

October 15th, 2012

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 O'Leary, Hickman, Hann, Colbert, Breen, Galgay, Tilley, and Collins.

Regrets: Councillor Hanlon.

City Manager, Director of Planning, Director of Engineering, Acting Director of Public Works & Parks, City Solicitor, Manager, Corporate Secretariat and Recording Secretary were also in attendance.

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

SJMC2012-10-15/514R

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

Adoption of Minutes

SJMC2012-10-15/515R

It was decided on motion of Councillor O'Leary; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That the minutes of October 9th, 2012 meeting be adopted as presented.

Other Matters:

CHANGES TO COMMERCIAL TAX SYSTEM

Councillor Breen announced the City's plans towards moving forward to blend the Business Realty and Business Occupancy Tax for the 2013 fiscal year, which will result in the elimination of the Business Occupancy Tax. This change to the business tax system will take effect Jan. 1, 2013.

Notices Published

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1. A **Discretionary Use Application** has been submitted by an applicant requesting permission to renovate the garage portion of **Civic No. 9 Lucyrose Lane as a Home Occupation** that involves the preparing and delivery of home cooked meals. The proposed business will occupy a floor area of approximately 26m² and will operate Monday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. The business involves preparing and cooking of meals on domestic cooking equipment. No on-site sales, web based sales, only delivery to customer's homes. On-site parking is provided. This business will employ the 2 residents of the dwelling. **Ward 1.**

**Submission of Concern
Submission of Objection**

SJMC2012-10-15/516R

It was moved by Councillor Breen; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the application be rejected.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

2. A **Discretionary Use Application** has been submitted to establish a **Massage Therapy Service at Civic No. 2 Hamlet Street as a Home Application**. The proposed business will occupy twelve (12) metres square in the basement area. Hours of business will be 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday providing treatment for five (5) clients per day. On-site parking can accommodate two (2) vehicles. The applicant is the sole employee. **(Ward 4)**

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It was moved by Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the application be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Committee Reports

Finance & Administration Standing Committee Report dated October 9, 2012

Council considered the following Finance and Administration Standing Committee Report dated October 9, 2012:

In Attendance: Councillor Danny Breen, Chairperson
 Deputy Mayor Shannie Duff
 Councillor Bruce Tilley
 Councillor Frank Galgay
 Councillor Tom Hann

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Councillor Sandy Hickman
Mr. Bob Smart, City Manager
Mr. Neil Martin, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk
Mr. Paul Mackey, Director – Public Works/Parks, Deputy City Manager
Mr. Bob Bishop, Director of Finance/City Treasurer
Ms. Jill Brewer, Director of Recreation
Ms. Tammy Sheppard, Acting Director of Human Resources
Mr. Sean Janes, City Auditor
Mr. Jason Sinyard, Manager of Waste Management
Ms. Jennifer Mills, Communications Officer
Ms. Maureen Harvey, Recording Secretary

1. Request for Reception at the November 22nd National Affordable Housing Day

The Committee considered a request from the Acting Director of Building and Property Management, and letter from the St. John's Community Advisory Committee on Homelessness for the City to host a reception at the conclusion of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Affordable Housing's annual public forum taking place on November 22, 2012 at City Hall.

The Committee recommends based on a motion put forth by Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hann that the City host the reception as noted above.

2. Request from Newfoundland & Labrador Soccer Association for sponsorship for the 2012 Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Hall of Fame and Annual Awards Banquet on November 17, 2012.

The Committee entertained a request from the NL Soccer Association to sponsor the NLSA Soccer Hall of Fame and Annual Awards Banquet on November 17, 2012.

The Committee recommends rejection of this request on the basis that is a Provincial event which is outside the scope of the City's policy for Financial Support for Meetings and Conventions.

3. Request from Liai Kom requesting financial support to assist with costs related to him getting his family and taking them to Uganda.

A request has been received from Liai Kom for financial support to bring his family to Canada from South Sudan.

The Committee recommends rejection of this request as it does meet criteria under City policy.

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4. Requests for Financial Support for Meetings/Conventions/Sporting Events:
Memorandum dated October 4, 2012 from the Director of Corporate Services/Deputy City Manager re: Financial Support for Meetings and Conventions

The City has received requests from the following groups/organizations under the above noted policy:

1. Annual Downtown Atlantic Canada Annual General Meeting & Conference – The city has received a request for funding for this event which is taking place October 10-12th, 2012 in St. John's. Approximately 50 executives and staff from Business Improvement Areas from across Atlantic Canada will be in attendance.

Based on a motion from Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Galgay the Committee recommends sponsorship for the above noted event in the amount of \$1,500

2. Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM) – Request for funding to host 200 delegates representing the midwifery profession from across the country.

The Committee recommends sponsorship for the above noted event in the amount of \$750

3. Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) – Request from the General Manager of Metrobus for the City to host a luncheon at a national convention in June 2013 with over 400 delegates in attendance.

A motion was put forth by Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hickman recommending the City host a luncheon at the Canadian Urban Transit Association Convention in June 2013.

4. Newfoundland and Labrador Nurses' Union – Request for a donation for the 23rd Biennial Convention being held in St. John's on November 5 – November 9, 2012. 300 delegates and guests from various regions of the Province will be in attendance. The City's policy does not make provision for Provincial events.

The Committee recommends rejection of the above noted request as Provincial meetings and conventions are not governed under City Policy.

5. Well Water Issue (Goulds)

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The Committee considered a letter from a resident of Ruby Line which states that there has been a lack of potable water at their home for several years. The residents believe the decline in water is caused by the constant annual spreading of manure on fields immediately adjacent to the home and also because approximately 4 years ago the marsh lands to the south of the property were filled in with thousands of tons of waste rock from the excavation of the Southside Hills.

The resident also notes that the only source of income is C.P.P., O.A.S, and G.I.S. alleging they have a limited ability to pay their taxes and requests assistance to install an artesian well.

The Committee recommends, on a motion from Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hickman that the request for assistance for the installation of an artesian well be denied.

6. Request for funding for 2013 World Ball Hockey Championship

The Committee considered a request submitted by Destination St. John's in support of the City's sponsorship in the 2013 World Ball Hockey Championships scheduled for June 2013.

Given the potential economic benefit of this tournament, the Committee recommends based on a motion by Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Hickman that an amount of \$10,000 be approved for the 2013 World Ball Hockey Championships.

7. Pre-budget Consultations

The Committee is considering options for this year's pre-budget consultations and a report will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Councillor Danny Breen
Chairperson

SJMC2012-10-15/518R

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

Regarding Item #7 – Pre-budget Consultations – Councillor Galgay advised that he was asked by a resident if it would be possible to hold budget consultations in each of the 5 Wards. He asked that the matter be referred to the Committee for consideration.

Following discussion, the motion being put was unanimously carried.

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Police and Traffic Committee Report October 4, 2012

Council considered the following Police and Traffic Committee Report dated October 4, 2012:

In Attendance: Councillor Gerry Colbert, Chairperson
Councillor Danny Breen
Councillor Bruce Tilley
Councillor Tom Hann
Mr. Dave Lane, Downtown St. John's Representative
Constable Paul Murphy, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary
Mr. Percy Rideout, Citizen Representative
Mr. Derek Chafe, St. John's Regional Fire Department
Mr. Robin King, Transportation Engineer
Ms. Dawn Corner, Supervisor of Traffic and Parking
Mr. Blair Bradbury, Project Engineer
Mr. Bill MacDonald, Supervisor of Traffic and Signals
Mr. Phil Hiscock, Operations Assistant
Mr. Paul Peddigrew, Foreperson, Streets Division
Ms. Maureen Harvey, Recording Secretary

1. Delegation from the Thorburn Road Area

The Committee met with Dale Kirby MHA for St. John's North and Mrs. June Sharpe regarding the unsafe region of Thorburn Road, particularly in the area where a young lady (Erin Bursey) lost her life in late June 2012 as a result of a pedestrian vehicle accident. Ms. Sharpe requested that:

- a. A new crosswalk be constructed on Thorburn Road in the area of the North Atlantic gas station.
- b. That the traffic light at the intersection of Thorburn Road and Mount Scio Road have the time changed to give pedestrians more time to cross the street;
- c. That a sign be placed at the intersection of Thorburn Road and Mount Scio Road facing north, warning drivers of the crosswalks to be aware of pedestrians.

Discussion took place with respect to the pros and cons of installing an additional crosswalk. The City's Transportation Engineer advised that the configuration of crosswalks at Thorburn Road is similar to those in other places in the City where motorists are required to yield the right of way to pedestrians.

The Committee recommends:

- a. **The RNC provide a written report on the accident that took place on Thorburn Road in June 2012 including any recommendations for modification that might lend itself to improved safety.**
- b. **City staff review the timing of the pedestrian lights at the crosswalk with the intent that any pedestrians would be out in the street prior to the illumination of the motorists' green light.**

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- c. **City staff review the shadowing from commercial and/or street lights to see if modifications will make the area more visible for pedestrians and/or motorists.**

2. School Zone Speed Limits

The Committee reviewed a document dealing with the implementation of reduced speed limits within predefined school zones while schools are in session. The Traffic Division has reviewed the possible signage alternatives for this requirement and found that the most widely recognized and accepted form of signage includes an information sign (informing drivers of a reduce speed limit) accompanied by two flashing amber beacons which are active during programmed times corresponding to when school is in session.

The estimated total cost associated with the installation of these signs at all schools zones within the City is \$414,000

The Committee was also briefed on the availability of a driver feedback sign in addition to the above noted signage. The cost of this sign is approximately \$2,700. This additional signage may be considered for permanent mounting at specific locations or as additional signage to be rotated throughout the City.

Given the high estimated cost, the Committee requested the Traffic Division revise the estimates to reflect the above noted signage being installed only at major school routes within the City with further review of the supplementary feedback sign to be rotated throughout designated school zones or other locations where speeding is a factor.

3. Waterford Bridge Road parking

Vehicles from the Tower Corporate Campus parking on both sides of Waterford Bridge Road

The Committee was advised that the City Traffic Division received a number of complaints about vehicles from the offices at the Tower Corporate Campus parking on both sides of Waterford Bridge Road. The complaint was that these vehicles took up all of the available parking for Bowring Park, and that this new development should be accommodating all of its parking on site.

It was noted that the recommendation to install Maximum 2 Hour Parking 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday has already been approved by Council.

Tower Corporate Campus parking meters

Request from Martek Morgan Finch for the City to install and administer parking meters on their property

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This request was brought forward at the Committee meeting in May but was deferred pending a resolution to the parking problems on Waterford Bridge Road caused by the Tower Corporate Campus. The parking issues have been resolved with the installation of the Maximum 2 Hour Parking, so we can now proceed with the installation of the parking meters on their property. The City will retain all revenue obtained from the parking meters.

The Committee recommends deferral of the recommendation from the City Parking Services Division install and administer parking meters on the Tower Corporate Campus parking lot.

4. Buchanan Street Parking

Request from George Street United Church for the Committee to reconsider the parking changes for Buchanan Street.

The administration at George Street United Church has asked the Committee to reconsider the decision to change the parking restrictions on Buchanan Street. At the last meeting the Committee agreed to a request from Mr. Wayne Ralph to switch the Residential Permit Parking from the east (residential) side to the west (Church) side. The Church is concerned about the impact of the residential parking on their funeral processions. They currently use the entire side of their street for the processions which happen approximately 6 times a year. The vehicles must encroach on the sidewalk when they do this, but because the street is so narrow it is likely effectively shut down when a procession is in place.

The Committee recommends retention of the existing parking configuration at Buchanan Street

5. Rotary Drive speeding issues

Complaints from residents regarding increased traffic on Rotary Drive.

Due to increasing complaints regarding speeding and short-cutting traffic, Council approved the following changes to traffic control as it relates to Rotary Drive:

No Left Turn 7:00 to 9:00 am Monday to Friday at Blackmarsh Road @ Empire Avenue and Blackmarsh Road @ Jensen Camp Road.

The Committee recommends the RNC be requested to enforce the above-noted changes.

Speeding Issues

CD R#@012-06-26/21 At the regular meeting of Council on June 26, 2012, Councillor Breen noted that speeding in residential areas continues to be a problem. He suggested that a multifaceted approach be taken to traffic enforcement, perhaps a meeting with representatives of

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the RNC and the Provincial Department of Justice. This matter was referred to the Police and Traffic Committee for follow-up.

Further to this request, Councillor Tilley submitted a Position Paper on Speeding and Traffic Issues for the Committee's discussion.

The Committee was informed that over the past few months, the following streets have been forwarded by Councillors to the Traffic Division to investigate speeding and traffic issues:

Battery Road– submitted at the last meeting
Birmingham Street
Cottonwood Crescent
Fort Amherst
Jasper Street
Kerry Street
Laurier Street
Macbeth Drive - submitted at last meeting
Millbanke Street
Quebec Street
Rotary Drive – submitted at last meeting
Sprucedale

The Traffic Division is also investigating the following speeding complaints submitted directly to staff or through the Citizen Service Center (Access St. John's)

Argyle Street
Balnafad Place
Bambrick Street
Dunfield Street
Exmouth Street
Firdale Drive
Georgina Street
Gerard Place
Gillies Road
Gold Medal Drive
Gregory Street
Great Eastern Avenue
Livingstone Street
McNiven Place
Smithville Crescent
Watson Street

The following Streets are outstanding from last year (they were received after the initial traffic calming assessment):

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Barkham Street
Bishop Place
Cashin Avenue
Castle Bridge Drive
Chafe Avenue
Donavan's Road
Gary Drive
Golf Course Road
Harbourview Avenue
Heffernan's Line
Hillview Drive East
Kennedy Road
Ladysmith Drive
Long Pond Road
Mark Nichols Place
New Pennywell Road
Penney Crescent
Rodney Street
Seaborn Street
Terra Nova Road
Trinity Street
Winslow Street

General discussion took place on speeding issues in residential areas with the Committee questioning whether the installation of speed bumps could be an interim alternative until the Traffic Division has completed the warrant study for traffic calming.

The Traffic Division was asked to bring back a report to the Committee regarding the use of speed bumps as a pilot project, particularly in areas where existing infrastructure will facilitate the installation of such devices.

6. Main Road @ Bidgoods – Request for traffic signal

Councillor Collins has requested that a traffic signal be installed along Main Road at the location of the Bidgoods access.

The Traffic Division completed a warrant analysis for the intersection based on the Transportation Association of Canada's Canadian Traffic Signal Matrix Warrant Procedure.

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Based on the Warrant analysis completed using count data collected on February 29, 2012, a value of 113 was calculated for the intersection which exceeds the minimum value of 100, as required by the Transportation Association of Canada to merit investigation for the requirement of a traffic signal.

The Traffic Division has determined that in order to design an appropriate traffic signal the owner must consolidate the current three access points for the Bidgoods parking area into one main access.

The Traffic Division advised it is currently working with the Drafting Department to develop a revised parking lot configuration that will allow for the installation of one approved access while ensuring the greatest number of parking spaces.

The Committee suggested that the Transportation Engineer meet with Bidgoods to discuss. If a single access point with a revised parking lot design can be accommodated and the expense endorsed by the owner the matter will be brought back to the Committee for further discussion and recommendation.

7. Torbay Road @ RCAF Road – Request for traffic signal

The Traffic Division has completed a warrant analysis for the intersection based on the Transportation Association of Canada's Canadian Traffic Signal Matrix Warrant Procedure.

Based on the warrant analysis completed using count data collected on September 28, 2012, a value of 95 was calculated for the intersection which does not meet the minimum value of 100, as required by the Transportation Association of Canada to merit investigation for the requirement of a traffic signal.

A review of the collision record indicates that there was only 1 collision at the intersection in 2011, and 7 in total since 2008. Only one of the collisions was of the type that could be prevented by the installation of a traffic signal.

The Traffic Division has determined that there are no sight obstructions in the area and that there are no issues present at this time to warrant the installation of a traffic signal.

Once traffic volumes reach a level to warrant a traffic signal installation the appropriate approvals will be obtained from Council and the intersection will be placed on the Capital Works List for funding.

The Committee recommends Status Quo, with the Traffic Division continuing to monitor the intersection.

8. Frecker Drive @ Burgeo Street – Request for All Way Stop

The Committee considered a request for an all way stop on Frecker Drive @ Burgeo Street on the basis that there have been numerous incidents at the intersection including a recent parked vehicle "hit and run".

The Traffic Division conducted a traffic study and ran a warrant using the Transportation Association of Canada's guidelines, the results of which indicate that an all way stop is not warranted at this intersection.

The Committee recommends status quo at this intersection.

9. Empire Avenue @ Newtown Road – Request for crosswalk

The Committee considered a request for a crosswalk at the above noted intersection. A resident has indicated that each day there are numerous "near miss" incidents involving both vehicles and pedestrians not to mention the number of accidents that take place there. The resident believes there should be a median installed such as the one in the intersection heading from the University to the downtown area. This will help divide up this large intersection and make turning lanes much more visible.

It was noted that a study was done previously at this intersection which indicated that a crosswalk is warranted with an RA-5 pedestrian activated overhead flashing light system. The proposed crosswalk is on the Capital Works list for funding.

The Committee concurs that an RA-5 pedestrian activated overhead flashing light system be installed at the above noted intersection, subject to available capital works funding.

10. Mt. Scio Road – Request for crosswalk at Rainbow Riders

The Committee considered a request for a crosswalk from the barns driveway (Rainbow Riders) across to the Savoury Farm Trails, the purpose of which is to slow down the drivers on Mount Scio Road.

Traffic Division staff investigated the request and contacted the owner of Rainbow Riders to discuss the issue further. The crossing between the Rainbow Riders barn and the trail that they use on the other side of the road are not located directly across from each other, which will make it difficult to install a crosswalk. The location also does not fit the City's criteria for crosswalk installations.

The Traffic Division did find that a warning sign was missing to advise motorists that horses should be expected, this sign has since been replaced.

The Committee recommends that a request for a crosswalk be denied but the RNC be requested to enforce the speed limit in the area.

11. Mt. Scio Road – Request for crosswalk upgrade at MUN Botanical Gardens

The Committee was advised that staff at MUN Botanical Gardens contacted the Traffic Division with concerns that vehicles were not stopping for pedestrians using the crosswalk. Evidently, there are a number of school children and other groups that use the crossing, and some staff persons use the

crosswalk several times a day. They would like improved signage or lights for the crosswalk, and/or speed bumps.

The Traffic Division checked the visibility of the crosswalk. Because of the amount of foliage on the road it is not an ideal location for a crosswalk, so warning signs on the approaches are warranted. There are already warning signs in place, and these were checked and work orders issued to clear some of the foliage to improve visibility.

Traffic volumes on Mt. Scio are relatively low, so it is unlikely upgraded crosswalk control is warranted. However, a study would reveal more about the crossing patterns and allow the warrant to be run to see if a crosswalk upgrade is warranted. Traffic calming would not be installed on the street because it is classified as a minor arterial and therefore does not qualify. Enforcement is required to improve speed limit compliance.

The Committee recommends that a study be conducted to determine if a crosswalk upgrade is warranted and further that the RNC be requested to conduct speed enforcement.

12. Empire Avenue @ Johnson Insurance – Request for crosswalk

Johnson Insurance is requesting that a crosswalk be installed on Empire Avenue where their employees cross the road to their parking lot.

A traffic study and crosswalk warrant was done at the location, which indicated that a crosswalk is not warranted due mainly to low traffic volumes.

The Committee recommends that a request for crosswalk at Empire Avenue @ Johnson Insurance be denied.

13. Exeter Avenue – Request to remove No Entry restriction

The Committee considered a request from resident of Exeter Ave requesting that the “No Entry” from Elizabeth Avenue be removed. This request is partially based on the ongoing construction on Elizabeth Avenue and the conflict of other vehicles being able to enter onto the street from Elizabeth Avenue i.e. city buses, postal trucks, garbage trucks, city trucks and utility vehicles.

The resident suggests that if the “No Entry” restriction cannot be lifted or if the sign cannot be changed to a “No Throughway” then consideration be given to issuing a resident permit for those who live on the street.

The Traffic Division responded that Council may consider a request to remove the No Entry restriction if you can demonstrate that a majority of residents support the request.

The Committee recommends there be no change to the configuration for traffic flow at Exeter Avenue @ Elizabeth Avenue.

14. Allandale Road @ Strawberry Marsh Road – Request for change in lane configuration

Councillor O’Leary has suggested that a right turn lane be installed on Strawberry Marsh Road to alleviate traffic congestion on Strawberry Marsh Road turning right onto Allandale Road and then the Prince Philip Parkway.

As there already is a turning lane at the requested location, the matter was deferred pending clarification from Councillor O’Leary

15. Newtown Road – Request for No Parking Anytime Restriction

Councillor O’Leary requested that a “No Parking Anytime” restriction be installed on Newtown Road on the approach to the crosswalk at Howley Avenue Extension to improve visibility.

The Committee recommends that a “No Parking Anytime” restriction be installed on the east side of Newtown Road from the crosswalk at Howley Avenue extension to 20 m south.

16. Goodridge Street – Request for Residential Permit Parking

Councillor O’Leary has submitted a request on behalf of a resident for the installation of Residential Permit Parking on Goodridge Street. Typically residential permit parking is only installed in areas where:

- a) the majority of residents do not have access to off-street parking
- b) there is a large amount of non-residential parking occurring
- c) the majority of residents support the installation of residential permit parking

It was noted that the parking situation on Goodridge Street does not really fit the criteria, however, if the resident can provide a petition showing that the majority of residents are in favor of residential permit parking it is recommended that the Committee consider the request.

The Committee recommends that the resident be requested to provide a petition showing that the majority of residents are in favor of residential permit parking on Goodridge Street for the Committee’s consideration.

17. Shaw Street – Request for No Parking Anytime



The Traffic Division noted that vehicles now parking at this location are likely to be those that were displaced as a result of the installation of the shared bicycle route.

It was noted that the traffic calming project on Old Topsail Road is ongoing.

The Committee recommends that there be no changes to signage in the area of Shaw Street/Old Topsail Road at this time as it is hoped that the installation of traffic calming on Old Topsail Road will result in reduced traffic speeds and volumes that will allow parking to be reinstated, which will eliminate the parking issue on Shaw Street.

18. Hipditch Hill – Request for extension of “No Parking Anytime”

The Committee considered a request from a resident asking that the “No Parking Anytime” area on Hipditch Hill be extended to improve vehicular access on the street. Evidently, vehicles parked directly opposite civic #2 Hipditch Hill make it difficult for vehicles to make the turn down the hill.

The Committee recommends that the No Parking Anytime on the south side of Hipditch Hill across from Civic #8 be extended 8.0 m west.

19. Battery Road – Request for residential parking area

The Committee considered a request from a resident of the Battery (The Square) asking that the City consider placing a sign where Battery Road meets Fort Waldegrave, stating “Residential Parking Only”. Evidently, people who walk the Signal Hill Trail are now starting to park in this area and while there is a sign at the beginning of the road, it is not clear to all those who park in the area. The result is that residents returning from work or school have no place to park.

A plan of the vacant parking area at the bottom of Fort Waldegrave was reviewed and the Committee was advised that the Legal Department is of the opinion that as the owner of the land is unknown, the City could expropriate for the purpose of providing public parking.

Given the development potential and the high demand for property in this area, this land could be costly to acquire.

The Committee recommends the installation of additional signs closer to the public parking area on Battery Road.

20. Rotary Sunshine Park – Parking Issues

The Committee considered a letter dated July 16, 2012 from the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip’s regarding the congestion of traffic on the thoroughfare of Thorburn Road and Bennett’s Road.

The Committee was advised that the section of Thorburn Road adjacent to the park has “No Parking Anytime” signage in place, however, because it is not under the City’s jurisdiction the Traffic Division cannot issue tickets.

There is currently no parking signage on Bennett's Road adjacent to the park property. It is recommended that signage be installed in this area and that it be enforced. **The Committee recommends:**

- a) **That the RNC be requested to continue to enforce the No Parking Anytime restriction on Thorburn Road adjacent to Rotary Sunshine Park**
- b) **That No Parking Anytime signs be installed on both sides of Bennett Road adjacent to the park.**

21. Impaired Mobility Parking Spaces in the Downtown Area

Traffic Division informed the Committee of two issues which have recently been identified to regarding the placement of Impaired Mobility Parking Spaces in the Downtown area. One resident is questioning the placement of the spaces and suggests that they may not be in the most suitable locations, nor is there a sufficient number. Another resident has submitted a complaint that the majority of the spaces do not have lowback curbs in place to allow wheelchairs to access the sidewalk.

The Traffic Division is currently conducting an inventory of the Impaired Mobility Spaces in the downtown and will be providing a report at a later date. It is recommended that Downtown St. John's be consulted in this process.

It was noted that GoBus has recently made representation to Downtown St. John's stating there is not enough room in the handicapped spaces for safe parking by its vehicles.

The Committee recommends the Traffic Division undertake a review of how other municipalities deal with the issue of impaired mobility parking spaces in a similar downtown-like setting.

22. Engine Brake Noise

The Committee addressed an email from a resident of Airport Heights complaining about the noise associated with the use of engine brakes in their neighbourhood and requested the City take appropriate action.

The Transportation Engineer reported that there is a new sign in the TAC manual of uniform traffic control devices that deals with prohibiting the use of engine brakes. The City was involved with this project when it was initially undertaken by TAC and as such did a lot of the background research. This issue is much like the motor cycle noise issue, in that, if the brake and muffler systems are OEM, then noise should not be an issue when they are deployed. In fact the legal representatives for Jacob's brakes provided that information to us with the argument there was no need for signage in the TAC manual when the problem stems from the use of the these systems with non OEM mufflers or from when the muffler systems are poorly maintained. The TAC committee decided to proceed with having the signage in the manual anyway.

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Mr. King stated that the City can put up signage prohibiting the use of Engine Brakes but it has no authority to enforce the regulation.

The Committee recommends that the Traffic Division proceed with the installation of “Avoid Use of Engine Brakes” signs in the area and at other strategic locations as deemed necessary.

23. Walking Suggestion

Councillor O’Leary requested that the Committee give consideration to an article contained in the Globe and Mail dated April 11, 2012 entitled “Walk Raleigh: Students Inspire City Campaigns to Encourage Walking.” The article outlines what the City of Raleigh has done in the way of signage to promote and encourage walking.

Discussion took place noting that tourists in the City would welcome signage that would provide information on the walking time and distance from a given location to an area of interest. i.e. Signal Hill for example.

The Committee recommends the information be referred to the Department of Economic Development and Tourism for consideration.

24. Signage Suggestion

As requested by Councillor O’Leary, the Committee considered an email from a resident regarding the lack of traffic signage on streets in the City. The resident noted that during the winter traffic directions painted on the streets would either be snow covered or worn away by the spring, sometimes resulting in motorists being in the wrong lane at a traffic stop. The email suggests the use of additional traffic signage along the side of any non-standard intersection. As well, this can be extended to signage for motorists at intersections with the City’s new bicycle lanes.

The Traffic Division reported that it uses the Canadian Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, produced by the Transportation Association of Canada, as the standard for sign installation in the City. Any intersections that require additional signage should have signs posted in accordance with the guidelines in the manual. To maintain consistency and comply with National standards it is recommended that we continue to do so.

The Committee recommends rejection of the suggestion for traffic signage on the streets of the City as put forward.

25. Visitor Parking Ticket Suggestion

The Committee considered the possibility of initiating a program for parking tickets for Out-of-Province

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tourists similar to that in St. Petersburg such that a vehicle with an out-of-state plate which is subject to a parking ticket, will have a double sided note (key) attached which, on one side states the first parking ticket is void upon submission of the key. The opposite side of the key outlines the process for getting the ticket forgiven.

The Committee was reminded that the City does not currently provide any permits to out of province tourists allowing them to park on meters for free nor do Parking Services refrain from ticketing out of province vehicles parked on an expired meter. However, through the City's ticket cancellation process, in most cases, a ticket will be voided in the event a tourist submits a complaint about a ticket they received for an expired meter. This process for cancelling meter tickets for out of province tourists seems to work well without incident. However, with the implementation of electronic ticket writers warning tickets/courtesy tickets may be an option.

The Committee recommends continuation of the current practice with respect to out-of-Province tickets until such time as the electronic ticketing system is implemented.

26. ATV Issues

In response to requests from Councillors Collins and O'Leary the matter of unauthorized ATV usage in Ward 5 was discussed. The Committee acknowledged the presence of the problem but recognized there is little that can be done to address the issue, as the ATV's will usually be out of sight by the time enforcement officers arrive on the scene.

28. Parking Meter (POM) Coinage Issue

The Committee reviewed a memorandum dated September 27, 2012 from the Transportation Engineer regarding the impact that the new 2012 \$1.00 and \$2.00 coins are having on parking meters throughout the City.

It was noted that this past spring, the Royal Canadian Mint unveiled a new generation of one dollar and two dollar coins. The new 2012 minted coins weigh less than previous years' editions because they are Multi-Ply Plated Steel instead of nickel. The change in weight and metal signature has caused considerable problems with many types of coin operated vending machines throughout Canada including parking meters. The City's parking meters do not recognize the new 2012 \$1.00 and \$2.00 dollar coins.

The City of St. John's operates approximately 1200 on-street single space parking meters. All of these parking meters were supplied by POM Incorporated who are located in Russellville, Arkansas, USA. Approximately 800 of these meters are of the Series II model type and the remaining 400 are an older Rev 8 model type.

Recognizing many attempts to have this problem addressed with the manufacturer since February, the problem with the new coin recognition in the parking meters has gone on far too long and the City is still no closer to a solution.

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The Transportation Engineer verbally outlined a number of options for the Committee's consideration. Discussion ended with the following:

The Committee requests that the Transportation Engineer prepare a detailed position paper for Council outlining the impact the new 2012 coins are having on the City's Parking Meter program and suggested alternatives for rectifying the situation. The Committee further recommends that the cost of remediation (once determined by Council) be forwarded to the Canadian Mint for payment.

Councillor Gerry Colbert
Chairperson

SJMC2012-10-15/519R

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

Regarding Item #10, Empire Avenue @ Newtown Road - Councillor Galgay asked that the Committee's recommendation that an RA-5 pedestrian activated overhead flashing light system be installed at the intersection, be given priority due to issues of safety at this location.

Councillor Galgay also asked that concerns relative to large truck traffic on Water Street and Duckworth Street be considered at the next meeting of the Police and Traffic Committee.

Regarding Item #11, Mt. Scio Road – Request for crosswalk at Rainbow Riders

Councillor Hickman asked that the request be referred back to the Transportation Engineer for further consideration.

Following discussion, the motion being put was unanimously carried.

Building Permits List

SJMC2012-10-15/520R

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

2012/10/10

Permits List

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CLASS: COMMERCIAL

322 FRESHWATER RD	NC	CAR WASHING ESTABLISHMENT
180 PORTUGAL COVE RD	SN	EATING ESTABLISHMENT
390 TORBAY RD	SN	SERVICE STATION
710 TORBAY RD RONA	SN	RETAIL STORE
69 MEWS PL	NC	ACCESSORY BUILDING
430 TOPSAIL RD-HAUNTED HOUSE	CR	PLACE OF AMUSEMENT
AVALON MALL -LIDS	CR	RETAIL STORE
48 KENMOUNT RD AVALON MALL	RN	RETAIL STORE
35 AVIATION CRT	NC	TRANSPORTATION TERMINAL
422 LOGY BAY RD	SW	WAREHOUSE
470 TOPSAIL RD, SOBEYS STORE	RN	RETAIL STORE
300 EAST WHITE HILLS RD / NLC	NC	WAREHOUSE

THIS WEEK \$ 12,380,520.00

CLASS: INDUSTRIAL

THIS WEEK \$.00

CLASS: GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL

172 MILITARY RD	RN	MIXED USE
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THIS WEEK \$ 219,750.00

CLASS: RESIDENTIAL

33 SPRUCE GROVE AVE, LOT 105	NC	SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
1340 BLACKHEAD RD	NC	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
19 BROOKFIELD RD	NC	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
148 CAMPBELL AVE	NC	PATIO DECK
45 CAPE PINE ST, LOT 21	NC	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
110 CASTLE BRIDGE DR, LOT 215	NC	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
11 CYPRESS ST, LOT 147	NC	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
67 CYPRESS ST, LOT 122	NC	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
4 GALASHIELS PL	NC	ACCESSORY BUILDING
49 GLENLONAN ST., LOT 93	NC	SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
31-33 GOLF AVE	NC	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
17 HALL'S RD	NC	ACCESSORY BUILDING
202 HAMILTON AVE	NC	PATIO DECK
28 MIRANDA ST. LOT 28	NC	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
15 MIRANDA ST	NC	PATIO DECK
127 PORTUGAL COVE RD	NC	ACCESSORY BUILDING
103 RENNIE'S MILL RD	NC	ACCESSORY BUILDING
20 ROSE ABBEY ST, LOT 159	NC	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
50 SKANES AVE	NC	PATIO DECK
15 TANNER ST	NC	FENCE
535 TOPSAIL RD	NC	PATIO DECK
12 GLENLONAN ST	CO	SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
156 CHEESEMAN DR	CR	SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
10 DARLING ST	EX	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
72 BARNES RD	RN	TOWNHOUSING
52 CABOT ST	RN	TOWNHOUSING
100 ELIZABETH AVE SUITE 808	RN	CONDOMINIUM
49 FEILD ST	RN	SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING
59 FRANKLYN AVE	RN	SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING

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36 GLENLONAN ST	RN	SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
122 GOWER ST	RN	SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING
5 LONG ST	RN	TOWNHOUSING
19 MAXSE ST	RN	SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING
44 PENNYWELL RD	RN	SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING
79 PENNYWELL RD	RN	TOWNHOUSING
16 PROSPECT ST	RN	APARTMENT BUILDING
335 SOUTHSIDE RD	RN	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
439 SOUTHSIDE RD	RN	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
68 TEAKWOOD DR	RN	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
33 WARREN PL	RN	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
577 EMPIRE AVE	SW	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING

THIS WEEK \$ 2,846,260.00

CLASS: DEMOLITION

THIS WEEK \$.00

THIS WEEK'S TOTAL: \$ 15,446,530.00

REPAIR PERMITS ISSUED: 2012/10/04 TO 2012/10/10 \$ 80,150.00

LEGEND

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

REJECTION:

**152 Water Street – Sign – Rejected as per the Heritage Area Sign By-Law,
Third party Signs are prohibited within the Heritage Areas.**

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Payrolls and Accounts

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It was moved by Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending October 11th, 2012 be approved:

**Weekly Payment Vouchers
For The
Week Ending October 11, 2012**

Payroll

Public Works	\$ 378,902.22
Bi-Weekly Administration	\$ 874,200.65
Bi-Weekly Management	\$ 672,708.63
Bi-Weekly Fire Department	\$ 563,881.08
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,508,477.71
Total:	\$ 5,998,170.29

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Tenders

- a. Tender – Lease of Two (2) New Articulating Dump Trucks
- b. Tender - Lease of One (1) New Articulate Loader
- c. Tender – East White Hills Road Guiderail Installation
- d. Tender – St. John’s Convention Centre Expansion
CP#3 – Kitchen Equipment
- e. Tender - St. John’s Convention Centre Expansion
CP#5 – Waldegrave Street Realignment and Demolition

SJMC2012-10-15/522R

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

- a. Toromont Cat @ \$5,803.95 per month for a 60 month agreement, taxes not included.
- b. Nortrax Canada @ \$4,545.11 per month for a 60 month agreement, taxes not included
- c. John F. Power Construction @ \$52,155.18

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- d. **Hendrix Hotel & Restaurant Equipment & Supplies @ \$2,317,574.63**
- e. **Coady Construction & Excavating Ltd. @ \$587,498.30**

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Request from Deputy Mayor Duff to attend 2012 Atlantic Green Forum and Design Charette

Council considered a memorandum dated October 12, 2012 from the Deputy City Manager/Director of Corporate Services & City Clerk regarding the above noted.

SJMC2012-10-15/523R

It was moved by Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Collins: That Deputy Mayor Duff's attendance at the 2012 Atlantic Green Forum and Design Charette October 29-30, 2012, in St. John's, be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Attendance by Councillor O'Leary at Board of Trade Small Business Week, Oct 17, 2012

Council considered a memorandum dated October 12, 2012 from the Deputy City Manager/Director of Corporate Services & City Clerk regarding the above noted.

SJMC2012-10-15/524R

It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Hann: That Councillor O'Leary's attendance at the Board of Trade Small Business Week, Oct 17, 2012, be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Councillor O'Leary

Councillor O'Leary asked the status of the City's position with respect to the use of studded tire. The matter was referred to the Director of Engineering for follow-up.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

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