

November 23rd, 2009

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, Hann, Breen, Galgay, Tilley, Hanlon and Collins

Regrets: Councillors Colbert and O'Leary

The City Manager, the Deputy City Manager/Commissioner/Director of Corporate Services and City Clerk; the Deputy City Manager/Director of Engineering, Director of Finance and City Treasurer; Director of Planning, Development Engineer and Manager, Corporate Secretariat were also in attendance.

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

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

- a. Memorandum dated November 23, 2009 from the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor re Downtown Parking Study

Adoption of Minutes

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It was decided on motion of Councillor Breen; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the minutes of the November 16th, 2009 meeting be adopted as presented.

Impending Bond Issue

Council considered a memorandum dated November 20, 2009 from the Director of Finance and City Treasurer regarding the above noted.

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It was moved by Councillor Tilley; seconded by Deputy Mayor Duff: That the following Bond Resolution be adopted.

Bond Resolution - \$27,000,000.00

WHEREAS The St. John's Municipal Council (the "Council") is empowered under the provisions of *The City of St. John's (Loan) Act, 1978*, Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes of Newfoundland and Labrador, 1978, as amended (the "said Act") to borrow upon the credit of the City of St. John's (the "City") by the issue and sale of bonds subject to the prior approval, in writing, of the minister, as defined in the said Act;

AND WHEREAS by resolution passed at a meeting held on October 26, 2009 (the "Resolution") the Council deemed it advisable to issue and sell bonds in the amount of Twenty-seven Million Dollars (\$27,000,000.00) under the said Act for the purpose of repayment of loans of the City and to seek an approval of the minister (referred to in the Resolution as the "Minister of Municipal Affairs") to issue and sell bonds in the said amount for the said purpose;

AND WHEREAS the Director, Municipal Finance, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Department of Municipal Affairs, by a letter of approval to borrow dated November 2, 2009 (the "Approval"), gave approval to the City to borrow an amount not exceeding Twenty-seven Million Dollars (\$27,000,000.00) in the form of a Sinking Fund Bond Issue. The Approval provides that the said loan is to be used to retire interim financing used for expenditures to date for the City's 50% share of the 2008-2010 Multi-Year Capital Works Projects and the City's share of capital costs on the Riverhead Waste Water Treatment Plant, referred to in the Approval;

AND WHEREAS the proceeds of the sale of the bonds to be issued pursuant to this resolution are immediately required by the Council for the purpose of "repayment of loans of the City" and in this connection, the proceeds of the sale of the bonds will in fact be applied to retire "interim financing used for expenditures to date for the City's 50% share of the 2008-2010 Multi-Year Capital Works Projects and the City's share of capital costs on the Riverhead Waste Water Treatment Plant", referred to in the Approval (the "Purpose"), in accordance with Section 3 of the said Act, and the Purpose constitutes the "repayment of loans of the City" that the Council, pursuant to the Resolution, designated as the purpose in respect of which the proceeds of the sale of the bonds are required to be applied;

AND WHEREAS Scotia Capital Inc. has been appointed as the City's Lead Fiscal Agent and that RBC Dominion Securities Inc. has been appointed as the City's Co-Lead Fiscal Agent for the purposes of facilitating the City's issue and sale of the Bonds, as defined below (Scotia Capital Inc. and RBC Dominion Securities Inc. are collectively referred to as the "Fiscal Agents");

AND WHEREAS the City's Fiscal Agents offered to assist the City in issuing and selling the bonds and in registering the Bonds, as defined below, in the name of CDS & CO. as nominee of CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. ("CDS");

AND WHEREAS the City deems it advisable to issue and sell bonds for the Purpose, in the aforesaid amount;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the City, under and by virtue of the authority of and pursuant to the provisions of the said Act, borrow Twenty-seven Million Dollars (\$27,000,000.00) by the issue and sale of sinking fund bonds in global and definitive forms, not exceeding in total the sum of \$27,000,000.00 (the "Bonds"). The Bonds shall initially be issued in global fully registered form in the aggregate principal amount of \$27,000,000.00 in the name of CDS & CO. with provision for payment of principal and interest electronically in final and irrevocable same-day funds (the "Global Bond");

THAT the Global Bond will be payable as to principal on the 27th day of November, 2029 in lawful money of Canada and in this connection, the City shall, subject to the provisions hereof, make or cause to be made the payment to the registered holder thereof electronically in final and irrevocable same-day funds. The Bonds shall rank as obligations of the City *pari passu* with all existing bonds or debentures of the City. The Bonds shall bear interest at the rate of 5.539% per annum (from the 27th day of November, 2009), shall be dated the 27th day of November, 2009, and shall mature on the 27th day of November, 2029.

THAT in limited circumstances (as agreed to by both the City and CDS) the Global Bond shall be exchangeable for bonds in definitive fully registered form in minimum denominations of \$1,000.00 upon surrender of the Global Bond to the Treasurer of the City. The definitive bonds shall aggregate the same principal amount as the principal outstanding balance of the Global Bond as at the date of exchange, shall bear the same interest rate and maturity date, shall bear all unmaturing interest obligations and shall be the same substantially in every respect to the Global Bond. In issuing definitive bonds no change shall be made in the amount which would otherwise be payable under the Global Bond.

THAT interest on the Bonds will be payable semi-annually in arrears (in the aggregate annual amount of \$1,495,530, in semi-annual amounts of \$ 747,765.00) on the 27th day of May and the 27th day of November in each year of the currency of the Bonds in lawful money of Canada commencing on the 27th day of May, 2010. The first interest period shall commence on the 27th day of November, 2009. In this connection, the City shall, subject to the provisions hereof, make or cause to be made the payment to the registered holders thereof electronically in final and

irrevocable same-day funds as at the close of business at least two (2) business days prior to the day such interest becomes due.

THAT in the event that the Global Bond is exchanged for Bonds in definitive fully registered form, the Bonds will be payable as to the principal on or after maturity in lawful money of Canada upon presentation and surrender at the City Hall in the City of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, or at any specified branch of the bank designated in the Bonds otherwise, with provision for payment of interest electronically in final and irrevocable same-day funds;

THAT in the event that the Global Bond is exchanged for Bonds in definitive fully registered form, the City will appoint a registrar in respect of such definitive fully registered Bonds and any such definitive fully registered Bonds may be exchanged for fully registered Bonds of an equal aggregate principal amount bearing the same rate of interest and maturity date without charge at a specified office of the appointed registrar (the City, in respect of the Global Bond, and, in the event that the Global Bond is exchanged for Bonds in definitive fully registered form, such registrar as the City may from time to time appoint, being referred to as the "Registrar");

THAT a register will be kept by the City at the City's Office in the City of St. John's in respect of the Global Bond and in the event that the Global Bond is exchanged for Bonds in definitive fully registered form, a register will be kept for and on behalf of the City by the Registrar at a specified office of the Registrar. The names and addresses of the holders of fully registered Bonds without coupons and particulars of the Bonds held by them respectively, shall be entered in the register and all transfers shall be recorded in the register;

THAT after the initial issue and registration of the Bonds, no transfer shall be valid unless made in the said register by the Registrar and unless such transfer is noted on such bonds by the Registrar upon the request of the registered holder or his attorney, duly appointed by an instrument in writing in form and execution satisfactory to the Registrar, or by the executors or administrators of such holder and upon compliance with the reasonable requirements which the Registrar may prescribe and upon surrender of any such bond for cancellation;

THAT the said register shall be closed for periods not exceeding thirty days immediately preceding any interest date;

THAT no notice of any trust shall be entered in the said register or otherwise recognized, but the Bonds may be registered in the name of a trustee or trustees, and in such case, neither the City nor the Registrar (if other than the City) shall be deemed to have notice of the trust represented by such trustee or trustees or be bound to see to the execution of any trust whether expressed, implied or constructive in respect of Bonds registered in the name of a trustee or trustees;

THAT the registered holder for the time being of any Bond shall be entitled to the principal moneys and interest represented thereby, free from all equities or rights of set-off or counterclaim between the City and the original or any intermediate holder thereof and all persons may act accordingly, and the receipt of any such registered holder for such principal moneys and interest shall be a good discharge to the City for the same and the City shall not be affected by notice of or be bound to see to the execution of any trust or equity affecting the ownership of any Bond or the principal moneys or interest owing upon it, or save as required by statute, be bound to enquire into the title to any Bond;

THAT in the case of joint registered holders of fully registered Bonds, the principal moneys and interest thereon shall be deemed to be owing to them, upon joint account, and may be paid to the holder whose name first appears in the said register and who shall be treated as the absolute owner of the Bonds by the City for all purposes, and whose receipt thereof shall constitute a valid discharge to the City;

THAT a sinking fund (hereinafter called the "Sinking Fund") be provided for the redemption or retirement of the Bonds and that the Sinking Fund be established under the control of RBC Dexia Investor Services Trust, which company is hereby appointed as trustee for the holders of the Bonds; that the Council shall pay into the Sinking Fund by the 27th day of November, for each of the years of 2010 to 2029, both inclusive, an amount of \$675,000.00 which is the prescribed amount of two and one-half percent (2 ½ %) of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds issued, which prescribed amount is referred to in the said Act. In addition, the Council will pay into the Sinking Fund by the 27th day of November in each of the years of 2010 to 2029, both inclusive, an amount equivalent to the yearly interest on all Bonds retired through the operation of the Sinking Fund;

THAT in the event, however, that the amount in or the fair market value of the Sinking Fund, on the 27th day of November for any of the years 2010 to 2029, both inclusive, together with any amount required to be paid into the Sinking Fund for any such year, would be in excess of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding, then in such event, the amount required to be paid into the Sinking Fund on the 27th day of November for that year may be reduced by the amount of any such excess, and any such excess funds in the Sinking Fund are to be returned to the City;

THAT the Council may, pursuant to the said Act, provide for the application of moneys in the Sinking Fund from time to time to the reduction of the principal amount of the Bonds by the retirement of any of the Bonds, either by drawing or by purchase in the market or both, and all Bonds so retired shall be cancelled and in this connection the Council empowers RBC Dexia Investor Services Trust, as trustee, to apply so much of the moneys in the Sinking Fund as it shall think proper to carry out such purposes and the Council shall take all appropriate actions to ensure that such purposes are fulfilled;

THAT the Council hereby empowers the trustee for the holders of the Bonds, to invest moneys in the Sinking Fund from time to time in any trustee investments authorized by the *Trustee Act*, Chapter T-10 of the Revised Statutes of Newfoundland and Labrador, 1990, as amended;

THAT subject to the immediately preceding two provisions, the Sinking Fund shall be applied towards the payment of the Bonds on maturity;

THAT the Bonds shall not be redeemable by the City prior to the maturity date except for Sinking Fund purposes, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the City from purchasing the Bonds in the market, and any Bonds so purchased shall be cancelled;

THAT the principal moneys payable under these Bonds and the interest thereon are charged upon and payable out of the assets and revenue of the City;

THAT the proceeds from the issue and sale of the Bonds shall be used for the Purpose;

THAT His Worship the Mayor and the City Treasurer are hereby authorized to cause the Bonds to be sold or hypothecated at such price or prices as they may determine and the Mayor and the City Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute a BEO Acknowledgement and deliver the same to CDS, that the Bonds shall be signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk or such other person authorized under the provisions of the said Act or a person acting in his stead on behalf of the City in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, that the City Treasurer and the City Clerk are hereby individually or jointly authorized to generally do all things and to execute all other documents and papers in the name of the City in order to carry out the sale of the Bonds and that the City Clerk is authorized to affix the seal of the City to any of such documents and papers;

THAT the City reserves the right to issue additional bonds of the same maturity, interest rate and terms and conditions.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

(The Director of Finance and City Treasurer left the meeting)

Public Hearing

Councillor Hann presented a public hearing report held on November 10th, 2009 to present and discuss the findings of the IBI Groups Downtown Parking Study. Councillor Hann

pointed out that the comments and concerns raised by the residents will be considered prior to any decisions being made by Council. Among the concerns raised were proposed recommendations with respect to building height, increased parking fees, and the fact that downtown residents were not part of the consultation process.

Also considered was a memorandum dated November 23, 2009 from the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor in which he indicated that because of allegations made about the conduct of the study at the public hearing and in the media he wanted to provide a chronology for the information of Council. He noted the request for the Parking Study came from the DDC through the Joint Committee of Council and the DDC. It did not originate with staff. Council agreed on January 28th, 2008 to cost-share the study. The draft Study was presented to Council and the DDC on June 29th, 2009 for Council's review prior to the Study being presented to the public. He further indicated that the 11 Guiding Principles were clearly explained at the meeting and the only direction given to staff at the meeting was for the Study to be presented at the public meeting. If Council had any concern at that point with this or any other recommendation it had every right to direct that the Study be amended.

During discussion, Councillor Hanlon felt the report lacked creativity and suggested that other municipalities be consulted especially with respect to banning parking in the downtown. Councillor Duff expressed concerns relative to the proposed recommendation to combine business and residential parking; the potential conflict between heritage and development; the recommendation that development be looked at on a case by case basis with respect to height restriction, noting that the height restriction was put in place to protect the heritage and encourage the adaptive reuse of the existing buildings. Other members of Council agreed that a balance needs to be struck in allowing new developments in the downtown without impacting the structure of the downtown and its residents; they were concerned that the residents had not been surveyed; expressed concern of a proposed parking fee increase and agreed that the City will have to increase its supply of parking spaces to meet the parking demand, noting that the potential development of the Woolworth's building as well as the Arcade building on Water Street will create an even greater need to have the parking situation addressed.

Following discussion, Council unanimously agreed that the Downtown Parking Study be referred back to the Joint Committee of Council and the Downtown Development Commission for discussion and preparation of the final recommendations that will be considered by Council.

Committee Reports

Development Committee Report dated November 17th, 2009

Council considered the following Development Committee Report dated November 17th, 2009:

APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL

- 1. Crown Land Grant Referral
Mr. Richard Ryder
Civic No. 44 Battery Road (Ward 2)**

The Development Committee recommends that the request for a Crown Land Grant be approved. Should the applicant be successful in obtaining the Crown Land Grant, a formal development application must be submitted to the City for review and approval prior to the commencement of any development on the site.

**Art Cheeseman, Chairperson
Associate Commissioner/Director of Engineering**

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

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Public Works & Environment Standing Committee Report dated Nov. 10th, 2009

Council considered the following Public Works & Environment Standing Committee Report dated Nov. 10th, 2009:

In Attendance: Councillor Sandy Hickman, Chairperson
Mayor Dennis O'Keefe
Councillor Frank Galgay
Councillor Debbie Hanlon

Councillor Tom Hann
Councillor Danny Breen
Councillor Sheila O’Leary
Councillor Wally Collins
Councillor Bruce Tilley
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
Walt Mills, Development Engineer
Jim Clarke, Manager of Streets & Parks
Brendan O’Connell, Manager of Environmental Services
Jason Sinyard, Manager of Waste Management
Steve Colford, Operations & Systems Engineer
Karen Chafe, Recording Secretary

1. **Service Evaluation Survey Results**

The attached Service Evaluation Survey Results for the periods April – June, 2009 and July – September 2009 are attached for Council’s information.

2. **Reinstatement Manager of Environmental Initiatives Position**

Staff provided the Committee with an update on the work accomplished by the Manager of Environmental Initiatives which was originally put in place to deal mainly with water conservation and recycling initiatives. As the Committee is aware, the Riverhead Wastewater Treatment Facility is now up and running and will eventually be commissioned. The City has also established a Waste Management Division which is in full operation at the Robin Hood Bay Landfill Site.

Members of the Committee felt that though the original mandate of the Environmental Initiatives Position has been fulfilled, there are still many environmental initiatives which justify the reinstatement of the position, i.e. promotion of community gardens, rooftop gardens, farmers’ markets, liaising with the St. John’s Clean & Beautiful Committee as well as numerous other ideas that merit educational awareness. It was suggested that staff research similar positions in other Canadian cities and provide this information to a future meeting of the Public Works Committee, as well as a list of the environmental issues which the former manager was involved in.

3. **Cosmetic Pesticide Use**

The Committee considered a Council Directive from the Regular Meeting of October 26th, 2009 at which time Councillor O’Leary tabled correspondence regarding Pesticide Use. At the recent Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador Convention held in Gander, a motion was passed to support banning the use of cosmetic pesticides.

Though the City of St. John's does not have the legislative authority to regulate pesticide use, it can take a leadership role in lobbying the Provincial Government by supporting a ban on cosmetic pesticides.

The Committee on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Hanlon: recommends that Council adopt a motion to support the ban on cosmetic pesticides.

Councillor Sandy Hickman
Chairperson

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

Regarding Item #3, Cosmetic Pesticide Use, Councillor Hanlon advised Council that she has been researching the issue and tabled information on her findings. She indicated that the City needs to take the lead in pursuit of a ban on cosmetic pesticide use. The City Manager advised that the City does not have the legislative authority to regulate pesticide use. He noted that most other jurisdictions in Canada have a different legislative style and general grants of powers, but St. John's legislation is older and the City can only make by-laws where it has specific authority. The City Manager indicated that the City has asked the province to change the way in which the City of St. John's Act works and they agreed to set up a committee with the first meeting being held last week. Councillor Collins expressed concern that the ban of pesticides will impact insect control and felt that the use of pesticides should be restricted to professionals only. Other members of Council pointed out that Council has been lobbying the government on this issue and supports the MNL position to seek government support.

Following discussion, the motion being put was unanimously carried.

Parks and Recreation Standing Committee Report dated Nov. 17th, 2009

Council considered the following Parks and Recreation Standing Committee Report dated November 17th, 2009:

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

1. **Partnership between the City of St. John’s and the NL Sports Center**

The Committee met with Dr. Pat Parfrey, Rod Snow and Jennifer Stender to discuss the possibility of partnering with the City of St. John’s to build recreation facilities that are consistent with the City’s recently published Recreation and Parks Master Plan. Specifically, the following is being proposed:

- An indoor track/gym for multiple users
- An aquatics pool
- An office building

The focus would be on population wellness, targeting the City’s population with a minority of 30% of the time being used for high performance sport as an extension of the NL Sports Center mandate. The NL Sports Center would like to centralize the sites around the Wishingwell Road site contiguous with the Sports Center, the rugby complex, soccer and baseball fields. This would facilitate a center-city recreation complex. Funding for the proposed complex would be through three levels of government and would fulfill the strategic mandates of all three levels. The Director of Recreation acknowledged that the proposal fits in with the strategic direction outlined in the City’s recently adopted Recreation & Parks Master Plan, particularly the priority to replace existing outdated infrastructure, most notably the HGR Mews Center pool and office space area. Such a proposal would have to encompass the replacement of the HGR Mews Center site, rather than in addition to it.

The Committee recognizing that the proposal presented by Dr. Parfrey on behalf of the NL Sports Center is very preliminary at this stage, recommends that staff continue to consult with this group to flesh out

the details with regard to partnerships, estimated costs and cost-shared funding opportunities as well as potential locations for the recreational facility.

2. East Coast Trail Association Maintenance Proposal

The Committee met with Ms. Judith Whittick and Mr. Geoff Emberly to discuss their proposal for cost-shared funding to maintain the St. John's portion of the East Coast Trail. The total cost estimate including labour and materials at actual cost is \$293,030 for 58 km of trail situated within the City's boundary. The amount requested from the City is \$135,000 which can be allocated over a three year period at \$45,000 per year. A copy of the ECTA's power point presentation is on file with the City Clerk's Department and outlines in detail the actual areas in need of upgrading, repair and maintenance.

The Committee recommends that the funding request be referred for consideration to the City's budget review.

3. Quidi Vidi Village Foundation Request for Support to Install Memorial

The Committee met with Judy Ryerson of the Quidi Vidi Village Foundation to discuss their proposal to establish a memorial to the deceased family members, neighbours and friends of Quidi Vidi Village. A letter dated August 21st, 2009 from Kim Higdon of the Quidi Vidi Village Foundation was included in the agenda and is on file with the City Clerk's Department and outlines a number of ideas. The Quidi Vidi Village Foundation is interested in securing the piece of property on the end of Barrows Road for the proposed monument location which could possibly include a passive open space with seating/picnic area, shrubs, story boards, view finder, etc. The QVVF seeks the City's assistance with planning, design and financing.

The Committee on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Tilley recommends that the City engage the Grand Concourse Authority to develop a preliminary design for a memorial and look-out site in honour of the residents of Quidi Vidi Village. The Committee further recommends that the design be developed in consultation with the Quidi Vidi Village Foundation, incorporating the ideas identified in the letter dated August 21st, 2009.

4. Petition to Reinstate Playground Formerly Located Between Virginia and Blake Place

During the Regular Council meeting of November 16th, 2009, a petition was tabled to reinstate the playground formerly located between Virginia and Blake Place. Staff advised that the playground was removed approximately 10-12 years ago due to requests from area residents and safety concerns with regard to various activities which were taking place on the playground after daylight hours. The playground did not have street frontage which made it secluded and unsafe for children. The City's present guidelines stipulate that playgrounds must have street frontage. It should be

noted that the Parks Division plans to upgrade and expand the existing playground nearby on Drake Crescent pending funding approval in the 2010 budget. During the meeting, the Committee requested that the matter also be referred to the City's Manager of Real Estate Services to investigate alternate vacant land in the area which may be more suitable for the playground and which would have street frontage.

5. Defibrillators at Sports Facilities

The Committee considered a Council Directive from the Regular Meeting of November 2nd, 2009 regarding access to defibrillators at sports facilities. The Director of Recreation advised that her Department has met with the Department of Human Resources on this matter. The Director of Human Resources is in the process of developing a proposal for a phased-in, priority based approach to supply defibrillators at City-owned sports facilities. This proposal will eventually be referred to a meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee for review.

6. Guards Athletic Association – Ayre Athletic Grounds Sports Complex

The Committee considered a letter from Dan Puddester, Chair of the Ayre Athletic Grounds Committee regarding the official name of the Complex.

The Committee on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Hann endorses the official name of the total property, including upper and lower fields along with the parking lot, to be known as the “Guards Athletic Association Ayre Athletic Grounds Sports Complex” and the new building will be the “Guards Athletic Association Charles E. Warr, Sr., Pavilion”.

7. Waterford Valley Sports Association Request for Annual Operating Grant

The Committee considered a Council Directive from the Regular Meeting of November 2nd, 2009 requesting that the City consider providing the Waterford Valley Sports Association with an annual operating grant. Staff advised that the group currently receives such a grant in the amount of \$3370 which is somewhat lower than that provided to other similar groups which get \$4600.

The Committee on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Breen: recommends Council's approval to approve \$4600 to be allocated to the Waterford Valley Sports Association which would be an increase of \$1230 over and above their present operating grant. This funding will be allocated within existing funds of the Department of Recreation.

8. Outdoor Swimming Pools – Free Swims

The Committee considered an issue paper from the Department of Recreation outlining the benefits of increasing accessibility to the City's outdoor pools. A copy of the issue paper is attached to this report.

The Committee on motion of Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Breen recommends approval of the recommendation of the Department of Recreation that admission fees for public swim sessions at the outdoor pools be removed and that the City continue to charge fees for swimming lessons and pool rentals. The Committee further recommends that this new policy be advertised to the general public.

**Councillor Wally Collins
Chairperson**

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

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Para Transit Advisory Committee Report dated November 12th, 2009

Council considered the following Para Transit Advisory Committee Report dated November 12th, 2009:

Attendees: Cecil Whitten, Chairperson and Cerebral Palsy Association Rep.
Councillor Tom Hann
Councillor Debbie Hanlon
Ray Osmond, City of Mount Pearl
Bill Westcott, Epilepsy NL
Nancy Lear, Citizens Representative
Margaret Murphy, CNIB Rep
Kate Morrison, Multiple Sclerosis Rep
Vera Parsons, ILRC
Susan Ralph, ILRC & COD Rep
Lori Shea, Canadian Council of the Blind
Ron Ellsworth, Citizen Representative
Kelly Heisz, Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities
Robert Bishop, Director of Finance & City Treasurer
Karen Chafe, Recording Secretary

1. **Para Transit Coordinator Position**

The Director of Finance & City Treasurer announced the appointment of Susan Ralph to the position of Para Transit Coordinator. Susan will be commencing her duties on November 30th, 2009. Susan's appointment will necessitate her resignation from this Committee as the ILRC and COD representative. Her replacement will be appointed by those organizations. The Committee congratulated Susan on her appointment.

2. **Para Transit Review Steering Committee – Reappointment of Chairperson**

The Committee recommends the reappointment of Ron Ellsworth to the position of Chairperson of the Para Transit Review Steering Committee.

3. **Representation on Taxi Committee**

The Committee recommends that the Chairpersons of the Para Transit Advisory Committee (Cecil Whitten) and the Para Transit Review Steering Committee (Ron Ellsworth) be appointed to the City's Taxi Committee. The purpose of this representation is to pursue the issue of accessible taxi service in the City of St. John's as per the recommendations outlined in the Para Transit Review Study.

4. **Extended Hours for Para Transit Service during Christmas Season**

The Committee agreed that arrangements be made to provide for extended para-transit service during the Christmas season, particularly on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Eve at the regular rate of \$2.25. Availability will depend on the availability of buses and personnel willing and able to work on those holidays so advance bookings will be required. Cost over-runs for this additional service would be covered by the City of St. John's.

Cecil Whitten
Chairperson

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

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Nomenclature Committee Report dated November 18th, 2009

Council considered the following Nomenclature Committee Report dated November 18th, 2009:

- A. Brookfield Plains Subdivision, Stage 1B
Brookfield Plains Incorporated
 - 1. Glen Abbey Street
 - 2. Tullamore Street
 - 3. Tralee Street
 - 4. Rose Abbey Street
 - 5. Dunkerry Crescent

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

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Mayor's Advisory Committee on Seniors dated November 19th, 2009

Council considered the following Mayor's Advisory Committee Report on Seniors dated November 19th, 2009:

In Attendance: Councillor Tom Hann, Chairperson, Interim Chairperson
 Councillor Bruce Tilley
 Councillor Danny Breen
 Ms. Margaret Adey, CARP
 Mr. Frank Lee, Anglican Homes
 Ms. Heather Hickman, Manager of Community Development
 Ms. Helen Handrigan, Senior Housing Officer – Non-Profit Housing
 Division
 Ms. Jennifer Langmead, Adult Services Coordinator
 Ms. Kelly Butler, Recording Secretary

1. Presentation on Seniors Transit Fares – St. John's Transportation Commission

The Committee met with Judy Powell, General Manager – St. John's Transportation Commission who provided a PowerPoint presentation on the comparison of seniors' fares for various transit authorities in Atlantic Canada and Ontario. (A copy of the presentation is **attached.**)

The Committee recommends that Council request that the St. John's Transportation Commission provide the Committee with a report outlining the operational impacts of:

- a. reducing the cost of the monthly bus pass for seniors;**
- b. providing one free fare day per week for seniors; and**
- c. providing reduced fares to seniors during off-peak hours.**

2. Property Assessments and Taxation

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

The Committee recommends that:

- a. **the Seniors' Tax Discount for property tax be increased from 15% to 25% to those who would be eligible in accordance with the existing criteria;**
- b. **the City look at a long term strategy to revamp the Seniors Tax Discount Program in terms of qualification and eligibility so that it meets the current needs of today's seniors; and**
- c. **Council honour its promise that the mil rate be reduced so that seniors will not have an increase in their taxes this year**

3. Committee Membership

Councillor Hann advised that he had recently met with Dr. Wendy Young, who holds a Canada Research Chair in Healthy Aging at Memorial University. He noted that Dr. Young is very well versed on the topic of Age-Friendly Communities and Healthy Aging for Seniors. In this regard, he suggested that she be invited to join the Committee. Dr. Young's research and insight on seniors would be of great benefit to the Committee in carrying out its mandate.

The Committee recommends that Council approve the addition of Dr. Wendy Young to the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Seniors.

Councillor Tom Hann
Interim Chairperson

SJMC2009-11-23/658R

It was moved by Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the Committee's recommendations pertaining to Items 1 and 3 be approved and that Item #2 be dealt with under separate motion.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

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Regarding Item #2, It was moved by Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Breen: That the Committee's recommendation be referred for consideration to the budgetary process.

In this regard, Councillor Breen asked that the Director of Finance and City Treasurer provided a report to Council on the implications of approving the Committee's recommendation.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Art Procurement Jury Recommendations, November 18th, 2009

Council considered the following Art Procurement Jury Recommendations, dated November 18th, 2009:

As per the City's Public Art Program policies and procedures, a jury was convened on Wednesday, November 18th at the Department of Economic Development, Tourism, and Culture from noon until 9:00 p.m. to consider 236 pieces of art for the annual Art Procurement Program.

One of the goals of the City's Public Art Program is to engage the public with art and these new acquisitions enable the City to further this goal by displaying art in municipal buildings. Through this program, the City also invests in its local arts community and builds a collection that will be accessible to future generations.

Throughout the course of the day, there were several variables that impeded the jury's work and the jury respectfully submits the following recommendations to Council for their consideration:

1. The timing of Art Procurement is especially limiting to the jury's options. The City's artists have just been through the provincial Art Bank call for submissions, the Craft Fair, and the Arts and Letters Awards have opened their call for submissions. As well, several art openings have recently come and gone. The City's Art Procurement Program is not time sensitive and the jury would have a wider selection to choose from if the program was moved to the spring. This would ensure that the City's Civic Art Collection represents the best of its living artists.

Therefore, the jury respectfully recommends that consideration be given to moving the Art Procurement Program to the spring of the year.

2. There are a lot of large pieces that do not even get submitted to the jury because they would capture such a large share of the procurement budget. The City is therefore missing out on some of our artists' more ambitious works. This leaves a gap in the legacy that the yearly procurement sets up to create. A larger budget would ensure that the City is able to purchase larger public art pieces, and pieces that represent some of the best work of our artists. There has only been one increase to the budget and that was in 2002 when it was doubled from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00.

Therefore, the jury respectfully recommends that Council give consideration to increasing the Art Procurement Program's budget to \$40,000.00.

3. The City has an excellent program that hangs themed exhibits in the Great Hall. These pieces come from the collection as well as from visiting exhibits. This is a very commendable initiative because it brings the contemporary arts to the general public in an interesting and accessible way. It would be very beneficial if more people knew about this opportunity to see the collection. As it stands, the exhibits are there for those who happen to be going to City Hall but it would be beneficial to the public if they were made aware of the program and were able to visit City Hall to see the art that is on display in the Great Hall.

Therefore, the Jury respectfully recommends that the City conduct a public service announcement of the annual exhibit schedule.

The jury would also like to commend Council on the welcome sign and pin cards that profile local artists. These are very well done and show Council’s commitment to the arts.

The works recommended this year, which are attached for Council’s approval, cover a good representation of a variety of media, emerging, mid-career, and senior artists, as well as pieces that were submitted by galleries and those that were submitted by individuals. The jury was pleased to participate in the City’s Art Procurement program this year and would like to thank the City for this opportunity and for this program, which is a significant contribution to the development of the arts as well as an opportunity for the public to experience art.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Sheilagh O’Leary
Will Gill
Pat Grattan

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It was moved by Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the recommendations #1 and 3 be approved as presented; that recommendation #2 be referred to budget discussions for consideration, and further, that the Committee’s recommendation on the art procurement pieces be approved as presented.

The motion being was unanimously carried.

Development Permits List

Council considered as information the following Development Permit List for the period November 13 to 19, 2009:

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
FOR THE PERIOD OF November 13, 2009 TO November 19, 2009

Code	Applicant	Application	Location	Ward	Development Officer’s Decision	Date
COM	Cheryl Stacey-Barrett	Home Day Care	33 Petite Forte Drive	4	Approved	09-11-13
COM	Gerald Ballett	Home Office Balco Construction	342 Thorburn Road	4	Approved	09-11-17

COM	Deborah Smith	Home Office Professional Development Consultant	2 Inverness Place	1	Approved	09-11-17
COM	Allister George	Home Office Anchor Moving	379 Newfoundland Drive	1	Approved	09-11-19

* 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

SJMC2009-11-23/661R

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

2009/11/18

Permits List

CLASS: COMMERCIAL

CMHA	70 BOULEVARD	CO OFFICE
SALVATION ARMY	56 KENMOUNT RD, UNIT B	CO WAREHOUSE
SCREAMING EAGLE	673 TOPSAIL RD SCREAMING EAGLE	CO RETAIL STORE
2010 JUNO HOST COMMITTEE INC.	215 WATER ST	TI RETAIL STORE
BELL ALIANT	40 ABERDEEN AVE	SN RETAIL STORE
KENNY ENTERPRISES LIMITED	63 BROOKFIELD RD	MS CONVENIENCE STORE
HAIR SOLUTIONS	10 ELIZABETH AVE	MS SERVICE SHOP
CARMAX INC.	120 KENMOUNT RD	MS RETAIL STORE
MARIES MINI MART	484-490 MAIN RD	MS CONVENIENCE STORE
ATLANTIC HOSE & FITTINGS	50 PIPPY PL	MS OFFICE
FORTIS PROPERTIES CORPORATION	180 PORTUGAL COVE RD	MS OFFICE
LE CHATEAU	430 TOPSAIL RD, LE CHATEAU	SN RETAIL STORE
BIG CHEESE PIZZA LTD.	657 TOPSAIL RD	SN TAKE-OUT FOOD SERVICE
BELLIES & BUNDLES	286 TORBAY RD, BELLIES & BUND	SN RETAIL STORE
CANADIAN MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC.	38 GEAR ST	CR OFFICE
EASYHOME	272-276 TORBAY RD, EASYHOME	CR RETAIL STORE
ROD FORWARD	484-490 MAIN RD	CR RESTAURANT

PIPPY INSURANCE	GOLDSTONE ST, LOT 1	TI OFFICE
HIBERNIA MANAGEMENT AND	100 NEW GOWER ST, 6TH FLOOR	RN OFFICE
		THIS WEEK \$ 599,792.00

CLASS: INDUSTRIAL

THIS WEEK \$.00

CLASS: GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL

GRAND CONCOURSE AUTHORITY	439 ALLANDALE RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
DEPT. OF JUSTICE PROVINCIAL	215 WATER ST 4TH FLOOR	RN OFFICE
		THIS WEEK \$ 55,000.00

CLASS: RESIDENTIAL

TREVOR ANTHONY KING	38 ALMOND CRES	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
MICHELLE O'KEEFE	51 OLD BAY BULLS RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
LEONARD & DIANE KNOX	47 BAYBERRY PL	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
IRA STACEY	9 SPRUCE GROVE AVE	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
DAWN MOOTREY	BISHOP'S LINE, LOT 1	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
PHILIP POWER & SON	CASTLE BRIDGE DR, LOT 62	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
PRO TECH CONSTRUCTION LTD	70 CASTLE BRIDGE DR, LOT 29	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
D.C. CONTRACTING LTD.	74 CASTLE BRIDGE DR, LOT 30	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
WAYNE CLARKE	34 CONNORS AVE	NC FENCE
MACINTYRE HOMES	25 GOLD MEDAL DR, LOT 179	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
LLOYDE & VALERIE GEARY	11 HAWKER CRES	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
SKYMARK HOMES	34 ICELAND PL, LOT 13	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
SKYMARK HOMES	42 ICELAND PL, LOT 17	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
SKYMARK HOMES	70 ICELAND PL, LOT 31	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
SKYMARK HOMES	51 ICELAND PL, LOT 41	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
SYLVESTER & MOYA CROCKER	4 JAMIE KORAB ST	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
PAUL MURPHY CONSTRUCTION LTD.	12 JUDGE PL	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
SCOTT MCDONALD	5 KERR ST	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
CARDINAL HOMES LTD.	11 LIONS RD, LOT 47	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
DARRYL & LAURA HOOPER	83 MACBETH DR	NC FENCE
PAUL MURPHY CONST LIMITED	57 MARK NICHOLS PL, LOT 5-221	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
MELISSA HOPKINS	14 MYRICK PL	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
SKYMARK HOMES	47 NAVAJO PLACE - LOT 220	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
SKYMARK HOMES	34 PIPER ST, LOT 209	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
HANN CONSTRUCTION LTD.	46 SGT. CRAIG GILLAM AVE L-18	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ERCO HOMES	68 SHORTALL ST, LOT 48	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
NEW VICTORIAN HOMES	69 SHORTALL ST, LOT 65	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
GERALD BALLETT	342 THORBURN RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
PERRY C. MCCARTHY	19 WHITEFORD PL	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
KEVIN NORMAN AND	13 LIONS RD	CR SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
TED BLANCHARD	133 NEW COVE RD	CR SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
NOLAN/HALL	60 QUEEN'S RD/101B/HAWTHORNES	CR TOWNHOUSING
CRAIG BORDEN	117 NEWTOWN RD	EX SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
GERALD BALLETT	342 THORBURN RD	EX SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
CHARLES SNOOK	12 CALGARY ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
STEADFAST CONTRACTING LTD	8 CARIBOU PL	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ETHELBERT & SHIRLEY REID	26 CARPASIAN RD	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
STEPHANIE L. NEWELL &	10 COWAN AVE	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
WAYNE H. IVANY	12 KATIE PL	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
CHRISTOPHER STUCKLESS	41 NAVAJO PL	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
GERARD MICHAEL HAYES &	11 O'DRISCOLL PL	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
BERNARD ADEY	184 PATRICK ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
SUSAN PEREIRA	97 QUIDI VIDI RD	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING

STEPHEN O'DEA	119 RENNIE'S MILL RD	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
IAN FUREY	18 SGT. CRAIG GILLAM AVE	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
SAMUEL WHIFFEN	45 SGT. CRAIG GILLAM AVE	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
MICHAEL WALBOURNE	12 TOBY MCDONALD ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
MICHAEL BROWNE	16 WALSH'S LANE	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
CHRISTOPHER ENGLISH	31 ALLANDALE RD	SW SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
CROSBIE INDUSTRIAL	69 FRESHWATER RD	SW SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
CROSBIE INDUSTRIAL	71 FRESHWATER RD	SW SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
LLOYD BOLAND	270 MUNDY POND RD	SW SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
DONALD WHITE	473 NEWFOUNDLAND DR	SW SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT

THIS WEEK \$ 4,286,998.00

CLASS: DEMOLITION

WAYNE WARD	655-657 MAIN RD	DM SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
11151 NFLD LTD	164 MAJOR'S PATH	DM SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
NEWFOUNDLAND STRUCTURES INC.	8-10 ROWAN ST, SHEPELL	DM RETAIL STORE

THIS WEEK \$ 17,000.00

THIS WEEK'S TOTAL: \$ 4,958,790.00

REPAIR PERMITS ISSUED: 2009/11/12 TO 2009/11/18 \$ 69,500.00

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

SJMC2009-11-23/662R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending November 19th, 2009, be approved:

**Weekly Payment Vouchers
For The
Week Ending November 19, 2009**

PAYROLL

Public Works	\$ 315,895.10
Bi-Weekly Casual	\$ 16,584.97

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Cheque No. 154219 – 155555	\$5,105,105.13
Total:	\$5,437,585.20

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Tender

- a. Tender – Bus Service for Olympic Torch Relay
- b. Tender – Dry Polymer for Riverhead Facility

SJMC2009-11-23/663R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Hanlon: That the recommendation of the Director of Finance and City Treasurer be approved and the tenders awarded as follows:

- a. **City Wide Taxi in the amount of \$28,546.20, taxes not included**
- b. **NF Eco Tech in the amount of \$34,608.00, taxes not included**

Petitions

Councillor Collins tabled a petition the prayer of which reads as follows and which has been referred to the public meeting to be held on this issue November 25, 2009:

We the undersigned Citizens of the Community of Kilbride, Civic Numbers 111 to 125 Bay Bulls Road in the City of St. John’s request that the development of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation Property above the Kilbride Cemetery re-zoning application by Johann Wager be deferred.

This residential development would block the access to the Back Land of civic Numbers 222 to 125 Bay Bulls Road thus rendering their property as undevelopable and worthless.

Therefore this proposed development continuing as is without the inclusion of the Back Land of civic Numbers 111 to 125 Bay Bulls Road would severely impact economically these citizens of St. John’s.

We request that City of St. John’s ensure that the Back Land of Civic Numbers 111 to 125 Bay Bulls Road be included in the Rezoning and Development of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation Property.

Shortall Estate – Southside Road

Council considered a memorandum dated November 18th, 2009 from the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor regarding the above noted.

SJMC2009-11-23/664R

It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the recommendation of the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor that compensation in the amount of \$6000.00 be paid to the estate of Mabel Shortall for land expropriated by the City at Southside Road for street upgrading, be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

291 Southern Shore Highway – Michael Walsh

Council considered a memorandum dated November 18th, 2009 from the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor regarding the above noted.

SJMC2009-11-23/665R

It was moved by Councillor Hickman; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the recommendation of the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor that approval be given to purchase property at 291 Southern Shore Highway at the appraised value of \$50,000.00, once the 2010 budget has been approved and there are sufficient funds to do so, be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

707 Blackmarsh Road – Scott Whiteway

Council considered a memorandum dated November 19th, 2009 from the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor regarding the above noted.

SJMC2009-11-23/666R

It was moved by Councillor Hickman; seconded by Councillor Hann: That land at 707 Blackmarsh Road required by the city for intersection improvements be expropriated, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be Authorized to execute Notice of Expropriation.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Request from Wendolyn Schlamp-Hickey, Project Coordinator, Marguerite's Place from waiver of all development and permits fees associated with the Marguerite Place facility.

Council unanimously agreed to the above noted request.

Councillor Hanlon

Councillor Hanlon tabled a letter from Scott Barney concerning garbage along the Outer Ring Road, which was referred to the Director of Public Works and Parks for follow-up.

Councillor Hanlon tabled a complaint from Sharon Grant of 6 Mabledon Place asking that Council get involved in her complaint to Newfoundland Power to have the street lights serviced in that area due to the fact that Newfoundland Power has yet to respond to her complaint and the fact that the City pays for the lighting.

Councillor Tilley

Councillor Tilley tabled a letter from Mr. Frank Cluett, 7 Portland Place, concerning running water onto and across his property on Portland Place. The matter was referred to the Director of Public Works and Parks for follow-up.

Councillor Galgay

Councillor Galgay noted he attended the 2009 Atlantic Planners Institute Conference held in St. John's November 18-20 and congratulated Mr. Ken O'Brien, Manger of Planning and Information, Chair of the Committee, for his work towards a very successful event.

Councillor Breen

Councillor Breen advised Council that he attended the announcement by the Provincial Government regarding the construction of two new long term care facilities in the east end of the City to be operational by 2013. He noted that the government officials intend to meet with the City in terms of the engineering and planning aspects as the project moves forward. In this regard, His Worship the Mayor congratulated and thanked the government on this very significant project.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK