

October 19th, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the St. John's Municipal Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:50 p.m. today.

His Worship the Mayor presided

There were present also Deputy Mayor Duff; Councillors O'Leary, Hickman, Hann, Colbert, Breen, Galgay, Tilley, Hanlon and Collins

The Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor, the Associate Commissioner/Director of Corporate Services and City Clerk; the Associate Commissioner/Director of Engineering, Development Engineer and Manager, Corporate Secretariat were also in attendance.

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

SJMC2009-10-19/584R

It was decided on motion of Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Adoption of Minutes

SJMC2009-10-19/585R

It was decided on motion of Deputy Mayor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hanlon: That the Minutes of the October 13th, 2009 meeting be adopted as presented.

Public Hearings

Public Hearing Report dated October 7th, 2009

Application by Facey Financial Planning and Consulting Inc. to rezone the property at Civic Number 261 Empire Avenue from the Residential Medium Density (R2) Zone to the Residential Mixed Use (RM) Zone to permit a proposed office building use.

Memorandum dated October 14, 2009 from the Director of Planning

SJMC2009-10-19/586R

It was moved by Councillor Hanlon; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That the following Resolution for St. John’s Development Regulations Amendment Number 471, 2009 to rezone property at Civic Number 261 Empire Avenue from the R2 Zone to the RM Zone, be adopted; which will then be referred to the Department of Municipal Affairs with a request for Provincial registration of the amendment in accordance with the requirements of the Provincial Urban and Rural Planning Act:

**RESOLUTION
ST. JOHN’S DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS
AMENDMENT NUMBER 471, 2009**

WHEREAS the City of St. John’s wishes to amend the current zoning designation of the property situated at Civic Number 261 Empire Avenue and a portion of the property situated at Civic Number 20 Grenfell Avenue in order to allow the property at Civic Number 261 Empire Avenue to be redeveloped for a business office.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City of St. John’s hereby adopts the following map amendment to the St. John’s Development Regulations, pursuant to the provisions of the Urban and Rural Planning Act.

Rezone land at Civic Number 261 Empire Avenue and a portion of the property at Civic Number 20 Grenfell Avenue from the Residential Medium Density (R2) Zone to the Residential Mixed Use (RM) Zone as shown on Map Z-1A attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of St. John’ requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs to register the proposed amendment in accordance with the requirements of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000.

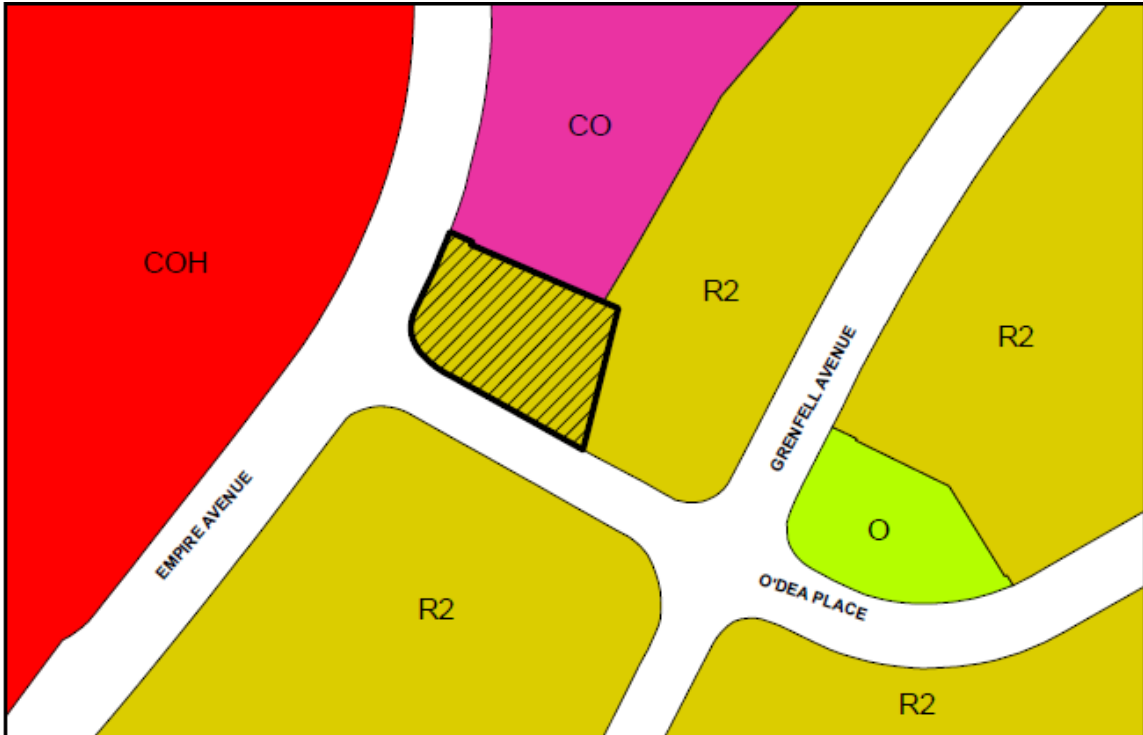
IN WITNESS THEREOF the Seal of the City of St. John’s has been hereunto affixed and this Resolution has been signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk on behalf of Council this 19th day of **October, 2009.**

Mayor

Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk

I hereby certify that this Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000.

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**CITY OF ST. JOHN'S
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS
Amendment No. 471, 2009
[Map Z-1A]**

2009 10 16 SCALE: 1:1000
CITY OF ST. JOHN'S
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

I hereby certify that this amendment
has been prepared in accordance with the
Urban and Rural Planning Act.



AREA PROPOSED TO BE REZONED FROM
RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY (R2) LAND USE ZONE
TO RESIDENTIAL MIXED (RM) LAND USE ZONE

261 EMPIRE AVENUE

M.C.I.P. signature and seal

Mayor

Director Corp. Services/City Clerk

Council Adoption

Provincial Registration

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Special Events Advisory Committee Recommendation dated October 5th, 2009.

Council considered the following Special Events Advisory Committee Report dated October 5th, 2009 :

- 1) Event: Allied Health Care Run
- Location: Elizabeth Ave and Westerland Road
- Date: Saturday, October 24, 2009
- Time: 8:00 am – 9:00 am

This event requires a temporary road closure of the Northbound Lane on Westerland Road
Recommendation:

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

Robin King, P.Eng.
Chairman, Special Events Advisory Committee

SJMC2009-10-19/587R

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

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Para Transit Advisory Committee Report, October 19th, 2009

Council considered the following Para Transit Advisory Committee Report dated October 19th, 2009:

Voting Members: Cecil Whitten, Cerebral Palsy Association (Chairman)
Bill Westcott, Epilepsy NL
Lori Shea, CCB
Nancy Lear, Citizen Representative
Kate Morrison, MS Society
Margaret Murphy, CNIB

Para Transit Advisory Committee Membership

Former Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth has expressed interest in maintaining a seat on the Para Transit Advisory Committee. The above noted members have expressed their support in this regard, noting that Mr. Ellsworth's presence and liaison with the Provincial Government has been instrumental to the revamping of the para-transit system and will provide continuity toward the ongoing process.

The Committee recommends that Ron Ellsworth, former Deputy Mayor be appointed to the Committee as a non-elected official for a two year term commencing October 2009 – October 2011. The Committee also looks forward to working with the future new Council representative once that person has been appointed.

**Cecil Whitten
Chairperson**

SJMC2009-10-19/588R

It was moved by Councillor Hann; seconded by Deputy Mayor Duff; That the Committee's recommendation be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Report dated October 14th, 2009

In Attendance: Kelly Heisz, Co-Chairperson
Debbie Ryan, Co-Chairperson
Edward Sawdon, CHANNAL
Phillip Strong, CNIB Alternate
Trish Williams, Autism Society
Paul Crann, CPA Alternate
Scott Winsor, Construction Engineer
Karen Chafe, Recording Secretary

Report:

1. Mayor's Advisory Committee Representation on Para Transit Advisory Committee

The Committee referenced the recent consultants report with respect to the review of the Para Transit System and the ongoing implementation that will be occurring as a result of the short-term recommendations arising from that report. The Mayor's Advisory Committee would like to participate in these discussions with the Para Transit Advisory Committee, and it was agreed that a Committee representative be appointed to the Para Transit Advisory Committee.

The Committee on motion of Kelly Heisz; seconded by Pauline Crann recommends that the Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities be represented on the Para Transit Advisory Committee and that Co-Chairperson Debbie Ryan be appointed in this regard.

2. **Accessibility of Election Ballots**

The Committee referenced an e-mail sent to the City Clerk from Elizabeth Mayo, President of the St. John's Chapter of the Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB). During the recent municipal election, some blind and vision impaired residents were not able to vote independently because alternate format ballots were not available. She noted that in some provincial and federal elections, a template positioned on top of a ballot with raised print is made available to assist people in the casting of their private votes. Other methods such as large print ballots should also be considered.

The Committee recommends that the City's Chief Returning Officer work in consultation with the CCB and the CNIB as well as the Mayor's Advisory Committee to develop solutions to accommodate alternate forms of ballot casting for all future municipal elections. Alternate formats will ensure citizens with special needs, who are blind or have vision impairments will have the ability to cast private votes.

3. **Request for Additional Blue Zone Space in Front of City Hall**

The Committee questioned the status of a previous recommendation to Council to install an additional blue zone space in front of City Hall. Council had deferred a decision on this matter pending further discussion with the Committee. The Committee once again acknowledged the challenges with some members having difficulty finding accessible parking space to attend meetings at City Hall. In this regard, the Committee reaffirms its previous recommendation to Council's June 23rd, 2009 meeting as follows:

The Committee recommends that an additional blue zone accessible parking space be situated in front of City Hall, perhaps replacing the temporary 15 minute parking space that currently exists. This would enable a total of three accessible parking spaces to be made available.

Kelly Heisz
Debbie Ryan
Co-Chairpersons

SJMC2009-10-19/589R

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

Regarding Item #3, Request for Additional Blue Zone Space in front of City Hall, Councillor Duff asked that the recommendation be referred to staff to see if the space

can be used partially for accessible parking which would permit regular parking on an as need basis.

The motion being put was carried with Item #3 referred to staff.

Development Permits List

Council considered as information the following Development Permit List for the period October 9th, to 15th, 2009:

**DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
FOR THE PERIOD OF October 9, 2009 TO October 15, 2009**

Code	Applicant	Application	Location	Ward	Development Officer's Decision	Date
COM	Breen's Enterprises	Extension to Building for Bakery	326 Logy Bay Road	1	Approved	09-10-15
COM	Advantage Management Ltd.	Commercial Subdivision (10) Lots	Mews Place Extension	4	Approved	09-10-15

<p>* Code Classification: RES - Residential COM - Commercial AG - Agriculture</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">INST - Institutional IND - Industrial</p>
<p>** This list is issued for information purposes only. Applicants have been advised in writing of the Development Officer's decision and of their right to appeal any decision to the St. John's Local Board of Appeal.</p>

**Gerard Doran
Development Officer
Department of
Planning**

Building Permits List

SJMC2009-10-19/590R

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

2009/10/14

Permits List

CLASS: COMMERCIAL

SPORT CHEK #383	75 ABERDEEN AVE	MS RETAIL STORE
TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES	98 ELIZABETH AVE	MS RETAIL STORE
CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES	194 ELIZABETH AVE	MS OFFICE
JUMBO VIDEO	16-72 HAMLYN RD	MS RETAIL STORE
A WISKERS DOG & CAT GROOMING	22 HIGHLAND DR	SN SERVICE SHOP
EXIT REALTY	25 KENMOUNT RD - EXIT REALTY	SN OFFICE
KEIBRIDAN ENTERPRISES INC.	279 PORTUGAL COVE RD	MS COMMERCIAL SCHOOL
MARIES MINI MART	386 STAVANGER DR	MS CONVENIENCE STORE
EASTER SEALS NL	39 KELSEY DR- HAUNTED HOUSE	CR PLACE OF AMUSEMENT
MORGAN ENTERPRISES LIMITED	35 MAJOR'S PATH, OTHER TENANT	TI PHARMACY

THIS WEEK \$ 233,500.00

CLASS: INDUSTRIAL

THIS WEEK \$.00

CLASS: GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL

CONSEIL SCOLAIRE FRANCO PONE PR	65 RIDGE RD	SN SCHOOL
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THIS WEEK \$ 2,500.00

CLASS: RESIDENTIAL

ROBERT T. GREEN JR.	24 ALLANDALE RD	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
TERRY WALSH CONSTRUCTION	BAY BULLS RD, LOT 2	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
PRO-TECH CONSTRUCTION	40 CASTLE BRIDGE DR -LOT 14	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
RPBERT BURKE	74 CHEROKEE DR	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
CORY MELENDY	67 CHERRINGTON ST	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
ANNE LETEMPLIER/MARGARET SMITH	13 CORPORAL JAMIE MURPHY ST	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
D. GLENNIS GREEN	11 COVENTRY WAY	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
LAWSON & MAUREEN DICKSON	19 DOYLE ST	NC FENCE
NEIL ANTHONY BARRON	55 FORBES ST	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
PRO TECH CONTRACTING INC.	FRANCIS ST, LOT 59	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
GUARDIAN HOMES INC.	27 GOLD MEDAL DR - LOT 178	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
DARRELL HEATH	66 GOLF AVE	NC PATIO DECK
REMAX PLUS REALTY	31 GREAT EASTERN AVE-SALES OFF	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
DON RENOUF	170 GREEN ACRE DR	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
SCOTT GUINCHARD	34 HENNESSEY'S LINE	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
STEPHEN CLARKE	64 HUNTINGDALE DR	NC FENCE
TREVOR BUDGELL &	11 JAMIE KORAB ST	NC FENCE
GIBRALTOR DEVELOPMENT	81 JULIEANN PL, LOT 132	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
GIBRALTAR DEVELOPMENT	89 JULIEANN PL, LOT 136	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
MERRILL & FANNY HODDINOTT	12 KINCAID ST	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
GARY FORD	67 LARNER ST	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
PAMELA EDDY	52 MALKA DR	NC FENCE
LISA S. MAIDMENT	1 MELVILLE PL	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
GREG MARTIN	19 MONCHY ST	NC FENCE
JACQUELINE F. MAHONEY	11 MORRIS AVE	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
JAMES WATERMAN AND	28 MOUNTAINVIEW DR	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
BALNAFAD CO LTD	20 MYRICK PL	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
THOMAS G. MCCAUGHEY	10 NIGHTINGALE RD	NC PATIO DECK

STEPHEN KINGSLEY	21 PARLIAMENT ST	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
KEN & ELIZABETH SPURRELL	92 ST. CLARE AVE	NC PATIO DECK
HANN CONSTRUCTION LTD.	6 SOLDIER CRES, LOT 44	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
FRANK GILLESPIE	1 CARONDALE DR	CC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
KURT MISIK	31 CORNWALL AVE	CO HOME OFFICE
ROBERT WEBB	10 ELM PL	CO HOME OCCUPATION
DEBORAH HUMPHRIES	152 BAY BULLS RD	CR DAY CARE CENTRE
IAN WALSH	70 GREAT EASTERN AVE	CR SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
LLOYD ADAMS AND	80 MACBETH DR	CR SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
LISA HOUNSELL & KEITH HOUNSELL	67 STIRLING CRES	CR SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
NEIL BARRON	55 FORBES ST	EX SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
MERVYN MCINTYRE	121 MERRYMEETING RD	EX SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
KAMEL MARMOUCH AND	64 REGENT ST	EX SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ROBERT PIKE AND OLIVIA PIKE	295 STAVANGER DR	EX SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
CRAIG & KAREN HICKEY	63 CHEYNE DR	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
MORGAN WINTER	29 COLLIER'S LANE	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
JORDAN & PAMELA EDWARDS	11 EDISON PL	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
GLENN SNOW	305 EMPIRE AVE	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
RYAN PAINTER	7 LARKHALL ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT
ENOS THOMAS	58 LARNER ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
DENISE BROPHY	33 MONROE ST	RN SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING
ISAAC WEBB	75 PEARLTOWN RD	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ARNOLD HAINES	48 PLEASANT ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
GORDON TAYLOR	35 VICTORIA ST	RN TOWNHOUSING
DOMINIC LACROIX AND	17 VICTORIA ST	SW SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING

THIS WEEK \$ 2,296,068.00

CLASS: DEMOLITION

JOHN ARTHUR MCCLUSKY AND	145 PATRICK ST	DM ACCESSORY BUILDING
BLUE WATER DOWN TOWN	331 WATER ST	DM PATIO DECK

THIS WEEK \$ 2,800.00

THIS WEEK'S TOTAL: \$ 2,534,868.00

REPAIR PERMITS ISSUED: 2009/10/08 TO 2009/10/14 \$ 33,600.00

LEGEND

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

Payrolls and Accounts

SJMC2009-10-19/591R

**It was decided on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Colbert:
That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending October 15th,
2009, be approved:**

**Weekly Payment Vouchers
For The
Week Ending October 15, 2009**

PAYROLL

Public Works	\$ 304,308.86
Bi-Weekly Amalgamation	\$ 476,196.16
Bi-Weekly Management	\$ 605,014.91
Bi-Weekly Administration	\$ 618,435.40

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Cheque No. 153531 – 153817	\$5,501,139.54
Total:	\$5,505,094.87

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Colbert 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 amend the Council Pension By-Law so as to provide that a pension paid under this By-Law to a former member of Council shall be suspended should that former member be re-elected to Council.

Densmore's Lane – Petty Harbour Water Treatment Plant

Council considered a memorandum dated October 9, 2009 from the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor regarding the above noted.

SJMC2009-10-19/592R

It was moved by Councillor Hickman; seconded by Councillor Collins: That His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute Notice of Amendment with respect to an error in the Notice of Expropriation respecting land at Densmore's Lane in 2005 for the Petty Harbour Long Pond Water Treatment Plant.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Main Road, Goulds, ACB Limited

Council considered a memorandum dated October 14, 2009 from the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor regarding the above noted.

SJMC2009-10-19/593R

It was moved by Councillor Collins; seconded by Deputy Mayor Duff: That the recommendation of the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor that a larger easement than initially negotiated at Main Road, Goulds from ACB Limited, be acquired, at a cost of \$9,000.00, plus legal fees, due to the fact that the waterline has since been re-engineered, be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

122 Portugal Cove Road – Suzanne Stamp

Council considered a memorandum dated October 6, 2009 from the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor regarding the above noted.

SJMC2009-10-19/594R

It was moved by Councillor Hanlon; seconded by Deputy Mayor Duff: That the recommendation of the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor to acquire a power line easement required by the City on 122 Portugal Cove Road in order to relocate a power line, in relation to the realignment of a portion of Portugal Cove Road, at a cost of \$3,200.00 plus legal fees, be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

113 Portugal Cove Road, Charles & Charity Spurrell

Council considered a memorandum dated October 9, 2009 from the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor regarding the above noted.

SJMC2009-10-19/595R

It was moved by Councillor Hanlon; seconded by Councillor Breen: That the recommendation of the Chief Commissioner and City Solicitor that a power line easement required by the City from Charles and Charity Spurrell at 113 Portugal Cove Road, for the realignment of the intersection of Portugal Cove Road at New Cove Road, be acquired for \$1.00, provided the City pay the legal fees for the transaction, (as agreed to by the Spurrells), be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Revised Schedule "A", 2008-2010 Multi-Year Capital Works Program

Council considered a memorandum dated October 14th, 2009 from the Director of Finance and City Treasurer regarding the above noted.

SJMC2009-10-19/596R

It was moved by Councillor Collins; seconded by Deputy Mayor Duff: That the Revised Schedule "A" 2008-2010 Multi-Year Capital Works Program be approved as presented.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

52 Pennywell Road, Demolition and Repairs to Two Storey Party Wall

Council considered a memorandum dated October 15, 2009 from the Director of Building and Property Management regarding the above noted.

SJMC2009-10-19/597R

It was moved by Councillor Colbert; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the recommendation of the Director of Building and Property Management that Council issue an Order for the demolition and repairs to two storey party wall at 52 Pennywell Road, as per Section 375 of the City of St. John's Act, be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

439 Kenmount Road, Billboard Sign

Council considered a memorandum dated October 13, 2009 from the Director of Building and Property Management regarding the above noted.

SJMC2009-10-19/598R

It was moved by Councillor Hickman; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the billboard Sign at 439 Kenmount Road be approved as the sign meets the requirements of the City’s By-Law and is located in a commercial area.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Councillor Colbert indicated that he has noticed a number of large signs around the City located in close proximity to intersections. He asked that the matter be brought forward to the Police and Traffic Committee to determine whether or not the location of the signs meet the requirements of the City’s Sign By-Laws.

**Travel Authorization - Cultural Tourism Conference, Trinity, NL
November 18 and 19, 2009 - Councillor O’Leary**

Council considered a memorandum dated October 16, 2009 from the Associate Commissioner/Director of Corporate Services and City Clerk regarding the above noted.

SJMC2009-10-19/599R

It was moved by Councillor Colbert; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That travel by Councillor O’Leary to the Cultural Tourism Conference, Trinity, NL, November 18 and 19, 2009, be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

**Travel Authorization, Cultural Tourism Conference, Trinity, NL,
November 18 and 19, 2009, Deputy Mayor Duff**

SJMC2009-10-19/600R

It was moved by Councillor Colbert; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That Travel by Deputy Mayor Duff to the Cultural Tourism Conference, Trinity, NL, November 18 and 19, 2009, be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Appointment of Standing Committee Chairs

Council considered a memorandum dated October 16, 2009 from the Associate Commissioner/Director of Corporate Services and City Clerk regarding the above noted.

Council ratified the following Council members who have been selected as Chairs of the Standing Committees:

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| 1. | Finance and Administration | Deputy Mayor Duff |
| 2. | Public Works, Environment & Protection | Councillor Hickman |
| 3. | Parks and Recreation | Councillor Collins |
| 4. | Planning and Housing | Councillor Galgay |
| 5. | Economic Development | Councillor Hanlon |
| 6. | Tourism | Councillor Colbert |
| 7. | Audit | Councillor Breen |

Councillor Hanlon

Councillor Hanlon advised that a meeting has been scheduled to be held at 4 Kerry Street, October 22, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Ward 4 traffic issues.

Councillor Tilley

Councillor Tilley tabled the following correspondence

- a. Letter from residents of 188 Waterford Bridge Road concerning the old Corpus Christi Hall property which was referred for inclusion in the agenda of the hearing to be held on October 20, 2009 regarding applications to rezone Corpus Christi Hall and land adjacent to 227 Waterford Bridge Road.
- b. Letter dated October 16, 2009 from Art and Bonnie Mallard, 49 Barachois Street re incorrect Remax Listing for 55 Barachois Street, which was referred to the Associate Commissioner and Director of Engineering for follow-up
- c. Letter dated October 5, 2009 from, George Parsons, 11 Portland Place, regarding sidewalk construction, Blackmarsh Road which was referred to the Associate Commissioner and Director of Engineering for follow-up.

Councillor Galgay

Councillor Galgay tabled the following correspondence:

- a. Letter dated October 13, 2009 from Jane Hennebury, 29A Rankin Street regarding asphalt/sidewalks on Rankin Street, which was referred for consideration under the 2010 capital works budget.
- b. Letter on behalf residents of 2,4,6, 8,10 and 12 Atlantic Avenue requesting replacement of the asphalt on the north side of Atlantic Avenue encompassing numbers 2-12, which was referred to the Associate Commissioner and Director of Engineering for follow-up

In terms of the priority list for streets rehabilitation, His Worship the Mayor clarified the fact that the process involves staff analyzing the condition of streets on a yearly basis and referral on that basis of a priority list to Council for recommendation under the City's Streets Rehabilitation Program.

Councillor Breen

Councillor Breen asked if the City has a plan in place to look after the extra accumulation of dead branches as a result of recent high winds. The Associate Commissioner and Director of Engineering advised that arrangements were made to

refer such calls to the Service Centre and subsequent follow-up with the Department of Public Works and Parks.

Councillor Colbert

Councillor Colbert asked the status of the City's water meter pilot project. The Associate Commissioner and Director of Engineering advised that the data is in the process of being analyzed and should be available to Council towards the end of this month.

Councillor Hann

Councillor Hann alluded to the fact the most Councillors during their election campaign committed to review the City's Taxation to see if there is a more equitable and fair means of taxation, particularly seniors who live on a fixed income, and he is hoping the Mayors Advisory Committee on Seniors will endeavour to submit recommendations in that regard for consideration during the budget process. Councillor Hann referenced Council's Resolution of September 8, 2009 directing the Finance Department to review the Property Taxation legislation in other provincial jurisdictions and report to Council on changes to the City of St. John's Municipal Taxation Act that would have the effect of easing the impact on taxpayers of significant increases in property assessments that may occur during the tri-annual property assessment cycle. He asked that staff be directed to broaden the scope of the research to include other jurisdictions in North America. The Mayor clarified the fact that the intent would be to have the information prior to the next cycle of property reassessment. Council concurred.

Councillor Hickman

Councillor Hickman asked the status of road construction on Harbour Drive and Water Street West. The Associate Commissioner and Director of Engineering advised that weather has been a big deterrent in completing the work, however, depending on weather conditions, he anticipates completion of much of the work within three weeks.

Councillor Hickman noted he intends to raise the issue surrounding timelines, performance and expectations relative to construction projects with the Public Works, Environment and Protection Committee, as well as the issue of snow clearing.

Councillor O’Leary

Councillor O’Leary indicated that she intends to advocate in support of the reinstatement of the downtown library.

Councillor O’Leary tabled an email from a resident concerning about illegal fire lane parking, which was referred to the Transportation Engineer for follow-up.

Deputy Mayor Duff

Deputy Mayor Duff suggested that in future the debriefing session following the municipal election include not only the elected candidates but all candidates. She noted that there are some aspects of the mail-in ballot that are difficult for candidates. She recommended getting input from them on how to make the process more candidate friendly.

Deputy Mayor Duff noted that it was clear during the campaign that people want action on environmental issues and they want the position of Manager of Environmental Initiatives reinstated. She asked that the matter be referred to the Public Works, Environment and Protection Committee for consideration .

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m..

MAYOR

CITY CLERK