

March 22nd, 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, Colbert, Hann, Galgay, Tilley, Hanlon and Collins

Regrets: Councillor Breen

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, Transportation Engineer, Senior Legal Counsel and Manager, Corporate Secretariat were also in attendance.

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

SJMC2010-03-22/160R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the Agenda be adopted as presented with the following additional item:

- a. **Tender - Repair Damage to Overhead Door, Brookfield Fire Station**

Adoption of Minutes

SJMC2010-03-22/161R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the minutes of the March 16th, 2010 meeting be adopted as presented.

Business Arising

Notice of Motion – St. John's Sign By-Law

SJMC2010-03-22/162R

Pursuant to Notice of Motion, it was moved by Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the following Sign By-Law (Amendment #1 - 2010) be adopted:

BY-LAW NO.

SIGN (AMENDMENT NO. 1 – 2010) BY-LAW

PASSED BY COUNCIL ON MARCH 22, 2010

Pursuant to the powers vested in it under the City of St. John’s Act, RSNL 1990 c.C-17, as amended and all other powers enabling it, the City of St. John’s enacts the following By-Law related to signage in the City of St. John’s.

BY-LAW

1. This By-Law may be cited as the “St. John’s Sign (Amendment No. 1 – 2010) By-Law.
2. Section 2 of the St. John’s Sign By-Law is amended by adding the following:

2.(g.1) “Residential Zone” means a zone as established in the St. John’s Land Use Zoning and Subdivision Regulations in which a Residential Use is a Permitted Use; and
3. Section 23 of the St. John’s Sign By-Law is amended by deleting the word “and” at the end of subsection (i) and adding the following:

(iii) billboards shall not be erected within 100 metres of another billboard; and

(iv) billboards shall not be permitted in a Residential Zone or within 60 metres of a Residential Zone unless the billboard is on the opposite side of the street from the Residential Zone.

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 22nd day of March, 2010.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Notice of Motion - St. John’s Plumbing By-Law

SJMC2010-03-22/163R

Pursuant to Notice of Motion, it was moved by Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That the following St. John’s Plumbing By-Law (Amendment No. 1 – 2010) be adopted:

BY-LAW NO

ST. JOHN’S PLUMBING (AMENDMENT NO. 1 – 2010) BY-LAW

PASSED BY COUNCIL ON MARCH 22, 2010

Pursuant to the powers vested in it under Section 162 of the City of St. John’s Act, RSNL 1990 c.C-17 and all other powers enabling it, the St. John’s Municipal Council hereby enacts the following By-Law relating to the plumbing of buildings and the inspection of same.

BY-LAW

1. This By-Law may be cited as “The St. John’s Plumbing (Amendment No. 1 – 2010) By-Law.
2. Section 46 of The St. John’s Plumbing By-Law is amended by adding the following as subsection 46(c):

“46.(c) where a backwater valve is installed, an access to same shall be provided”.

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 22nd day of March, 2010.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) as part of the Gas Tax Agreement

Under business arising, Council considered a memorandum from the Director of Planning dated March 18th, 2010 regarding the above noted. As outlined in the Director's memorandum to Council, when the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the City of St. John's signed the Local Gas Tax Agreement, the City committed to prepare an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP). All communities in the Province who are receiving Gas Tax Funds as part of an agreement with the Provincial Government must complete an ICSP, which must be submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs no later than March 31, 2010. Copies of all public submissions on the draft ICSP which were received by the City Clerk's Department were provided for Council's information along with a staff response that was prepared and sent by the Department of Planning to each party who made a submission. Staff are now recommending that Council adopt the ICSP as an addendum to the St. John's Municipal Plan.

SJMC2010-03-22/164R

It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the following Resolution for adoption of the ICSP be adopted; which will then be referred to the Department of Municipal Affairs to meet the deadline of March 31, 2010:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the City of St. John's has prepared an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) as part of our commitment under the Gas Tax Agreement signed with the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, and

WHEREAS the ICSP will guide the City in its municipal policies, procedures and operations with the goal of achieving a community that is sustainable in terms of environmental, cultural, social, economic, and governance matters, and

WHEREAS the City has chosen the option of using the St. John's Municipal Plan as the basis of our ICSP, together with supplementary information in the form of the attached City of St. John's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, and

WHEREAS the ICSP will be an addendum to the St. John's Municipal Plan, but is not a formal part of it and thus can be changed in future without making an amendment pursuant to the requirements of the Urban and Rural Planning Act,

THEREFORE the St. John's Municipal Council hereby adopts the attached City of St. John's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan and directs that it be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs pursuant to the Gas Tax Agreement.

Dated at St. John's this 22nd day of March, 2010.

Mayor

City Clerk

During discussion, Councillor O’Leary pointed out that a submission from the George Street Association was also submitted and not included in the document to Council. She asked that the matter be addressed.

There was discussion also on the timelines of the various recommended projects for municipal capital works for the City of St. John’s, with it being noted that the timelines can be adjusted to current realities.

The Deputy Mayor asked how the City will respond to the questions put forth for example, a query by Mr. Lionel West concerning “green” initiatives. The City Manager advised that the issues will be dealt with through the Public Works, Environment and Protection Standing Committee.

Following discussion, the motion being put was unanimously carried.

Notices Published

1. A Change of Non-Conforming Use Application has been submitted by Tire Mart Limited requesting permission to convert **Civic No. 181Mundy Pond Road** to a retail store which specializes in selling tires, and also in automotive repair shop doing maintenance, mechanical repairs and wheel alignments. Hours of operation will be Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. through 5:30 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. There are 30 on-site parking spaces provided. **(Ward 3)**

**One (1) Letter of objection
Petition of Objection**

Letter from Proponent, Tire Mart

SJMC2010-03-22/165R

It was moved by Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Hanlon: That the application be rejected:

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Public Works and Environment Committee Report – March 17, 2010

Council considered the following Public Works and Environment Committee Report dated March 17, 2010:

In Attendance:

- Councillor Sandy Hickman, Chairperson
- Deputy Mayor Shannie Duff
- Councillor Tom Hann
- Councillor Danny Breen
- Councillor Sheila O’Leary
- Councillor Bruce Tilley
- Councillor Frank Galgay
- Councillor Debbie Hanlon
- Ron Penney, City Manager
- Paul Mackey, Director of Public Works & Parks
- Bob Bishop, Director of Finance & City Treasurer
- Dave Blackmore, Director of Building & Property Management
- Walt Mills, Director of Engineering
- Jim Clarke, Manager of Streets & Parks
- Brendan O’Connell, Manager of Environmental Services
- Jason Sinyard, Manager of Waste Management
- Richard Parks, Manager of Fleet Services
- Carl Keeping, Manager of Budgetary Services
- Phil Hiscock, Operations Assistant, Streets
- Karen Chafe, Recording Secretary

1. **Snow Clearing – Margaret’s Place – Parking Ban**

The Committee considered a memo dated January 14th, 2010 regarding Margaret’s Place, a recently developed street off Newtown Road which is located within the boundary of the Designated Downtown area for winter overnight parking purposes. Residents on this street have off-street parking available and should be subject to the general on-street winter parking ban. The Committee on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor O’Leary recommends Council’s endorsement of the following staff recommendation:

That Margaret’s Place be excluded from the designated downtown parking ban exempt area effective next winter (2010/2011).

2. Service Evaluation Survey Results

The Committee considered as information, the attached Service Evaluation Survey Results which are hereby referred to Council.

Councillor Sandy Hickman
Chairperson

SJMC2010-03-22/166R

It was moved by Councillor Hickman; seconded by Councillor O’Leary: That the Committee’s recommendations be approved.

Regarding Item #1 – Snow Clearing – Margaret’s Place, Parking Ban, Councillor Galgay asked that staff notify the residents in writing of Council’s decision to exclude Margaret’s Place from the designated downtown parking ban exempt area effective next winter (2010/2011)

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Development Committee Report March 16th, 2010

Council considered the following Development Committee Report dated March 16th, 2010:

RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL:

**1. Proposed Seniors’ Apartment Buildings
G and G Services
Southlands Boulevard at Teakwood Drive (Ward 5)**

The Development Committee recommends that Council grant Approval-in-Principle to the above noted application, subject to the following conditions:

- a. compliance with the requirements of the Departments of Planning and Engineering, including conformance with the City’s Commercial Development Policy;
- b. Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation to pay the full costs of the traffic signalization of the intersection of Southlands Boulevard and Teakwood Drive;

- c. the developed site shall conform to the City’s Commercial Landscape Policy;
- d. payment of all development fees and assessments in accordance with Section 6.4 of the St. John’s Development Regulations; and
- e. the requirement Building Permits must be obtained from the City prior to the commencement of any development.

**Ronald Penney, Chairperson
City Manager**

SJMC2010-03-22/167R

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

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Joint Committee of Council and the DDC Report – March 17, 2010

Council considered the following Joint Committee of Council and the DDC Report dated March 17th, 2010. Council adopted the recommendations as presented which includes staff’s recommendation concerning Section 9, that the parking requirements for the Downtown area be amended to reflect the provision of 1 parking space per 75m² of gross floor area for both general office and retail space uses.

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It was then moved by Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That the following recommendations respecting the Downtown St. John’s Parking Study (IBI Group) be approved as follows:

Recommended Tools City of St. John’s and St. John’s Downtown Development Commission Downtown St. John’s Parking Study (IBI Group)	Year 0-5	Year 5-10	Year 10- 15
1. Maximize On-Street Parking Supply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revert on-street permit parking on Duckworth Street to public metered parking. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 	√		

Recommended Tools City of St. John's and St. John's Downtown Development Commission Downtown St. John's Parking Study (IBI Group)	Year 0-5	Year 5-10	Year 10-15
<p>4. Initiate New Financial Tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.1 Initiate CILP Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE. The DDC has requested that monies collected from CILP go immediately to purchase of land and construction of public parking facility. It was noted by staff that further analysis would be required to determine the appropriate amount of the CILP. • 4.2 Initiate Parking Cash Out Option for City Hall Employees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE. • 4.3 Improve Parking Enforcement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE AND TO BE MONITORED BOTH IN THE SHORT AND LONG TERM, AS AN ONGOING PRACTICE. 	<p>√ √ √</p>	<p>√</p>	<p>√</p>
<p>5. Extend Transit Service Routes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE IN BOTH THE SHORT AND MID-TERM TIMEFRAMES. 	<p>√</p>	<p>√</p>	
<p>6. Update Parking Pricing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.1 Increase City Permit Cost and Meter Parking Cost in Prime Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Reduce the amount of time purchased in a meter for \$1.00 from one hour to 48 minutes from the current 60 minutes. This results in a cost of 25 cents per every twelve minutes. With regard to the proposal to increase the cost of meters on Duckworth and Water Streets to \$1.50, this was deferred for discussion at a future meeting. ○ The DDC has also requested that revenues generated from increases in city permit costs and parking meter costs be directed towards increasing off-street parking supply and improving equipment. • 6.2 Review Infraction costs and increase selected fines. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE THE INCREASE OF FINES FROM \$15.00 TO \$25.00 subject to the increase coinciding with the implementation of automatic ticket writer equipment which provides an incentive for a cost reduction in fine payment if paid early. The DDC further requested that all additional monies generated from fine increases, meter costs, etc. 	<p>√ √ √</p>		

Recommended Tools City of St. John's and St. John's Downtown Development Commission Downtown St. John's Parking Study (IBI Group)	Year 0-5	Year 5-10	Year 10-15
<p>for meters situated in the Downtown be placed in a Parking Reserve Fund to be used to increase the public off-street parking supply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.3 Update ticketing equipment and payment methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE. The DDC has requested that new equipment (i.e. electronic ticket writers) be purchased from increased revenues from city permit costs, meter rates and fines and provide more efficient and cost-savings payment methods. For example, fine payment on-line with reduced fine amount if paid before set date (elimination of provincial ticket processing service charge). • 6.4 Initiate flat rate weekday evening parking rate after 6:00 p.m. on Coves and Harbour Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DEFER. 			
<p>7. Initiate Comprehensive Signage and Wayfinding Improvement Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE. 	√	√	
<p>8. Special Parking Zones Adjustment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE. 	√		
<p>9. Revised Planning Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.1 Replace Parking Exempt Area with CILP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: Deputy Mayor Duff expressed concern about how the CILP program can be quantified, noting that certain exemptions should be made for infill replacement, renovations and heritage designated buildings. Specifically, building owners who are renovating or repairing an existing building or reconstructing a burned out building and not changing the footprint or FAR of that building should not be charged under the CILP program. The City needs to encourage investment in the existing buildings for adaptive reuse and to protect the built heritage that already exists. Staff noted that the idea behind the CILP program is to facilitate new development and long-term parking allocation. They advised that some infill may not be appropriate for exemption. There needs to be more delineation as to what type of development should and should not be exempt. Deputy Mayor Duff advised that until this can be resolved, she could not support it. 	√		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE – Subject to staff wording the new provisions in the St. John's Development Regulations to ensure situations where, for example, a building in the downtown burns down and is replaced with the same footprint that they would not be subject to the CILP and would remain parking exempt. The same would apply to heritage buildings or other buildings in the downtown that are renovated with no changes in floor area. The regulations will have to be worded to ensure these properties would not be subject to the CILP. ● 9.2 Expand Downtown Building Control provisions with FAR 3+ and 4 storey + opportunities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: Deputy Mayor Duff felt that this recommendation was not appropriate for the heritage conservation area because the height limitations are an incentive to maintain the general scale of the heritage conservation area. The proposal outlined would significantly jeopardize the area. Staff advised, however, that the provisions would enable flexibility to incorporate in-house parking in those areas where the water table does not facilitate underground parking. It would not result in additional storeys being permitted over and above that accommodated for parking levels. Each application would also have to be considered on its individual merits. Staff also advised that the proposed revision is not meant to be a blanket regulation, but rather giving council the flexibility to permit such where it feels appropriate. Deputy Mayor Duff felt that there was nothing in the recommendation to specify that flexibility. ○ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE – Subject to staff wording the new policy to allow developers the option, where appropriate, to go beyond the current height restrictions; where doing so would allow the developer to provide an additional level of parking. As noted in the Downtown Parking Study report, <i>“Additional height above the existing 4 storey limit may be approved by the City as a bonus for the provision of required on-site parking as determined by the City, subject to the protection and preservation of heritage features and prominent views in the Downtown.”</i> 			

Recommended Tools City of St. John's and St. John's Downtown Development Commission Downtown St. John's Parking Study (IBI Group)	Year 0-5	Year 5-10	Year 10-15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.3 Remove Parking Relief, Parking Exempt Area from Development Regulations and reduce interim off-street parking lot design requirements (approved) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE Parking Relief, Parking Exempt be removed from New Development. Renovations to heritage designated buildings, replacement or rebuilding of existing buildings (fire loss) remain exempt – same rational as CILP recommendation. ○ Approve the recommendation to reduce interim off-street parking lot design requirements. • Addendum to the Report – New Parking Requirement for the Downtown Area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COMMITTEE DISCUSSION – With the removal of the parking exempt policy comes the need to establish a new parking requirement for the downtown area. The need to have a different parking requirement for the Downtown core area reflects the realities associated with the cost of parking, higher densities, and a higher use of transit. ○ The IBI Group provided the City with a survey of the parking requirements of other major Cities for their Downtown cores from across Canada. Based on this survey the IBI Group suggested that we be within a minimum and maximum range for suggested parking ratios. Staff has recommended that the City should go with a requirement of 1 parking space per 75m² of gross floor area for both General Office and Retail Space. ○ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: It was the recommendation of the committee that the parking requirements for the Downtown area be amended to reflect the provision of 1 parking space per 75m² of gross floor area for both general office and retail space uses. 			

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Building Permits List

SJMC2010-03-22/169R

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:

2010/03/17

Permits List

CLASS: COMMERCIAL

CHOICES FOR YOUTH	261 DUCKWORTH ST	CO OFFICE
MAGICUTS	90 ABERDEEN AVE	MS SERVICE SHOP
THE GOLD FACTORY	10 ELIZABETH AVE	MS RETAIL STORE
VOQUE OPTICAL	193 KENMOUNT RD	MS SERVICE SHOP
PLANK MARKETING AND	95 LEMARCHANT RD	SN OFFICE
CANADA BREAD ATLANTIC LIMITED	57 OLD PENNYWELL RD	MS RETAIL STORE
NO NAME PIZZA	38 ROPEWALK LANE	MS EATING ESTABLISHMENT
NO NAME PIZZA	38 ROPEWALK LANE	MS EATING ESTABLISHMENT
SHOPPER DRUG MART	390 TOPSAIL RD	MS RETAIL STORE
TOPSAIL ROAD PIZZA	662 TOPSAIL RD	MS EATING ESTABLISHMENT
COUNTRY KEEPSAKES	286 TORBAY RD	MS RETAIL STORE
SHOPPER DRUG MART	TORBAY ROAD, TORBAY RD MALL	MS RETAIL STORE
DANNY LOWE	136-140 WATER ST-SUITE 303	RN OFFICE
COLLEEN OLIVER	223 DUCKWORTH ST, PASTA PLUS	CO RESTAURANT
ANCHOR ENTERPRISES INC.	86 THORBURN RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
UPPER BATTERY LTD.	PLANK RD	SW MIXED USE
OMI SERVICES LTD.	45 PEPPERRELL RD	NC FENCE
ARDENE	430 TOPSAIL RD, STRIPOUT	RN RETAIL STORE
BLACKMARSH MEDICAL CLINIC	260 BLACKMARSH RD	CR CLINIC
CALLOWAY REIT	55 KELSEY DR, SALLY BEAUTY	RN RETAIL STORE
CHIMO CONSTRUCION	17-23 MEWS PL	RN OFFICE
OAKLAND ENTERPRISESLIES INC.	500-502 WATER ST	RN RETAIL STORE
J KOREAN RESTAURANT	194 DUCKWORTH ST	CR RESTAURANT
CHESTER DAWE LIMITED	60 O'LEARY AVE	RN RETAIL STORE
CALLOWAY REIT (STAVANGER) INC.	22 STAVANGER DR - OLD NAVY	RN RETAIL STORE

THIS WEEK \$ 432,037.00

CLASS: INDUSTRIAL

THIS WEEK \$.00

CLASS: GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL

THIS WEEK \$.00

CLASS: RESIDENTIAL

RO-TECH CONSTRUCTION	66 CASTLE BRIDGE DR, LOT 26	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
JFFERY CAREW	30 GOLD MEDAL DR. LOT 5-184	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
TERRY WALSH CONTRACTING	27 LADYSMITH DR, LOT 1	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
TERRY WALSH CONTRACTING	31 LADYSMITH DR, LOT 3	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
TERRY WALSH CONTRACTING	33 LADYSMITH DR, LOT 4	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
QI QIANG	15 LIONS RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING

HUBERT HILLIER	79 PADDY DOBBIN DR	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
ERCO HOMES	4 ROWSELL PL, LOT 63	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
GERARD FRANCIS SQUIRES	39 SHOAL BAY RD	NC PATIO DECK
ROSLYN BENNETT	333A FRESHWATER ROAD	CO DAY CARE CENTRE
ROSLYN BENNETT/GARY BENNETT	232 TORBAY RD	CO DAY CARE CENTRE
MARK & MAUREEN COFFEY	62 GRENFELL AVE	EX SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
MARK BISHOP	125 PROWSE AVE	EX SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
KEVIN MCDONALD AND	16 BELL'S TURN	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
DAVID WALSH	22 JAMES LANE	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ROBIN D. BARTLETT	17 MEIGHEN ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
RICHARD HUTCHINGS	250 MUNDY POND RD	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
CURTIS STONE	4 PLOVER ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
DAVID M.TAYLOR/R.LUANNE LEAMON	36 RENNIE'S MILL RD	RN SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING
CHRISTINE FLEMING	29 TAYLOR PL	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING

THIS WEEK \$ 1,181,400.00

CLASS: DEMOLITION

THIS WEEK \$.00

THIS WEEK'S TOTAL: \$ 1,613,437.00

REPAIR PERMITS ISSUED: 2010/03/11 TO 2010/03/17 \$ 67,500.00

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

SJMC2010-03-22/170R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending March 18th, 2010 be approved:

**Weekly Payment Vouchers
For The
Week Ending March 18, 2010**

PAYROLL

Public Works	\$ 400,830.93
Regional Fire Services	\$ 605,753.89
Bi-Weekly Management	\$ 611,766.92
Bi-Weekly Administration	\$ 619,432.15

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

	\$ 2,200,272.75
Total:	\$ 4,438,056.64

Tenders

- a. **Tender – Work Coveralls**
- b. **Tender – Leather Work Boots**
- c. **Tender - Repair Damage to Overhead Door, Brookfield Fire Station**

SJMC2010-03-22/171R

It was moved by Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the recommendations of the Director of Finance and City Treasurer and the Director of Building and Property Management be approved and the tenders awarded as follows:

- a. **IMP @ \$66,354.73, taxes not included**
- b. **Bren-Kir @ \$66,192.50, taxes not include**
- c. **J & T Construction @ \$108,000.00 (HST Included)**

Petition

Councillor Galgay tabled a petition the prayer of which reads as follows and which was referred to the Department of Public Works and Parks for follow-up:

“Residents of Calver Avenue petitioned for construction of new sidewalks, to replace existing pavement, which is deplorable and dangerous to walking pedestrians.”

225 Southside Road, Roberta Linchan Slade

Council considered a memorandum dated March 18th, 2010 from the City Manager regarding the above noted.

SJMC2010-03-22/172R

It was moved by Councillor Collins; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the recommendation of the City Manager that land at 227 Southside Road be Quit Claimed to Ms. Roberta Linehan Slade in return for an Expropriation Release which effectively waives any right for compensation in relation to the expropriation, be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Request for Training – Councillor O’Leary

Council considered a memorandum dated March 18, 2010 from the Deputy City Manager/Director of Corporate Services and City Clerk regarding the above noted.

SJMC2010-03-22/173R

It was moved by Councillor Collins; seconded by Councillor Hann: That a request by Councillor O’Leary that the City cover the costs of an on-line educational course, Introduction to Cultural Tourism, offered by CONA, at a cost of \$280 plus HST, 50% of which will be reimbursed to the City upon completion of the course, be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Snow Clearing Report for the period January 1st to March 19th, 2010

Council considered as information the snow clearing report for the period January 1st to March 19th, 2010 showing a positive variance of \$411,887.

Email From Stephanie Nicholl, Administrative Assistant re Earth Hour 2010

Council agreed to support Earth Hour from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., March 27th, 2010, in support of action on climate change, and encouraged all residents to participate as well.

Councillor O’Leary

Councillor O’Leary noted that the City should consider new initiatives with respect to water conservation, and as well suggested that residents consider installing dual flush toilets, low flow shower appliances, etc. The matter was referred to the Public Works, Environment and Protection Committee to see how the City can become involved in such initiatives.

Councillor Hickman

Councillor Hickman commended the Province’s recent grants announcement re Provincial Wellness grants, through the Departments of Education and Tourism, Culture and Recreation, noting that the St. John’s Boys and Girls Club were successful in getting a \$40,000 grant for “Blast Off to Wellness Program”. He thanked staff for assisting the group with their application in this regard.

Councillor Galgay

Councillor Galgay referenced today’s announcement by Senator Fabian Manning on behalf of the Secretary of State for Science Technology of a grant in the amount of \$474,000 to the Blue Drop Performance Learning. They also received a Canadian Innovative Certificate from the National Research Council of Canada for their contribution to science and technology.

Councillor Hanlon

Councillor Hanlon, as Council’s representative on MNL, referenced a document on the status of the pesticide issue which she agreed to make available to Council members.

Councillor Hanlon advised that the nominations for the 2010 City of St. John’s Tourism awards are now open and will close on April 14, 2010, with an awards ceremony to follow to be held in the Council Chamber.

Councillor Hanlon suggested that the City consider establishing a Committee, separate from the Regional Water Committee, to deal with Water Conservation issues and asked that the matter be referred to the Public Works, Environment and Protection Committee for consideration.

Councillor Collins

Councillor Collins congratulated Melissa Earles Druken and Ruth Wilkins on producing a book entitled – Shea Heights: The Real Story of Our Home. It is also accompanied by a CD Musical by Keith Murphy titled, Shea Heights: Upon the Brow.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK