The Regular Meeting of the St. John's Municipal Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:45 p.m. today.

Acting Mayor Duff presided.

There were present also Councillors Hickman, Hann, Puddister, Galgay, Coombs and Collins

Regrets: Councillor Colbert

The Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor, Associate Commissioner/Director of Corporate Services and City Clerk, Director of Planning, and Manager, Corporate Secretariat were also in attendance.

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

SJMC2008-05-12/276R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Puddister; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the agenda be adopted as presented with the following additional items:

- 1. Letter dated May 12, 2008 from Brenda Malone, 54 Colonial Street re 84 Gower Street
- 2. Letter dated May 12, 2008 from Alison Dyer, Walsh's Square re Powder House Hill Condo Development
- 3. Memorandum dated May 12, 2008 from Councillor Galgay re World Energy Cities Partnership Meetings & Offshore Technology Conference, Houston, Texas May 5-8, 2008

Adoption of Minutes

SJMC2008-05-12/277R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Puddister; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the Minutes of the May 5th, 2008 meeting be adopted as presented.

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Notices Published

1. **A Discretionary Use Application** has been submitted by Powder House Hill Development Limited to construct six (6) residential condominium buildings with each building containing eight (8) dwelling units at **Civic No. 2 Water Street**, the former Standard Manufacturing site. **(WARD 2)**

The application site is zoned Commercial Central Mixed Use (CCM) under the St. John's Development Regulations. This zone allows residential dwelling units as a Permitted Use in the second and /or higher storeys of a building. The CCM Zone also allows the St. John's Municipal Council to permit residential dwelling units as a Discretionary Use on the ground floor (first story) of a building. These six (6) buildings are proposed to be fully-residential buildings. The proposed buildings will contain one (1) level of indoor parking and the upper four (4) levels above Water Street will contain residential condominium units. Indoor parking for six (6) vehicles will be provided for each building with thirty-four parking (34) s paces proposed on the outdoor lot. There will be two (2) access points to the site from Water Street.

MEMORANDUM DATED MAY 8, 2008 FROM THE DIRCTOR OF PLANNING

Petition of objection

Two (2) Letters of objection

Two (2) Letters of Concern

One (1) Letter of Support

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It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Puddister: That the application be approved in principle subject to the following conditions:

- a. A maximum of two (2) vehicular access points to the site from Water Street be permitted in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Engineering;
- b. Submission of detailed site/site servicing plans be submitted for review and approval by City staff;
- c. Compliance with all requirements of the City's Departments of Engineering, Building and Property Management and Public Works and Parks, and
- d. Review of the building elevations for the development by the City's Heritage Officer as the application site is located in Heritage Area 3.

Discussion ensured during which members of Council acknowledged the letters and petition of objection as well as the letters of concern submitted by area residents. In

addressing concerns the development will have on the view of the harbour, it was pointed out that in the opinion of staff the proposed buildings may have a minor impact on the private views of the harbour apron from the first floor units of the Narrows Condominium building at the rear of the application site and which is now under construction and which will front on Duckworth Street. Councillor Puddister referred to complaints of noise and argued that residents locating in the area of the harbour should be aware and prepared to accept the impact of the ongoing harbour activity. He referenced a letter from the St. John's Port Authority and their comments that it is imperative that developers of residential properties near the port and potential occupants thereof, be fully aware that they are locating adjacent to the industrial working harbour.

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It was then moved by Councillor Puddister; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the motion be amended to include a provison to be incorporated in the Development Agreement for the project requiring the developer to advise the prospective purchasers of the condominium units of the round-the-clock/daily industrial activities taking place at the harbour.

The amendment being put was unanimously carried.

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

An application for a change of Non-conforming Use has been submitted by Mr. Robert Yetman requesting permission to operate a retail store (fish and vegetable product) from Civic Number 84 Gower Street (formerly occupied by Society of St. Vincent De St. Paul). The proposed business will operate Monday to Saturday from 9:00am to 6:00pm. Off-street parking is not provided with the proposed business. (WARD 2)

Two (2) Letters of objection

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

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

An application has been submitted by Colin Baxter to demolish and rebuild **Civic No. 10 Fort Waldegrave**. The new dwelling will be approximately 0.457 metres (1.5 feet), higher than the existing structure. **(WARD 2)**

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One (1) Letter of Concern

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It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Hann: That a request by Garnet Kindervater Limited for deferment of the application be granted.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Heritage Advisory Committee Report dated May 7th, 2008

Council considered the following Heritage Advisory Committee Report dated May 7th, 2008:

Attendees: Councillor Shannie Duff, Chairperson

Debbie O'Rielly, Heritage Foundation of NL

Bernadine Simmonds,

David Kelland Robyn Pike

Ken O'Brien, Manager of Planning & Information

Peter Mercer, Heritage Officer

Margaret Donovan, Tourism Industry Coordinator

Helen Miller, City Archivist Karen Chafe, Recording Secretary

Report:

1. <u>Masonic Temple, 6 Cathedral St.</u>

The Committee considered an application for the installation of a kitchen exhaust at the rear of 6 Cathedral St. One is already existing but will be removed, and the new one will be relocated to the adjacent window.

The Committee recommends approval of the application subject to inspection by the Heritage Officer.

2. Yellowbelly Corner, 288 Water St. – Application to Install Propane Tank

The Committee considered the application for the installation of a propane tank at the rear of 288 Water St. on the George St. side of the building, situated between the two lower windows. The applicant had originally requested that the tanks be located below the decking on the Beck's Cove side, however, this was not permitted. The tanks will be protected by fencing, likely of wrought iron material.

The Committee recommends approval of the application subject to the applicant's submitting a detailed design for fencing to the Building Dept.

3. 100 Water St. – Application for Proposed Garage (Breakwater Books)

The Committee considered an application for the construction of a one storey garage on the Holloway St. side of 100 Water St.

The Committee recommends approval of the proposal, subject to the submission and approval of a detailed design to the Heritage Officer.

4. 47 Duckworth St. (The Narrows Condominiums) Revised Elevations

The Committee considered the attached revised elevations for the above noted project. Though the design has not changed, the building was originally proposed to be clad in brick. The rear of the building is now proposed to be clad in EIFS (Exterior Insulation Finishing System).

The Committee recommends approval of the proposed change, subject to the EIFS blending with the colour of the brick which will be used on the building's front elevation on Duckworth St.

5. 83 Duckworth St. – Sign Application

The Committee considered the application for an over-sized sign to be situated on the roof top of 83 Duckworth St.

The Committee recommends that the sign dimensions coincide with those outlined in the Heritage Sign By-Law and not to exceed 32 square feet. The Committee further notes that the building is situated in Cavendish Square which is a high profile location of the Heritage Conservation Area.

Councillor Shannie Duff Chairperson

SJMC2008-05-12/282R

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

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Public Works & Environment Standing Committee Report dated May 6th, 2008

Council considered the following Public Works & Environment Standing Committee Report dated May 6th, 2008:

In Attendance: Councillor Wally Collins, Chairperson

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Councillor Shannie Duff
Councillor Art Puddister
Councillor Sandy Hickman
Ron Penney, Chief Commissioner & City Solicitor
Art Cheeseman, Associate Commissioner/Director of Engineering
Paul Mackey, Director of Public Works & Parks
Bob Bishop, Director of Finance & City Treasurer
Dave Blackmore, Director of Building & Property Management
Brendan O'Connell, Manager of Environmental Services
Carol Kirkland, Manager of Inspection Services
Jim Clarke, Manager of Streets & Parks
Jason Sinyard, Manager of Waste Management
Steve Colford, Operations & Systems Engineer
Karen Chafe, Recording Secretary

1. Newfoundland Power – Removal of Utility Poles

The Committee considered a memo dated April 18th, 2008 from the Director of Public Works & Parks regarding the removal of obsolete Newfoundland Power utility poles. If obsolete poles are not removed on a timely basis, the result is 2 poles at the same location which causes an increased obstruction for pedestrians and the City's snow clearing operations. Reinstatement of the sidewalk and surrounding landscaping cannot be completed until the old poles are removed. This results in numerous complaints from the general public. Despite several meetings with senior Newfoundland Power officials over the past few years and commitments from them to address the issue, the problem continues.

The Committee recommends that the Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor write a letter to the President and Chief Executive Officer of Newfoundland Power to apprise him of the need to remove obsolete utility poles on a timely basis and to invite him to a future meeting of the Public Works & Environment Standing Committee to discuss this issue.

2. Animal Care & Control Committee

The Committee considered a memo dated April 15th, 2008 from the Director of Public Works & Parks regarding the need to appoint a Chairperson for the Animal Care & Control Committee in place of the former Chair, former Mayor Wells.

The Committee recommends that Councillor Art Puddister be appointed as Chairperson of the Animal Care & Control Committee and that Councillor Duff also be appointed to sit as a Council representative on this Committee on an interim basis until other Councillors have an opportunity to express an interest in serving on the Committee following the June 3rd, 2008 by-election.

The Committee further recommends that a meeting of the Animal Care & Control Committee be scheduled in the near future to deal with any outstanding issues that may have arisen.

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3. Mandatory Winter Tires

The Committee considered a memo dated April 24th, 2008 from the Director of Public Works & Parks responding to the proposed resolution of the Urban Municipalities Committee (UMC) to mandate the use of winter tires in Newfoundland & Labrador. Staff have outlined a number of points as referenced in the attached memo.

The Committee on motion of Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Puddister recommends that Council support in principle the proposed resolution of the Urban Municipalities Committee (UMC) to mandate the use of winter tires in Newfoundland & Labrador, pending the review of a number of issues, particularly the mandatory dates. The Committee feels that the timeframe for such should be between December 1^{st} – March 31^{st} each year.

4. Proposed Policy for Replacement of Service Laterals when Redeveloping Residential Property

The Committee considered the attached memo dated May 5th, 2008 from the Director of Public Works & Parks regarding the proposed adoption of the attached policy.

The Committee on motion of Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Puddister recommends that Council adopt the attached policy for the replacement of service laterals when redeveloping residential property. It should be noted that this requirement is also in accordance with the National Building Code.

Councillor Wally Collins Chairperson

SJMC2008-05-12/283R

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

Regarding Item #1 Councillor Hickman asked that attention be paid to removing the poles located inside the sidewalks particularly in the older parts of the City where properties are close to the sidewalks and creating safety concerns for pedestrians as well as drivers.

Regarding Iteim#2, Councillor Hann asked the status of the implementation of the Animal Control Act and the matter was referred to the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor for follow-up.

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Following discussion, the motion being put was unanimously carried.

Affordable Housing Action Committee dated May 1st, 2008

Council considered the following Affordable Housing Action Committee Report dated May 1st, 2008:

Attendees: Ed Power, Co-Chairperson (Power Development & Consultants)

Jocelyn Greene, Co-Chairperson (Stella Burry) Councillor Shannie Duff (Council Representative)

Bruce Pearce (St. John's Community Advisory Committee)

Donna O'Brien, Dept. of Human Resources, Labour & Employment

Sheldon Pollett, Executive Director, Choices for Youth

Dave Blackmore, Director of Building & Property Management

Helen Handrigan, Senior Housing Officer – Urban Living

Karen Chafe, Recording Secretary

Proposed Meeting with Province re: Affordable Housing Issues

As a result of the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Meeting of Ministers responsible for Housing which was held on April 2nd, 2008 in Ottawa, Ontario, the AHAC Committee has learned that the Federal Government will not extend Canada's housing and homelessness programs which expire March 31, 2009, until it has completed its evaluation of them. This process may result in the decrease or elimination of funding, and the Committee expressed grave concern about the tremendous negative impact on the provision of affordable housing in this Province and particularly, the City of St. John's. The Committee, therefore, recommends that the City meet with the Provincial Government, specifically with the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment, Responsible for Housing to discuss the potential ramifications of these concerns. The following points should be raised during the meeting with the Province:

- That a formal request be made to meet with the appropriate provincial authorities to discuss the direction and status of the Provincial Housing Strategy as well as to determine the City's role in its implementation;
- That the City would support the concept of a national housing summit convened by the Provincial/Territorial Housing Ministers and would like to participate in such by lending its strong voice via its Affordable Housing Action Committee.
- That the Province be asked to give special consideration, as a temporary intervention, to supporting the existing housing and homelessness programs normally supported by the Federal Government, in the interim during the Federal Government's evaluation process. This could be considered under the Province's Fall revised or interim 2008-09 budget process.
- The Committee also proposes that this meeting with Provincial authorities take place no later than the month of June.

Ed Power & Jocelyn Greene

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Co-Chairs

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

Councillor Galgay noted concern has been expressed to him relative to people renting, living on fixed income who cannot afford high end condominiums. He indicated that seniors are asking that their concerns be addressed through the provision of affordable housing.

Following discussion, the motion being put was unanimously carried.

Special Events Advisory Committee Report dated May 8th, 2008

Council considered the following Special Events Advisory Committee Repot dated May 8th, 2008:

1) Event: Mercury Athletics Road Race

Location: Portugal Cove Road – St. Phillips

Date: June 8, 2008

Time: 6:00 am - 2:30 pm

2) Event: Canadian Forces Day

Location: Pier 17

Date: June 7, 2008

Time: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

3) Event: Shea Heights Folk Festival Location: Shea Heights Softball Field

Date: July 25 - 27, 2008

4) Event: **Tely 10 Road Race**

Location: Start at Town of Paradise and Finish at Bannerman Rd., St. John's

Date: July 27, 2008 Time: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

This event will require some road closures along the route.

It is the recommendation of the Committee that Council approve the above noted events, subject to the conditions set out by the Special Events Advisory Committee.

Robin King, P.Eng.

Chairman, Special Events Advisory Committee

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

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Development Permits List for the period May 2, 2008 to May 8, 2008

Council considered the following Development Permits List for the period May 2, 2008 to may 8, 2008:

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING FOR THE PERIOD OF May 2, 2008 TO May 8, 2008

Code	Applicant	Application	Location	Ward	Development Officer's Decision	Date
RES	Melanie Parsons	Home Child care Services	30 Royal Oak Drive	5	Approved	08-05-01
COM	Lawton's Drug Store	Retail Store and Medical Clinic	496 Topsail Road	3	Approved	08-05-07
RES	Mark Blundon	One (1) Building Lot	39 Groves Road	4	Approved	08-05-05
COM	Bell Aliant	OPI Cabinet	Seaborn Street	4	Approved	08-05-05
RES	BAE NEWPLAN	Site Plan – 3 Building Lots	Margaret's Place	2	Approved	08-05-06

*	Code Classification: RES COM AG - Agriculture	- Residential Institutional - Commercial Industrial	INST - IND -
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Gerard Doran Development Officer Department of Planning

Building Permits List

SJMC2008-05-12/286R

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

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CLASS: COMMERCIAL

MS PETROLEUM USE 76 KENMOUNT RD CANADIAN TIRE PETROLEUM 430 TOPSAIL ROAD, HART
95 TORBAY RD
70 KELSEY DP SN RETAIL STORE DYNAMIS HOMEOPATHIC INC. 95 TORBAY RD HOME DEPOT HOLDINGS INC. 70 KELSEY DR SN CLINIC NC FENCE CARRICK ENTERPRISES LIMITED 312 WATER ST RN TAVERN ALIANT MERRYMEETING ROAD NC COMMUNICATIONS USE WATERFORD BRIDGE RD, ALIANT NC COMMUNICATIONS USE ALIANT IHL ENTERPRISES INCTED 193 KENMOUNT RD-AT HOME FURNIS CR RETAIL STORE DR. BRADLEY MURPHY 1 PATON ST, SUITE 016 CR CLINIC GLOUCESTER ST BELL ALTANT NC ACCESSORY BUILDING BELL ALIANT GLOUCESTER ST NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
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THIS WEEK \$ 711,100.00 TO DATE \$ 11,007,185.00

CLASS: INDUSTRIAL

THIS WEEK \$.00 TO DATE \$ 1,755,000.00

CLASS: GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL

PHB GROUP INC. 194 ELIZABETH AVE RN ADMIN BLDG/GOV/NON-PROFIT

THIS WEEK \$ 2,759,990.00 TO DATE \$ 20,042,583.00

CLASS: RESIDENTIAL

PIUS BROWN	2 ALDERBERRY LANE	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
		NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
	19 BLACKHEAD VILLAGE RD	
KARA INVESTMENTS	37 BRAD GUSHUE CRES, LOT 5-54	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ROBERT KIRBY	253 CANADA DR	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
PATRICK & KIMBERLY GULLIVER	51 FERRYLAND ST E	NC FENCE
SHAWN BROWN	12 FORDE DR	NC FENCE
KARA INVESTMENTS	110 FOREST AVE, LOT 2	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
EDWARD GERARD GRIFFITHS	32 FOX AVE	NC FENCE
JASON SAVOURY	26 GAIRLOCK ST	NC FENCE
GREGORY PERCHARD		
ERCO HOMES	20 GOLF COURSE RD, LOT 8	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ANTHONY BIRMINGHAM	13B GRIFFIN'S LANE	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
ROBERT FOWLER	103 HALL'S RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
ROBERT FOWLER	103 HALL'S RD	NC FENCE
JOSEPH WHITE	32 HIGHLAND DR	NC FENCE
AARON STACEY	11 HOPEDALE CRES	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
TRENT R. BARRETT	9 JACKSON PL	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
THOMAS SWIFT	15 JAMES LANE	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
GUARDIAN HOMES INC.	23 JAMIE KORAB ST - 5-125	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
RICHARD GILL	38 KINCAID ST	NC FENCE
WILFRED THOMAS	65 LAURIER ST	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
ANTHONY MAHER	36 LONG BEACH ST	NC FENCE
STEVE NORMAN	15 LUCYROSE LANE	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
CHRISTOPHER BESSO & ROSE DOODY	36 MACDONALD DR	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
TIM GOODYEAR	662-664 MAIN RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
JOAN MCCUE	61 MAYOR AVE	NC PATIO DECK
BALNAFAD COMPANY LIMITED	3 MYRICK PL, LOT 147	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING

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BALNAFAD COMPANY LIMITED 6 MYRICK PL, LOT 144 NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING SKYMARK CONTRACTING 28 NAVAJO PL, LOT 188 NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING SKYMARK CONTRACTING 66 NAVAJO PL, LOT 206 NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING JOHN BARTON 14 NEPTUNE RD NC ACCESSORY BUILDING SKYMARK CONTRACTING 66 NAVAJO PL, LOT 206 NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING JOHN BARTON 14 NEPTUNE RD NC ACCESSORY BUILDING JOHN BARTON 14 NEPTUNE RD NC ACCESSORY BUILDING JOHN BARTON 120 NEWFOUNDLAND DR NC FENCE BERDAN MCDONALD 339 NEWFOUNDLAND DR NC FENCE PATRICK DWYER 120 NEW PENNYWELL RD NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING SKYMARK CONTRUCTION 22 PIPER ST, LOT 215 NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING SKYMARK CONSTRUCTION 28 PIPER ST, LOT 212 NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING SKYMARK CONSTRUCTION 31 PIPER ST, LOT 194 NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING SKYMARK CONSTRUCTION 31 PIPER ST, LOT 194 NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING SKYMARK CONSTRUCTION 31 PIPER ST, LOT 194 NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING SKYMARK CONSTRUCTION 31 PIPER ST, LOT 194 NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING JOHN HILL 70 QUIDI VIDI VILLAGE RD NC FENCE DWELLING JOHN HILL 70 QUIDI VIDI VILLAGE RD NC ACCESSORY BUILDING CARDINAL HOMES LIMITED 19 ROTARY DR, LOT 33 NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT CARDINAL HOMES 21 ROTARY DR - LOT 32 NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT CARDINAL HOMES 21 ROTARY DR - LOT 32 NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT DAVID & SANDRA HODDER 19 TEAKWOOD DR NC ACCESSORY BUILDING PETER & IRENA HUMBY 5 TRAINOR PL NC FENCE DAVID & SANDRA HODDER 4 WICKHAM PL NC ACCESSORY BUILDING PETER & IRENA HUMBY 5 TRAINOR PL NC ACCESSORY BUILDING NC ACCESSORY B DWELLING 1 - 10 STABB CT. RN TOWNHOUSING NLHC POWER VAC SERVICES 80 TOPSAIL RD RN SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT ROBERT FOWLER 103 HALL'S RD SW SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING 242 TOPSAIL RD SW SINGLE DETACHED ANISSA GOODYEAR DWELLING

> THIS WEEK \$ 3,139,510.00 TO DATE \$ 24,011,966.00

CLASS: DEMOLITION

THIS WEEK \$.00
TO DATE \$ 364,000.00

THIS WEEK''S TOTAL: \$ 6,610,600.00

TOTAL YEAR TO DATE: \$ 57,180,734.00

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LEGEND

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

Payrolls and Accounts

SJMC2008-05-12/287R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Collins: That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending May 8^{th} , 2008 be adopted as presented:

Weekly Payment Vouchers For The Week Ending May 8, 2008

PAYROLL

Public Works	\$ 1	289,695.38
Bi-Weekly Casual	\$	11,538.19

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

	Total:	\$2,109,767.23
Cheque No. 13	31727 – 132013	\$1,808,533.66

Petition

Councillor Hickman tabled a petition the prayer of which reads as follows and which matter is referred to the Department of Building and Property Management:

"Petition to City of St. John's City Council to have Riverhead Towers declared Smoke Free in all apartments and main entrance to building."

Mount Pearl Flow Meter Chamber - Solo Investments Ltd.

Council considered a memorandum dated May 6, 2008 from the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor regarding the above noted.

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SJMC2008-05-12/288R

It was moved by Councillor Puddister; seconded by Councillor Collins: That the recommendation of the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor that easements required by the City for the installation of a flow meter chamber be acquired from Solo Investments at Topsail Road at a cost of \$17,000.00 plus legal fees, be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

2008 Street Rehabilitation Program

Council considered a memorandum dated May 9, 2008 from the Associate Commissioner and Director of Engineering regarding the 2008 Street Rehabilitation Program along with information on the City's proposed program for 2008, which is divided into four categories (1) Grind and Patch; (2) Cut and Patch; (3) Tack Level and Pave and (4) Listing of Streets to be Paved – noting the majority of the streets are residential streets. The Associate Commissioner and Director of Engineering advised that if additional funding is approved by the province a second tender will be called.

SJMC2008-05-12/289R

It was moved by Councillor Puddister; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the recommendation of the Associate Commissioner and Director of Engineering that Council authorize the call for the public tender for the 2008 Streets Rehab Program as presented, committed funding in the amount of \$4 million, be approved.

During discussion, Councillor Puddister asked what assurances the City has on the quality of the asphalt to be used. The Associate Commissioner and Director of Engineering advised that the concern is not in relation to the streets failing within three or four years but rather the long term impact on the roads and the City is focusing on the actual liquid asphalt being acquired.

Also during discussion, Councillor Collins asked that Midstream Street be considered under the streets rehabilitation program if additional funding becomes available.

Following discussion, the motion being put was unanimously carried.

Letter dated May 1st, 2008 from Nicky (Moores) Braatz re 2008 Typically Canadian Tribute Tour

Council considered the above noted letter advising of an endeavour by Myle Braatz in honour of his grandfather, the late Frank Duff Moores, which involves Kyle and three other riders biking across Canada to raise money for cancer, pay tribute to those affected by cancer and to raise awareness to cancers associated with Fire Fighting.

SJMC2008-05-12/290R

It was moved by Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That Ms. Nicky (Moores) Braatz be written acknowledging Council's support of the 2008 Typically Canadian Tribute Tour and its willingness to co-operate when they arrive in St. John's on July 26, 2008.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

World Energy Cities Partnership Meetings & Offshore Technology Conference, Houston, Texas May 5-8, 2008_____

Councillor Galgay tabled a memorandum by him dated May 12 regarding his attendance along with Mrs. Heather Mills-Snow, Economic Development Coordinator, at the World Energy Cities Partnership Meetings & Offshore Technology Conference, Houston, Texas May 5-8, 2008.

Councillor Collins

Councillor Collins asked that staff look into the possibility of having Southlands Boulevard paving work carried out as quickly as possible. The matter was referred to the Associate Commissioner/Director of Engineering for follow-up.

Councillor Coombs

Councillor Coombs raised concerns with respect to vandalism and roudy, disruptive behaviour in Cowan Park and Council agreed that the RNC be formally written in this regard and that staff of the Department of Public Works and Parks be advised accordingly.

Councillor Coombs expressed concern with respect to a potential safety hazard in relation to two vacant properties on Blackmarsh Road in area of the Municipal Depot and Murphy's Road where recent fires occurred. The matter was referred to staff for follow-up.

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Councillor Coombs tabled letters from Keith and Mary Lynn Pender, 3 Kildare Place regarding the problems they are experiencing as a result of the rowdy behaviour of the residents of 4 Kildare Place. The matter was referred to the Department of Building and Property Management for followup.

Councillor Galgay

Councillor Galgay noted he was advised by the Director of Building and Property Management, that a demolition order has been issued to the owner of 67 Prince of Wales Street to have the property demolished within five days failing which the work will be carried out by the City and costs charged back to the owner.

Councillor Galgay advised that on May 3, 2008 he attended the Eric Street/McKay Street Neighbourhood Association Building Open House event. He commended the community volunteers responsible for working on the building and encouraged more people to become involved in helping out their community.

Councillor Puddister

Councillor Puddister advised that he will be meeting with the Manager of Streets and Parks within the next week and expects to be in a position within the next couple of weeks to seek Council's permission to call a public hearing with respect to the potential development of the park in the Stick Pond/Larner Street area.

Councillor Puddister noted that he is working with staff on the installation of basketball court at the corer of Carrick Drive and Stavanger Drive.

Councillor Puddister advised that on May 7 he attended the first meeting of the Greater Avalon Regional Waste Management Committee. He noted the meeting was very productive with the Committee agreeing to meet on a monthly basis. Also, he advised that the Committee agreed on a process for hiring an independent chair and that the Department of Municipal Affairs will be responsible for the development of the criteria. It was also agreed that only members of the Board as opposed to alternates, along with staff can attend the meetings. Councillor

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Puddister advised that he is looking forward to serving on the board and thanked staff and Mr. Baxter Rose for a well run meeting.

Councillor Hann

Councillor Hann reiterated Councillor Puddister's comments regarding the level of success of the first meeting of the Greater Avalon Regional Waste Management Committee.

Councillor Hann reminded residents that the ballot for the upcoming municipal byelection will be mailed out on May 16, 2008 and encouraged people to make every effort to participate in the democratic process.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR
CITY CLERK