

November 24, 2014

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, Puddister, Hickman, Breen, Lane, Galgay, Tilley, and Collins.

Regrets: Councillor Bernard Davis

The City Manager; City Clerk; Deputy City Manager of Corporate Services; Deputy City Manager of Financial Management; Deputy City Manager of Public Works; Deputy City Manager of Planning, Development & Engineering; Deputy City Manager of Community Services; City Solicitor; Director of Planning & Development; and Senior Legislative Assistant were also in attendance.

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

SJMC2014-11-24/517R

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

Adoption of Minutes

SJMC2014-11-24/518R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Puddister: That the minutes of November 17, 2014 be adopted as presented.

Notices Published

Council considered the following notice published:

- a. A Discretionary Use Application has been submitted by North Atlantic Ziplines to develop a wilderness race-obstacle course under and near the existing zipline course. The course runs under the existing zipline with two (2) trails deviating slightly outside of the zipline. A portion of the course will lie within the floodplain and floodplain buffer. This portion will be left in its natural state with no development in this area; however, some obstacles will be built on the trail outside of the flood plain and the flood plain buffer. This course will be near the municipal boundary of Petty Harbour-Maddox Cove.

Two written submissions have been received.

Councillor Collins questioned the status of land ownership related to this application, noting the concerns outlined in the submission from Dawn and Ronald Denief who claim that there are still ongoing land issues between them and the North Atlantic Zipline owner Robert Carter. The Deputy City Manager of Planning, Development & Engineering advised that there is no supporting documentation to substantiate the claim by the Deniefs and the City sees no reason to stop this from proceeding unless it can be verified that there is an issue.

SJMC2014-11-24/519R

It was then decided on motion of Councillor Collins; seconded by Councillor Hann: That Council approve the above noted application subject to all applicable City requirements.

Committee Reports

Heritage Advisory Committee Report

Council considered the following report:

In Attendance: Councillor Sandy Hickman, Co-Chairperson
Councillor Dave Lane, Co-Chairperson
Councillor Jonathan Galgay
Councillor Tom Hann
Peter Jackson, NL Historic Trust
Shannie Duff, Citizen Representative
Maria Lear, Citizen Representative
Jeremy Bryant, NL Association of Architects
Garnet Kindervater, Canadian Homebuilders NL
Lydia Lewycky, Planners' Institute
Taryn Sheppard, Nexter Representative
Jason Sinyard, Director of Planning & Development
Ken O'Brien, Chief Municipal Planner
Peter Mercer, Heritage Officer
Margaret Donovan, Tourism Industry Coordinator
Karen Chafe, Recording Secretary

Report:

1. **128 Water Street – Exterior Renovations**

The Committee met with Mark Whelan and Troy Healey of Fougere Menchenton to discuss their application for exterior renovation to 128 Water St. A copy of the renderings are attached to this report.

The Committee recommends that the design for exterior renovation to the front façade be approved with the exception of the parking garage proposed to accommodate two vehicles inside the building. The Committee felt that the use of the space for two vehicles would create

safety concerns for pedestrians given the access and egress of the vehicles onto the sidewalk as well as the lost on-street parking space that would be required to accommodate the garage. As well it was felt that the storefront potential of the space could be better used for business or retail purposes. The Committee suggests that the applicant find alternative parking options off the site, i.e. leasing of space and/or valet parking, as suggested by the applicant, or cash in lieu of parking as per the City's Development Regulations.

2. **312 Water Street – Exterior Renovations**

The Committee met with Mark Whelan and Troy Healey of Fougere Menchenton to discuss their application for exterior renovation to 312 Water St. A copy of the renderings are attached to this report.

The Committee recommends approval of the design subject to including an articulated band of vertical trim down the center and edges of the building similar to the detailing outlined in the attached archival photo.

3. **25 Winter Avenue**

The Committee met with Ms. Keelin O'Leary, property owner and Mr. Chris O'Dea, realtor, to discuss the status of 25 Winter Avenue. Currently, the property has an accepted conditional offer to purchase subject to the property's being retained as a non-heritage designated site. The potential purchaser has enquired regarding demolition of the property. Ms. O'Leary referenced the difficulty with selling the property which is situated on an oversized lot that has potential for subdivision and redevelopment. Currently the property has no heritage designation despite its rich cultural history as outlined in the attached documentation.

The Committee questioned the potential of the land's being subdivided while maintaining the original structure. Ms. O'Leary noted that the prospective purchasers who have approached her so far are more interested in the land value which cannot be used to its full potential without first having the property removed. She estimated that the cost to rehabilitate the property to modern day standards with energy efficiencies and other such demanded amenities, i.e. walk-in closets, ensuites, etc. would cost approximately \$250,000 - \$300,000. Ms. O'Leary asserted that should the City wish to retain the property as a heritage designated site, the City should be willing to provide compensation of some sort in order to do so, adding that the costs to maintain the property are quite significant and onerous. Though she did not wish to see the property demolished, she questioned the City's right to unilaterally designate a private residential property without providing compensation or incentives.

The Committee acknowledged the concerns outlined by Ms. O'Leary but agreed that the property merits heritage designation given its age, history and rarity.

The Committee recommends that Council designate 25 Winter Avenue as a heritage property and that the Heritage Officer develop a Statement of Significance in consultation with the Heritage Foundation of NL.

The Committee further recommends that the City approve a consultant to undertake a scoping study for the establishment of effective heritage incentives that would encourage the safeguarding of potential and heritage designated properties.

4. Bowings Parking Sign

The Committee considered the attached elevations for the proposed parking sign to be situated at the rear of the Bowings building on Harbour Drive. The sign's dimensions exceed that permitted in the Heritage Sign By-Law.

The Committee recommends that the sign be approved subject to compliance with the dimensions permitted in the Heritage Sign By-law.

5. 30 Harvey Road – Application for Façade Improvements

The Committee considered the above noted application for façade improvements, as outlined in the attached photos:

The Committee recommends approval of the proposed façade improvements as presented.

6. 30 Queen's Road – Removal of Detached Garage

The Committee considered the application for removal of the detached garage at 30 Queen's Road.

The Committee recommends approval of the garage's removal at 30 Queen's Road.

7. 60 Circular Road – Application to Restore/Renovate Property

The Committee considered the above noted application.

The Committee recommends approval of the application to restore and renovate the property situated at 60 Circular Road.

**Councillor Sandy Hickman
Co-Chair**

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Regarding item # 1 of the Report, it was moved by Councillor Hickman; seconded by Councillor Lane: That the recommendation be approved.

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It was then moved by Councillor Breen; seconded by Councillor Lane: That the motion be amended to include approval of the parking garage component as per the applicant's original submission.

Those speaking in favour of the amendment to the motion advised that it is not within the Heritage Advisory Committee's purview to put forth recommendations on the safety aspects of applications. Those issues have to be dealt with through the regular planning review process. Also, the City has invested significantly in the implementation of the Downtown Parking Study which requires that new developments incorporate the required parking as per the Study. The cash in lieu component of that Study would only take effect should no alternatives be found for parking and it would cost the applicant approximately \$100,000 for two parking spaces.

The amended motion to include approval of the parking garage as per the applicant's original submission being put, was carried.

SJMC2014-11-24/522R

It was then moved by Councillor Hickman; seconded by Councillor Lane: That item #'s 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Heritage Advisory Committee report be adopted as presented.

Particular reference was made to item # 4 and the aesthetics of the proposed sign which would have to meet the heritage sign regulations relative to size and dimension.

The motion being put to adopt items 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 was carried unanimously.

Regarding item # 3, Council agreed that the two paragraphs be separated into two motions.

SJMC2014-11-24/523R

It was then moved by Councillor Hickman; seconded by Councillor Lane: That the first paragraph of item # 3 be adopted to designate 25 Winter Avenue as a heritage property; and further that the Heritage Officer develop a Statement of Significance in consultation with the Heritage Foundation of NL.

Those speaking against the motion asserted that there could be legal implications should Council impose heritage designation on a residential property against the will of the property

owner, particularly one who is in the middle of negotiating its sale. The owner has advised the City that the prospect of heritage designation has made it difficult for the house to be sold in the past. In addition, it was questioned why heritage designation was not imposed years ago if the property merits such.

Those speaking in favour of the motion referenced the extensive historic background of the property, the rarity of the property and its excellent condition, the details for which were included as background with the Heritage Advisory Committee report.

The motion to designate being put, there voted for it the mover and seconder; those voting against were Deputy Mayor Ellsworth, Councillors Hann, Puddister, Breen, Galgay, Tilley, and Collins.

The motion to impose heritage designation on 25 Winter Avenue was defeated.

SJMC2014-11-24/524R

It was then moved by Councillor Hickman; seconded by Councillor Lane: That Council approve the hiring of a consultant to undertake a scoping study for the establishment of effective heritage incentives that would encourage the safeguarding of potential and heritage designated properties.

SJMC2014-11-24/525R

It was then moved by Deputy Mayor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Breen: That the scoping study be deferred and referred to the Deputy City Manager of Planning, Development & Engineering to evaluate the need for a consultant. Should it be deemed to have merit, it will then be referred to the Finance and Administration Standing Committee for the identification of a budget for eventual Council approval.

The motion being put to defer, was carried with Councillors Hickman and Lane dissenting.

SJMC2014-11-24/526R

It was then moved by Deputy Mayor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That 25 Winter Avenue not be considered for heritage designation unless the property owner requests so.

The City Solicitor advised that the City of St. John's Act dictates the discretion a Council has with regard to heritage designations, and Council cannot further restrict that statutory discretion. This can only be done by an amendment to the City of St.

John's Act. The Act also dictates that Council cannot tie the hands of a future council. On that basis, the motion was deemed out of order and was withdrawn by the mover.

Audit & Accountability Standing Committee Report – November 13, 2014

The Committee considered the following report:

Present: Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth, Chairperson
Councillor Danny Breen
Mr. Neil Martin, City Manager
Mr. Kevin Breen, Deputy City Manager – Corporate Services (10:15)
Mr. Jason Sinyard, Director of Planning and Development
Mr. Sean Janes, City Internal Auditor
Mr. David Boyle, Auditor
Mr. Derek Coffey, Manager of Budget and Treasury
Ms. Carla Squires, Manager – Facilities Division
Ms. Maureen Harvey, Legislative Assistant

1. Follow-up Summary Report – Cash Shortage in the CSC – Assignment #14-10

The Committee considered the above-noted report, a copy of which is available at the Office of the City Clerk.

The City Internal Auditor informed the Committee that of the 5 recommendations put forward in this report, all have been actioned and are closed.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends acceptance of the report dated October 16, 2014 re: Cash Shortage in the Citizens Service Centre – Assignment #14-10.

2. Memo dated November 13, 2014 from the City Internal Auditor re: Three Year Audit Plan (2015, 2016, and 2017)

The Committee reviewed the above-noted memorandum which set out a proposed three year audit plan.

Discussion took place with modifications suggested which are now included in the report.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends acceptance of the following three year audit plan – 2015, 2016, 2017.

The City of St. John's
Office of the City Internal Auditor
Three Year Audit Plan

Year 1 (2015)

Program Reviews:

- Windsor Lake Water Treatment Plant (Public Works) - started in 2014
- Tax Blending - Vacancy Rebate Process (Financial Management)
- Regional Water (Public Works)

Consultations/Investigations:

Management/Committee Requests

Follow-up Reviews:

- All Recommendations prior to 2014
- Recommendations due from 2014 Program Reviews

Year 2 (2016)

Program Reviews:

- Non-Profit Housing (Community Services)
- Assessments (Financial Management)
- Maintenance of Water Distribution (Public Works)

Consultations/Investigations:

Management/Committee Requests

Follow-up Reviews:

- All Recommendations due from previous Program Reviews

Year 3 (2017)

Program Reviews:

- Depot Asset/Inventory Security (Public Works & Corporate Services)
- Purchasing (Corporate Services)

Consultations/Investigations:

Management/Committee Requests

Follow-up Reviews:

- All Recommendations due from previous Program Reviews

Other Potential Reviews:

- RHB Landfill - Scale House
- Impound Lot Operations
- 911 Communications Centre
- IT Asset Control
- Accounts Payable
- Accounts Receivable
- Metrobus
- Fixed Assets
- Citizen Services Centre
- Claims Process
- Real Estate Services
- Employee Wellness

Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth
Chair

SJMC2014-11-24/527R

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Breen: That the Audit and Accountability report be adopted with a revision to item # 2 to include Mile One operations within the program review for the year 2016.

The motion being put was carried.

Special Events Advisory Committee Report -

Council considered the following report:

Re: Special Events Advisory Committee

The following recommendations of the Committee are forwarded to Council for approval in principle subject to any conditions that may be required by the Special Events Advisory Committee:

- 1) **Event:** Shea Heights Christmas Parade
Location: Linegar Avenue
Date: December 7, 2014
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- 2) **Event:** Downtown Christmas Parade
Location: Downtown St. John's
Date: November 30, 2014 (alternate date December 7, 2014)
Time: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- 3) **Event:** Goulds Christmas Parade
Location: Main Road
Date: December 7, 2014
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- 4) **Event:** Mummers Parade
Location: Monkstown Road, Hayward Ave., Circular Road
Date: December 13, 2014
Time: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Special Events Advisory 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.

Heather Hickman
Acting Director, Recreation Division
Department of Community Services

SJMC2014-11-24/528R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Galgay: That Council adopt the Special Events Advisory Committee Report of November 11, 2014.

SJMC2014-11-24/529R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Breen; seconded by Councillor Puddister: That Council approve a bus shuttle for the Downtown Christmas Parade at a cost of \$5300.

Development Committee Report – November 18, 2014

Council considered the following report:

- 1. Department of Planning, Development & Engineering File No. DEV1400321
Proposed Redevelopment of Dwelling
37 George’s Pond Place – Ward 3
Comprehensive Development Area – Kenmount (CDA – Kenmount) Zone**

It is recommended by the Development Committee that Council approve the above noted application for redevelopment of dwelling.

David Blackmore
Deputy City Manager – Planning, Development & Engineering

SJMC2014-11-24/530R

**It was decided on motion of Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Tilley:
That Council adopt the recommendation contained in the Development
Committee Report dated November 18, 2014**

Development Permits List

Council considered as information the following Development Permits List for the period November 13, 2014 – November 19, 2014.

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING
FOR THE PERIOD OF November 13, 2014 TO November 19, 2014

Code	Applicant	Application	Location	Ward	Development Officer's Decision	Date
AG		Agriculture Use for Livestock for up to 5 animals	320 Bay Bulls Road	5	Approved	14-11-18
RES		Culverts Installation	232 Thorburn Road	4	Approved	14-11-18

*	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 November 13 to November 19, 2014.

**Building Permits List
Council's November 25, 2014 Regular Meeting**

Permits Issued: 2014/11/13 To 2014/11/19

Class: Commercial

77 Charter Ave, Suite 100	Co	Restaurant
44 Crosbie Rd	Co	Retail Store
31 Peet St.	Co	Retail Store
164 Water St, The Black Sheep	Co	Tavern
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
99 Airport Rd Stantec	Sn	Office
3 Blackmarsh Rd	Ms	Retail Store
77 Blackmarsh Rd	Ms	Retail Store
245 Blackmarsh Rd	Ms	Convenience Store
Carpasian Rd	Ms	Place Of Assembly
395 East White Hills Rd	Ms	Commercial Garage
84-86 Elizabeth Ave	Ms	Retail Store
73 Elizabeth Ave	Ms	Service Station
2 Fogwill Pl	Ms	Restaurant
336 Freshwater Rd	Ms	Service Shop
336 Freshwater Rd	Ms	Office
5 Hallett Cres	Ms	Industrial Use
169 Hamlyn Rd	Ms	Service Shop
35 Hebron Way	Ms	Office
16 Highland Dr	Ms	Convenience Store
102 Kenmount Dr	Ms	Hotel
150 Kenmount Rd	Ms	Car Sales Lot
161 Kenmount Rd	Ms	Retail Store
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
484-490 Main Rd	Ms	Restaurant

53-59 Main Rd	Ms	Retail Store
299 Main Rd	Ms	Service Shop
395 Main Rd	Ms	Office
36 Pearson St	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
38-42 Ropewalk Lane	Ms	Office
2 Stavanger Dr	Ms	Service Station
86 Thorburn Rd	Ms	Office
86 Thorburn Rd	Ms	Service Station
632 Topsail Rd	Sn	Service Station
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
26-34 Torbay Rd	Ms	Tavern
280 Torbay Rd	Ms	Eating Establishment
350 Torbay Rd	Ms	Service Shop
710 Torbay Rd	Ms	Retail Store
141 Torbay Rd	Ms	Office
10 Pearl Pl	Cr	Retail Store
362 Water St	Cr	Office
75 Kiwanis St	Rn	Day Care Centre
5-7 Pippy Pl	Rn	Office
430 Topsail Rd, Smith's H. H.	Cr	Retail Store
131 Kelsey Dr , Technip	Rn	Office
Reservoir Rd	Sw	Light Industrial Use

This Week \$ 5,747,040.00

Class: Industrial

This Week \$.00

Class: Government/Institutional

120 Mundy Pond Rd	Ms	Place Of Assembly
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This Week \$.00

Class: Residential

10 Biscay Pl	Nc	Patio Deck
10 Brookfield Rd	Nc	Accessory Building
140 Castle Bridge Dr	Nc	Fence
214 Doyle's Rd	Nc	Accessory Building
215 Elizabeth Ave	Nc	Accessory Building
513 Empire Ave	Nc	Accessory Building
9 Ginger St, Lot 366	Nc	Single Detached Dwelling
157 Green Acre Dr	Nc	Accessory Dwelling Unit
10 Halliday Pl	Nc	Fence
146 Hamilton Ave	Nc	Fence
75 Nautilus St, Lot 152	Nc	Single Detached Dwelling
145 Old Bay Bulls Rd	Nc	Accessory Building
31 Portugal Cove Rd	Nc	Patio Deck
165 Airport Heights Dr	Nc	Fence
7 Stephano St	Nc	Fence
21 Stephano St	Nc	Fence
15 Sugar Pine Cres, Lot 261	Nc	Single Detached Dwelling
1 Sitka St	Nc	Fence
14 Colonial St	Co	Home Office

81 Ladysmith Dr	Cr	Single Detached Dwelling
17 Darling St	Ex	Single Detached Dwelling
2 Dumfries Pl	Ex	Single Detached Dwelling
7 Morris Ave	Ex	Semi-Detached Dwelling
8 Simms St	Ex	Single Detached Dwelling
537 Empire Ave	Rn	Single Detached & Sub.Apt
12 Hoyles Ave	Rn	Semi-Detached Dwelling
14 Hoyles Ave	Rn	Semi-Detached Dwelling
48 King's Rd	Rn	Semi-Detached Dwelling
157 Lemarchant Rd	Rn	Single Detached & Sub.Apt
75-77 Long's Hill	Rn	Single Detached & Sub.Apt
23 Mullock St	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling
12 Parsonage Dr	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling
139 Southern Shore Hwy	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling
21 Stephano St	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling
2 Wallace Pl	Rn	Semi-Detached Dwelling
14 Wallace Pl	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling
16 Wallace Pl	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling
77 Doyle's Rd	Sw	Single Detached Dwelling
49 Grieve St	Sw	Single Detached Dwelling
2 Ophelia Pl	Sw	Single Detached & Sub.Apt
23 Mckay St	Sw	Single Detached Dwelling
8 Mogridge St	Sw	Semi-Detached Dwelling

This Week \$ 1,641,619.00

Class: Demolition

This Week \$.00
 This Week's Total:v \$ 7,388,659.00

Repair Permits Issued: 2014/11/13 To 2014/11/19 \$ 71,400.00

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			
November 25, 2014			
TYPE	2013	2014	% VARIANCE (+/-)
Commercial	\$93,760,000.00	\$169,741,000.00	81
Industrial	\$2,131,000.00	\$125,300.00	-94
Government/Institutional	\$79,798,000.00	\$77,940,000.00	-2
Residential	\$152,142,000.00	\$131,833,000.00	-13
Repairs	\$4,559,000.00	\$4,998,000.00	10
Housing Units (1 & 2 Family Dwellings)	421	299	
TOTAL	\$332,390,000.00	\$384,637,300.00	16

Respectfully Submitted,

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

SJMC2014-11-24/531R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Deputy Mayor Ellsworth: That the recommendations of the Director of Planning and Development with respect to the Building Permits list for the period November 13, 2014 to November 19, 2014 be approved.

Requisitions, Payrolls and Accounts

Council considered the requisitions, payrolls and accounts for the week ending November 19, 2014.

**Weekly Payment Vouchers
For The
Week Ending November 19, 2014**

Payroll

Public Works	\$ 396,227.06
Bi-Weekly Administration	\$ 830,779.28
Bi-Weekly Management	\$1,028,607.69
Bi-Weekly Fire Department	\$ 652,950.67
Accounts Payable	\$4,403,784.47
Total:	\$ 7,312,349.17

SMC2014-11-17/532R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Deputy Mayor Ellsworth: That the Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending November 19, 2014 be approved.

1 East Middle Battery Road

Council considered the memorandum dated November 19, 2014 from the City Solicitor regarding the above-noted. The City requires an easement for the installation of a sewer line in the front of 1 East Middle Battery Road. The owner has agreed to accept \$6,000 plus legal fees for this easement.

SMC2014-11-17/533R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Deputy Mayor Ellsworth: That approval be given to the acquisition of a sewer line easement in front of 1 East Middle Battery Road at a cost of \$6,000 plus legal fees.

Council Meetings – Christmas Season

Council considered a memorandum dated November 21, 2014 from the City Clerk regarding the above noted.

SMC2014-11-17/534R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Deputy Mayor Ellsworth: That Council suspend its meetings for the weeks of December 22nd, and 29th, 2014 with the final meeting for 2014 being December 15th, and the first meeting for 2015 being Monday, January 5th, 2015.

Councillor Sandy Hickman

- Councillor Hickman along with other Councillors commended the Cochrane St. United Church for their adaptive reuse of this building, particularly to support affordable housing initiatives. This is a creative solution that enables the building to remain sustainable while fulfilling much needed housing. Reference was made to the long term challenges that will be faced by other ecclesiastical buildings in the Downtown area and the City's need to seek solutions to offset these challenges.

Councillor Danny Breen

- Councillor Breen commended two City Public Works staff: Randy Kean and Jeremy Keating who during their ice control duties one evening last week noticed smoke emanating from a boarded up property on Maunder's Lane. They quickly alerted the Fire Department and neighbours. Their efforts helped lessen what could have

otherwise been a devastating situation. Councillor Breen requested that the City investigate the possibility of removing the remains of the property from this site, which has been boarded up for many years and was the scene of a previous fire.

- Councillor Breen requested the status of heavy equipment situated on Portugal Cove Road which has not moved for some time. The Deputy City Manager of Planning, Development & Engineering advised that the contractor has to do another dig on this site and has been waiting on a piece of equipment to carry out this work. The equipment has now arrived and he anticipates that the dig will take place in the near future and the heavy equipment subsequently removed from the site.

Councillor Jonathan Galgay

- Councillor Galgay referenced the report of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business which was recently reviewed by Municipalities NL. MNL feels the report is misleading when it comes to municipal budgeting which is particularly frustrating given the extensive consultation provided to the CFIB. He urged members of Council wishing to read the report, to do so with caution, as it contains inaccurate information.

Councillor Bruce Tilley

- Councillor Tilley referenced the problems with vandalism in parks in his ward, particularly in the Canada Drive area. One homeowner's garage was presumably set on fire as a result. He requested that patrol staff enhance their patrols of this area.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK