

**February 9, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the St. John's Municipal Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:30 p.m. today.

Mayor Dennis O'Keefe presided.

There were present also Deputy Mayor Ellsworth, Councillors Duff, Colbert, Hickman, Hann, Puddister, Galgay, Coombs, 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, the Director of Planning, and Manager, Corporate Secretariat were also in attendance.

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

**SJMC2009-02-09/83R**

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

- a. Tender – Buckmaster's Circle, Boys and Girls Club
- b. Correspondence re cost of Pippy Park Play Structure

**Adoption of Minutes**

**SJMC2009-02-09/84R**

**It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the Minutes of the February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 meeting be adopted as presented.**

**Planning and Housing Standing Committee Report dated February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**

Council considered the following Planning and Housing Committee Report dated February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009:

In Attendance: Councillor Keith Coombs, Chairperson  
Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth  
Councillor Shannie Duff  
Councillor Sandy Hickman  
Councillor Art Puddister  
Councillor Frank Galgay  
Councillor Debbie Hanlon  
Councillor Wally Collins  
Mr. Ron Penney, Chief Commissioner & Solicitor  
Mr. Art Cheeseman, Associate Commissioner/Director of Engineering  
Mr. Cliff Johnston, Director of Planning  
Mr. Paul Mackey, Director of Public Works & Parks  
Mr. Dave Blackmore, Director of Building & Property Management  
Mr. Joe Sampson, Manager of Development  
Mr. Ken O'Brien, Manager of Planning & Information  
Mr. Jim Clarke, Manager of Streets & Parks  
Ms. Kelly Butler, Recording Secretary

**1. Proposed Rezoning of Property – Bonnie Thompson – Civic No. 85 Oxen Pond Road (Ward 4)**

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The Committee met with Ms. Bonnie Thompson to discuss her rezoning application to accommodate a townhouse development at Civic No. 85 Oxen Pond Road. The Committee also considered the **attached** memorandum dated September 29, 2008, from the Director of Planning and the Manager of Planning and Information.

**The Committee recommends that the application be rejected as the neighbourhood consists of single detached dwellings in the Residential Low Density (R1) Zone, and the introduction of the Residential Medium Density (R2) Zone to permit the townhouses would introduce a spot zone, and a zone not currently used in the neighbourhood. In addition, the proposed townhouses would not be in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood which is mostly single storey bungalows, with the exception of a four unit apartment building adjacent to the subject property.**

**2. Proposed Amendments to the St. John's Municipal Plan and the St. John's Development Regulations for the Proposed Redevelopment of the Former Federal Lands in Pleasantville (Ward 1)**

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The Committee met with Mr. John Dalton, Canada Lands Company and Mr. Neil Dawe, Tract Consulting regarding the above noted matter. The Committee also considered the **attached** memorandum dated January 30, 2009, from the Director of Planning.

**The Committee agreed to direct the Department of Planning to schedule a public meeting to be chaired by a member of Council on the proposed amendments to the St. John's Municipal Plan and the St. John's Development Regulations to implement the redevelopment plan as submitted by the Canada Lands Company. *The public meeting has been scheduled for***

*Thursday, February 26, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Building, on The Boulevard. Councillor Tom Hann is scheduled to chair public meetings for the month of February.*

**3. Northeast Avalon Regional Plan Review**

The Committee reviewed material regarding the preparation of the new Northeast Avalon Regional Plan which was discussed at a meeting on January 27, 2009, with officials of the Department of Municipal Affairs and representatives of the municipalities on the Northeast Avalon Peninsula. (A copy of this material is on file with the City Clerk's Department.)

It was noted that there will be an overall increase of approximately \$5,400 annually over the next two years in the City's financial contribution for preparation of the Plan. The Director of Planning advised that this amount has already been allocated in the Department's 2009 budget.

**4. Proposed Nine (9) Lot Residential Development – Murphy's Lane/Signal Hill Road (Ward 2) – Leger Holdings Ltd.**

The Committee considered the **attached** memorandum dated January 30, 2009, from the Director of Planning and the Manager of Development regarding the above noted matter.

**The Committee recommends that the applicant's residential development must be undertaken within the current provisions of the St. John's Development Regulations and the Battery Development Guidelines Study relative to the subject property. The applicant's proposal for three-storey single detached dwelling units does not meet these requirements, and as such, the Committee is not prepared to entertain the proposed height as put forth by the applicant. Consequently, there is no merit in the applicant undertaking a Land Use Assessment Report as he has requested.**

**5. Proposed Extension to the Former CBC Building – Civic No. 344 Duckworth Street (Ward 2) – Powderhouse Hill Investments Inc.**

The Committee considered the **attached** memorandum dated January 30, 2009, from the Director of Planning and the Manager of Planning and Information regarding the above noted matter.

**The Committee recommends that the proposed redevelopment of the building stay within the requirements of the Commercial Central Mixed (CCM) Zone, which limits the building height to 15 metres as measured from Henry Street. The Committee further recommends that City staff contact the applicant to see if they still wish to proceed with their application on the basis of the height limitation noted above. If the applicant does wish to proceed with the processing of their application with this height stipulation, the Committee recommends that the application be referred public meeting will be provided to Council if the applicant advises they are prepared to modify their application.**

**6. Proposed Rezoning of Property – Civic No. 653 Southside Road (Ward 5) – William Noseworthy**

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The Committee considered the **attached** memorandum dated January 30, 2009, from the Director of Planning and the Manager of Planning and Information regarding the above noted matter.

**The Committee agreed to direct the Department of Planning to schedule a public meeting to be chaired by a member of Council on the above noted rezoning application. *The public meeting has now been scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Councillor Hann is scheduled to chair public meetings for the month of February.***

**7. Accessory Dwelling Units in the Rural (R) and Forestry (F) Zones**

The Committee considered the **attached** memorandum dated January 28, 2008, from the Director of Planning regarding the above noted matter.

**The Committee recommends that Council direct staff to draft the appropriate amendments to the St. John's Development Regulations to establish suitable conditions for the approval of accessory dwelling units in the Rural (R) Zone and the Forestry (F) Zone in keeping with those standards that were previously adopted by Council under the provisions of St. John's Development Regulations Amendment No. 280, 2003. It is further recommended that consideration of any present applications for accessory dwelling units be deferred during this amendment process.**

**8. Development Above the 190 Metre Contour in Southlands (Ward 5) and the Southwest Development Area (Wards 3 & 4)**

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The Committee considered the **attached** memorandum dated January 30, 2009, from the Director of Planning regarding the above noted matter.

**The Committee recommends that Council direct staff to draft the appropriate amendments to the St. John's Municipal Plan and the St. John's Development Regulations as noted for the applicable areas located above the 190 metre contour elevation in Southlands and the Southwest Development Area. It is further recommended that a public meeting, to be chaired by a member of Council, be held to discuss the amendments once they have been prepared. The City's public meeting process will also need to reference the requirement for a Regional Plan amendment.**

**9. Proposed Text Amendment – St. John's Development Regulations – Eating Establishments**

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The Committee considered the **attached** memorandum dated February 3, 2009, from the Director of Planning regarding the above noted matter.

**The Committee recommends that Council direct staff to draft the appropriate text amendment to the St. John's Development Regulations, which would provide that if an Eating Establishment is proposed to have an outdoor area and/or drive thru, and if the Eating Establishment is located within 150 metres of a church, school, or a residential zone, that the application will need to be publicly advertised as a Discretionary Use. The proposed text amendment would be advertised for public review and comment. Upon completion of this process, the text amendment would be referred to a future Regular Meeting of Council for consideration of adoption.**

**10. Tiffany Village Seniors Residential Complex Application (Ward 4)**

The Committee considered the **attached** memorandum dated February 3, 2009, from Councillor Shannie Duff regarding the above noted matter. Deputy Mayor Ellsworth abstained from discussion and voting on this matter due to a possible conflict of interest.

Councillor Duff expressed concern with the width of Tiffany Lane, noting that it is not as wide as a standard City street and may not be able to accommodate the increased traffic.

It was moved by Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That the City require the developer to provide a road reservation for future street widening on the Tiffany Village Complex property.

The Director of Engineering advised that Tiffany Lane is 12 metres wide, with 9 metres of asphalt and sidewalks. Normally residential streets are 15 metres wide with 11.5 metres of asphalt and sidewalks. He indicated that the street width for Tiffany Lane is sufficient, and a road widening to accommodate this project is not required.

Councillor Puddister suggested that staff consider the use of Baird's Lane at some point in the future if an alternate access is required.

Following the discussion, the motion being put, there vote for it the mover and seconder, with Councillors Hickman, Puddister, Collins, and Hanlon opposed, and Deputy Mayor Ellsworth abstaining. The motion was lost.

Councillor Duff also noted the need to review the inclusion of Seniors Apartments as a permitted use in the Institutional (I) Zone, and she requested that the matter be referred to staff for review.

**The Committee agreed that staff will review the present definition of "Seniors Apartment Building" as contained in the St. John's Development Regulations and the regulation of this use and prepare a report for the Committee's review and consideration.**

Councillor Keith Coombs  
Chairperson

**SJMC2009-02-09/85R**

**It was moved by Councillor Coombs; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That the Committee's recommendations pertaining to Items 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9 and 10 be approved.**

**Following discussion, the motion being put was carried with Deputy Mayor Ellsworth abstaining due to a conflict of interest pertaining to Item 10 (Tiffany Village Seniors Residential Complex Application).**

**SJMC2009-02-09/86R**

**Regarding Item #4, it was moved by Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the Committee's recommendation be approved.**

Councillor Duff noted that the proposed three (3) storey single detached dwellings are not permitted in the CDA of Signal Hill, and that the maximum permitted height of single detached dwellings in the CDA, Signal Hill is one (1) storey, and any such application would be subject to extensive consultation with other public institutions given the sensitivity of the issue, as well as the public notification process, and a public hearing.

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

**Parks and Recreation Standing Committee Report dated January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Council considered the following Parks and Recreation Standing Committee Report dated January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009:

**Attendees:** Councillor Shannie Duff, Chairperson  
Councillor Frank Galgay  
Councillor Art Puddister  
Councillor Sandy Hickman  
Councillor Tom Hann  
Councillor Wally Collins  
Ron Penney, Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor  
Jill Brewer, Director of Recreation  
Paul Mackey, Director of Public Works & Parks

Bob Bishop, Director of Finance & City Treasurer  
Dave Blackmore, Director of Building & Property Management  
Jim Clarke, Manager of Streets & Parks  
Brian Head, Operations Assistant – Parks  
Tanya Haywood, Manager – Facilities Division  
Heather Hickman, Manager – Community Development  
Natalie Godden, Manager – Family & Leisure Services  
Carla Lawrence, Manager – Youth Soccer Division  
Lynn O’Grady, Manager – Employee Wellness  
Karen Chafe, Recording Secretary

1. **St. John’s Minor Baseball – Financial Request**

The Director of Recreation referenced the previous request from St. John’s Minor Baseball for \$5,000 to help them offset their annual expenses. The Association has fund raised \$10,000 through various initiatives and the City has provided annual grant funding to assist with labour and equipment in the amount of \$18,690 which is not enough to offset the expenditures incurred throughout the year. Growth for demand in minor baseball programming has increased significantly (70% since 2003), and the length of the program has been extended to accommodate the demand. At the Committee’s last meeting, it was agreed that staff review the Association’s financial statements and budget, and this has now been done. The Director of Recreation advised that \$3,000 can be allocated from the community grants budget.

**The Committee on motion of Councillor Hickman; seconded by Councillor Puddister: recommends that \$3,000 be allocated to St. John’s Minor Baseball through the City’s community grants fund.**

2. **Trail Development – Ward 5**

The Committee met with Mr. Addison Bown and Chris Lemessieur of the Grand Concourse Authority to discuss the possibility of enhancing/expanding trail development in Ward 5. A map of the area was displayed outlining potential trail routes.

**The Committee on motion of Councillor Collins requested that a meeting be held with the relevant stakeholders in Ward 5, particularly the Goulds Recreation Association and the Southlands group to determine their feedback about the possibility of trail development in their ward.**

3. **Designation of Space for Untethered Dogs**

Councillor Puddister raised the possibility of providing untethered space for dogs in designated places around the City. An article from the Telegram: “Pet Connection” was included in the agenda by Glenn Redmond: “Set aside pet time in public spaces”. Staff expressed concern about the lack of control that would result if open spaces were designated for untethered dogs, not to mention the effect this would have on those who are afraid of dogs.

**The Committee recommends that the item be deferred back to staff to determine what options are available to permit dogs to run free in fenced or unfenced dog parks.**

**4. Proposed Park in Memory of Cyril Abery**

The Committee considered a memo dated December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 from the Chief Commissioner/City Solicitor regarding a proposed park in honour of Cyril Abery on the Waterford River Trail at Symes Bridge. The proposed land is City-owned and the property which was on the site was recently demolished. A site plan is attached. No financial support is being requested for this project.

**The Committee recommends approval of the creation of the proposed park in the above-noted location in memory of Cyril Abery.**

**5. Pippy Park Commission Playground Replacement Project**

The Committee considered a memo dated November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from the Director of Public Works & Parks regarding a request from the Pippy Park Commission for financial assistance to replace a playground near the slide hill at Long Pond.

**The Committee on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Puddister, with Councillors Hickman and Duff dissenting: approves the recommendation of the Director of Public Works & Parks that the City concentrate on maintaining its own playgrounds and not provide funding for this project.**

**6. Installation of Christmas Lights**

The Committee considered information on the above noted matter which was tabled by the Parks Division, regarding the installation costs for Christmas lights in various open space locations around the City of St. John's, and outlining a number of options to offset the cost. The installation of lights has also resulted in increased time to put up and take down lights by the Arboriculture staff, whose time has increased from 4 weeks per year in 2003 to 7 weeks per year in 2008. The amount of time has resulted in a reduction of 275 full tree prunings annually and has created a backlog of trees containing low hanging, dead, decayed and storm damaged branches located along road right-of-ways throughout the City.

**The Committee on motion of Councillor Puddister; seconded by Councillor Hickman recommends that the following option 3 of the issue paper be adopted:**

**Status quo: Install Christmas lights around the perimeter of the Bowring Park Duck Pond, Water Street Promenade and Bannerman Park during a seven week period at a cost of \$37,500.**



**The Director of Public Works & Parks advised that this service will have to be forwarded to budget for additional funding.**

Councillor Shannie Duff  
Chairperson

**SJMC2009-02-09/87R**

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

Regarding Item #3 (Designation of Space for Untethered Dogs), Councillor Colbert suggested that consideration be given to designating certain areas of City parks for unleashing of dogs at certain periods of the day.

Also, Councillor Hanlon asked the status of the research information she provided on this matter.

Regarding Item #6 (Installation of Christmas Lights), Councillor Colbert asked that staff look at the possibility of installing lights around Quidi Vidi Lake, maybe on the north side, in light of Council's decision to hold the new year's eve fireworks event on the lake, making the area more of a family place.

Councillor Galgay noted that he would like to see this service continue.

Councillor Duff noted that the City will have to find an alternative to using the City's Arboriculture staff to provide this service.

**SJMC2009-02-09/88R**

**Regarding Item #1 - (St. John's Minor Baseball – Financial Request) - It was moved by Deputy Mayor Ellsworth, seconded by Councillor Colbert: That the recommendation be deferred and referred for consideration to the Grants and Subsidies application process.**

Deputy Mayor Ellsworth argued that approving a \$3000 grant to St. John's Minor Baseball at this time is circumventing the community grants process.

Councillor Duff noted that \$3000 is to offset their annual expenses, since growth cannot meet the demand in minor baseball programming. She noted that the matter was referred

to staff and the Committee was advised that following review of their application, the request can be funded through the community grants budget.

**Following discussion, the motion to defer the application to the Grants and Subsidies process was carried with Councillor Hickman dissenting.**

**SJMC2009-02-09/89R**

**Regarding Item #5 (Pippy Park Commission Playground Replacement Project) Councillor Hickman tabled information re cost of Pippy Park Play Structure - It was then moved by Councillor Hickman; seconded by Councillor Colbert: That the matter be deferred back to the Committee as well as the Finance and Administration Standing Committee for further consideration.**

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

**The main motion being put was carried noting deferral of Items 1 and 5.**

**Development Permits List**

Council considered as information the following Development Permit List for the period January 30, 2009 to February 5, 2009:

**DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING  
FOR THE PERIOD OF January 30, 2009 TO February 5, 2009**

Code	Applicant	Application	Location	Ward	Development Officer's Decision	Date
COM	Sarah Bassler	Home Office	74 Newtown Road	2	Approved	09-01-30
RES	Dinh Ly	Infill Housing	37 Spencer Street	2	Rejected Contrary to Section 7.10 c Insufficient Lot Area	09-02-05

<p>* Code Classification: RES - Residential COM - Commercial AG - Agriculture</p>	<p>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**

**SJMC2009-02-09/90R**

**It was decided on motion of Councillor 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:**

2009/02/04

Permits List

**CLASS: COMMERCIAL**

MEINEKE CAR CARE	305 FRESHWATER RD	SN COMMERCIAL GARAGE
SMITHS HOME HARDWARE	650 TOPSAIL RD	SN RETAIL STORE
PAR HOLDINGS LIMITED	120 LEMARCHANT RD	RN SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
LIFE ON FIRE	120 LEMARCHANT RD	RN OFFICE
PAUL G. EMBERLEY DESIGN	120 LEMARCHANT RD	RN OFFICE
ALTUS GROUP	186 DUCKWORTH ST - SUITE 300	CO OFFICE
MARY BROWNS	27 ELIZABETH AVE	RN EATING ESTABLISHMENT

THIS WEEK \$ 67,000.00  
TO DATE \$ 56,794,585.00

**CLASS: INDUSTRIAL**

THIS WEEK \$ .00  
TO DATE \$ 2,685,000.00

**CLASS: GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL**

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE	714 WATER ST	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
BEN-WAR HOLDINGS	95 UNIVERSITY AVE	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
FED GOVT (SIR HUMPH. GILBERT)	175-177 DUCKWORTH ST	RN ADMIN BLDG/GOV/NON-PROFIT
GOV. OF NFLD. & LAB.	CHARTER & ROOSEVELT AVE	RN ADMIN BLDG/GOV/NON-PROFIT

THIS WEEK \$ 236,738.00  
TO DATE \$ 43,877,373.00

**CLASS: RESIDENTIAL**

ERCO HOMES	18 KERR ST, LOT 37	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ADRIAN & MARSHA VENDAM MURPHY	1 PLEASANTVILLE AVE	NC ACCESSORY BUILDING
NEW VICTORIAN HOMES	241 STAVANGER DR, LOT 4	NC SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
AMAZON TOOL REPAIR	99 NEW COVE RD	CO CUSTOM WORKSHOP
MARK GRAHAM DAVIS	65 PENNYWELL RD	CO HOME OFFICE
GERNAIL SETHI	61 LARKHALL ST	CR SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
GLEN POPE	55 OTTER DR	CR SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
WALTER & JANET MYRDEN	7 BELFAST ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
GLENN & JACKIE JANES	56 BERTEAU AVE	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
STEVEN PITTMAN	3 BORDEN ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
MARY KIRKLAND	2 BOULEVARD	RN APARTMENT BUILDING
LINDA E. IVANY	258 CANADA DR	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
ROCKWOOD HOMES	87 CHEYNE DR	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
EASTERN SIDING SYSTEMS	29 CONWAY CRES	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING

DONE RIGHT RENOVATIONS	42 EDISON PL	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
JEREMY BRYANT	76 LESLIE ST	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
GORDON WOODLAND	63 MAUNDER'S LANE	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
FORBES STREET HOLDINGS LTD.	82 PLEASANT ST	RN APARTMENT BUILDING
ST JOHN'S NON-PROFIT HOUSING	160 QUEEN'S RD	RN TOWNHOUSING
GUERRINO MASCARIN &	16 WHITEFORD PL	RN SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING

THIS WEEK \$ 2,100,262.00  
TO DATE \$153,476,416.00

**CLASS: DEMOLITION**

THIS WEEK \$ .00  
TO DATE \$ 1,905,800.00

THIS WEEK'S TOTAL: \$ 2,404,000.00

TOTAL YEAR TO DATE: \$258,739,174.00

REPAIR PERMITS ISSUED: 2009/01/29 TO 2009/02/04 \$ 7,500.00  
2007/12/13 TO 2009/02/04 \$ 3,680,160.00 YTD

LEGEND

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

**Payrolls and Accounts**

**SJMC2009-02-09/91R**

**It was decided on motion of Councillor Duff; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending February 5, 2009 be approved as presented:**

**Weekly Payment Vouchers  
For The  
Week Ending February 5, 2009**

**PAYROLL**

Public Works	\$ 478,596.83
Bi-Weekly Amalgamation	\$ 459,394.34

Bi-Weekly Management	\$ 633,921.02
Bi-Weekly Administration	\$ 571,509.02

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Cheque No. 142877 – 143163	<b>\$5,398,579.27</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,503,183.26</b>

**Tenders**

- a. Tender - Supply of Trees and Shrubs
- b. Tender – Buckmaster’s Circle, Boys and Girls Club

**SJMC2009-02-09/92R**

**It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Coombs: That the recommendation of the Director of Finance and City Treasurer and the Director of Building and Property Management be approved, and the tenders awarded as follows:**

- a. **Dutchmaster Nurseries in the amount of \$84,892.75 (taxes not included)**
- b. **J & T Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$1,788,000.00**

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

**Arts Jury**

Council considered a memorandum dated February 5, 2009 from Councillor Shannie Duff, Chair, Arts Advisory Committee requesting volunteers from Council to serve on the Arts Jury on February 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Councillors Hickman, Hanlon and Hann volunteered. Others interested were asked to submit their names to the City Clerk.

**Request from Vera Perlin Society for waiver of fees associated with the erection of a fundraising sign in relation to the renovation and extension of the Perlin Centre**

**SJMC2009-02-09/93R**

**It was moved by Councillor Coombs; seconded by Councillor Hann: That a request from the Vera Pelin Society for waiver of fees associated with the erection of a fundraising sign in relation to the renovation and extension of the Perlin Centre, be approved.**

**The motion being put was unanimously carried with Council agreeing that the waiver would be inclusive of all fees associated with the project**

**Snow Clearing Report**

Council considered as information the Snow clearing Report for the period January 1<sup>st</sup> to February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 showing a negative variance of \$304,716.00.

**Letter dated January 29, 2009 from Mayor O’Keefe to Mr. John Montgomery, SVP Operations – Atlantic Canada, Tim Hortons**

Council considered as information the above noted letter.

**Deputy Mayor Ellsworth**

Deputy Mayor Ellsworth noted that as per the request of Council a Para Transit Review Committee has been established consisting of representatives from the Para Transit Committee, the City of Mount Pearl as well as representatives from the Province. The Committee met and are now in the process of preparing a Requests for Proposals for a consultant to review the para transit system. The Deputy Mayor noted that the process will include focus groups, public meetings and an opportunity for written submissions, and he will keep Council apprised accordingly.

**Councillor Duff**

Councillor Duff asked that letters of congratulations be forwarded to the 2009 Molson St. John’s Athletes of the year, Nichole Adams and Mike Noftall.

**Councillor Hickman**

Councillor Hickman advised that on Thursday His Worship the Mayor will raise the Olympic Flag commemorating the one year count down to the start of the 2010 Olympics.

**Councillor Puddister**

Councillor Puddister indicated that he received a request from a constituent with respect to the on street parking ban, that the City use discretion when issuing tickets after 12:30 a.m. He suggested that consideration be given to extending the

time. He noted that staff advised against such a change. Councillor Puddister asked that the matter be referred to the Public Works Committee for consideration.

**Councillor Coombs**

Councillor Coombs tabled a letter from Mr. Gordon Holden, dated February 4, 2009 regarding an application by Cyril and Frank Fitzpatrick for “Vehicle Impound Lot”, Redmond’s Road, which was referred to staff for comment.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**