

May 17, 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.

Mayor O'Keefe presided.

There were present also: Deputy Mayor Duff, Councillors O'Leary, Hickman, Galgay, Breen, Tilley, Hanlon, and Collins.

Regrets: Councillor Colbert and Councillor Hann.

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 Economic Development, Tourism & Culture; Director of Engineering; Senior Legal Counsel and the Recording Secretary were also in attendance.

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

SJMC2010-05-17/272R

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

- a. Memo from Mayor O'Keefe re: Travel Authorization Request**
- b. Memo from Director of Engineering re: 2010 Streets Rehabilitation Program**
- c. Media Release re: "City of St. John's Maps the Road to 2021"**
- d. Memo from Acting Director of Building & Property Management re: Tender Results for New Metrobus Terminal**
- e. Memo from Councillor Breen re: Appointment of Mr. Harold Squires FCGA to the Audit Standing Committee**

Adoption of the Minutes

SJMC2010-05-17/273R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Hanlon; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the minutes of the May 10, 2010, meeting be adopted as presented.

Media Release “City of St. John’s Maps the Road to 2021”

Councillor Hanlon announced the creation of the Strategic Economic Roadmap to help guide the City’s economy for the next ten years. The Advisory Committee which will be guiding the direction of this initiative consists of the following:

- Paul Pope, President, Pope Productions;
- Emad Rizkalla, President and CEO, Bluedrop Performance Learning;
- Dr. Chris Loomis, President and Vice Chancellor pro tempore, Memorial University;
- Brent Meade, Deputy Minister, Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development, Government of NL;
- Liam Kelly, President of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), Memorial University;
- Paul Mills, Vice President, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA);
- Derek Sullivan, Chair, St. John’s Board of Trade;
- Ron Penney, City Manager, City of St. John’s and
- Chairperson Councillor Debbie Hanlon, City of St. John’s.

Councillor Hanlon also acknowledged the support of the Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Culture, Ms. Elizabeth Lawrence.

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador Conference

Under business arising, Councillor Hanlon updated Council on the deliberations of the Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) Conference held last month in Gander. The following issues were outlined:

- Pesticides: Councillor Hanlon referenced a letter from Charlene Johnson, Minister of Environment with the Provincial Government outlining the Province’s position on the issue of pesticides. The Board also discussed the City of St. John’s resolution which was recently passed with regard to pesticides. MNL advised that careful consideration will have to be given to what should and should not be banned prior to making blanket statements and that further research is required before determining such.
- The MNL Convention from October 6-9th, 2010 will be held in St. John’s and Rex Murphy will be hosting.

- “Gift for the Heart” campaign: The Board agreed that each municipality should be responsible for making their own decision as to whether or not they wish to contribute funding to this campaign.
- Sideguards: A copy of Bill 351 was discussed which is outlined in further detail in the minutes of the 3rd Board of Directors Meeting held on April 29th, 2010, a copy of which was tabled and is on file with the City Clerk’s Department.

Notices Published

1. **A Variance of Non-Conformity Application** submitted by Susan and Brian Hayes requesting permission to construct an extension to **Civic No. 81 Southern Shore Highway**. The proposed development, an extension to a Non-conforming use, will comprise a floor area of 84 m², a 50% increase in floor area of the existing dwelling floor area. (**Ward 5**)
2. **A Discretionary Use Application** has been submitted by **Bell Aliant** requesting permission to install an Outside Plant Interface (OPI) cabinet on property adjacent to **Civic No. 90 Great Eastern Avenue**. The proposed OPI Cabinet dimensions are 2.20 metres in length and 0.80 metres in width and is 1.50 metres high. The cabinet will house switching equipment for Internet and HDTV applications. (**Ward 4**)

SJMC2010-05-17/274R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Collins; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the applications be approved.

Development Committee Report – May 11, 2010

Council considered the following Development Committee Report dated May 4, 2010:

RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL:

1. **Proposed Building Lot**
Mr. Derm Powell
Maxwell Place (Adjacent to Civic No. 9 Maxwell Place) – Ward

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The Development Committee recommends that Council approve the above noted application. The applicant has provided letters of support from the abutting property owners for his application.

Ronald Penney, Chairperson
City Manager

SJMC2010-05-17/275R

It was decided on motion of Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the Committee’s recommendation of approval be accepted.

Development Permits List

Council considered as information the following Development Permit List for the period May 7, 2010 to May 13th, 2010:

**DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
FOR THE PERIOD OF May 7, 2010 TO May 13, 2010**

Code	Applicant	Application	Location	Ward	Development Officer's Decision	Date
RES	Michael & Tanya Newman	Home Office for Plumbing Contractor	307 Groves Road	4	Approved	10-05-04
RES	NLHC	Proposed Retrofit	8 Townhouse Units 11-25 Hoyle's Ave.	4	Approved	10-05-12
COM	Government of Newfoundland and Labrador	Float Plane Hangar Lots/ Twenty Seven (27) Lots	Paddy's Pond TCH	5	Approved	10-05-12
COM	Bell Alaint	Conduit Installation for OPI cabinet	Parsonage Drive	1	Approved	10-05-13

<p>* Code Classification: 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

SJMC2010-05-17/276R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Collins; 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:

2010/05/12

Permits List

CLASS: COMMERCIAL

FOCAL POINT GALLERY	116 DUCKWORTH ST	CO RETAIL STORE
ROYAL BANK OF CANADA	40 ABERDEEN AVE	MS BANK
BOGART'S JEWELRY LTD	40 ABERDEEN AVE	MS RETAIL STORE
ORTHOPEDIC SOLUTIONS	1 ANDERSON AVE	MS CLINIC
MCDONALDS	37 ANDERSON AVE	MS RESTAURANT
LESTER FARMS	149-151 BROOKFIELD RD	MS AGRICULTURE
GOING MOBILE	336 FRESHWATER RD	MS RETAIL STORE
IN MOTION	179 HAMLYN RD	MS CLINIC
THERAPEUTIC SERVICES LTD.	12-20 HIGHLAND DR	MS CLINIC
CAL LEGROW INSURANCE LIMITED	189 HIGGINS LINE	MS OFFICE
MOORES	41 KELSEY DR	MS RETAIL STORE
MCDONALD'S	75 KELSEY DR	MS RESTAURANT
MCDONALD'S RESTAURANTS OF	54 KENMOUNT RD	MS RESTAURANT
WENDY'S RESTAURANTS OF CANADA	35 KENMOUNT RD	MS RESTAURANT
PENNEY KIA INC.	497 KENMOUNT RD	MS CAR SALES LOT
KENNY'S POND RETIREMENT	135 MACDONALD DR	MS HOME FOR AGED
MCDONALD'S	345-349 MAIN RD	MS RESTAURANT
BUDDY'S FISH & CHIPS LTD.	445 NEWFOUNDLAND DR	MS RESTAURANT
BUDDY'S FISH & CHIPS LTD.	445 NEWFOUNDLAND DR	MS RESTAURANT
CREATIVE BRICK AND TILE	78 O'LEARY AVE	MS RETAIL STORE
ATLANTIC CASH & CARRY	37 O'LEARY AVE	MS OFFICE
MCDONALD'S RESTAURANTS OF	14 STAVANGER DR	MS RESTAURANT
CREATIVE BRICK AND TILE	25 STAVANGER DR	MS RETAIL STORE
GOING MOBILE	15-27 STAVANGER DR	MS RETAIL STORE
MCDONALD'S RESTAURANTS OF	506 TOPSAIL RD	MS RESTAURANT
NEW WORLD FITNESS	644 TOPSAIL RD	MS CLUB
RED ROCK GRILL	686 TOPSAIL RD	MS RESTAURANT
SECOND PAGE	655 TOPSAIL RD	MS RETAIL STORE
CHES'S SNACKS LIMITED	655 TOPSAIL RD	MS RESTAURANT
MCDONALD'S RESTAURANTS OF	248 TORBAY RD	MS RESTAURANT
JUNGLE JIMS	286 TORBAY RD	MS RESTAURANT
THE MATTRESS STORE LTD.	286 TORBAY RD	MS RETAIL STORE
GRUMPY STUMP	272-276 TORBAY RD	MS RESTAURANT
RUSTER'S	272-276 TORBAY RD	MS RESTAURANT
WENDY'S	272-276 TORBAY RD	MS RESTAURANT
COCONUT ISLAND	272-276 TORBAY RD	MS CLINIC
BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA	TORBAY RD	MS BANK
BULLDOG FITNESS	TORBAY ROAD-TORBAY RD MALL	MS CLUB
PARA ENGINEERING	240 WATERFORD BRIDGE RD	SN COMMERCIAL SCHOOL
THERAPEUTIC	722 WATER ST	MS CLINIC
RELIABLE CONST GROUP	AVALON MALL NO. 1, ROGERS PLUS	TI RETAIL STORE
MUNICIPALITIES NEWFOUNDLAND &	460 TORBAY RD	RN OFFICE
HAYWARD INTERIORS PLUS INC.	203 KENMOUNT RD	RN RETAIL STORE
11239 NEWFOUNDLAND LTD	77 BLACKMARSH RD	CR MIXED USE
UNITY CHILDCARE CENTRE LTD.	55 AIRPORT RD	CR DAY CARE CENTRE
LASIK MD	272-276 TORBAY RD - LASIK MD	CR CLINIC

THIS WEEK \$ 485,317.00

CLASS: INDUSTRIAL

THIS WEEK \$.00

CLASS: GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL

EAST COAST TRAIL ASSOCIATION	FORT AMHERST TRAILHEAD	SW PUBLIC USE
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THIS WEEK \$ 1,500.00

CLASS: RESIDENTIAL

CRAIG SCOTT SHEPPARD	9 BOLAND ST	NC FENCE
JOHN COX AND	62 BRAD GUSHUE CRES	NC FENCE
GARY SQUIRES/PAULA NOFTALL	12 CAPE PINE ST, LOT 53	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
MIKE GRIFFITHS	24 CANSO PL, LOT 10	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
MIKE GRIFFITHS	13 CANSO PL, LOT 13	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
PRO-TECH CONSTRUCTION	16 CASTLE BRIDGE DR, LOT 2	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
JASON DURDLE	66 CHEROKEE DR	NC FENCE
JASON DURDLE	66 CHEROKEE DR	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
JOHN MERRICK	6 COLVILLE PL	NC FENCE
MICHAEL & JENNIFER COADY	136 DOYLE'S RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
ADAM O'BRIEN & APRIL SNOW	64 EDISON PL	NC FENCE
LISA MARIE HEALE	22 FAULKNER ST	NC FENCE
PATRICIA R.RICE	24 FAULKNER ST	NC FENCE
DONNA BARNES	72 FRANCIS ST - LOT #92	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ANN MCLOUGHLAN	1 GLENRIDGE CRES	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
GARY VOKEY	38 GOLD MEDAL DR	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
RICHARD & CATHERINE BAILEY	64 GREEN ACRE DR	NC FENCE
ANDREW WEIR	188 HAMILTON AVE	NC FENCE
SKYMARK HOMES LTD	24 ICELAND PL, LOT 1-6	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
MOYA CROCKER	4 JAMIE KORAB ST	NC FENCE
KENNETH COOK AND MARGARET COOK	18 KATIE PL	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
PERHAM HOMES	28 LADY ANDERSON ST, LOT 284	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
ATLANTIC HOMES LIMITED	34 LADY ANDERSON ST.,LOT 281	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
ATLANTIC HOMES LIMITED	36 LADY ANDERSON ST, LOT 280	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
DONOVAN HOMES LTD	42 LADYSMITH DR, LOT 32	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
DONOVAN HOMES LTD	62 LADYSMITH DR, LOT 22	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
JAMIE WILKINSON	13 LOCKHEED ST	NC FENCE
KERRY SAVOURY	51 MACBETH DR	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
GLEN GOSSE	75 MACBETH DR	NC FENCE
WAYNE WILLIAMS	319-325 MAIN RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
SHELDON COOPER	18 MYRICK PL	NC FENCE
DONOVAN HOMES LTD	1 NAUTILUS ST, LOT 20	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
GEORGE F. ROBBINS	70 NEWTOWN RD	NC FENCE
MARIA RONAYNE	45 OTTER DR	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
ROCKWOOD HOMES	34 PARSONAGE DR, LOT 17	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
TIMOTHY IVEY AND	78 PENNYWELL RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
LEE NOSEWORTHY	11 PETITE FORTE DR	NC FENCE
PERHAM HOMES	39 PETITE FORTE DR, LOT 305	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
DOUG BARRON	264 AIRPORT HEIGHTS DR	NC FENCE
JOYCE ROLFE	11 CABOT AVE	NC FENCE
DOUGLAS LA PRAIRIE	16 TOPSAIL RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
CLAIRE LOUISE BARBER	16 TURNBERRY ST	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
CLAIRE LOUISE BARBER	16 TURNBERRY ST	NC FENCE
CLAIRE LOUISE BARBER	16 TURNBERRY ST	NC PATIO DECK
MICHAEL & VERONICA BRICOUT	15 WELAND ST	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
MICHAEL & VERONICA BRICOUT	15 WELAND ST	NC FENCE
GREGORY ANDREWS	87 WINSLOW ST	NC FENCE
CAROLYN HARNETT & AMANDA FROST	147 EMPIRE AVE	CO SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
GEORGINA C. CHALKER	93 FOREST RD	CO SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
JODY HICKEY	30 FRANCIS ST	CR SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
JODY HICKEY	45 FRANCIS ST	CR SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
JACQUELINE POTTLE	142 UNIVERSITY AVE	CR SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
DONALD B. & CAROLINE M. WHALEN	31 CAIRO ST	EX SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING
CORY & SUSAN ORAM	19 DURDLE DR	EX SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
DONALD COADY	151 GOWER ST	EX PATIO DECK
DARRYL WHELAN & ROSA COONEY	11 LIVERPOOL AVE	EX SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
DAMIEN KELLY	194 OLD PETTY HARBOUR RD	EX SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
EDNA HALL/KEVIN PITTMAN	9 WATERFORD BRIDGE RD	EX SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
ANDREW PIPPY	38 CHAPMAN CRES	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ANDREW L. ST. JOHN AND	65 LONG'S HILL	RN SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING
PAULA TAYLOR ZARAI	64 MEADOWBROOK DR	RN MOBILE HOME
GUY DREDGE	134 NEWTOWN RD	RN SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT

CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL	110 PROWSE AVE	RN SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
MEGAN GREEN	20 ROYAL OAK DR	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ELI BAKER	15 STONEYHOUSE ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
JOHN C. HUTTON AND	147 TOPSAIL RD	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
LESLEY ANN RAYMOND	728 WATER ST	RN SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING
GARY HOLDEN	6 WOOD ST	RN BOARDING HOUSE (4 OR LESS)
JOHN & JOAN WHITE	98 CAMPBELL AVE	SW SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
PAT POWER	67 MILITARY RD	SW SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
GERARD J. ENNIS	68 PRINCE OF WALES ST	SW SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING
ALLAN & KAREN THOMAS	5 STONEBRIDGE PL	SW SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
COLLEEN HANRAHAN	140 WATERFORD BRIDGE RD	SW SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
		THIS WEEK \$ 3,124,360.00

CLASS: DEMOLITION

LEONARD HOWLETT/TINA POWER	703 MAIN RD	DM SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
		THIS WEEK \$ 5,000.00

THIS WEEK'S TOTAL: \$ 3,616,177.00

REPAIR PERMITS ISSUED: 2010/05/06 TO 2010/05/12 \$ 288,864.00

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

395-419 Main Road – Your application for a billboard sign has been rejected.

75-81 Harvey Road – Your application for a wall sign for side of building has been rejected.

452 Water Street – Your application to replace the existing exterior of the building has been rejected.

2 Sprucedale Drive – Your application for a driveway off Ruby Line to access the rear of the property has been rejected as no access points to residential property are permitted off Ruby Line.

Payrolls and Accounts

SJMC2010-05-17/277R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Collins; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending May 13, 2010, be approved:

**Weekly Payment Vouchers
For The
Week Ending May 13, 2010**

PAYROLL

Bi-Weekly Management	\$ 571,233.88
Regional Fire Systems	\$ 590,394.33
Bi-Weekly Administration	\$ 674,983.15
Public Works	\$ 318,173.15

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 2,635,474.05
Total:	\$ 4,790,258.56

Tenders

- a. Tender – Contract Insurance Claims Management System Software & Maintenance
- b. Tender – Traffic Paint
- c. Tender – 2010 Streets Rehabilitation Program
- d. Tender – New Metrobus Terminal

SJMC2010-05-17/278R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Breen: That the recommendations of the City Manager, Director of Finance; Director of Engineering and Acting Director of Building and Property Management be approved and the tenders awarded as follows:

- a. **Clear Risk Inc. in the amount of \$23,750 plus tax (with annual continuance fee of \$12,000 plus tax)**
- b. **UCP Paints @ \$125,306.40**
- c. **Pyramid Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$5,972,074.30**
- d. **Marco Services Ltd. in the amount of \$28,833,000.00 which includes HST**

With respect to the software tender, Councillor Hanlon noted the significant gaps between the bids submitted, some of which amounted to almost \$200,000 in the difference. The City Manager assured Council that the recommended bidder was qualified and met the specifications outlined.

Deputy Mayor Duff referenced the Streets Rehabilitation Program and questioned whether or not the costs for this year's program are on par with last year's and if the City is able to do the same extent of work with the funding budgeted as compared to last year's budget. The Director of Engineering agreed to investigate the costs from previous years and report back to Council.

Quarterly Travel Reports

Council considered as information a memorandum dated May 11th, 2010 from the Director of Finance and City Treasurer regarding the quarterly travel reports for members of Council and City employees for the first quarter of 2010. This information is given in accordance with the City's Freedom of Information By-Law.

113 Brookfield Road: Thomas and Elizabeth Murphy

Council considered a memorandum dated May 12th, 2010 from the City Manager regarding the above noted matter.

SJMC2010-05-17/279R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Collins; seconded by Deputy Mayor Duff: That the City Manager's recommendation be adopted and that approval be given to acquire a small piece of land at 113 Brookfield Road for street upgrading at the appraised value of \$1,150.00 plus legal fees for the land.

Travel Authorization Request for Councillor Sandy Hickman

Council considered a memorandum dated May 13th, 2010 from the Manager, Corporate Secretariat requesting travel authorization for Councillor Sandy Hickman to attend the Canadian Capital Cities Organization Annual Conference from July 7th – 10th, 2010 in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

SJMC2010-05-17/280R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor O'Leary: That Councillor Sandy Hickman be authorized to attend the Canadian Capital Cities Organization Annual Conference from July 7th – 10th, 2010 in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Travel Authorization Request for Mayor O'Keefe

Council considered a memorandum dated May 17th, 2010 from Mayor O'Keefe requesting travel authorization to attend the Big City Mayors' Caucus meetings taking place in Toronto, ON from May 26th – 28th, 2010.

SJMC2010-05-17/281R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor O'Leary: That Mayor O'Keefe be authorized to attend the Big City Mayors' Caucus meetings taking place in Toronto, ON from May 26th – 28th, 2010.

242 New Pennywell Road

Council considered a memorandum dated May 13th, 2010 from the Acting Director of Building & Property Management advising that 242 New Pennywell Road has been inspected on numerous occasions and it has been determined that the building is unfit for habitation and more than 50% depreciated.

SJMC2010-05-17/282R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Breen; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That the recommendation of the Acting Director of Building and Property Management be accepted and that given the advanced state of disrepair and public safety hazard associated with civic # 242 New Pennywell Road, it is recommended that this building be ordered demolished and the site graded.

New Cove Road/Portugal Cove Road Intersection Improvements

Council considered a memorandum dated May 13th, 2010 from the City Manager advising of the City's requirement for easements from the owners of 105 Portugal Cove Road and 113 Portugal Cove Road for rerouting a Newfoundland Power line in relation to the above noted project.

SJMC2010-05-17/283R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Hickman; seconded by Councillor Hanlon: That the recommendation of the City Manager be adopted and that the easements for 105 and 113 Portugal Cove Road for rerouting of a Newfoundland Power line be expropriated and that authority be given for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the two Notices of Expropriation as outlined in the Regular Council Agenda for May 17th, 2010.

Appointment of Mr. Harold Squires FCGA to the Audit Standing Committee

Council tabled a memorandum dated May 17th, 2010 from Councillor Danny Breen, Chairperson of the Audit Standing Committee recommending approval of the appointment of Mr. Harold Squires FCGA as the citizens representative on the Audit Standing Committee of Council.

SJMC2010-05-17/284R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Breen; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That Mr. Harold Squires FCGA be appointed to the Audit Standing Committee of Council as the citizens representative.

Deputy Mayor Duff

- Deputy Mayor Duff referenced the film currently being shown at The Rooms Theatre entitled *Manufactured Landscapes* by Edward Burtynsky as well as his photographic exhibition entitled *Oil*, which explores the subject of oil and its effect on the environment. Mr. Burtynsky is one of the most well respected and recognized contemporary photographers in the world. *Oil* will be on view at The Rooms until August 15, 2010. Deputy Mayor Duff encouraged members of Council and the general public to attend this thought-provoking exhibition.

Councillor O'Leary

- Councillor O'Leary referenced the issue of equal opportunity and employment initiatives at City Hall and whether or not the City can be more proactively engaged. She requested a status report from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources. The City Manager advised that a report is forthcoming on the issue of the Fire Department Hiring within the next two month period.

- Councillor O’Leary congratulated the St. John’s Clean & Beautiful Committee on the litter clean-up campaign, noting that this year’s initiative was a great success with positive media coverage and participation by the general public. She advised that any neighbourhood groups wishing to partake in a clean-up program should contact Karen Hickman, Executive Director of St. John’s Clean & Beautiful to organize such an event.

- Councillor O’Leary referenced the addition of trash containers by the DDC in the Downtown area and questioned the status of the City’s replacement of trash containers in other areas of the City. The Deputy City Manager/Director of Public Works & Parks advised that the City has about twenty (20) receptacles being funded by the DDC and the City is working with them to select appropriate locations. In addition, the City is in the process of replacing existing receptacles throughout the City with ones that are more conducive to recycling. A report is forthcoming on this matter.

- Councillor O’Leary advised that the Schools Committee of the St. John’s Clean & Beautiful Committee is hosting an event with students from grades 6 – 9 relative to the Super Speak-off. Students throughout the City are invited to participate through the writing of essays and public speaking. All schools in St. John’s are encouraged to participate.

Councillor Breen

- Councillor Breen referenced the accumulation of garbage on the Outer Ring Road which is embarrassing, particularly when consideration is given to the amount of funding spent on tourism advertising. The City of St. John’s regularly cleans the areas within its jurisdiction; however, reference was made to those areas outside the City’s boundaries which are being neglected. Councillor Breen has been in discussion with area MHA’s and they have all

agreed to meet with the Dept. of Works, Services & Transportation to discuss resolutions to this problem.

Councillor Frank Galgay

- Councillor Galgay referenced the book launch on May 18th, 2010 at Bianca's Restaurant of "*Island Maid, Voices of Outport Women*", a book co-written by Councillor Sheila O'Leary and Rhonda Pelley. Councillor O'Leary was congratulated for her achievement.

Councillor Tilley

- Councillor Tilley referenced the Strategic Economic Roadmap and expressed his enthusiasm about the initiative, stating that he looks forward to the progress.
- Councillor Tilley indicated that he has received complaints about the hazards of rocks falling from the embankment as a result of development on New Pennywell Road. The matter was referred to the Director of Engineering for investigation.

Councillor Hanlon

- Councillor Hanlon advised that there is a Downtown Library meeting taking place tomorrow night (May 18th, 2010 in Conference Room A, City Hall.) The general public is invited to attend this meeting.

Councillor Collins

- Councillor Collins advised that within the next few weeks a clean-up will be taking place in various neighbourhoods in the Goulds area, i.e. Powers Pond Road. He also referenced concerns about the increase of tipping fees and how this may deter people from using Robin Hood Bay and may perhaps increase the incidents of illegal dumping. He referenced a previous budget cost-shared by the City and the Province, and he recollected that the amount was approximately \$75,000 each, the purpose of which was to facilitate clean-up of wooded areas.

He suggested that a similar budget be re-established. The matter is referred to the Finance & Administration Standing Committee for discussion.

- Councillor Collins congratulated the three individuals from the Goulds who will be traveling to the Czech Republic to compete as part of the Canadian power lifting team which consists of 22 members.

Mayor O’Keefe

- Mayor O’Keefe congratulated retired City Engineer Mr. Art Cheeseman who has been recognized by the Association of Engineers and Geoscientists for their Award of Merit which will be given to Mr. Cheeseman at their annual conference in May.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK