

March 30, 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 Hann, Hickman, Lane, Puddister, Breen, Galgay, Tilley, and Collins.

Regrets: Councillor Davis

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

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

SJMC2015-03-23/129R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Collins; seconded by Councillor Hickman: That the agenda be adopted with the addition of a travel request for Mayor O'Keefe and the 2015 Grants Program.

Adoption of Minutes

SJMC2015-03-24/130R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That the minutes of March 23, 2015 be adopted as presented.

Business Arising

Notice of Motion: Parking Fees in the Downtown

Under business arising, Councillor Galgay referenced his Notice of Motion given at the last meeting to amend the fees for bagged meters in the City to reflect the \$10.32 fee to make it consistent with parking fees in the downtown.

In lieu of voting on the motion, Councillor Galgay requested the matter be referred to the Finance & Administration Standing Committee for further review.

SJMC2015-03-24/131R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Breen: That the Notice of Motion proposing a reduction in the parking fees downtown be referred to the Finance & Administration Committee for further review and report back to Council.

Electric Vehicle Pilot Project.

Under business arising, Council considered a memorandum dated March 27, 2015 from the Deputy City Manager of Public Works outlining the evaluation of the proposals received as a result of the RFP for the electric vehicles pilot project for which there were two submissions: Green Rock EVS and Hickman Motors.

SJMC2015-03-24/132R

It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Puddister: That the RFP for the electric vehicle pilot project rejected.

Those speaking in favour of the motion to reject the RFP referenced the uncertainty of the research that exists and the experiences of other municipalities, particularly those in colder climates. Reference was also made to the hybrid vehicles purchased by the City some time ago wherein there was little follow-up as to their efficacy.

Deputy Mayor Ellsworth suggested that the motion be amended to extract the purchase of the vehicles and to approve only the installation of the charging stations. There was no seconder in this regard.

Those voting against the motion to reject the RFP noted that the pilot project illustrates the City's progressiveness and responsiveness to environmental concerns. In Scandinavia, one of the coldest countries in the world, electric cars are commonly used. The City's hilly topography also encourages the self-charging of vehicles as they travel down-hill. With respect to the concern about range anxiety, the typical charge lasts for 100-200 km and is quite sufficient for city driving. The \$25,000 subsidy from the federal government to offset the cost of electric vehicles will now be lost and it is unfortunate that Council is not taking advantage of this opportunity.

There voting in favor of the motion to reject the RFP were Councillors Galgay, Puddister, Hann, Breen, Tilley, Collins, Deputy Mayor Ellsworth and Mayor O’Keefe. Voting against were Councillors Lane and Hickman.

The motion was carried.

RFP for Warehouse Management System for the City’s Material Management Division

Under business arising, Council considered a memorandum dated March 25, 2015 from the Materials Manager in response to Council’s query about who was the lowest bidder. Three proposals were received from the following consultants and it was confirmed that Focus Field Solutions was indeed the lowest bidder.

- Focus Field Solutions (low bidder)
- Acklands Grainger
- Source Atlantic

SJMC2015-03-24/133R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Puddister; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the Warehouse Management System for the City’s Material Management Division be awarded to Focus Field Solutions in the amount of \$80,497.56 plus Option A \$5,616.00 for a total of \$86,113.56. Taxes are extra to prices quoted.

With regard to the public tender process, Council requested that in future memos coming forth for approval should not only identify the recommended bidder but also disclose the entire list of submissions including quotes and whether or not they meet the specifications outlined in the subject tender.

SJMC2015-03-24/134R

It was decided on motion of Deputy Mayor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Hann: That the protocol/business process for issuing Requests for Proposals be referred to the Audit and Accountability Standing Committee for review and report back to Council.

Notices Published

Council considered the following Notice Published:

- A Discretionary Use (Restoration of Non-Conforming Use) Application has been submitted to remove and rebuild the dwelling at **4 Allandale Road**. The new dwelling is proposed to be 33% larger than the existing dwelling, and will have a maximum total floor area of 152 m².

No submissions were received.

SJMC2015-03-23/135R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Breen: That the above noted application be approved subject to all applicable City requirements.

City of St. John’s 2015 Grant Program

Council considered the City of St. John’s 2015 Grant Program recommendations, a copy of which is on file with the City Clerk Department.

SJMC2015-03-23/136R

It was decided on motion of Deputy Mayor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Breen: That Council approve the 2015 Grants Program as presented.

Development Permits List

Council considered as information the Development Permits List for the period March 12 – 25, 2015.

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING
FOR THE PERIOD OF March 12 TO March 25

Code	Applicant	Application	Location	Ward	Development Officer's Decision	Date
OT	Pennecon Limited	Test Pits for Geological Analysis	Incinerator Road	5	Approved	15-03-17
RES		Family Home Child Care Services for 6 Children	31 Green Acre Drive	5	Approved	15-03-23
COM	Integrated Financial Inc.	Extension to parking lot	71 Goldstone Street	4	Approved	15-03-25
RES		Demolition and Rebuild of Dwelling	247 Topsail Road	3	Approved	15-03-24

*	Code Classification: RES- Residential COM- Commercial AG - Agriculture OT - Other	INST- Institutional IND- Industrial
**	This list is issued for information purposes only. Applicants have been advised in writing of the Development Officer's decision and of their right to appeal any decision to the St. John's Local Board of Appeal.	

Gerard Doran
Development Supervisor
Department of Planning

Building Permits List

Council considered the Building Permits list for the period of March 19 – March 25, 2015.

**Building Permits List
Council's March 30, 2015 Regular Meeting**

Permits Issued: 2015/03/19 To 2015/03/25

CLASS: COMMERCIAL

227 KENMOUNT RD (227,229)	CO	OFFICE
40 ABERDEEN AVE	MS	OFFICE
40 ABERDEEN AVE	MS	CLINIC
46 ABERDEEN AVE	MS	RESTAURANT
10 BAY BULLS RD	MS	SERVICE STATION
77 BLACKMARSH RD	MS	RETAIL STORE
245 BLACKMARSH RD	MS	CONVENIENCE STORE
271 BLACKMARSH RD	MS	SERVICE SHOP
271 BLACKMARSH RD	MS	OFFICE
711 BLACKMARSH RD	MS	SERVICE SHOP
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
385 EMPIRE AVE	MS	OFFICE
2 FOGWILL PL	MS	RESTAURANT
336 FRESHWATER RD	MS	OFFICE
12 GLENEYRE ST	MS	RETAIL STORE
15 GOLDSTONE ST	MS	SERVICE SHOP
169 HAMLYN RD	MS	SERVICE SHOP
12-20 HIGHLAND DR	MS	CONVENIENCE STORE
KELSEY DRIVE	SN	RETAIL STORE
102 KENMOUNT DR	MS	OFFICE
161 KENMOUNT RD	MS	RETAIL STORE
177 KENMOUNT RD	MS	CAR SALES LOT
193 KENMOUNT RD	MS	PLACE OF AMUSEMENT
195 KENMOUNT RD	MS	SERVICE SHOP
541 KENMOUNT RD	MS	RETAIL STORE
147 LEMARCHANT RD	MS	SERVICE SHOP
468 LOGY BAY RD	MS	COMMERCIAL GARAGE
358 MAIN RD	MS	SERVICE STATION

53-59 MAIN RD	MS	RETAIL STORE
355B MAIN RD	MS	SERVICE SHOP
34 PIPPY PL	MS	OFFICE
38-42 ROPEWALK LANE	SN	DAY CARE CENTRE
38-42 ROPEWALK LANE	MS	OFFICE
38-42 ROPEWALK LANE	MS	RETAIL STORE
117 ROPEWALK LANE	MS	RETAIL STORE
2 STAVANGER DR	MS	SERVICE STATION
15-27 STAVANGER DR	SN	RETAIL STORE
86 THORBURN RD	MS	OFFICE
86 THORBURN RD	MS	SERVICE STATION
430 TOPSAIL RD, SMITH'S HOME	SN	RETAIL STORE
644 TOPSAIL RD	MS	SERVICE SHOP
644 TOPSAIL RD	MS	DAY CARE CENTRE
668 TOPSAIL RD	MS	RETAIL STORE
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
272 TORBAY RD	MS	OFFICE
350 TORBAY RD	MS	EATING ESTABLISHMENT
350 TORBAY RD	MS	SERVICE SHOP
585 TORBAY RD	MS	TAKE-OUT FOOD SERVICE
25 WHITE ROSE DR	SN	OFFICE
38-42 ROPEWALK LANE	NC	ACCESSORY BUILDING
38-42 ROPEWALK LANE	NC	FENCE
50 O'LEARY AVE	RN	OFFICE
250 WATER ST	RN	RETAIL STORE
40 KING'S RD	RN	COMMUNICATIONS USE
38-42 ROPEWALK LANE UNIT 101	RN	MIXED USE
2 HILL O'CHIPS	RN	HOTEL
279 PORTUGAL COVE RD	CR	CLINIC
430-432 MAIN RD	CR	EATING ESTABLISHMENT

THIS WEEK \$ 401,950.00

CLASS: INDUSTRIAL

THIS WEEK \$.00

CLASS: GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL

565 KENMOUNT RD	RN	CHURCH
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THIS WEEK \$ 6,000.00

CLASS: RESIDENTIAL

10 ALDERGROVE PL	NC	FENCE
1330 BLACKHEAD RD	NC	AGRICULTURE
44 NAUTILUS ST, LOT 163	NC	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
58 LADY ANDERSON ST	CO	HOME OFFICE
202 MUNDY POND RD	CR	SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
27 BLUE RIVER PL	RN	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
80 BOULEVARD, UNIT 412	RN	APARTMENT BUILDING
80 BOULEVARD, UNIT 611	RN	APARTMENT BUILDING
133 CASTLE BRIDGE DR	RN	SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
89 CORNWALL AVE	RN	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
6 DICKINSON PL	RN	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
25 HARRIS RD	RN	SUBSIDIARY APARTMENT
138 OLD PENNYWELL RD	RN	SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING
188 PLEASANT ST	RN	TOWNHOUSING

29-33 WATERFORD BRIDGE RD
6 ROSALIND ST

RN APARTMENT BUILDING
SW SINGLE DETACHED & SUB.APT

THIS WEEK \$ 394,708.00

CLASS: DEMOLITION

THIS WEEK \$.00

THIS WEEK'S TOTAL: \$ 802,658.00

REPAIR PERMITS ISSUED: 2015/03/19 TO 2015/03/25 \$ 25,500.00

93 Great Easter Avenue - your application for driveway extension is rejected as contrary to Section 10.10.3(1)(g) of the St. John's Development Regulations.

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			
March 30, 2015			
TYPE	2014	2015	% VARIANCE (+/-)
Commercial	\$16,362,000.00	\$18,021,000.00	10
Industrial	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Government/Institutional	\$42,454,000.00	\$7,507,000.00	-82
Residential	\$23,351,000.00	\$6,276,000.00	-73
Repairs	\$384,000.00	\$749,000.00	95
Housing Units (1 & 2 Family Dwellings)	33	8	
TOTAL	\$82,551,000.00	\$32,553,000.00	-61

Respectfully Submitted,

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

SJMC2015-03-23/137R

**It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Breen:
That the building permits list for the period March 19 – 25, 2015 be approved as
presented.**

Requisitions, Payrolls and Accounts

Council considered the requisitions, payrolls and accounts for the week ending March 25, 2015.

**Weekly Payment Vouchers
For The
Week Ending March 25, 2015**

Payroll

Public Works	\$ 655,386.07
Bi-Weekly Administration	\$ 799,311.20
Bi-Weekly Management	\$ 806,991.95
Bi-Weekly Fire Department	\$ 660,834.58
Accounts Payable	\$4,993,635.20
Total:	\$ 7,916,159.00

SJMC2015-03-23/138R

**It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Breen:
That the Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending March 25, 2015 be
approved.**

Tenders

Council considered the following tender 2015019 for HVAC Upgrade at Metrobus:

1. AMD Holdings Ltd.	\$274,000.00
2. Newfoundland HVAC Ltd.	\$344,491.80
3. Keep-Cool Refrigeration	\$372,321.44
4. G.J. Cahill & Company	\$375,951.00
5. Air-Tite Sheet Metal Ltd.	\$439,231.00
6. Jenkins Power Sheet Metal Inc	\$449,130.93
7. Newfoundland Mechanical Ltd.	\$554,242.00

SJMC2015-03-23/139R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Breen: That the tender be awarded to Newfoundland HVAC Ltd. at the cost of \$344,491.80 which is the lowest qualified bidder that met specifications, as per the Public Tendering Act. Taxes (HST) included to price quoted.

Petitions

Councillor Tilley tabled a letter on behalf of the residents of 36 Connors Avenue asking that the City stop continued surveillance of their property on the basis that area residents are suggesting a business is being operated from that location. The letter was supported with a petition signed by approximately 27 area residents. The matter was referred to the Director of Planning and Development for follow up.

2 Spruce Grove Avenue

Council considered a memorandum dated March 24, 2015 from the City Solicitor regarding the above noted. The City requires land at 2 Spruce Grove Avenue for sidewalk installation for which the owner has agreed to accept \$750 plus legal fees for the closing of the transaction.

SJMC2015-03-23/140R

It was decided on motion of Deputy Mayor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Collins: That Council approve compensation to the owner of 2 Spruce Grove Avenue in the amount of \$750 plus legal fees for the purchase of land necessary for sidewalk installation.

MacMorran Community Centre

Council considered a memorandum dated March 24, 2015 from the City Solicitor regarding the above noted.

SJMC2015-03-23/141R

It was decided on motion of Deputy Mayor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Hann: That approval be given for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Deed of Confirmation with respect to the land at MacMorran Community Centre.

2015 Streets Rehab Program

Council considered a memorandum dated March 24, 2015 from the Director of Engineering recommending a tender call for the 2015 Streets Rehabilitation Program. The program includes both the grind and patch list and list of streets to be paved. Work will be tendered in two separate contracts.

While these works are ongoing, each Friday, the City's Office of Strategy and Engagement will release weekly updates to the local media and on the City website. Councillor Galgay requested consideration be given to posting the entire list online for the convenience of residents. The Acting City Manager agreed to discuss with Strategy and Engagement.

SJMC2015-03-23/142R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Collins: That a public tender be called for the 2015 Streets Rehabilitation Program.

Report from Mayor Dennis O'Keefe re: Seatrade Cruise Shipping Conference

Council considered as information the report of the Seatrade Cruise Shipping Conference & Exhibition which took place from March 16-19, 2015.

Ratification of E-Poll: 124 Military Road

On March 25, 2015, Councillors were polled with respect to the designation of 124 Military Road as requested by the current owner. Ten of eleven councillors voted in favor with one not responding at all.

SJMC2015-03-23/143R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Hickman; seconded by Councillor Lane: That 124 Military Road be given heritage designation as per the statement of significance prepared by the Heritage Officer.

Memorandum from Mayor Dennis O’Keefe re: Travel April 13 – 17, 2015 (Seattle, LA)

Council tabled a memorandum dated March 9, 2015 from the Mayor regarding the above noted. Cruise St. John’s will be participating in marketing meetings with the senior executive of major cruise lines during the week of April 13 – 17, 2015 in Seattle and Los Angeles.

SJMC2015-03-23/144R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Collins; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That approval be given for Mayor O’Keefe’s travel to Seattle and Los Angeles to attend marketing meetings with senior cruise line executives.

Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth

- Deputy Mayor Ellsworth expressed condolences on behalf of Council at the recent passing of Harold Druken who was an outspoken, dedicated and passionate advocate often referred to as the Mayor of Shea Heights. All members of Council expressed their condolences to the family of Mr. Druken, commending him for his generosity of spirit and tenacious advocacy for the community.

Councillor Hann

- Councillor Hann referenced the loss of seven local jobs at the CBC taking with them major local programming. Regionalization of services to national centers such as Halifax and Toronto has become more and more the norm; and Councillor Hann requested that the Mayor write letters to the President of CBC, Mr. Hubert Lacroix and to Prime Minister Steven Harper expressing the City's objections to these cuts. He also encouraged all members of Council to protest these cuts by taking a public stand.

Councillor Puddister

- Councillor Puddister requested that staff report back to Council on the status of the six hybrid vehicles purchased by the City in the past, approximately 7-8 years ago. He questioned whether or not their efficacy was ever determined and what the end result was.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK