

February 16, 2015

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 Ron Ellsworth; Councillors Davis, Puddister, Hickman, Breen, Lane, Galgay, Tilley, and Collins.

Regrets: Councillor Hann.

The City Manager; Deputy City Manager of Corporate Services; Deputy City Manager of Public Works; Deputy City Manager of Community Services; Deputy City Manager of Finance & Administration; Acting Deputy City Manager of Planning, Development and Engineering; Chief Municipal Planner; Acting City Solicitor; City Clerk and Supervisor of Legislative Services were also in attendance.

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

SJMC2015-02-16/072R

**It was decided on motion of Councillor Collins; seconded by Councillor Davis:
That the agenda be adopted as presented.**

Adoption of Minutes

SJMC2015-02-16/073R

**It was decided on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Breen:
That the minutes of February 9, 2015 be adopted as presented.**

Business Arising

Speed Feedback Signs – School Zones

Council considered the memorandum dated February 10, 2015 from the City Manager regarding feedback signs in school zones.

SJMC2015-02-16/074R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Puddister; seconded by Councillor Breen: That Council approve the installation of 14 speed feedback signs for 7 school zones, the cost of which is estimated at \$165,000. The funding for the project is to be provided from the unallocated funds within the 2015 capital out of revenue budget. The plan is to have all signs installed and all zones complete in advance of schools opening this fall.

Notices Published

Council considered the following applications:

- A Discretionary Use Application has been submitted to the City of St. John's by Rogers Communications Inc. seeking approval of the site design of a rooftop telecommunications site at 12 Gleneyre Street. One submission received.
- A Discretionary Use Application has been submitted to the City of St. John's by Eastlink seeking approval of site design for an addition to an existing telecommunications tower site at **900 George's Pond Road**. No submissions received.

SJMC2015-02-16/075R

It was decided on motion of Deputy Mayor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the applications for 12 Gleneyre Street and 900 George's Pond Road be approved subject to all applicable City requirements.

Building Permits List

Council considered the Building Permits list for the period February 5 – 10, 2015.

**Building Permits List
Council's February 16, 2015 Regular Meeting**

Permits Issued: 2015/02/05 To 2015/02/10

Class: Commercial

Jetstream Ave	Nc	Accessory Building
40 Aberdeen Ave	Ms	Service Shop
40 Aberdeen Ave	Ms	Office
40 Aberdeen Ave	Ms	Service Shop
40 Aberdeen Ave	Ms	Clinic
46 Aberdeen Ave	Ms	Restaurant
50 Aberdeen Ave	Ms	Retail Store
48 Kenmount Rd - Buck Weavers	Sn	Eating Establishment
77 Blackmarsh Rd	Ms	Retail Store
203 Blackmarsh Rd	Ms	Retail Store
330 Blackmarsh Rd	Ms	Convenience Store
245 Blackmarsh Rd	Ms	Convenience Store
Carpasian Rd	Ms	Place Of Assembly
395 East White Hills Rd	Ms	Commercial Garage

94 Elizabeth Ave	Ms	Retail Store
71-77 Elizabeth Ave	Ms	Service Station
2 Fogwill Pl	Ms	Restaurant
336 Freshwater Rd	Ms	Service Shop
336 Freshwater Rd	Ms	Office
12 Gleneyre St	Ms	Retail Store
15 Goldstone St	Ms	Service Shop
5 Hallett Cres	Ms	Industrial Use
169 Hamlyn Rd	Ms	Service Shop
35 Hebron Way	Ms	Office
12-20 Highland Dr	Ms	Convenience Store
102 Kenmount Dr	Ms	Hotel
102 Kenmount Dr	Ms	Office
150 Kenmount Rd	Ms	Car Sales Lot
222 Kenmount Rd	Ms	Retail Store
161 Kenmount Rd	Ms	Retail Store
193 Kenmount Rd	Ms	Place Of Amusement
193 Kenmount Rd	Ms	Retail Store
195 Kenmount Rd	Ms	Service Shop
541 Kenmount Rd	Ms	Retail Store
147 Lemarchant Rd	Ms	Service Shop
53-59 Main Rd	Ms	Retail Store
355b Main Rd	Ms	Service Shop
355-367 Main Rd	Ms	Office
120 Mundy Pond Rd	Ms	Place Of Assembly
449 Newfoundland Dr	Ms	Convenience Store
57 Old Pennywell Rd	Ms	Retail Store
154 Pennywell Rd	Ms	Service Station
34 Pippy Pl	Ms	Office
260 Portugal Cove Rd	Ms	Retail Store
150 Clinch Cres	Ms	Lodging House
2 Stavanger Dr	Ms	Service Station
386 Stavanger Dr	Ms	Office
386 Stavanger Dr	Ms	Hotel
86 Thorburn Rd	Ms	Office
86 Thorburn Rd	Ms	Service Station
390 Topsail Rd	Ms	Retail Store
390 Topsail Rd	Ms	Retail Store
644 Topsail Rd	Ms	Service Shop
644 Topsail Rd	Ms	Day Care Centre
668 Topsail Rd	Ms	Retail Store
668 Topsail Rd	Ms	Retail Store
660 Topsail Rd	Ms	Tavern
656 Topsail Rd	Ms	Tavern
393 Topsail Rd	Ms	Day Care Centre
681 Topsail Rd	Ms	Retail Store
26 Torbay Rd	Ms	Tavern
10 Elizabeth Ave	Ms	Office
350 Torbay Rd	Ms	Service Shop
660 Torbay Rd	Ms	Service Station
611 Torbay Rd	Ms	Retail Store
295-301 Water St Sound Salon	Sn	Hotel
223 Duckworth St	Rn	Office
67-71 Harvey Rd	Rn	Eating Establishment
215 Water St	Rn	Office
203-205 New Gower St	Rn	Mixed Use
10 Fort William Pl-Stantec	Rn	Office
520 Topsail Rd, Burger King	Rn	Eating Establishment
40 Mundy Pond Rd	Rn	Admin Bldg/Gov/Non-Profit

This Week \$ 449,195.00

Class: Industrial

This Week \$.00

Class: Government/Institutional

25 Blackler Ave Rn Admin Bldg/Gov/Non-Profit

This Week \$ 7,500,000.00

Class: Residential

3 Hamlet St	Nc	Swimming Pool
16 Kensington Dr	Nc	Accessory Building
15 Stanford Pl	Nc	Fence
25 Sugar Pine Cres	Nc	Accessory Building
6 Battery Rd	Co	Subsidiary Apartment
72 Old Bay Bulls Rd	Co	Single Detached Dwelling
400 Empire Ave	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling
182 Montague St	Rn	Townhousing
39 Sudbury St	Rn	Apartment Building
10 Bay Bulls Rd	Ms	Service Station
36 Pearson St	Ms	Retail Store

This Week \$ 199,500.00

Class: Demolition

This Week \$.00

This Week's Total: \$ 8,148,695.00

Repair Permits Issued: 2015/02/05 To 2015/02/10 \$ 19,000.00

Legend

Co	Change Of Occupancy	Sw	Site Work
Cr	Chng Of Occ/Renovtns	Ms	Mobile Sign
Nc	New Construction	Sn	Sign
Oc	Occupant Change	Ex	Extension
Rn	Renovations	Dm	Demolition

YEAR TO DATE COMPARISONS			
February 16, 2015			
TYPE	2014	2015	% VARIANCE (+/-)
Commercial	\$5,457,000.00	\$8,068,000.00	48
Industrial	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Government/Institutional	\$42,369,000.00	\$7,500,000.00	-8
Residential	\$17,158,000.00	\$2,366,000.00	-86
Repairs	\$251,500.00	\$63,300.00	-75
Housing Units (1 & 2 Family Dwellings)	12	4	
TOTAL	\$65,235,500.00	\$17,997,300.00	-72

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Sinyard, P. Eng., MBA
Director of Planning & Development

SJMC2015-02-16/076R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Davis; seconded by Councillor Lane: That the recommendations of the Director of Planning and Development with respect to the Building Permits List for the period February 5 – 10, 2015 be approved.

Requisitions, Payrolls and Accounts

Council considered the requisitions, payrolls and accounts for the week ending February 11, 2015.

**Weekly Payment Vouchers
For The
Week Ending February 11, 2015**

Payroll

Public Works	\$ 517,187.71
Bi-Weekly Administration	\$ 942,379.80
Bi-Weekly Management	\$ 804,160.81
Bi-Weekly Fire Department	\$ 256,231.90
Accounts Payable	\$6,001,171.49
Total:	\$ 8,521,131.71

SJMC2015-02-16/078R

**It was decided on motion of Councillor Davis; seconded by Councillor Lane:
That the Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending February 11, 2015 be
approved.**

Tender for Heavy Truck/General Mechanical Repair Service

Council considered a memorandum dated February 4, 2015 to the Deputy City Manager of Corporate Services regarding the above noted.

SJMC2015-02-16/079R

**It was decided on motion of Councillor Davis; seconded by Councillor Lane:
That Council award the tender for heavy truck/general mechanical repair
service to the following two (2) vendors fully meeting specifications, as per the
Public Tendering Act:**

- **Reefer Repair Services Limited \$58.00 per hour and**
- **Wajax GP Holdco Inc. \$112.86 per hour**

Notice of Motion

Councillor Galgay gave the following Notice of Motion:

Take Notice that I will, at the next Regular Meeting of Council, move a motion to amend Section 7 (a) of the Snow Clearing by-law to increase the minimum fine from \$45.00 to \$100.00. Amendment as follows:

7. (a) Any Person who violates or contravenes any provision of the By-Law is guilty of an offence and is liable to a minimum fine of \$100.00 for each offence.

Dated at St. John's, NL this 16th day of February 2015.

Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth

- Deputy Mayor Ellsworth requested that the Mayor write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Don Connolly for his community efforts, particularly related to his work with the Canadian Council of the Blind.

Councillor Art Puddister

- Councillor Puddister referenced the fatal pedestrian accident which recently occurred on Topsail Road next to Hazelwood Crescent and expressed condolences to the victim's family.
- Given the future opening of the new school on Topsail Road which will accommodate approximately 860 students, Councillor Puddister requested Council's authorization for staff to meet with the Province and the Eastern School Board to consider the construction of a pedway or tunnel which would facilitate the safe crossing of pedestrians on Topsail Road in the vicinity of the Village Mall. Minister Dan Crummell, MHA for St. John's West, expressed to Councillor Puddister his willingness to meet in this regard.

Councillor Jonathan Galgay

- Councillor Galgay addressed various criticisms from downtown business owners about the City's snow clearing efforts in the Downtown area this past weekend. He advised that the Board of Downtown St. John's has pulled out of its previous arrangement with the City to provide sidewalk snow clearing. The City has taken over this work and has enhanced the contract to include sidewalk salting and snow clearing when snow accumulates beyond 5 cm. As well the area of coverage was expanded beyond the parameters of the previous contract. A total of 65 cm of snow has fallen since Thursday's storm and sidewalks in the Downtown were cleared by Sunday. Council commended the staff of the Public Works Department for their tremendous efforts in this regard.
- With regard to the removal of snow in the Downtown, the Deputy City Manager of Public Works advised that as a general policy, snow removals will not occur on Friday or Saturday nights given that they are the busiest nights for the retail, entertainment and restaurant trade. To do so would put pedestrians at high risk given the use of heavy equipment. Snow removal, therefore, has to take place on the less busy Sunday night to be ready for the coming week.

- In response to complaints about the bagging of meters, it was noted that this has to occur when it is deemed that parking on both sides of a street causes constriction that disables traffic flow. Once snow is removed from the street, parking is once again permitted.

Councillor Wally Collins

- Councillor Collins relayed concerns expressed by some constituents about the confusion with the City's numbering system for garbage collection (1A - B; 2A - B; 3A - B; 4A - B; and 5A - B). He stated that this causes confusion particularly with respect to collections in wards 4 and 5 which seem to overlap. He suggested it would be better to remove the numbering system currently in place and replace it with an alphabetical system from A - E only, with one letter attributed to each ward, i.e. Ward 5 would be Section E. He requested that this matter be referred for discussion to the next meeting of the Public Works Standing Committee.

Adjournment

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

MAYOR

CITY CLERK