviewed in the first quarter;
- That the matter be referred to the Director of Finance for his advice with respect to the allocation of funding for the study on a go-forward basis; and
- That the matter be referred back to the Committee for review and consideration after the Committee has reviewed the first quarter financial statements.

As there was no consensus among the Committee regarding the matter, no recommendation was put forward for Council's consideration.

(During the discussion, Councillor Collins retired from the meeting.)

**Role of the DDC in the Tax Blending Process**

The Committee agreed to defer discussion of the above noted item to its next meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Shannie Duff  
Chairperson

**SJMC2010-01-25/49R**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the Committee's recommendations, excluding Item #2 (Funding for Community Groups), which will be dealt with under separate motion, be approved.**

During discussion, members of Council referenced Item #16, Funding for Traffic Calming Policy Study, with it being noted that the Transportation Engineer will move forward with the Traffic Calming Policy Study as per Council's approval of September 21, 2009.

**SJMC2010-01-25/50R**

**Regarding Item #9, Special Events and Festivals Fund, it was moved by Councillor Hickman; seconded by Deputy Mayor Duff: That the Special Events and Festivals Reserve Fund be capped to a maximum of \$2000.00.**



**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**The main motion being put including Council's amendment to Item #9 was unanimously carried.**

**SJMC2010-01-25/51R**

**Regarding Item #2, Funding for Community Groups, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Duff, seconded by Councillor Hann: That the Committee's recommendation that the City no longer purchase tables for fundraisers or participate in charity golf tournaments, be approved.**

**Discussion ensued following which, the motion being put was carried with Councillors Colbert and Hickman dissenting.**

**Heritage Advisory Committee Report dated January 21, 2010**

Council considered the following Heritage Advisory Committee Report dated January 21, 2010:

Members: Deputy Mayor Shannie Duff  
David Kelland, NL Association of Architects  
Glen Power, Downtown Development Commission  
Anne Hart, Resident Representative  
Gerard Hayes, General Representative  
Melanie Del Rizzo, General Representative  
Peter Mercer, Heritage Officer  
Helen Miller, Archivist  
Karen Chafe, Recording Secretary

**Report:**

1. **136-138 Military Road – Proposed Triplesign**

The Committee met with Ed Cook, owner of 136-138 Military Road and Karl Erlendsson of Triplesigns Atlantic Canada. They discussed their proposal for the replacement of signage on the east elevation of the above noted building. Triplesign is a relatively new concept in the City for displaying signs that change periodically through a system of rotating slats which enable three signs to be shown on one billboard. Mr. Cook advised the Committee that the existing billboard base which has been adhered to his building for the past 25 years or more has caused significant leak damage to the cinder blocks to which it is adhered, exacerbated by wind, snow and rain. The new sign is much lighter than the existing, much thinner and adheres to the building by the use of clips which do not require bolts drilled into the cinder block as with the existing billboard. It also eliminates snow build-up and moisture

behind the sign. The existing billboard is also troublesome for advertisers when their signs peel off the board in bad weather. The overall size of the proposed new sign will be 10 x 38', and it replaces two adjacent signs which have a total size of 10 x 40'. The sign will also be illuminated from underneath by two track lights, rather than back-lit.

**The Committee recommends that the triplesign proposed for installation at 136-138 Military Road be approved on the basis that the sign which is somewhat smaller than the existing two billboards be grandfathered in as an existing non-conforming sign. The Committee further recommends that approval be subject to the following conditions:**

- **That the sign permit be attached exclusively to the present owner of the building and not the building itself. This will preclude future owners from having the same permission to use the wall as a billboard. In other words, in the case of a resale of the building, the permit would lapse. The grandfathered permission for the sign should lapse not only if the building changes owners, but also if the site is redeveloped (whichever comes first).**
- **That the application be referred to the Legal Dept. to ensure that the sign conforms with all necessary by-laws, codes and regulations.**

**The Committee also recommends that a phase-out of grand-fathered signs should be established to impose time limitations on these non-conforming signs.**

**2. 322 Duckworth St. – Bell Street Property**

The Committee considered preliminary designs for the proposed redevelopment of the Bell Street property at 322 Duckworth St.

**The Committee recommends that the proponent be requested to provide conceptual renderings of the proposed development taking into account the streetscapes of both Duckworth and Henry St. The Committee expressed concern about the visibility and scale of the parking structure fronting on Duckworth St. and would like to see some alternatives as to how this can be made more aesthetically pleasing. The Committee would be willing to meet with the proponent to discuss the proposed redevelopment pending the submission of this requested information.**

**3. George Street United Church – Proposed Sign**

The Committee considered the attached application for a sign situated at the George Street United Church.

**The Committee recommends approval of the sign as presented.**

Councillor Shannie Duff  
Chairperson

**SJMC2010-01-25/52R**

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

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**Parks and Recreation Standing Committee Report dated January 19, 2010**

Council considered the following Parks and Recreation Standing Committee Report dated January 19, 2010:

In Attendance: Councillor Wally Collins, Chairperson  
Deputy Mayor Shannie Duff  
Councillor Frank Galgay  
Councillor Danny Breen  
Councillor Bruce Tilley  
Councillor Tom Hann  
Councillor Sandy Hickman  
Councillor Gerry Colbert  
Ron Penney, Chief Commissioner & City Solicitor  
Paul Mackey, Director of Public Works and Parks  
Jill Brewer, Director of Recreation  
Bob Bishop, Director of Finance  
Dave Blackmore, Director of Building & Property Management  
Jim Clarke, Manager of Streets & Parks  
Heather Hickman, Manager – Community Development  
Tanya Haywood, Manager – Facilities Division  
Natalie Godden, Manager – Family & Leisure Services  
Carla Lawrence, Manager, Youth Soccer Division  
Brian Head, Operations Assistant – Parks  
Karen Chafe, Recording Secretary

1. **Proposed Artillery Park at Royal Canadian Branch 56, Pleasantville**  
The Committee met with Mr. Nelsen Sherren CD, Branch 56 and Mr. Bob Boland, President of the 166 Association Group to discuss the plans for the completion of the Artillery Park at the rear of Branch 56 in Pleasantville. A letter from Mr. Sherren was included in the Committee's agenda and is on file with the City Clerk's Department. The delegation provided an indepth outline on the plans proposed and the history involving the artillery artifacts which were used during World War II by

the 59 Heavy (Newfoundland) Regiment and the 57 (later 166) (Newfoundland) Field Artillery Regiment. These units saw service in Africa and Italy. Mr. Boland served in the 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment, and he elaborated on his experiences during World War II when he was stationed in these areas.

The cost estimate cited to complete the proposed park was estimated at \$75,000, though it was speculated by staff that this is a somewhat conservative estimate.

**The Committee agreed to defer any consideration of this proposal pending more definite cost estimates, which when received will be forwarded back to the Committee for review. The Committee was receptive to providing financial assistance for the proposed artillery park pending the ability to leverage cost-shared funding from other levels of government and/or corporate sponsors.**

**2. Bowring Park Master Plan Projects: Sir Richard Squires Property and Roadway and Walkway near Caribou Monument**

The Committee considered a memorandum dated December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 referring a request from the Bowring Park Foundation for the City to cost share 50-50 the design planning and detailed drawings for the reconstruction and development of two areas in the park: the former Sir Richard Squires property; and the roadway in the lower end of the park around the Caribou Monument. The preliminary cost estimate includes the public consultation as well as several presentations of the proposed plan which will include the Bowring Park Foundation and the Parks and Recreation Committee.

**The Committee recommends that the City equally cost-share the amount of \$75,000 (\$37,500 for the City's share) with the Bowring Park Foundation to cover the design planning and detailed drawings for the following two Bowring Park Master Plan Projects:**

- **Sir Richard Squires Property**
- **Roadway and Walkway near Caribou Monument**

**The Committee further recommends that a Request for Proposals be called in relation to the above noted work.**

**3. Dog Park for Small Dogs**

The Committee considered a Council Directive from the Regular Meeting of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 regarding an e-mail from Nancy Constantine expressing her concern about the inability to let her small dog run free at the Quidi Vidi Lake dog park for fear of being trampled by larger dogs. She questioned if the City had plans for a dog park suitable for smaller dogs.

Staff advised that the City's animal shelter located at Higgins Line already has a fenced in area for small dogs at the rear of the shelter which has been there since the shelter was built. The Committee requested that signage be erected at the Quidi Vidi

dog park to apprise dog owners about the availability of the Higgins Line park for smaller dogs.

4. **Delivery of Youth Soccer Program in St. John's**

The Committee considered a memo dated January 13, 2010 from the Director of Recreation responding to discussions during the budget process regarding the Youth Soccer Program. A copy of the issue paper is attached to this report.

**The Committee recommends that the Department of Recreation continue with the successful operation of the Youth Recreational Soccer Program.**

5. **Implementation of Neighbourhood Watch Program – Issue Paper**

The Committee considered the attached issue paper dated January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from the Department of Recreation regarding the above noted. The Committee endorses the following recommendation of Staff:

**That the hiring process begin through public advertisement for a coordinator position, classified at the Fieldworker level within the City's position classification system with an effective date of March 1, 2010. This position would be housed within the Community Development Division under the supervision of the Community Services Coordinator. The budget for this position has already been approved by Council.**

**Councillor Wally Collins  
Chairperson**

**SJMC2010-01-25/53S**

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

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**Cycling Initiatives Committee Report dated January 22, 2010**

Council considered the following Cycling Initiatives Committee Report dated January 22, 2010:

**Attendees:** Deputy Mayor Shannie Duff, Chairperson  
Leon Organ, Bicycle NL  
Jim Brazil, Newfoundland and Labrador Safety Council  
Addison Bown, Grand Concourse Authority

John Outerbridge  
Constable Kevin Foley, RNC  
Paul Mackey, Deputy City Manager and Director of Public Works &  
Parks  
Robin King, Transportation Engineer  
Dawn Corner, Supervisor of Traffic & Parking  
Heather Hickman, Manager of Community Development  
Karen Chafe, Recording Secretary

**Report:**

**1. City of St. John's Cycling Plan Phase 1 Implementation**

The Committee considered the attached memo dated January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from the Director of Engineering regarding the request for proposals for consulting services for the phase one implementation of the City's Cycling Plan. The submissions have been reviewed in-depth by the Cycling Technical Advisory Committee.

**The Committee, having reviewed both proposals submitted, endorses the recommendation of the Director of Engineering that the contract for consulting services for the Phase One Implementation of the Cycling Plan be awarded to Delphi-MRC in association with MMM Group.**

**Deputy Mayor Shannie Duff  
Chairperson**

**SJMC2010-01-25/54R**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the Committee's recommendation be approved.**

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**Development Permits List**

Council considered as information the following Development Permit List for the period January 15 to 21, 2010:

Code	Applicant	Application	Location	Ward	Development Officer's Decision	Date
COM	Denise Bowles	Family Home Child Care Service	11 Skanes Avenue	5	Approved	10-01-19
COM	Paul Bennett	Home Office	17 Halifax Street	1	Approved	10-01-20
COM	Christal Burse	Home Office	2 McNaughton Drive	2	Approved	10-01-21
COM	Stack & Associates	Site Plan	135 Campbell Avenue	2	Approved	10-01-18
COM	3217502 Nova Scotia Limited	Site Plan-Building Ext. Car Sales Lot	409 Kenmount Road	4	Approved	10-01-15

*	<p><b>Code Classification:</b>                  RES - Residential                  COM - Commercial                  AG - Agriculture</p>	<p>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**

**SJMC2010-01-25/55R**

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

2010/01/20

Permits List

**CLASS: COMMERCIAL**

PAYLESS SHOESOURCE	AVALON MALL - PAYLESS SHOES	SN RETAIL STORE
SOBEYS LAND HOLDINGS LIMITED	10 ELIZABETH AVE	SN RETAIL STORE
PRINCE CHARLES BUILDING	120 TORBAY RD, PRINCE CHARLES	MS OFFICE
DOUG ELTON	799 WATER ST	SN RETAIL STORE
FOCENCO LTD (COLEMAN GROUP)	129 MERRYMEETING RD	NC PATIO DECK
CHIMO CONSTRUCTION	17-23 MEWS PL	RN OFFICE
JAMES G. CRAWFORD LTD.	29 SHAW ST	RN WAREHOUSE
3217502 NOVA SCOTIA LTD	409 KENMOUNT RD	SW RETAIL STORE
FROUDE AVE COMMUNITY CENTRE	89 FROUDE AVE	SW PLACE OF ASSEMBLY

CAPITAL MOTORS LIMITED	479 KENMOUNT RD	EX CAR SALES LOT
HAYWARD INTERIORS PLUS INC.	205 KENMOUNT RD	EX WAREHOUSE
		THIS WEEK \$ 1,882,750.00

**CLASS: INDUSTRIAL**

THIS WEEK \$ .00

**CLASS: GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL**

ST. JOHN'S FIRST ASSEMBLY	759 EMPIRE AVE	SN CHURCH
SALVATION ARMY HOME	105A TORBAY RD GLENBROOK VILLA	RN HOME FOR AGED
MBM DEVELOPMENT	51 MAJOR'S PATH	EX OFFICE
		THIS WEEK \$ 1,136,410.00

**CLASS: RESIDENTIAL**

BALNAFAD CO. LTD.	17 CAPE PINE ST, LOT 6	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
BALNAFAD CO. LTD.	24 CAPE PINE ST, LOT 58	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
BALNAFAD CO. LTD.	21 CAPE PINE ST, LOT 8	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
CLOVER CONSTRUCTION INC.	31 CAPE PINE ST, LOT 13	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
CLOVER CONSTRUCTION INC.	30 CAPE PINE ST, LOT 61	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
CLOVER CONSTRUCTION INC.	22 CAPE PINE ST, LOT 57	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
TRUE NORTH HOMES INC.	12 CAPPAHAYDEN STREET, LOT 48	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
TRUE NORTH HOMES INC.	10 CAPPAHAYDEN ST, LOT 49	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
PRO-TECH CONSTRUCTION	89 CASTLE BRIDGE DR. LOT 96	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
PRO-TECH CONSTRUCTION	17 FRANCIS ST, LOT 70	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
JOHN FUREY &	23 MOUNT CASHEL RD	NC FENCE
CLOVER CONSTRUCTION INC.	13 ST. SHOTTS PL, LOT 97	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
NEW VICTORIAN HOMES	2 SOLDIER CRES, LOT 46	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
STANLEY & JENNIFER MACINTRYE	28 BAYBERRY PL	CO HOME OFFICE
TIMOTHY HEFFERNAN & CRYSTAL	27 GREEN ACRE DR	CO HOME OFFICE
SEAN PARRELL	23 BARTER'S HILL PL	CR SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
ANDREW & KARIN SMITH	117-119 BOND ST	CR SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING
PAUL POPE	375 BLACKMARSH RD	EX SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
FRANK WHELAN	34 BARTER'S HILL PL	RN SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING
DWANE CHAULK	43 CASTLE BRIDGE DR	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
RICK TARRANT	214 FRESHWATER RD	RN TOWNHOUSING
GARY MAHER	36 GOWER ST	RN TOWNHOUSING
JOHN GARY ADAMS AND	25 GOWER ST	RN SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING
AUSTINS CONTRACTING	24 GREAT EASTERN AVE	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
TODD P. FARRELL AND	5 HOPEDALE CRES	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
COUGAR PROPERTIES LIMITED	28 LARNER ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
JODY & KATHY LYNN WORTHMAN	14 LAUGHLIN CRES	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
NFLD & LABRADOR HOUSING CORP.	32 MCKAY ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
MARK D. SMITH/JULIA C. TRAHEY	156 PATRICK ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
DCM DEVELOPMENT INC	4 TREPASSEY PL	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
		THIS WEEK \$ 2,973,000.00

**CLASS: DEMOLITION**

SHARON WALSH NIKLAS	6 TOP BATTERY RD	DM SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
O'REILLY'S IRISH PUB	318 WATER ST	DM TAVERN
POLLETT HOLDINGS LTD	62-64 CAMPBELL AVE	DM OFFICE
MARCO SERVICES	95 WATER ST	DM MIXED USE
CIR MANAGEMENT LTD.	430 TOPSAIL RD	DM RETAIL STORE
		THIS WEEK \$ 317,100.00



THIS WEEK'S TOTAL: \$ 6,309,260.00

REPAIR PERMITS ISSUED: 2010/01/14 TO 2010/01/20 \$ 10,262.00

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

(Councillor Duff asked that staff provide the details pertaining to the demolition permit for 95 Water Street)

**Payrolls and Accounts**

**SJMC2010-01-25/56R**

**It was decided on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 be approved:**

**Weekly Payment Vouchers  
For The  
Week Ending January 21, 2010**

**PAYROLL**

Public Works	\$ 389,661.06
Bi-Weekly Amalgamation	\$ 595,281.50
Bi-Weekly Management	\$ 491,438.00
Bi-Weekly Administration	\$ 618,279.00

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

\$ 2,316,274.71

**Total: \$ 4,410,934.27**

**177 New Gower Street – Propane Tanks – Land Lease**

Council considered a memorandum dated January 20, 2010 from the City Manager regarding the above noted.

**SJMC2010-01-25/57R**

**It was moved by Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the recommendation of the City Manager that a small parcel of City land be leased to the owners of 177 New Gower Street to accommodate propane tanks, at a rate of \$2.50 per square foot per year (\$100.00) plus administration fees and HST, be approved.**

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**Ruby Line Upgrading – 58824 Newfoundland and Labrador Ltd.**

Council considered a memorandum dated January 13, 2010 from the City Manager regarding the above noted.

**SJMC2010-01-25/58R**

**It was moved by Councillor Hickman; seconded by Deputy Mayor Duff: That His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute Notice of Expropriation with respect to the acquisition of an easement to accommodate Ruby Line upgrading.**

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**Travel by Councillor Hickman**

**SJMC2010-01-25/59R**

**It was moved by Councillor Colbert; seconded by Councillor Breen: That Travel by Councillor Hickman to Ottawa, Ontario, March 23 to 24, 2010 to attend the Canadian Capital Cities Organization Board Meeting, be approved.**

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**Councillor O’Leary**

Councillor O’Leary commended the Humane Services staff on giving credit to the veterinarians on their services towards assisting the controlling of the pet population.

**Councillor Galgay**

Councillor Galgay advised that he has received queries as to the status of the Bannerman Park Revitalization Committee, noting that a conceptual plan for the park was developed a number of years ago. He asked that the matter be referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee for follow-up.

Deputy Mayor Duff advised that the plan did go through the public hearing processes and nothing happened due to the lack of funding, noting that Bannerman Park doesn't have a "friends of the park or foundation". She noted that steps are being taken to establish a foundation for Bannerman Park, and to identify some very key people to take part with a view to moving forward in terms of attracting funding and giving credibility to the whole exercise. Deputy Mayor Duff advised that a recommendation will be brought forward for Council's consideration in this regard.

**Councillor Tilley**

Councillor Tilley tabled a letter from Mr. Arthur Templeman, 41 Ferryland Street East regarding a proposed development for 560 Topsail Road, which was referred to the Director of Planning for follow-up.

**Councillor Hanlon**

Councillor Hanlon asked status of a bus shelter for Hunt's Lane/Brophy Place. Councillor Hann advised that the Commission will be meeting this week at which time bus shelters and realignment of bus stops and will be discussed.

Councillor Hanlon alluded to an article contained in the Ocean Excellence Magazine highlighting St. John's as rapidly developing a reputation as a key player in the advancement of ocean technology. She commended the staff of the Department of Economic Development, Tourism, and Culture.

Councillor Hanlon also mentioned a Globe and Mail article, (Provincial Government ad) featuring "St. John's as one of the best places to live".

**Councillor Collins**

**Council agreed, at the request of Councillor Collins, to approve a \$600 grant towards the Goulds Winter Carnival Volunteers' celebration, in lieu of sponsoring a reception.**

**Adjournment**

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

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**