

March 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 Hickman, Breen, Galgay, Tilley and Collins

Regrets: Councillors Colbert, Hann, Hanlon and O'Leary

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

SJMC2010-03-08/133R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Collins: That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Adoption of Minutes

SJMC2010-03-08/134R

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

Business Arising

Application for a Change of Nonconforming Use, Proposed Dog Grooming Business, Civic Number 556A Topsail Road –“The Collis Building”, Barking Beauties (Ward 3)

Under business arising, Council considered a memorandum dated March 1, 2010 from the Director of Planning regarding the above noted application, which was deferred by Council at its Regular Meeting held on February 22nd, 2010, pending a review by staff of the on-site parking for the application site.

SJMC2010-03-08/135R

It was moved by Councillor Tilley; seconded by Deputy Mayor Duff: That the application for the proposed dog grooming business at Civic Number 556A Topsail Road be approved subject to the following conditions:

- a. **The business must be operated in a fashion consistent with the application as submitted to the City in terms of total floor space to be occupied, business operating hours, number of employees, etc.;**
- b. **The property owner must submit an on-site parking plan layout to the City for review and approval and this parking plan must be implemented to the satisfaction of the City before an Occupancy Certificate will be issued by the City for the dog grooming business; and**
- c. **Animals are only to be kept in the building during business hours, and staff from the dog grooming business must be on the site at all times when animals are on the premises.**

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Request for a Municipal Boundary Change, Town of Petty Harbour/Maddox Cove

Council considered a memorandum dated March 1, 2010 from the Director of Planning regarding a request by the Town of Petty Harbour/Maddox Cove to the City of St. John's for an alteration of the Town's municipal boundaries in both the Maddox Cove Road and Petty Harbour Road areas.

SJMC2010-03-08/136R

It was moved by Councillor Collins; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the request of the Town of Petty Harbour-Maddox's Cove for an expansion of its municipal boundaries into areas now within the City of St. John's, be denied, and that staff be directed to prepare a letter for Mayor O'Keefe's signature to Mayor Hutchings at the Town with a copy to the Department of Municipal Affairs.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Notices Published

1. **A Discretionary Use Application** has been submitted by Carolyn Rideout requesting permission to occupy **Civic No. 15 Parliament Street** as a Home Occupation for a Speech-Language Pathology Clinic for children. The proposed business will occupy a floor area of 30 square metres on the main floor and will operate three (3) weekdays per week; 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Clients will be seen, one (1) per hour for a maximum of five (5) clients per day. Three (3) on-site parking spaces are provided. The applicant is the sole employee. **(Ward 1)**

Two (2) submissions of objection

SJMC2010-03-08/137R

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Tilley:
That the application be approved.**

During discussion on this application members of Council were satisfied that the Transportation Engineer reviewed the application and has expressed no concerns.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

2. **A Variance of Non-conformity application** has been submitted by Mr. Colin Patey requesting permission to occupy a 50 square metre floor area on the first floor of **Civic No. 55 Stamp's Lane** for the purpose of a Motorcycle Accessory Sales business. The proposed retail business will operate Monday to Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. There will be one (1) part time employee in addition to the business operator, Mr. Patey. On-site parking can accommodate three (3) vehicles. **(Ward 4)**

One (1) submission of objection

SJMC2010-03-08/138R

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Tilley : That the application be approved subject to the operation being restricted to motorcycle accessory sales only, and no sale or repair of motorcycles, these conditions to be included in the required Standard Development agreement.

It is noted that the Transportation Engineer has reviewed the application and has expressed no concerns.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

3. **A Discretionary Use Application** has been submitted by Paul Thompson requesting permission to occupy a 38 square metre floor area of **Civic No. 199 Waterford Bridge** as a Home Occupation for Foto 1 Inc. In addition to the applicant, the proposed custom digital graphics studio will employ one (1) employee on a part-time basis. There will be no customer/clients visits to the site. On-site parking can accommodate five (5) vehicles. **(Ward 3)**

One (1) submission of objection

SJMC2010-03-08/139R

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the application be approved.

It was noted that the Transportation Engineer has reviewed the application and has expressed no concerns.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Police and Traffic Committee Report dated February 24th, 2010

Council considered the following Police and Traffic Committee Report dated February 24th, 2010:

A meeting of the Police and Traffic Committee was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 12 noon in Conference Room A, 4th Floor, City Hall.

In Attendance: Deputy Mayor Shannie Duff, Acting Chairperson
Councillor Tom Hann
Councillor Danny Breen
Councillor Frank Galgay
Councillor Bruce Tilley
Councillor Debbie Hanlon
Sgt. Paul Murphy, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary
Mr. Chris Whelan, St. John's Transportation Commission
Mr. Bob LeDrew, Nfld. Carriers' Association
Mr. Percy Rideout, Citizen Representative
Mr. Robin King, Transportation Engineer
Ms. Dawn Corner, Supervisor of Traffic and Parking
Mr. Bill MacDonald, Supervisor of Traffic Signals
Mr. Chris Pitcher, Supervisor of Parking Services
Mr. Blair Bradbury, Project Engineer
Mr. Phil Hiscock, Operations Assistant – Streets Division
Mr. Derm Layman, Foreperson – Streets Division
Ms. Kelly Butler, Recording Secretary

Deputy Mayor Duff called the meeting to order.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted on motion of Councillor Tilley with the following additions:

- a. Kenmount Road @ Pippy Place – Request from U-Haul for Reconfiguration of Traffic Signal
- b. Allandale Place Parking Issue

Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the December 16, 2009, meeting were adopted as presented on motion of Councillor Tilley.

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Public Hearing – Quidi Vidi Traffic Issue

Under business arising, the Transportation Engineer advised that a Council Directive was issued from the Committee's last meeting, directing staff to move forward with a public meeting on the Quidi Vidi Traffic issue. He requested the public hearing be deferred until such time as the Traffic Calming Policy has been completed. When the work has been completed, then staff will be able to offer some solutions to the problems residents have been experiencing and the public meeting would be more productive.

The Committee recommends, on motion of Councillor Galgay: That the public meeting on the Quidi Vidi Traffic Issue be deferred pending completion of the Traffic Calming Policy.

2. Hamilton Avenue @ Shaw Street – Request for a Traffic Signal

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking advised that the traffic counts for this area have been completed. While neither intersection alone warrants a traffic signal, it appears that a traffic signal combining both intersections would be beneficial. Further analysis is still required, however, a full report will be provided for the Committee's next meeting.

A decision on this matter was deferred pending further analysis by staff.

3. Southlands Boulevard @ Teakwood Drive – Request for a Crosswalk

The Committee deferred a decision on this item pending completion of a traffic study.

4. Pennywell Road – Request for a Crosswalk at Navy Street

The Committee deferred a decision on this item pending further investigation by staff.

5. Paddy Dobbin Drive @ Harlow Place – Request for a Crosswalk

The Committee deferred a decision on this item pending completion of a traffic study.

6. Bonaventure Avenue – Request for a Crosswalk

The Committee deferred a decision on this item pending completion of a traffic study.

7. Ricketts Road – Request for Removal of Parking Meters for Shuttle Bus Stop for Eastern Health

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking noted that at the Committee's last meeting, it was recommended that the request from Eastern Health to remove two parking meters to accommodate an employee shuttle bus be denied, and Council accepted that recommendation. Eastern Health is now asking that the Committee reconsider its decision on this request. They contend that two parking spots will be lost regardless, either from the street or from their parking lot. City staff are supporting the removal of

the parking meters to allow for the installation of a staff shuttle bus stop. The City will charge Eastern Health for the lost meter revenue, which would amount to approximately \$3400 per year for both meters.

The Committee discussed the issue at length, with it being noted that the vehicle being used to pick up employees is a van, and Eastern Health should be able to accommodate parking somewhere on its premises, whether it be in front of the main entrance, in an adjacent parking lot or in their parking structure. It was also noted that if the van is just picking up employees and not parking, then it could easily pick up employees in the parking lot. The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking indicated that staff parking is an issue for the hospital as there have been complaints of employees parking on nearby residential streets.

It was moved by Councillor Hanlon: That the two on-street parking meters be removed on Rickett's Road to accommodate an employee shuttle bus stop for Eastern Health employees.

Voting in favour of the motion was the mover and Councillor Duff, with Councillors Galgay, Tilley, Hann and Breen dissenting.

The motion was lost, therefore, Council's previous rejection of this request stands.

Mr. Whelan noted that during discussion on this matter at the Committee's last meeting, a suggestion was made about sharing a bus stop with Eastern Health to accommodate their shuttle bus. He indicated that there is a bus stop on St. Clare Avenue that is only used approximately 11 times per day during the week, and 9 times per day on the weekend. It may be possible to accommodate the employee shuttle bus at this bus stop, assuming that the appropriate signage can be installed.

The Committee agreed that the Supervisor of Traffic and Parking would investigate the shared use of the bus stop on St. Clare Avenue and report back to the Committee.

8. Kent Place – Request for Parking Restrictions

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking advised that the City has received numerous complaints from residents of Kent Place regarding non-residential vehicles parking on the street and causing problems. It appears that the problem relates to employees from nearby businesses parking on the street and parents dropping off/picking up their children at the Dance Studio on the corner of Portugal Cove Road. The residents were surveyed as to what type of restriction that they wanted to see installed to address the problem, however, there was no consensus amongst the residents. There was one resident who did not want any restrictions as she hosts a number of social functions at her home.

It is staff's recommendation that No Parking Anytime signage be installed on the south side of Kent Place as the road is too narrow to accommodate parking on both sides, and

Maximum 2 Hour Parking 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday signage be installed on the north side, with no restrictions/signs on the cul-de-sac portion of the street.

The Committee recommends on motion of Councillor Hann: That No Parking Anytime signage be installed on the south side of Kent Place, and Maximum 2 Hour Parking 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday signage be installed on the north side, with no restrictions/signs on the cul-de-sac portion of the street.

9. Kenmount Road @ Pippy Place – Request from U-Haul for Reconfiguration of Traffic Signal

The Transportation Engineer noted that at the Committee’s last meeting, Councillor Hann relayed a request from U-Haul about the possibility of the access at U-Haul being incorporated into the intersection signalization. Staff investigated the possible changes required to accommodate this request and reviewed the possible implications the changes would have on traffic flows at this intersection. Staff also provided the traffic count data provided for this intersection for the Committee’s review. It was noted that the traffic patterns at this intersection are ~~much~~ different than other intersections on Kenmount Road where business accesses have been incorporated into the intersection signalization. The traffic volumes are quite high, especially the left turning volumes from Kenmount Road onto Pippy Place, and unlike the Kelsey Drive intersection where there is a double left turn lane to accommodate the high volumes, there is only a single left turn lane to accommodate this movement at Pippy Place. For that reason, it would be difficult to incorporate the U-Haul access into the intersection signalization without adversely impacting overall traffic flows at the intersection.

As an alternative, the Transportation Engineer noted that U-Haul has two access points onto Kenmount Road, and the company could either relocate the larger trucks to the lower parking area and remove a portion of one of the buildings to facilitate easier truck turning, or it could create a service road along the front of the property to provide access to the lower access point so that vehicles could avoid the Pippy Place intersection. The Transportation Engineer also noted that with the construction of the East-West Arterial in the next couple of years, traffic volumes should decrease and traffic patterns should change. Should that happen, staff could then re-investigate incorporating the U-Haul access into the intersection signalization.

Councillor Hann noted that the City has incorporated business accesses into existing traffic signals in other parts of the City, such as Kelsey Drive, and he felt that similar consideration should be given to this request. A serious safety hazard exists at this business, as oftentimes people renting the large trucks do not have any experience driving them. There have been a number of near accidents in this area for that reason. The Transportation Engineer advised that staff have reviewed the collision data for this intersection, and there have only been two accidents at the U-Haul intersection access. He suggested that more congestion at this intersection would only result in more accidents.

At Councillor Hann's request, the Transportation Engineer indicated he would write the owner and provide him with some alternatives to deal with the traffic issues.

The Committee then discussed the issue of traffic volumes on Kenmount Road in general, with it being noted that the construction of the East-West Arterial is expected to result in a 25% decrease in traffic volumes on Kenmount Road. However, volumes could build up again as was the case after the Outer Ring Road was opened. It was suggested that the City may want to consider a better access control strategy for Kenmount Road, such as installing a median up the middle of the road. Deputy Mayor Duff suggested that the City look at a short-term strategy to deal with the traffic situation on Kenmount Road, pending completion of the East-West Arterial.

The Transportation Engineer advised that there is now have a person on staff in the Traffic Division who deals solely with collision statistics, and he indicated that he would ask him to prepare a report for the Committee detailing the accident statistics on Kenmount Road, including collision diagrams so that the Committee can see exactly what is occurring on the street. The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking noted that speeding is a major problem on Kenmount Road and enforcement of the speed limit is something that can be done in the short-term. The Transportation Engineer noted that staff had met with the RNC on this issue, and they will be providing the RNC with the collision data and identifying areas throughout the City that need more enforcement. The RNC can then advise the City when it increases its enforcement and the City can review its collision data to see if it has had any impact.

10. Pinebud Avenue @ Allandale Road – Request for an All-Way Stop

Councillor Breen noted that he had received a complaint from a constituent who had an accident at this intersection. The Transportation Engineer advised that staff conducted a warrant at this intersection to determine if an all-way stop was required. The warrant used is from the Transportation Association of Canada's (TAC) Manual of Uniform Traffic Control. The volume of traffic in both directions and at this intersection does not meet the standards outlined in the TAC manual to warrant the installation of an all-way stop.

Councillor Hanlon noted that the residents feel that the intersection is not safe, and they will want to know why their request cannot be accommodated. The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking indicated that installing an all-way stop which is not warranted can create collisions where before there were none.

The Committee recommends that the status quo be maintained and that an all-way stop not be installed at the intersection of Pinebud Avenue @ Allandale Road.

11. Eastaff Street @ Boyle Street – Request for an All-Way Stop

Mr. Whelan advised that one of the Metrobus drivers had requested that consideration be given to installing an all-way stop at this intersection. He indicated that the driver experienced some difficulty making a left turn onto Eastaff Street.

A traffic study was conducted on this intersection in 2003, which indicated that an all-way stop was not warranted. Traffic volumes have not changed significantly enough since that time to warrant another study.

The Committee recommends that the status quo be maintained and that an all-way stop not be installed at the intersection of Eastaff Street @ Boyle Street.

12. Long's Hill @ Gower Street – Replacement of Yield Sign with Stop Sign

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking advised that the traffic control device at the above noted intersection is a yield sign. However, the available sight distance on Gower Street is such that vehicles must come to a complete stop to determine if it is safe to proceed. Therefore, it is recommended that the yield sign be replaced with a stop sign.

The Committee recommends that the Yield Sign at the intersection of Long's Hill @ Gower Street be replaced with a Stop Sign.

13. Hanley Place – Request for Street to be Designated as One Way

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking advised that Hanley Place is a narrow laneway running between Kings Road and Holloway which is too narrow to accommodate two way traffic flows. Therefore, it is recommended that Hanley Place be designated as a one way street.

The Committee recommends that Hanley Place be designated as one-way from Kings Road to Holloway Street.

14. Wadland Crescent – Request for Street to be Designated as One-Way

Councillor Breen noted that the residents of Wadland Crescent have presented a petition to Council requesting that Wadland Crescent be designated as one-way. One of the reasons for the request is that the residents feel the change will assist with the City's snow clearing operations. He expressed concern about the safety of kids on this street in relation to two-way traffic, specifically in the area of the playground. He noted that people park their cars across the street from the playground and kids trying to cross the street in this area to get to the playground cannot see oncoming traffic.

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking indicated that staff have reviewed this request and do not feel that designating the street as one-way will improve safety. Oftentimes, one-way designations on local streets are ignored by residents, especially those who live at the end of the street and may find it inconvenient or unnecessary to travel all the way to the other end of the street when the direction in which they want to travel is only a few metres away. This can lead to accidents rather than prevent them.

The Operations Assistant commented that he did not see that there would be any benefit to the residents in terms of snow clearing if the street were designated one-way. The operator would plow the snow towards the playground, and plow closer to the curb on

that side, but it will leave more snow on the other side and the residents may have to shovel further out to the street.

Following the discussion, it was moved by Councillor Breen; seconded by Councillor Hanlon: That Wadland Crescent be designated as a one-way street.

There voted for it, the mover, seconder and Councillors Tilley, Hann and Galgay, with Deputy Mayor Duff opposed.

The motion was passed.

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking cautioned that past experience has shown that non-compliance with the one-way designation will likely become an issue, which will in turn become a bigger safety issue.

15. Blackmarsh Road @ Mundy Pond Road – Request for a Crosswalk

Councillor Tilley advised that there is a store in the vicinity of the corner of Blackmarsh Road and Mundy Pond Road which is frequented by area residents including seniors and children. The speed of the cars on the street makes it difficult for people to safely cross the street. For that reason, residents are requesting the installation of a crosswalk in this area.

The Committee agreed that a decision on this matter be deferred pending the results of a crosswalk study.

16. Blackmarsh Road – Request for Reduction in Speed Limit

Councillor Tilley indicated that speeding on Blackmarsh Road is a big problem, especially in the area of the Gulliver Farm because of the grade of the street. The Transportation Engineer advised that once the East-West Arterial is completed, there are plans to realign this portion of Blackmarsh Road.

The Committee agreed that, in the interim, the matter of enforcement of the speed limit on Blackmarsh Road be referred to the RNC.

Councillor Hann raised the issue of the backlog of left turning traffic at the Blackmarsh Road/Columbus Drive intersection, just west of the new Dominion store, and he noted that the left turn arrow only allows 2 or 3 cars to make a left turn. He inquired if the signal could be checked to see if additional time could be added to the left turn arrow.

It was agreed that staff will check the signalization timing at the Blackmarsh Road/Columbus Drive intersection to see if additional time can be accommodated for the left turn arrow.

17. East White Hills Road – Request for Change in Speed Limit

The Committee reviewed the 85th percentile speed data for various sections of East White Hills Road. The Transportation Engineer noted that the speed limit on East White Hills Road was set based on the estimate of future development. However, at this point in time, there are not very many accesses along East White Hills Road. Staff are recommending that the speed limit be increased.

Councillor Breen noted that the speed data shows that most of the traffic using East White Hills Road is travelling at much higher speeds than the proposed speed limit of 60 km/hr. He expressed concern that increasing the speed limit may lead to even higher rates of speed. He inquired as to where on the street the speed limit would revert back to 50 km/hr. The Transportation Engineer indicated that it is proposed to lower the speed limit back to 50 km/hr in the vicinity of the RCMP building at Newfoundland Drive. Regarding the concern of increased speed resulting from an increase in the speed limit, it was noted that staff could do a follow up study to check speeds in the area after the speed limit has been changed.

The Committee recommends that:

- a. the speed limit on East White Hills Road be increased to 60 km/hr until such time as development is such that a lower speed limit is required; and**
- b. the area be monitored for speeding issues that may arise as a result of this increased speed limit.**

18. Craigmillar Avenue – Request for Removal of Bus Stop to Accommodate Parking

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking advised that the resident at #71 Craigmillar Avenue has requested removal of the bus stop in front of her home so that she has somewhere to park her vehicle. Staff have discussed this request with Metrobus, and Metrobus has indicated that they would like to leave this bus stop in place. Staff have suggested that if Metrobus feels that usage of the bus stop is low enough that the infrequent stops will not have an impact on traffic flow, the bus stop could be shortened from its current length of 20 metres to allow for an on-street parking space in front of the resident's home.

The Committee recommends that the length of the bus stop in front of #71 Craigmillar Avenue be shortened from 20 metres to between 6 and 10 metres in length.

19. Barrows Road – Request to Allow On-Street Parking

The Committee considered correspondence from David Rees, Quidi Vidi Brewery, regarding the above noted matter. It was noted that Barrows Road is too narrow to accommodate on-street parking and maintain access for through traffic including emergency vehicle access at any time of the day.

The Committee recommends that the status quo be maintained and that the request to allow on-street parking on Barrows Road be denied.

20. Bond Street – Request for Removal of Loading Zone

The Committee considered correspondence from Rosalind Curran, Choices for Youth, regarding the above noted matter. The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking advised that the loading zone is no longer required and can be removed. The new Choices for Youth facility on Bond Street will require staff parking to accommodate services for its residents and there is no access to off-street parking. In addition, there are new residences on this block, and it would be in order to install Residential Permit Parking on the north side of the street adjacent to the facility and issue permits to residents and/or their service providers as required. The offices located on this block have access to off-street parking and should not be affected by the installation of permit parking.

The Committee recommends that:

- a. the loading zone adjacent to the Choices for Youth facility be removed;**
- b. Residential Permit Parking be installed on the north side of Bond Street between Flavin Street and Kings Road; and**
- c. two residential permits be issued to Choices for Youth for the staff.**

21. Allandale Road – Complaint re: On-Street Parking

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking advised that the Traffic Division investigated complaints regarding parked vehicles on Allandale Road obstructing traffic in the vicinity of the Wellness Centre on Allandale Road. The Traffic Division conducted site visits to Allandale Road which confirmed that vehicles were parking on both sides of the road. It was further observed that the parking lot at the Wellness Centre was not fully cleared of snow, and this was likely reducing their parking capacity.

The Committee recommends that:

- a. a No Parking Anytime restriction be installed on the west side of Allandale Road from Bonaventure Avenue to approximately 20 metres north; and**
- b. a No Parking Anytime restriction be installed on the east side of Allandale Road from Bonaventure Avenue up to Civic No. 2 Allandale Road.**

22. Buckmasters Circle – Complaint re: On-Street Parking

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking advised that the Traffic Division investigated complaints regarding parked vehicles obstructing traffic on Buckmasters Circle north of Golf Avenue and confirmed that there was a problem. The parked vehicles pose a hazard as they are parked on a curve and not only block visibility of oncoming traffic but reduce the street width to one lane which forces traffic into the oncoming lane.

The Committee recommends that a No Parking Anytime restriction be installed on the southeast side of Buckmasters Circle.

23. Gooseberry Lane – Request for No Parking Anytime Restriction

The Committee considered correspondence from Derek Yetman regarding the above noted matter. Mr. Yetman contends that vehicles are parking on Gooseberry Lane and obstructing traffic and impeding visibility exiting his driveway. While the Traffic Division has not observed that parked cars are obstructing traffic flow, the street is too narrow to accommodate parking on both sides. Therefore, it is recommended that a No Parking Restriction be installed.

The Committee recommends that a No Parking Anytime restriction be installed on the south side of Gooseberry Lane from Portugal Cove Road to approximately 50 metres west.

24. Crosbie Road – Request for No Parking Anytime Restriction

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking advised that an employee of one of the area businesses has requested that a parking restriction be installed on Crosbie Road to improve visibility for people exiting Crosbie Place. Parked vehicles on Crosbie Road may obstruct visibility of vehicles exiting Crosbie Place, which could result in a collision. There are no businesses or residents who rely on on-street parking in this area.

The Committee recommends that a No Parking Anytime restriction be installed on the west side of Crosbie Road from Freshwater Road to Terra Nova Road.

25. Cabot Avenue – Complaint re: On-Street Parking

The City received a complaint from an area resident regarding area business vehicles parking on Cabot Avenue and obstructing traffic. The Traffic Division visited the area and observed a number of vehicles parked on the street. The street is too narrow to accommodate on-street parking, and these vehicles are obstructing the flow of traffic. The vehicles do not belong to area residents and likely belong to employees of the Battery Hotel, which has a parking lot large enough to accommodate these vehicles.

The Committee recommends that a No Parking 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday restriction be installed on the west side of Cabot Avenue.

26. Gloucester Street – Request from Councillor Hanlon to Discuss Signage

Councillor Hanlon indicated that the residents on Gloucester Street are requesting to have the issue of the speeding in the area at the curve of the street addressed. Vehicles are travelling too fast in this area and several times have knocked down residents' fences. The residents would like to have the speed limit reduced and clearer signage installed.

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking suggested installing a Narrow Road sign and putting in pavement markings to delineate the narrowness of the street. It was also suggested that City staff examine the street lighting in this area as well.

The Committee recommends that staff install additional warning signage in advance of the curve in the street to alert motorists to the narrow road and install pavement markings to indicate this as well. It is also recommended that staff review the street lighting in the area to see if any enhancements can be made.

27. Livingstone Street – Request from Choices for Youth for Residential Parking Permits

Choices for Youth has insufficient parking in their lot on Carters Hill Place to accommodate their park demand. They are requesting that the City issue them permits which will allow them to parking the in the Residential Permit area on Livingstone Street, which is currently under-utilized. Councillor Galgay indicated that he had no objection to this request.

The Committee recommends that:

- a. six (6) Residential Parking Permits be issued to Choices for Youth to park in the permit area on Livingstone Street; and**
- b. the area be monitored to ensure that residential parking is not affected.**

28. Blackhead Road – Request from Strickland's Auto for On-Street Parking

The Supervisor of Traffic and Parking advised that the owner of Strickland's Auto has requested permission from the City to be able to park vehicles on the side of the road, just outside the fence. It was noted that the business has more than sufficient off-street parking to accommodate its needs.

The Committee recommends that the request be denied as Strickland's Auto has more than sufficient off-street parking to accommodate its needs.

29. Parking Restrictions Downtown

The Committee considered correspondence from James and Catherine Dempsey outlining a number of suggestions for parking in the downtown. Councillor Hann advised that he had asked that the letter be placed on the agenda for discussion. The Transportation Engineer noted that many of the issues raised in the Dempsey's letter were addressed in

the Downtown Parking Study. With respect to the operating hours for the Atlantic Place Parking Garage, he noted that if the demand for after hours parking was there, then the facility would likely remain open to accommodate that demand. Until the City starts charging for on-street parking in the evening, the demand will not increase.

The Committee requested that the Transportation Engineer respond to the letter from Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey.

30. Snowmobile Regulations

The Transportation Engineer noted that this matter was discussed by the Committee in September 2009, and the Committee asked that the Department of Justice be written and asked to make changes to its legislation to require that drivers of snowmobiles and ATVs must be licensed and that the vehicles must be licensed so that the RNC can ticket individuals who are driving in an inappropriate or dangerous manner. The matter was referred to the City Solicitor for follow up. The City Solicitor reviewed the Highway Traffic Act and provided a memo stating that these provisions are already contained within that legislation.

The Committee discussed the issue at length, with it being noted that if the City had groomed snowmobile trails which interconnected with the City's trail system, there would be less people operating these machines in residential areas. It was suggested that the local snowmobile riders' association be contacted to discuss the issue, and see if they have any ideas of how to remedy the problem. It was further suggested that the matter be referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee, which would be the more appropriate Committee to deal with the matter and investigate the possibility of groomed snowmobile trails within the City.

The Committee recommends that the issue of groomed snowmobile trails in the City be referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee for considerations and investigation.

OTHER BUSINESS:

30. Allandale Place – Parking Issues

The Transportation Engineer advised that the residents of the condominium development on Allandale Place have requested that the existing No Parking restriction be removed so that visitors can park on the east side of the street. Councillor Colbert has also requested that staff investigate the possibility of incorporating angle parking on the street to address the need for additional parking. Parks staff have reviewed this request and have concluded that it is possible to create an additional 41 spaces, however, it would require the removal of 12 mature trees located along the east side of Allandale Place. The cost to transplant these mature trees is approximately \$1500-2000 per tree. The Department of Public Works and Parks has indicated that they are opposed to the removal of any trees to accommodate additional parking.

The Committee recommends that the status quo be maintained with respect to the parking situation on Allandale Place.

It was noted that there is more than sufficient parking available in the parking lot at Churchill Square.

31. Bonaventure Avenue – Complaint re: Traffic Backing up on Bonaventure Avenue at the Entrance to St. Bon’s School

Councillor Galgay advised that he had received complaints regarding the above noted matter and he asked if there was anything that could be done to address the situation.

The Committee directed that staff investigate the complaint and report back to the Committee.

32. Speeding

Councillor Tilley raised the issue of speeding, and he noted that it appears to be the biggest single problem in the City in terms of traffic issues. He suggested that a public education campaign may be necessary to make drivers more aware of the hazards and consequences of speeding. The Transportation Engineer noted that the problem has steadily increased in the last 10 years, particularly in those years when there was limited enforcement. The problem is systemic and until more tickets are issued to speeders, the problem will continue.

33. New Cove Road/Portugal Cove Road – Request for All-Way Stop

Councillor Hanlon inquired about the need for an all-way stop for the above noted intersection. The Transportation Engineer advised that there are plans to have this intersection signalized sometime this summer.

34. Calgary Street – Short-Cutting Traffic

Councillor Breen referenced the above noted matter, and advised that residents are concerned with the amount of traffic that is short-cutting through Mercer Drive and Calgary Street to get to Newfoundland Drive. The Transportation Engineer advised that this matter was raised by the previous Ward Councillor, who had requested that a centre line be painted on Calgary Street to try and slow traffic. Councillor Breen inquired if any other measures were considered, such as no through traffic or no left turns. The Transportation Engineer indicated that he would ask staff to take another look at the situation and determine if any additional measures could be considered.

35. Drunk Driver Alert Signage

Councillor Breen advised that in Calgary, there are signs on the side of the road asking motorists to report drunk drivers, and he inquired if the City had considered implementing such a program. Sgt. Murphy noted that the public has become more aware of the drunk driving issue and are more and more willing to call the police to report drunk drives.

36. Traffic Calming Study

The Transportation Engineer advised that the Supervisor of Traffic and Parking has been appointed as the Project Manager for the Traffic Calming Study. She has been in contact with the IBI Group, who has indicated that they should have a draft of the Traffic Calming Policy available within the next 4-6 weeks.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Shannie Duff
Acting Chairperson

SJMC2010-03-08/140R

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

As pointed out by Councillor Galgay, the minutes were amended to reflect Councillor Hann in attendance, and Item #7- Ricketts Road – to reflect Councillor Galgay dissenting on the motion.

SJMC2010-03-08/141R

Regarding Items 17 - East White Hills - it was moved by Councillor Hickman; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That Item #17, be deferred pending information from the Transportation Engineer on the exact portion of the road that staff are suggesting be increased to 60 km/hr.

Regarding Item #28, Councillor Collins asked that it be deferred pending further consideration.

The motion being put was unanimously carried, including deferral of Items 17 and 28.

Development Permits List

Council considered as information the following Development Permit List for the period February 26th to March 4th, 2010

**DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
FOR THE PERIOD OF February 26, 2010 TO March 4, 2010**

Code	Applicant	Application	Location	Ward	Development Officer's Decision	Date
RES	ERCO Developments	6 Unit Affordable Housing Apartment	Hamilton Avenue at Blackmarsh Road	2	Approved	2010-03-04

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

INST - Institutional
 IND - Industrial

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

**Gerard Doran
Development Officer
Department of Planning**

Building Permits List

SJMC2010-03-08/142R

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

2010/03/03

Permits List

CLASS: COMMERCIAL

MULLIGAN'S IRISH NEWFOUNDLAND	15 GEORGE ST, STRIP OUT	RN TAVERN
SALLY BEAUTY SUPPLY	55 KELSEY DR	SN RETAIL STORE
CAR GUYS	33 O'LEARY AVE	MS RETAIL STORE
HICKMAN MOTORS LIMITED	20 PEET ST	SN CAR SALES LOT
INTERNATIONAL CLOTHIERS INC.	AVALON MALL - STRIPOUT	RN RETAIL STORE

MOORE HOLDINGS LIMITED	29-31 PIPPY PL	CR OFFICE
BELL ALIANT	48 ALLANDALE RD	SW COMMUNICATIONS USE
COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS&SURGEONS	139 WATER ST - SUITE 603	RN OFFICE
GYPSY TEA ROOM	WATER STREET, GYPSY TEA ROOM	RN TAVERN
SOUTHWEST PROPERTIES	32-34 PIPPY PL	RN OFFICE
JORDAN CONSTRUCTION	18 ARGYLE ST	TI OFFICE
LUC VIAU	320 WATER ST	RN EATING ESTABLISHMENT
THE STANCHION GROUP INC.	AVALON MALL - PAYLESS SHOES	TI RETAIL STORE
MAVERICK SPORT LTD.	250 WATER ST	RN RETAIL STORE
STAPLES	KELSEY DRIVE	NC RETAIL STORE

THIS WEEK \$ 2,411,475.00

CLASS: INDUSTRIAL

THIS WEEK \$.00

CLASS: GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL

GEORGE STREET UNITED CHURCH	25 BUCHANAN ST	RN CHURCH
FED. GOV'T. (R.C.M.P. COMPLEX)	100 EAST WHITE HILLS RD	RN ADMIN BLDG/GOV/NON-PROFIT

THIS WEEK \$ 49,296.00

CLASS: RESIDENTIAL

QUINLAN HOME CONSTRUCTION	76 CASTLE BRIDGE DR, LOT 31	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
	34 FIRDALE DR, LOT11	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
DONOVAN HOMES LTD.	40 LADYSMITH DR, LOT 33	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
DONOVAN HOMES LTD.	49 LADYSMITH DR, LOT 12	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
TRUE NORTH HOMES INC.	12 ST. SHOTTS PL, LOT 90	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
NFLD & LABRADOR HOUSING CORP	9 ST. TERESA'S CRT	NC PATIO DECK
NFLD. & LABRADOR HOUSING CORP.	11 ST. TERESA'S CRT	NC PATIO DECK
DY-CO BUILDER'S LTD	89 JASPER ST	CO HOME OFFICE
STEPHEN BROWNE	174 MERRYMEETING RD	CR TOWNHOUSING
ELIZABETH DILLON	25 NEWTOWN RD	CR SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
NFLD & LABRADOR HOUSING CORP	2 BEOTHUCK ST	RN TOWNHOUSING
NFLD. & LAB. HOUSING CORP.	4 BEOTHUCK ST	RN TOWNHOUSING
NFLD. & LAB. HOUSING CORP.	6 BEOTHUCK ST	RN TOWNHOUSING
NFLD. & LAB. HOUSING CORP.	8 BEOTHUCK ST	RN TOWNHOUSING
NFLD. & LAB. HOUSING CORP.	10 BEOTHUCK ST	RN TOWNHOUSING
NFLD. & LAB. HOUSING CORP.	12 BEOTHUCK ST	RN TOWNHOUSING
JED KIELEY	25 CALGARY ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
JED KIELEY	25 CALGARY ST	RN PATIO DECK
RONALD & JUDY WALSH	22 HUNTINGDALE DR	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ERCO HOMES	6 KERR ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
CRAIG CONNERS	44 MCKAY ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
GEORGINA McDONALD	111 NEW PENNYWELL RD	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING

THIS WEEK \$ 895,062.00

CLASS: DEMOLITION

THIS WEEK \$.00

THIS WEEK'S TOTAL: \$ 3,355,833.00

REPAIR PERMITS ISSUED: 2010/02/25 TO 2010/03/03 \$ 66,500.00

		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

SJMC2010-03-08/143R

It was decided on motion of Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending March 4th, 2010 be approved:

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

PAYROLL

Public Works	\$ 385,476.22
Bi-Weekly Amalgamation	\$ 530,986.44
Bi-Weekly Management	\$ 600,947.79
Bi-Weekly Administration	\$ 618,640.98

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

\$5,793,369.11

Total: \$7,929,420.54

Tenders

- a. Tender – Skid Steer Loader for Recycle Facility
- b. Tender – New Wheel Loader for Recycle Facility
- c. Tender – Forklift for Recycle Facility

- d. Tender – Fall Bulbs, Annuals Supply, Annuals Maintenance and Hanging Baskets
- e. Tender – Bay Bulls Big Pond Water Treatment Plant Pre-Treatment Facility (DAF), CP-2 DAF Plant and Fit-up

SJMC2010-03-08/144R

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the recommendations of the Director of Finance and City Treasurer and the Director of Engineering be approved and the tenders awarded as follows:

- a. **Battlefield Equipment @ \$93,141.00 (taxes not included)**
- b. **Battlefield Equipment @ \$139,516.40 (taxes not included)**
- c. **Liftow @ \$80,980.00 (taxes not included)**
- d. **Fall Bulbs – Pat’s Plants @ \$15,677.15 (taxes not included)**
Flowers, Annuals Supply Only – Stanley Flowers @ \$27,880.00 (taxes not included)
Flowers Supply and Maintain – Stanley Flowers @ \$21,557.00 (taxes not included)
Hanging Baskets – Stanley Flowers @ \$29,350.00 (taxes not included)
- e. **Allied Constructors Inc. in the amount of \$24,079,385.00**

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Convention Centre Expansion

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

SJMC2010-03-08/145R

It was moved by Councillor Breen; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the consulting services for the Civic Centre Expansion be awarded to PHB Group Inc. in the amount of \$100,000.00 which will be cost shared equally with the City, the Province, ACOA and Destination St. John’s.

Councillor Hickman expressed the need to expand the Convention Centre in order to compete with other cities, which he noted will result in significant economic benefit to the City.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

164 Water Street – Scanlon’s Lane

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

SJMC2010-03-08/146R

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That the recommendation of the City Manager, that the encroached upon land at 164 Water Street, while upgrading Scanlon's Lane, be acquired by the City at a cost of \$3,200 plus legal fees, be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Extension of Bulk Garbage & Recyclable Metals Collection Contracts for 201

Council considered a memorandum dated March 4th, 2010 from the Deputy City Manager/Director of Public Works and Parks regarding the above noted.

SJMC2010-03-08/147R

It was moved by Councillor Hickman; seconded by Deputy Mayor Duff: That the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager/Director of Public Works and Parks, that the contracts for Bulk Garbage & Recyclable Metals Collection with Newfound Disposal Systems Limited be extended for a one year period in accordance with the terms of the existing contracts, be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Snow Clearing Report for the period January 1st to March 5th, 2010

Council considered as information the snow clearing report for the period January 1st to March 5th, 2010 showing positive variance of \$138,883.

Letter dated February 5th, 2010 from Chief Development Officer, Trinity Conception Placentia Health Foundation thanking the City for its donation of the use of the City's booth for an event at Mile One

Council acknowledged the above noted letter.

Letter dated March 1, 2010 from Harry Connors, Chair and CEO, Festival 500, thanking the City on behalf of Festival 500 and their Board of Directors and Volunteers for its continued funding support

Council acknowledged the above noted letter.

Councillor Collins

Councillor Collins noted the flooding problems on Pearltown Road, Brookfield Road and Blackhead and advised that City crews continue to work towards resolving the situation.

Councillor Collins commended those involved in the Shea Heights Winterfest on another successful event.

Councillor Tilley

Councillor Tilley referenced the weekend flooding all over the City and commended staff for their work towards handling the situation.

Councillor Galgay

Councillor Galgay referred to an email from a constituent concerning the City's policy on disaster relief funding, which was referred to the Finance and Administration Standing Committee for follow-up.

Councillor Galgay referred to the recent Federal Budget and a memo from Basil Stewart commending the budget mentioning the following items:

- (1) The Federal Government is standing by its promise to permanently invest \$2 billion a year in gas tax revenues in safer roads and bridges, quality public transit and clean drinking water;
- (2) The protection of existing funding for affordable housing and
- (3) The GST rebate for municipalities

Councilor Galgay thanked and congratulated the government on those aspects of the budget.

Councillor Breen

Councilor Breen referred to the recent flooding situation in the Boulevard, Quidi Vidi area and noted the importance of the City ensuring the necessary retention structures are in place during the development in Pleasantville. He noted the construction of the weir which is expected to commence in April this year will help alleviate the area residents' concerns. Councillor Breen advised that residents have asked what affect the berm, constructed along the river to protect the soccer pitch, will have on the houses down stream. The Director of Engineering advised that the flood control structure was designed to allow the weir structure and berm to work together.

Councillor Hickman

Councillor Hickman asked if crews are redeployed to other areas when there is little snowfall. The Deputy City Manager/Director of Public Works and Parks explained that when there is no snow the crews are reassigned to street sweeping, sidewalk sweeping, pot hole patching, shoulder repair and general cleanup around the City.

Deputy Mayor Duff

Deputy Mayor Duff asked that the Deputy City Manager/Director of Public Works and Parks outline the City's policy with respect to pot hole repair.

He advised that the City has patched 1600 pot holes as of January 1st. He noted the situation with potholes is a big problem partly due to lack of funding for street reconstruction. He noted one of the problems in patching is that the surrounding asphalt is beyond its life. He indicated there are some cases where concrete is used, which is a very expensive procedure and requires street closure for a period of time. In addition, in some of the high traffic areas the potholes are cut out and filled with a higher grade patching, which works in some cases but can only be done if the weather cooperates.

The Director of Public Works and Parks also advised that most of the potholes are redone in spring and summer when hot asphalt is available from the commercial plants.

Deputy Mayor Duff also alluded to the recent flooding in the City and asked if the City has sufficient retention on site to allow zero additional runoff into Quidi Vidi Lake as a result of the Pleasantville development. The Director of Engineering advised that detailed design plans are not yet available but there is a retention pond included in the concept plan for the Canada Lands development. The Deputy Mayor noted that the City should have input into the design standards for the retention pond as the objective there will be zero additional runoff into Quidi Vidi Lake given how sensitive the issue already is. The Director of Engineering advised that currently council's policy does not require zero increase in runoff, as

long as the City is satisfied that the down stream systems can accept the runoff. Deputy Mayor Duff suggested that the matter be referred to the Public Works Committee for discussion and made the following motion:

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It was then moved by Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Breen: That the Public Works, Environment and Protection Standing Committee enter into discussions to determine what would be involved in creating development regulations that would require zero runoff into the City's river systems as a result of upstream development.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

His Worship the Mayor

His Worship the Mayor asked that a letter of sympathy be forwarded the family of the late Mr. Randy Powell, a long time employee of the City.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK