

**November 26, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the St. John's Municipal Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 5:00 p.m. today.

His Worship the Mayor presided.

There were present also Deputy Mayor O'Keefe, Councillors Duff, Hickman, Hann, Puddister, Galgay, Coombs, Ellsworth and Collins.

Regrets: Councillor Colbert

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

#### **Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda**

##### **SJMC2007-11-26/654R**

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

- a. Memorandum dated November 26, 2007 from the Director of Planning re: Discretionary Use Application for an Infill Housing Development, Proposed Dwelling Unit, Tessier Place (Ward 2)

#### **Adoption of Minutes**

##### **SJMC2007-11-26/655R**

**It was decided on motion of Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hann:  
That the Minutes of the November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting be adopted as presented.**

#### **Notices Published**

1. **A Discretionary Use Application** has been submitted by Janet Lennie and Graham Openshaw requesting permission to construct one (1) Infill Housing Dwelling Unit at **Civic No. 11 Tessier Place**. The proposed two (2) storey

house will comprise a total floor area of 235 m<sup>2</sup>. On-site parking will accommodate one (1) vehicle. **(Ward 2)**

Four (4) letters of objections  
Memorandum dated November 26, 2007 from the Director of Planning

**SJMC2007-11-26/656R**

**It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the recommendation of the Director of Planning that Council defer a decision on the application pending review of the written public submissions by the Department of Planning with the Department of Public Works and Parks and the City's Transportation Engineer, be approved.**

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**Public Hearing Report dated November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

Re: Application to consider rezoning property at Civic Number 48 Airport Heights Drive  
Memorandum dated November 19, 2007 from the Director of Planning

Council considered a public hearing report dated November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 which was held to discuss an application from Goulds Pond Realty Limited (Mr. Brian Scammell) to rezone property at Civic Number 48 Airport Heights Drive from the Residential Low Density (R1) Zone to the Commercial Neighbourhood (CN) Zone. The application is located in Ward 4.

Council also considered a memorandum dated November 19, 2007 from the Director of Planning.

**SJMC2007-11-26/657R**

**It was moved by Councillor Coombs; seconded by Councillor Puddister: That staff be directed to proceed with processing of the rezoning application, and that the mapping for St. John's Municipal Plan Amendment Number 55, 2007 and St. John's Development Regulations Amendment Number 424, 2007 be adopted-in-principle, subject to Provincial release.**

Discussion ensued during which members of Council supporting the motion agreed that the proposed business is of a low key nature and would not negatively

impact the quality of life of the abutting neighbours. They noted that the proponent is prepared to sign any particular waiver with respect to its use and pointed out that Council has the authority to approve a site-specific rezoning which would restrict the types of uses that could be allowed to operate from the site under a CN Zoning designation.

Members of Council speaking against the motion argued that the majority of the residents attending the public meeting spoke against the rezoning application, their major concerns being increased traffic, noise, devaluation of neighbourhood properties, parking, spot zoning and creeping commercialism. Some members of Council noted that Council has an obligation to respect the interests of the abutting neighbours and were concerned that approving this application would be precedent setting in that other developers would seek the same type of site-specific rezoning.

**Following discussion, the motion being put there voted for it the mover, seconder, and Councillors Duff and Galgay. Voting against the motion were Deputy Mayor O’Keefe, Councillors Ellsworth, Collins, Hann, Hickman and His Worship the Mayor. The motion was lost.**

**Development Committee Reports dated November 20, 2007**

Council considered the following Development Committee Reports dated November 20, 2007:

**Report #1:**

**RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL**

- 1. Proposed Installation of a Temporary Meteorological Assessment Tower  
Anemos Energy  
Off Southern Shore Highway (Opposite Bay Bulls Big Pond) – Ward 5**

The Development Committee recommends that Council approve the above noted application.

- 2. Crown Land Grant Referral  
Mr. Harold F. Benson  
Blackhead Road – Ward 5**

The Development Committee recommends that Council approve the Crown Land Grant application. Should the applicant be successful in obtaining the requested 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.

**RECOMMENDATION OF REJECTION**

- 3. Crown Land Grant Referral  
Ms. Krista St. Croix  
Southern Shore Highway – Ward 5**

The Development Committee recommends that Council reject the Crown Land Grant application as it is contrary to Section 10.46 of the St. John's Development Regulations which does not permit residential development in the Watershed (W) Zone.

**OTHER**

- 4. Request to Establish Building Line  
ERCO Developments Inc.  
Lot 19 Empire Avenue – Ward 2**

The Development Committee recommends that Council grant the request and establish the building line for Lot 19 Empire Avenue at 5.4 metres.

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

**SJMC2007-11-26/658R**

**Regarding Item #1: It was decided on motion of Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the Committee's recommendation of approval be accepted.**

**SJMC2007-11-26/659aR**

**Regarding Item #2: It was decided on motion of Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the Committee's recommendation of approval of the Crown Land Grant be accepted.**

**SJMC2007-11-26/659bR**

**Regarding Item #3: It was decided on motion of Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the Committee's recommendation of rejection of the Crown Land Grant as it is contrary to Section 10.46 of the St. John's Development Regulations, be accepted.**

**SJMC2007-11-26/659cR**

**Regarding Item #4: It was decided on motion of Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the Committee's recommendation that Council establish the building line for Lot 19 Empire Avenue at 5.4 metres, be approved.**

**Report #2:**

**RECOMMENDATION OF REJECTION**

- 1. Application for a Residential Building Lot  
Mr. Larry LeDrew  
47-51 Barton's Road – Ward 5**

The Development Committee recommends that Council reaffirm its previous rejections of the applications for a proposed residential building lot at this location.

**Cliff Johnston, MCIP  
Director of Planning**

**SJMC2007-11-26/659dR**

**It was decided on motion of Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the Committee's recommendation of rejection be accepted.**

**Police and Traffic Committee Report dated November 14, 2007**

Council considered the following Police and Traffic Committee Report dated November 14, 2007:

In attendance:

- Mayor Andy Wells, Chairperson
- Councillor Art Puddister
- Councillor Frank Galgay
- Councillor Ron Ellsworth
- Sgt. Paul Murphy, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary
- Chris Whelan, St. John's Transportation Commission
- Bob LeDrew, Nfld. Carriers Association
- Robin King, Transportation Engineer
- Mark Stuckless, Traffic Operations Engineer
- Dawn Corner, Supervisor of Parking and Traffic
- Bill MacDonald, Supervisor of Traffic Signals
- Chris Pitcher, Supervisor of Parking Services
- Phil Hiscock, Operations Assistant – Streets Division
- Derm Layman, Foreperson – Public Works & Parks
- Kelly Butler, Recording Secretary

**1. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of September 12, 2007, were adopted as presented.

**2. Deferred Items**

Discussion on the following matters was deferred pending further investigation by staff:

- ∇ Election Signage Policy
- ∇ Parking Lot at Rawlins Cross
- ∇ Street Name Signage

**3. Torbay Road @ Mary Queen of Peace – Request for Full Traffic Signal**

The Transportation Engineer advised that members of the Mary Queen of Peace school council have expressed concern with respect to traffic backups on their parking lot which causes spillback on both their lot and on Torbay Road. They have requested that the access point be combined with the existing pedestrian activated signal to create a fully signalized intersection.

A traffic signal analysis was conducted which indicated that installation of a full traffic signal is not warranted. Staff also conducted several site visits, and noted that during peak times, the traffic queue on the parking was cleared up within 10 minutes.

Councillor Puddister inquired if the new Tim Horton's store would further exacerbate the problem with traffic trying to exit two major accesses in close proximity to one another. The Transportation Engineer indicated that he did not anticipate any problems, however, staff would monitor the situation.

**The Committee recommends that the school paint left and right turn lane from the Mary Queen of Peace school parking lot at Torbay Road.**

**4. Gairlock Street – Requests from Airport Heights Citizens for Safe Neighbourhoods**

The Committee considered correspondence from the Airports Heights Citizens for Safe Neighbourhoods Committee. The Transportation Engineer advised that Traffic Division staff have investigated the issues put forward by the Citizens Committee and have taken the following steps:

- ∇ A traffic and pedestrian count was conducted at the intersection of Gairlock Street at Kincaid Street to determine if a crosswalk is warranted. Using the guidelines of the Transportation Association of Canada's (TAC) Pedestrian Crossing Manual, it was determined that a crosswalk is not warranted at this location.

- ∇ A work order has been issued for the installation of Playground Ahead warning signs on Gairlock Street. The City is using a new warrant from TAC for the installation of this signage. Other playgrounds in Airport Heights and other areas throughout the City will also be checked to determine if signage is warranted.

The Citizens Committee also requested that the playground be enclosed by a fence. Councillor Ellsworth advised that he has been discussing this matter with Mr. Brian Head, the Operations Assistance for the Parks Division. The installation of hedging is being considered as an alternative to a fence. He noted that the hedging will be planted inside the existing chain link fencing so as not to pose a sight distance problem.

The Transportation Engineer suggested that the request that the City enact a by-law to protect citizens in developing neighbourhoods from construction safety issues be deferred to allow staff more time to do additional research on the topic. He noted that staff have done some preliminary research, however, they were unable to find any restrictions that other municipalities have put on heavy equipment. Councillor Ellsworth indicated that the Citizens Committee has had some discussions with the Home Builders Association in this regard, and they are asking that developers take more precautions when using heavy equipment in developing residential neighbourhoods, such as using alternate routes. The Citizens Committee will continue to work with the area developer to see what can be done.

#### **5. Cowan Avenue, Canada Drive, Frecker Drive – Request for School Zone Traffic Safety Improvements**

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The Committee considered correspondence from Katie and Bernard Williams, and the St. Matthew's School Council regarding the above noted matter. The main concerns were with speeding and the lack of school zone signage.

The Transportation Engineer advised that staff reviewed the school zone signage, and it was determined that it is sufficient based on TAC's Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. However, two signs on Canada Drive were a little out of line with the limits of the school zone, and work orders have been issued to have them relocated to more appropriate places. A speed study was also conducted which indicated that speeding is a problem on Canada Drive. The Transportation Engineer also advised that the Williams' have requested that parking lanes and a center line be painted on Canada Drive similar to what has been done on Frecker Drive in order to reduce speeding. He noted that due to the width of Canada Drive, a median lane with a hatch through it would need to be painted instead of just a regular center line.

A lengthy discussion ensued with it being noted that the City has been receiving increasing amount of these requests, however, the lack of equipment makes it difficult to do regular street line painting and keep up with these types of requests. It was also noted that painting a median lane with a hatch on Canada Drive will be more expensive than painting a regular center line. However, painting center lines and parking lanes has worked in reducing speeds on other streets (Carrick and Frecker Drives). It was also

noted that the City has no set policy in place to deal with these requests, and no criteria to determine priority.

**The Committee recommends that Canada Drive be approved for pavement markings to discourage speeding; and that a crosswalk be installed on Canada Drive east of Cowan Avenue in the vicinity of Stephenville Street.**

**6. Topsail Road – Speeding Complaint**

The Committee considered correspondence from Eric Thompson regarding the above noted matter. The Traffic Division conducted a speed study which indicated that speeding is a problem.

**The Committee recommends that the speeding issue on Topsail Road be referred to the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary for follow-up.**

**7. Calgary Street – Speeding Complaint and Request for a Crosswalk**

The Committee considered correspondence from Carla Evans regarding the above noted matter.

The Transportation Engineer advised that a speed study was done last year and it confirmed that speeding is an issue on Calgary Street. To that end, the street was placed on the Neighbourhood Speed Watch Program, and the unit has been on the street twice (once in 2006 and 2007). The enforcement of the speed limit was referred to the RNC for action.

In addition, a crosswalk study was also done on the intersection of Calgary Street and Mercer Drive which indicated that a crosswalk is not warranted at this location.

**The Committee recommends that:**

- a. curve warning signs be installed on the street;**
- b. that the issue of speeding again be referred to the RNC for follow-up;  
and**
- c. that a crosswalk not be installed at the intersection of Calgary Street  
and Mercer Drive.**

With respect to the request for a painted center line, it was agreed to defer a decision on this matter, and staff would continue to monitor the situation.



**8. CD# R2007-10-01/29 – Speeding Technologies**

The Transportation Engineer advised that the City is a member of the Province's Road Safety Committee, and they are currently working on Provincial Road Safety Plan to be implemented by 2010. It is hoped that the plan will enable municipalities to have photo radar, red light camera technology, etc. The Province will have to adopt new legislation to amend the Highway Traffic Act to permit the use of such technologies. Other issues the Committee is exploring is increased police enforcement, a graduated drivers license program, and improving impaired driving targets. The Transportation Engineer advised that as soon as the details of the plan are available, he would bring it to the Committee for review.

**9. Mundy Pond Road @ St. Teresa's School – Request for Signage and Pavement Marking Improvements**

The Committee considered correspondence from the St. Teresa's Parking Lot Safety Committee regarding the above noted matter, and making the following recommendations for changes:

- ∇ Installation of a left turn lane for eastbound vehicles on Mundy Pond Road entering the school parking lot;
- ∇ Installation of a No Passing zone for westbound vehicles on Mundy Pond Road;
- ∇ Installation of a No Left Turn sign for vehicles exiting the parking lot onto Mundy Pond Road;
- ∇ Installation of No Parking signage on Mundy Pond Road in the vicinity of the crosswalk; and
- ∇ Increased presence of the Parking Enforcement School Patrol.

The Supervisor of Parking and Traffic advised that the Traffic Division is working on a pavement marking plan for the section of Mundy Pond Road in front of the school which will include a left turn lane into the school. There is already a double yellow center line on the approach to the crosswalk in front of the school which indicates a No Passing zone. No Stopping signage is already in place across the school frontage which should prevent cars from parking on the approaches to the crosswalk. With respect to the request for an increased presence of the Parking Enforcement School Patrol, she noted that the patrol is responsible for enforcement at a number of schools, including St. Teresa's which is regularly patrolled.

Regarding the request for the installation of a No Left Turn sign, the Supervisor of Parking and Traffic indicated that the Traffic Division has no objection to the installation of such signage as long as it does not result in vehicles making illegal u-turns on Mundy Pond Road to compensate for the restricted movement. The installation of the signage would have to undertaken by the School Council as the City cannot install signs on private property.

**The Committee recommends that a pavement marking plan be completed for Mundy Pond Road in the vicinity of St. Teresa's school, including an eastbound turn lane if it can be accommodated.**

**10. Torbay Road at Prim Place – Request for a Crosswalk**

The Transportation Engineer indicated that a crosswalk study was done at the above noted location, and it indicated that a crosswalk is warranted. An RA-5 Flashing Beacon Assembly or a Red-Amber-Green traffic signal is recommended for crosswalks on a four-lane highway.

Councillor Puddister noted that there is little driver compliance with the flashing amber crossing devices, and they offer a false sense of security to pedestrians. He suggested that a full pedestrian activated Red-Amber-Green signal would probably be best.

**The Committee recommends that a crosswalk be installed on Torbay Road at Prim Place once the funds are available for Red-Amber-Green pedestrian activated signal to be installed, and that the location be added to the Pedestrian Crosswalk Upgrade Capital Works list.**

**11. Bay Bulls Road @ Long Beach Street – Request for a Crosswalk**

The Supervisor of Parking and Traffic advised that a crosswalk study was undertaken on November 7<sup>th</sup>, which indicated that a crosswalk is not warranted at this time.

**The Committee recommends that request be denied and the status quo maintained.**

**12. Hunts Lane @ Brophy Place (Daycare) – Request for a Crosswalk**

The Supervisor of Parking and Traffic advised that a crosswalk study was undertaken on October 26<sup>th</sup>, which indicated that a crosswalk is not warranted at this time.

**The Committee recommends that request be denied and the status quo maintained.**

**13. Brookfield Road @ Mifflin Court – Request for a Crosswalk**

The Supervisor of Parking and Traffic advised that a crosswalk study was undertaken on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, which indicated that a crosswalk is not warranted at this time.

**The Committee recommends that request be denied and the status quo maintained.**

**14. Churchill Avenue – Request for a Crosswalk**

The Committee deferred a decision on the above noted request pending the completion of a crosswalk study by the Traffic Division.

**15. Larkhall Street @ Wicklow Street – Complaint re: Lack of Compliance with Stop Control**

The Supervisor of Parking and Traffic advised that the City received a complaint from an area resident who is experiencing difficulty backing out of their driveway due to the lack of compliance at the stop sign. Staff visited the site and noted that all signage and pavement markings at the intersection are quite clear and more than adequate. However, there may be a sight distance issue on the southwest corner from Larkhall Street onto Wicklow Street, and this may be impeding the visibility of oncoming vehicles.

The Supervisor of Parking and Traffic also advised that when this issue was originally dealt with in 2000, the Committee recommended that a stop sign be temporarily installed on Wicklow Street and that after a few months, the stop sign on Larkhall Street be removed. However, due to an administrative oversight, the stop sign was never removed. It appears that the intersection is functioning safely as it is.

**The Committee recommends that:**

- a. the all-way stop remain in place at the intersection of Larkhall Street and Wicklow Street;**
- b. the sight line on the southwest corner be addressed; and**
- c. the lack of compliance at the stop sign be forwarded to the RNC for follow-up.**

**16. Larkhall Street – Parking and Traffic Issues**

The Committee considered correspondence from Drs. Reddy and Nurse, and K.M. Corbett, regarding the above noted matter. The Supervisor of Parking and Traffic advised that the residents are concerned with non-residential parking on the street and with traffic flow at the intersection of Larkhall Street at Wicklow Street.

**The Committee recommends that:**

- a. a No Parking Anytime restriction be installed across the end of Larkhall Street;**
- b. a No Parking 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. restriction be installed on Larkhall Street east of Wicklow Street as per the residents' request; and**
- c. the all-way stop control remain in place at the Larkhall Street/Wicklow Street intersection.**

**17. Duckworth Street – Request for Short Term Parking Meters**

The Supervisor of Parking and Traffic advised that the owner of the Fish Shop on Duckworth Street is requesting that a short term meter be designated in front of his business.

**The Committee recommends that a fifteen minute parking meter be installed on Duckworth Street adjacent to the Fish Shop.**

**18. Lake Avenue – Parking Complaint**

The Committee considered correspondence from Bill Breen expressing his concerns regarding people parking across his driveway, and that his site lines are being restricted by cars parked on either side of his driveway. The Transportation Engineer noted that prior to the opening of the new supermarket, it was agreed that the City would install a parking lane for residential parking. However, it is being used by residents and customers of the supermarket. He also noted that Mr. Breen has been advised that anytime he finds a vehicle blocking his driveway, he can call 311 and a traffic officer will be dispatched to investigate. The offending vehicle can be ticketed or towed away. The Transportation Engineer noted that there have been no other complaints from area residents in this regard.

The Supervisor of Parking and Traffic advised that she had spoken to the manager of the supermarket to ask that he remind employees not to park on the street, however, the manager indicated that employees have been instructed to park at the bottom of the parking lot. She also noted that there had been signage and restricted parking on the south side of Lake Avenue when Memorial Stadium was in operation. This was to discourage parking during events at the Stadium which tended to create a traffic jam on the street.

**The Committee recommends that a decision on this matter be deferred and that staff continue to monitor the situation and report back to the Committee's next meeting.**

**19. Carnell Drive and Lakeview Avenue – Parking Complaint**

The Committee considered correspondence from John Colbert, March Street, regarding the above noted matter.

The Transportation Engineer advised that the parking restrictions on Carnell Drive were assessed prior to the opening of the new soccer stadium. The street is wide enough to accommodate parking on one side of the street north of the bridge. With respect to the situation on Lakeview Avenue, he advised that a parking restriction for part of the street has been approved by the Committee at its last meeting.

**The Committee recommends that the status quo be maintained on Carnell Drive.**

**20. Cherrington Street – Commercial Vehicles Parking in Residential Areas**

The Committee considered correspondence from Derrick and Emma Day regarding the above noted matter.

The Transportation Engineer advised that the City's Commercial Vehicle Parking By-Law states that a commercial vehicle with a maximum weight not exceeding 10,000 lbs is permitted to park in a residential area. Therefore, the Wheelway bus parked adjacent to the Day's property is legally parked. He noted that the Day's have asked to have the by-law amended to restrict all commercial vehicles exceeding 5,000 lbs. from parking in residential areas. However, he noted this could create problems for large pickup trucks and SUVs.

**The Committee recommends that the status quo be maintained.**

**21. Monkstown Road – Residential Permit Parking**

For the Committee's information, the Supervisor of Parking and Traffic that the Traffic Division has installed Residential Permit Parking on Monkstown Road in response to parking complaints from area residents.

The Committee concurred with the action taken by the Traffic Division in this matter.

**22. Goodridge Street – Request for No Parking Restriction**

The Supervisor of Parking and Traffic advised that the City had received a request from a resident of Goodridge Street requesting a No Parking Except Disabled restriction in front of their property where there is a ramp for disabled access.

**The Committee recommends that the request for a No Parking except Disabled restriction be approved.**

**23. Mundy Pond Road/Ropewalk Lane/Pearce Avenue – Upgrade of Traffic Signal**

The Supervisor of Parking and Traffic advised that there is currently a half signal at the intersection of Mundy Pond Road/Ropewalk Lane/Pearce Avenue. The City has been received complaints of non-compliance with the stop signs. A traffic signal analysis was conducted which indicated that installation of a full traffic signal is very close to being warranted, and there were several accidents at the intersection in 2006. Most of the infrastructure required for a full signal was installed when the half-signal was installed, so the cost of upgrading will be much less than for a full signal installation. Therefore, Traffic Division staff recommended that the half signal be upgraded to a full signal.

**The Committee recommends that the half signal at the intersection of Mundy Pond Road/Ropewalk Lane/Pearce Avenue be upgraded to a full signal.**

**24. Duckworth Street – Request for Residential Permit Parking**

His Worship the Mayor advised that he had received a request from a constituent that the City consider installing Residential Permit Parking on Duckworth Street. The Supervisor of Parking and Traffic indicated that there is no Residential Permit Parking on Duckworth Street or Water Street as these streets contain mainly commercial businesses, and there is no room to include residential parking in addition to parking meters.

**25. Crossing Guard Recognition – Vanier School**

For the Committee's information, the Supervisor of Parking Services advised that the Crossing Guard at Vanier School had been entered in FedEx's "Canada's Favourite Crossing Guard" contest and has been chosen as one of three national winners. The winners receive a \$250 prize and the nominating school wins a \$850 pizza party for the school.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the Vanier School Crossing Guard be brought to a Regular Meeting of Council to be recognized for winning the award. The Supervisor of Parking Services indicated he would make the appropriate arrangements.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**Mayor Andy Wells  
Chairperson**

**SJMC2007-11-26/659eR**

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

Regarding Item #11, Councillor Collins asked for reconsideration, however, it was pointed out by the Mayor that the traffic and pedestrian volumes do not meet the warrants.

Regarding Item #4, Councillor Ellsworth noted that he supports the warrant system, however, the crosswalk request will be revisited in the spring and the residents are in the process of presenting a petition.

During discussion with respect to speeding, His Worship the Mayor noted that he has asked the Transportation Engineer to look at the possibility of purchasing Community Radar Boards. He also stressed the importance of parents educating their children on street proofing and suggested they access information on line such as a web page "Safe Kids Canada".

**Following discussion, the motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**2008 Tax Rates**

**SJMC2007-11-26/660R**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor O’Keefe; seconded by Councillor Ellsworth:  
That the following Resolution be adopted:**

**2008 PROPERTY TAX RATE RESOLUTION – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provisions of the St. John's Assessment Act and all other powers it enabling, the St. John's Municipal Council hereby fixes the real property tax rate for the 2008 fiscal year as follows, namely:-

1. for residential properties and the residential portion of mixed commercial/residential properties, the real property tax rate is 1.10 percent per annum of the assessed value of the property in respect of which the tax is imposed.
2. (a) where the real property tax applies to buildings to which water mains are not accessible for servicing such buildings with water services, the tax rates referred to in (1) hereof shall be reduced by .05 percent per annum of the assessed value; and,  
(b) where the real property tax applies to buildings to which sewer mains are not accessible for servicing such buildings with sewer services, the tax rates referred to in (1) hereof shall be reduced by .05 percent per annum of the assessed value.

The said taxes shall be due and payable half-yearly in advance on the 1st. day of January and the 1st. day of July, 2008.

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**SJMC2007-11-26/661R**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor O’Keefe; seconded by Councillor Ellsworth:  
That the following Resolution be adopted:**

**2008 PROPERTY TAX RATE RESOLUTION – COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES**

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provisions of the St. John's Assessment Act and all other powers it enabling, the St. John's Municipal Council hereby fixes the commercial property tax rate for the 2008 fiscal year as follows, namely:-

1. for commercial properties and the commercial portion of mixed commercial/residential properties, the real property tax rate is 1.72 percent per annum of the assessed value of the property in respect of which the tax is imposed.

- 2. (a) where the real property tax applies to buildings to which water mains are not accessible for servicing such buildings with water services, the tax rates referred to in (1) hereof shall be reduced by .05 percent per annum of the assessed value; and,
- (b) where the real property tax applies to buildings to which sewer mains are not accessible for servicing such buildings with sewer services, the tax rates referred to in (1) hereof shall be reduced by .05 percent per annum of the assessed value.

The said taxes shall be due and payable half-yearly in advance on the 1st. day of January and the 1st. day of July, 2008.

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**SJMC2007-11-26/662R**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor O’Keefe; seconded by Councillor Ellsworth: That the following Resolution be adopted:**

**2008 BUSINESS TAX RATE RESOLUTION**

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provisions of The St. John's Assessment Act, and all other powers it enabling, the St. John's Municipal Council fixes the business tax rates for the 2008 fiscal year as follows:-

Banks/Trust Co/Credit Unions	6.895 percent per annum
Loan Companies/Investment Firms and Life Insurance Companies	4.924 percent per annum
Oil Companies Tank Farms	3.549 percent per annum
Breweries	2.463 percent per annum
Commercial Schools	2.463 percent per annum
Hotel/Motel	1.970 percent per annum
Bed and Breakfasts	1.181 percent per annum
Other Business Operations	1.773 percent per annum
Productive Agriculture Lands	0.271 percent per annum
Unproductive Agriculture Lands	0.0 percent per annum
Registered Charities	0.0 percent per annum

Communication/Cable operators not covered under the Utility Tax Resolution will be fixed at 3.549 percent per annum.

Container Terminals/Oil Industry Offshore Supply Bases rate will be fixed at 1.15 percent per annum.

Businesses operating in the Downtown St. John=s Business Improvement Area will be subject to an additional tax of 10% per annum of the Business Tax imposed to a



maximum annual additional tax levy of \$4,000 for each location from which the business, trade or profession is carried on.

A minimum Business Tax will be levied at \$267.50 per annum.

The said tax shall be due and payable half-yearly in advance on the 1st. day of January and the 1st. day of July, 2008.

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**SJMC2007-11-26/663R**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor O’Keefe; seconded by Councillor Ellsworth:  
That the following Resolution be adopted:**

**2008 BUSINESS TAX RATE ON UTILITIES RESOLUTION**

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Taxation of Utilities and Cable Television Companies Act and all other powers it enabling, the St. John's Municipal Council hereby fixes the Municipal Business Tax rate on utilities at 2.5 percent of the gross revenue of any and all utilities derived within the City limits of the City of St. John's during the year January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

The said tax shall be due and payable at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in the regulations made pursuant to the said **Taxation of Utilities and Cable Television Companies Act**.

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**SJMC2007-11-26/664R**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor O’Keefe; seconded by Councillor Ellsworth:  
That the following Resolution be adopted:**

**2008 ACCOMMODATION TAX RESOLUTION**

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provisions of the St. John's Assessment Act and all other powers it enabling, the St. John's Municipal Council hereby fixes the Accommodation Tax at 3% of the amount charged for the accommodation, lodging or stay in a room in a building in the City which is:-

- (a) licensed under the Tourist Establishments Act;
- (b) owned by the Memorial University of Newfoundland; or
- (c) located at the Littledale Conference Centre.

The said tax shall be due and payable quarterly by April 15<sup>th</sup>., July 15<sup>th</sup>., October 15<sup>th</sup>., and January 15th.

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**SJMC2007-11-26/665R**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor O’Keefe; seconded by Councillor Ellsworth:  
That the following Resolution be adopted:**

**2008 WATER TAX RESOLUTION**

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that under the provisions of The St. John's Assessment Act, and all other powers it enabling, the Water Tax shall be levied as follows:-

For residential units and for commercial properties not taxed by water meters, the sum of Four Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$440.00) per annum per commercial property or per residential unit for residential and apartment buildings.

The said tax shall be due and payable half-yearly on the 1st. day of January and the 1st. day of July, 2008.

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**SJMC2007-11-26/666R**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor O’Keefe; seconded by Councillor Ellsworth:  
That the following Resolution be adopted:**

**2008 WATER BY METER RESOLUTION**

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that under the provisions of the St. John's Assessment Act, and all other powers it enabling, the Council hereby fixes the rates for Water by Meter effective January 1, 2008, as follows:-

**Monthly Consumption Rates**

Up to 2,000,000 gallons	\$3.34 per 1,000 gallons
Over 2,000,000 gallons	\$1.10 per 1,000 gallons

**Monthly Base Charge**

5/8" meter	z 25.80
3/4" meter	38.75
1" meter	64.50
1 1/2" meter	129.00
2" meter	205.80
3" meter	412.00
4" meter	658.60
6" meter	1,287.30

8"	meter	2,059.10
10"	meter	2,959.00

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**SJMC2007-11-26/667R**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor O’Keefe; seconded by Councillor Ellsworth:  
That the following Resolution be adopted:**

**2008 15% PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT A REDUCTION OF 15% OF THE  
PROPERTY TAX FOR 2008 BE PROVIDED TO SENIOR CITIZENS SUBJECT  
TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:-**

- (a) That the applicant is the assessed owner of the property as of January 1, 2008.
- (b) That the applicant occupies the property as his/her principal year-round residence.
- (c) That the applicant is in receipt of the guaranteed income supplement under the Old Age Security Act.

During discussion, Councillor Galgay suggested the Finance Committee look at the possibility of increasing the property tax reduction for senior citizens.

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**Development Permit List**

Council considered as information the following Development Permits List for the period November 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007:

**DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING  
FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 16, 2007 TO NOVEMBER 22, 2007**

**AISSUED FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY@**

Code	Applicant	Application	Location	Ward	Development Officer's Decision	Date
Com.	Shopper’s Drug Mart	Site Redevelopment	Civic No. 390 Topsail Road	3	Approval: (Revised Site Plan)	07 11 16
Res.	Mr. Roy Cook Sr.	Residential Building Lot	Lot No. 2 / Civic No. 391 Old	4	Application Approved	07 11 16

			Pennywell Road			
Res.	Mr. Michael Yetman	Residential Building Lot	Druken Crescent (Shea Heights)	2	Application Approved	07 11 19
Res.	City of St. John's	Two (2) Residential Building Lots	Lot No. 1 & Lot No. 2 Forest Road	Ward 2	Application Approved	07 11 21
Com	Mr. Glen Cook	Home Office: Atlantic Restoration Services Limited	Civic No. 96 Bay Bulls Road	Ward 5	Application Approved	07 11 21

\* 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.

**Ed Murray  
 Development Officer  
 Department of Planning**

**Building Permits List**

**SJMC2007-11-26/668R**

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

2007/11/21

Permits List

**CLASS: COMMERCIAL**

KING'S GLASS & TIRE INC.	229 KENMOUNT RD	CO RETAIL STORE
VERAFIN INC.	570 NEWFOUNDLAND DR	CO OFFICE
CORMORANT	280 WATER ST	CO OFFICE
ROBERT KING	40 ABERDEEN AVE, BUSHIDO	CR CLUB
EMM HARDCHROME & HYDRAULICS	75 BLACKMARSH RD	CR COMMERCIAL GARAGE
JENKINS POWER SHEET METAL	201 WATER ST -NAUTICAL NELLIES	RN RESTAURANT
ALIAANT	MULLOCK STREET @ BARNES RD	NC COMMUNICATIONS USE
ALIAANT	BONAVENTURE AVENUE	NC COMMUNICATIONS USE
ALIAANT	MUNDY POND RAD @ MEWS CENTRE	NC COMMUNICATIONS USE
PHB GROUP INC	427 NEWFOUNDLAND DR -GROUND FL	TI CLINIC
DYNAMIS HOMEOPATHIC INC.	95 TORBAY RD	CR CLINIC
ST JOHN'S TRANSPORTATION COM	FRESHWATER RD, ST JOHN'S TRANS	RN TRANSPORTATION TERMINAL
LOBLAWS PROPERTIES LIMITED	39 ROWAN ST	RN RETAIL STORE
NORTH ATLANTIC PETROLEUM	154 PENNYWELL RD	RN SERVICE STATION

THIS WEEK \$ 884,000.00  
 TO DATE \$ 39,817,882.00

**CLASS: INDUSTRIAL**

THIS WEEK \$ .00  
TO DATE \$ 1,924,967.00

**CLASS: GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL**

THIS WEEK \$ .00  
TO DATE \$ 17,842,495.00

**CLASS: RESIDENTIAL**

ADAM GREEN	31 ALDERSHOT ST	NC FENCE
ROBERT AND SUSAN COOK	24 BALNAFAD PL	NC FENCE
RE-NEW SHINGLE COMPANY LTD.	56 BEAUFORD PL	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
PAMELA BREEN	8 BOND ST	NC TOWNHOUSING
RAY WOODFORD	57 BRAD GUSHUE CRES, LOT 64	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
TERRY WALSH CONTRACTING	39 CHEROKEE DR - LOT 50	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
TERRY WALSH CONTRACTING	41 CHEROKEE DR - LOT 51	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ELLEN C. POWER	201 DOYLE ST	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
JOSEPH & JOANN BOLAND	14 FIRDALE DR	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
KARWOOD CONTRACTING	21 GORMAN AVE	NC PATIO DECK
NFLD & LABRADOR HOUSING CORP	168 GOWER ST	NC PATIO DECK
JOHN PROWSE	57 HOPEDALE CRES - LOT 175	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
CURTIS WHEATON	43 HORLICK AVE	NC PATIO DECK
PHILIP POWER & SON	2 LADY ANDERSON ST, LOT 223	NC SINGLE DETACHED WELLING
GIBRALTAR DEVELOPMENT	17 LUCYROSE LANE, LOT 85	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
RICK/TINA TULK	39 NEWHOOK PL, LOT 71	NC SINGLE DETACHED WELLING
HANLEY CONSTRUCTION	8 NONIA ST - LOT 66	NC SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
PERHAM HOMES LTD.	22 NONIA ST	NC SINGLE DETACHED WELLING
SCOTT PARSONS & MICHELLE YOUNG	25 SCOUTS PL	NC FENCE
GARY DAY	4 SERPENTINE ST	NC FENCE
DENNIS & RUBY HICKEY	4 GREGORY ST	CR SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
CRAIG FREAKE	31 PERLIN ST	CR SINGLE DETACHED WELLING
WILLIAM JOSEPH HEARN	12 WICKHAM PL	CR SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
HAROLD & ELIZABETH MURPHY	24 ANDERSON AVE	EX SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
EDWARD & ANNE MARIE WILLIAMS	42 HALLEY DR	EX SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
BYRON RUBY	169 RUBY LINE	EX SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
SHAWN WILLIAMS	7 BANTING PL	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
TWENTY TWENTY HOLDINGS LIMITED	6 CATHEDRAL ST	RN CLUB
ROBERT P. PATEY &	197 GOWER ST	RN SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING
AMY KENDALL	11 IRISH LOOP ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
MCKINLY PLACE	49 LEMARCHANT RD	RN CONDOMINIUM
MARGARET TIZZARD	27 MOUNT ROYAL AVE	RN SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
HANN CONSTRUCTION LTD.	26 VEITCH CRES	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
GLENN TILLEY	21 VENTURA PL	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
GLEN TAYLOR	22 BALNAFAD PL	SW SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
JANET BULL	1 MCNAUGHTON DR	SW SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
AUBREY & BRENDA WILLIAMS	143 MAIN RD	SW SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING

THIS WEEK \$ 1,664,415.00  
TO DATE \$150,188,620.00

**CLASS: DEMOLITION**

NEWFOUNDLAND POWER	32 CROCKER'S RD	DM SINGLE DETACHEDDWELLING
CITY OF ST. JOHN'S	17 SYME'S BRIDGE	DM SINGLE DETACHEDDWELLING

THIS WEEK \$ 11,348.00  
TO DATE \$ 525,404.00

THIS WEEK'S TOTAL: \$ 2,559,763.00

TOTAL YEAR TO DATE: \$210,299,368.00

REPAIR PERMITS ISSUED: 2007/11/15 TO 2007/11/21 \$ 105,607.00  
2006/12/28 TO 2007/11/21 \$3,050,396.00 YTD

LEGEND

CO CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY	SW SITE WORK
EX EXTENSION	OB OIL BURNING EQT
NC NEW CONSTRUCTION	TI TENANT IMPROVEMENTS
OC OCCUPANT CHANGE	CC CHIMNEY CONSTRUCTION
RN RENOVATIONS	CD CHIMNEY DEMOLITION
MS MOBILE SIGN	WS WOODSTOVE
SN SIGN	DM DEMOLITION
CR CHNG OF OCC/RENOVTNS	

**Payrolls and Accounts**

**SJMC2007-11-26/669R**

**It was decided on motion of Councillor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 be approved as presented:**

**Weekly Payment Vouchers  
For The  
Week Ending November 22, 2007**

**PAYROLL**

Public Works	\$ 264,307.46
Bi-Weekly Casual	\$ 14,039.61

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Cheque No. 124609 – 124897	<b>\$4,779,555.30</b>
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**Total: \$5,057,902.37**

**Tenders**

- a. **Proposal Call – Robin Hood Bay Landfill Re-Engineering  
Contract 4A – New Entrance Roadways, Servicing & Public Drop-off**

**SJMC2007-11-26/670R**

**It was moved by Councillor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the recommendation of the Associate Commissioner and Director of Engineering be approved and the tender awarded as follows:**

- a. **Marine Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$5,719,664.54**

**Notice of Motion**

Councillor Ellsworth gave the following Notice of Motion:

**TAKE NOTICE** that I will at the next Regular meeting of the St. John's Municipal Council move to enact an amendment to the St. John's Plumbing By-Law so as to require applicants for permits to provide the cost of materials and labour associated with the plumbing work proposed prior to being issued a permit.

**DATED** at St. John's, NL this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007.

**Memorandum dated November 21, 2007 from Councillor Ellsworth re: Request for Luncheon – MACY**

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**SJMC2007-11-26/671R**

**It was moved by Councillor Coombs; seconded by Councillor Puddister: That the City sponsor a luncheon sometime in December for members of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Youth.**

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**BIA Election 2007**

Council considered a memorandum dated November 22, 2007 from the Associate Commissioner/Director of Corporate Services and City Clerk regarding the above noted.

**SJMC2007-11-26/672R**

**It was decided on motion of Deputy Mayor O'Keefe; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the nominations for the Downtown BIA vacancies be approved as follows:**

1. **Ms. Catherine J. Perry, Perry & Power Law Office**
2. **Ms. Gail Tucker, Fortis Properties Corp.**
3. **Mr. Peter Belbin, Peter Belbin's Steak House**
4. **Mr. Neil Hardy, Altus Group**
5. **Mr. John McCarthy, Benjamin's Menswear**
6. **Mr. Michael Howard, The Model Shop**

**105 Forest Road**

Council considered a memorandum dated November 19, 2007 from the Director of Building and Property Management regarding the above noted.

**SJMC2007-11-26/673R**

**It was moved by Councillor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Coombs: That the recommendation of the Director of Building and Property Management that an application from Mr. Fabian O’Dea, owner of 105 Forest Road, for approval of an accessory building constructed at the rear of this property, be approved.**

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**Transient Business License**

Council considered a memorandum dated November 19, 2007 from the Director of Building and Property Management regarding the above noted.

**SJMC2007-11-26/674R**

**It was moved by Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Puddister: That the recommendation of the Director of Building and Property Management that, in an effort to recover the cost of inspection services, application processing and to ensure that an appropriate base business occupancy assessment is recovered, that an overall license fee of \$517.50 for transient businesses, be charged and that the fee be changed with no reduction for a partial year, be accepted.**

**The motion being put was unanimously carried.**

**Request from Canadian Cancer Society that the City purchase a table of ten at a cost of \$1000.00 in aid of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees and Holiday Gifts on November 29, 2007 at the Delta Hotel**

**SJMC2007-11-26/675R**

**It was moved by Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Puddister: That the City purchase a table of ten at a cost of \$1000.00 in aid of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees and Holiday Gifts on November 29, 2007 at the Delta Hotel.**

During discussion on this matter, His Worship the Mayor cautioned members of Council that there are many similar charities seeking financial contributions. Deputy Mayor O’Keefe reminded members of Council that this type of request is contrary to the City’s current policy.

**Following discussion, the motion being put there voted for it the mover, seconder, Councillors Collins, Coombs, Galgay and Hickman. Voting against**



**the motion were Deputy Mayor O'Keefe, Councillors Ellsworth, Hann and His Worship the Mayor. The motion was carried.**

**Copy of letter dated November 6, 2007 from Minister Kathy Dunderdale, re: Review of the Provincial Animal Protection Act**

Council considered the above noted letter advising that the Provincial Government has committed to the SPCA that it will review the conditions of the Animal Protection Act with the intent to bringing it more in line with current animal protection legislation across Canada. Also considered was a letter from His Worship the Mayor to Dr. Hugh Whitney, Provincial Veterinarian, advising that the City would be pleased to participate in a review of the Animal Protection Act. The Mayor pointed out that the SPCA and City staff constantly have to deal with evidence of animal abuse and do not have the statutory responsibility to protect the innocent animals.

**Petition**

Councillor Collins tabled a petition, the prayer of which reads as follows, and which is referred to the Public Works, Environment and Protection Standing Committee for review:

**We the undersigned residents of Ruby Line, petition the City of St. John's to discontinue the new practice of closing Ruby Line during snowstorms, enforced during the 2006 snow-clearing season.**

**We would like to stress the fact, Ruby Line is not like the Goulds By-Pass Road nor is it like the Witless Bay Line. There are roughly 30 families living on this road year round. Families with children attending school and/or post-secondary institutions, along with residents having to use the road on a daily basis.**

**All liveyers of Ruby Line, have the right to return to our homes during snowstorms. The same right all other residents of the City of St. John's take pleasure in. During the 2006 snow-clearing season, and, when the road was closed some residents of Ruby Line had to abandon their vehicles and walk home. With many new infrastructure initiatives taking place on Ruby Line, we would like to think times are progressing in a positive manner. Therefore, we feel putting a sign up to stop traffic from travelling Ruby Line during a snowstorm is a band-aid solution and is not good enough for this day and age. What procedures does the City have in place to ensure 911 calls can be answered? What procedures has the City established to provide care and protection to our school children who cannot get to a designated drop off location? There are no doubt many other situations that should be considered before the City unilaterally decides to continue this new policy of 2006**

**(abandoning snow-clearing operations on a section of the Ruby Line during severe snow storms).**

**Residents are aware of the hardship encountered to the City due to severe snowstorms. However, all we are asking is that we are able to return to our homes, the same contentment other residents of the City of St. John's enjoy during inclement weather.**

### **Deputy Mayor O'Keefe**

Deputy Mayor O'Keefe advised that there are still complaints of litter and noise associated the Nova Recycling operation. He asked that the Department of Building and Property Management follow-up on the matter.

Deputy Mayor O'Keefe raised the issue of high speeding on Topsail Road and also noted that a problem is developing with respect to the inside lane heading west on Topsail Road becoming a waiting lane for Tim Horton's. Councillor Coombs noted that the problem is common to most Tim Horton operations throughout the City. The matter was referred to the Police and Traffic Committee for follow-up.

### **Councillor Galgay**

Councillor Galgay advised residents that the 2007 Festival of Music and Lights will take place on Saturday, December 1, 2007, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Bowring Park. In the event of inclement weather, the event will take place on December 8, 2007.

### **Councillor Ellsworth**

Councillor Ellsworth agreed that Tim Horton's drive-throughs are creating a problem in some areas of the City and noted he did not support the Torbay Road location for that reason.

Councillor Ellsworth advised that he hasn't recently received complaints associated with the Nova Recycling operation, noting that in any event the staff of the Department of Building and Property Management are quick to respond. He

advised residents to call 311 and register any complaints. He noted that the glass crushing is part of the operation and is not covered under the City's bylaw.

Councillor Ellsworth noted that *Turnings* are circulating a petition aimed at getting a Drug Treatment Facility in place and encouraged residents to support the much needed cause.

Councillor Ellsworth thanked the Mayor for the action taken with respect to the dog issue in Airport Heights area.

**Councillor Puddister**

Councillor Puddister noted that he is cautiously optimistic that the Torbay Road Tim Horton's drive-through which opened last week will not create problems due to the size of the property.

**Councillor Collins**

Councillor Collins asked the status of installing traffic lights on Columbus Drive in the area of the Irving Service station. The matter was referred to the Transportation Engineer for follow-up.

Councillor Collins advised that he met last week with Southlands residents Committee, MHA John Dinn, Deputy Mayor O'Keefe and Councillor Hickman to discuss the possibility of a Community Centre for the Southlands area. He advised that he will be discussing the development of a concept plan with the Director of Building and Property Management.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**