

# **AGENDA**

## **Committee of the Whole**

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019**

**9 am**

**Council Chambers**

**4<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall**

# ST. JOHN'S

## Committee of the Whole Agenda

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9:00 a.m.

4th Floor City Hall

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# ST. JOHN'S

## Committee of the Whole

### Council Chamber

#### Minutes

**May 1, 2019**

**9:00 a.m.**

**4th Floor City Hall**

Present: Mayor Danny Breen  
Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary  
Councillor Dave Lane  
Councillor Sandy Hickman  
Councillor Debbie Hanlon  
Councillor Deanne Stapleton  
Councillor Jamie Korab  
Councillor Wally Collins

Regrets: Councillor Maggie Burton  
Councillor Hope Jamieson  
Councillor Ian Froude

Staff: Kevin Breen, City Manager  
Derek Coffey, Deputy City Manager of Finance & Administration  
Tanya Haywood, Deputy City Manager of Community Services  
Elaine Henley, City Clerk  
Maureen Harvey, Legislative Assistant

Others: Linda Bishop, Senior Legal Counsel  
Kelly Maguire - Communications and Public Relations Officer

Present for relevant agenda items were:

Randy Carew - Manager of Regulatory Services

Elizabeth Lawrence, Director of Economic Development,

Supporting documentation for these minutes can be found here.

Culture & Partnerships  
Heather Mills-Snow, Economic Development Officer

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Breen

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Hickman

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor O'Leary

That approval be given to the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. Adoption of the Minutes**

3.1 Committee of the Whole Minutes - April 17, 2019

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**Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Collins

**Seconded By** Councillor Korab

That the Committee of the Whole minutes dated April 17, 2019 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Presentations/Delegations**

4.1 Presentation by Paul Barnes - Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers

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Mr. Paul Barnes of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Products conducted a presentation dealing with value of the offshore industry for the Province of Newfoundland & Labrador. A copy of the presentation is available from the Office of the City Clerk.

Council members were encouraged to view the full presentation at [www.atlanticcanadaoffshore.ca](http://www.atlanticcanadaoffshore.ca)

Supporting documentation for these minutes can be found here.

## 5. Community Services & Events - Councillor Jamie Korab

### 5.1 Items for Discussion

#### 1. Inclusion Advisory Committee Report - April 15, 2019

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1. Information Note dated March 25, 2019 re: Committee Engagement of Public Projects

While this matter was presented to the IAC as an Information Note, discussion at the meeting generated a recommendation for the Committee's consideration.

#### **Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Korab

**Seconded By** Councillor Hanlon

That the Inclusion Advisory Committee be consulted prior to final implementation, given the potential impact of the Rawlins Cross Pilot Project, particularly as it relates to pedestrian traffic flow and safety.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6. Planning & Development - Councillor Maggie Burton

### 6.1 Items for Discussion

#### 1. Built Heritage Experts Report - April 18, 2019

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The Committee considered the above-noted report

1. Decision note dated April 15, 2019 re: Metal Roofs and Solar Panels

The Committee agreed to defer this Information Note pending receipt of clarification by staff. The matter will be raised at the next meeting of Committee of the Whole.

2. Decision Note dated April 17, 2019 re: Streamlining Maintenance Applications for Designated Heritage Buildings

Supporting documentation for these minutes can be found here.

**Recommendation****Moved By** Deputy Mayor O'Leary**Seconded By** Councillor Hickman

That minor maintenance applications for designated heritage buildings be evaluated by staff and sent directly to a Council meeting for Council's approval.

Further, that any applications that would alter the building or character defining elements of the building will follow the existing process of being referred to the BHEP for a recommendation to Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Decision Note dated April 23, 2019 re: Mobile Vending Leased Space - Churchill Square
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Consideration was given to the Decision Note which is seeking Council's approval to permit the lease of a parking stall in Churchill Square for the purposes of operating a motorized mobile vending unit.

**Recommendation****Moved By** Councillor Hickman**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor O'Leary

That Council grant the request of the Association of New Canadians and allow an additional mobile vendor to operate out of Churchill Square as proposed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****7. Transportation - Councillor Debbie Hanlon****7.1 Items for Discussion**

1. Decision Note dated May 1, 2019 re: Parking at Canada Post Community Mailboxes
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Supporting documentation for these minutes can be found here.

The Committee considered the above-cited which considered the impact of implementing of parking restrictions at select Canada Post locations as requested by the public and Councillors.

**Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Hanlon

**Seconded By** Councillor Stapleton

That Council maintain status quo with respect to parking near community mailboxes with the exception of Clancey Drive, Larkhall Street, Terra Nova Road where a "15 minute parking only" sign will be erected.

For (7): Mayor Breen, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Lane, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Stapleton, Councillor Korab, and Councillor Collins

Against (1): Councillor Hickman

**CARRIED WITH DISSENT (7 to 1)**

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Mayor Danny Breen

Chairperson

Supporting documentation for these minutes can be found here.



# DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

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**Title:** The Royal St. John's Regatta Committee – Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon

**Date Prepared:** May 3, 2019

**Report To:** Committee of the Whole

**Councillor & Role:** Dave Lane – Finance and Administration

**Ward:** N/A

**Decision/Direction Required:** Seeking approval for the City to host the St. John's Regatta Committee's Annual Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon.

## **Discussion – Background and Current Status:**

- The City of St. John's is a member of the Royal St. John's Regatta Committee
- The Induction Luncheon is proposed for Wednesday, July 31, 2019 in the Foran/Greene Room for approximately 120 people

## **Key Considerations/Implications:**

### **1. Budget/Financial Implications**

- The approximate cost of \$5000 is budgeted under civic events budget with the Office of the City Clerk

### **2. Partners or Other Stakeholders**

- The Royal St. John's Regatta Committee

### **3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans**

- A Connected City – increase and improve opportunities for residents to connect with each other and the City

### **4. Legal or Policy Implications** N/A

### **5. Privacy Implications** N/A

### **6. Engagement and Communications Considerations** N/A



**7. Human Resource Implications** N/A

**8. Procurement Implications** N/A

**9. Information Technology Implications** N/A

**10. Other Implications** N/A

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that Council grant approval to host the Annual Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon for the Royal St. John's Regatta Committee on July 31, 2019.

**Prepared and Approved by:** Elaine Henley, City Clerk

**Attachments:** None

# DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

**Title:** Grand Concourse Walkway Refurbishment

**Date Prepared:** May 1, 2019

**Report To:** Committee of the Whole

**Ward:** Ward 3 and 4

**Decision/Direction Required:** To seek funding to resurface the deteriorated surfaces of walkways constructed by the Grand Concourse Authority at Mundy Pond Park and Kenny's Pond Park.

## **Discussion – Background and Current Status:**

In the late 1980's, the Johnson Family Foundation established and funded a series of study projects investigating the potential for creating a connected trail corridor along our unique network of rivers and waterbodies. Initial walkway construction began in 1993 with the completion of four demonstration walks. A master plan guided development from Signal Hill in the East, through the Cities of St. John's and Mount Pearl, and to Octagon Pond in Paradise in the West. The entire Grand Concourse network was completed in 2005 with approximately 125 km's of walkways, linkages and connecting sidewalk routes.

This walkway network has since received local and international attention and has been considered among the finest walkway systems in Canada.

The Grand Concourse Authority (GCA) has maintained and serviced the walkways since construction. Current maintenance consists of minor resurfacing of the trail bed, mowing and trimming turf edges, minor repairs to; bridges, benches, viewing areas etc. and garbage collection.

Capital improvements and significant repairs are referenced, but not part of the maintenance agreement. These items are typically addressed by the GCA in relation to environmental events, end of service life replacement, or vandalism, and are invoiced separately.

Recent inspections of GCA walkways at Kenny's Pond Park and Mundy Pond Park have identified that walkway surfaces require resurfacing to eliminate trip hazards, loose/unstable surfaces, and water filling depressions, as follows;

- Kenny's Pond Park Walkway - 620m of walkway resurfacing
- Mundy Pond Park Walkway - 300m of walkway resurfacing

The estimated cost of walkway repairs is \$30,000.

**Key Considerations/Implications:**

**1. Budget/Financial Implications**

The Grand Concourse Authority has provided an estimate of \$30,000 to address the required walkway repairs.

**2. Partners or Other Stakeholders**

Grand Concourse Authority and the City of St. John's

**3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans**

A Sustainable City

A City That Moves

A Connected City

An Effective City

**4. Engagement and Communications Considerations**

City of St. John's – Marketing and Communications Division could be involved promoting this initiative.

**5. Human Resource Implications**

NA

**6. Procurement Implications**

Procurement of these services is addressed within the framework of the City of St. John's – Grand Concourse Authority Maintenance Agreement.

**Recommendations:**

1. It is recommended, the City of St. John's award the capital repairs of the Kenny's Pond Park and Mundy Pond Park walkways to the Grand Concourse Authority.
2. Funding for the required Open Space capital repairs, (\$30,000) be allocated from the resources of the Open Space Reserve.

Prepared by/Signature:

Brian Head, Manager Parks and Open Spaces

Approved by:

Lynnann Winsor – Deputy City Manager Public Works

**ST. JOHN'S**

**BY-LAW NO.**

**ST. JOHN'S RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY STANDARDS (AMENDMENT NO. 1-2019) BY-LAW**

**PASSED BY COUNCIL MAY \_\_\_\_\_, 2019**

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The Preamble of the St. John's Residential Property Standards By-Law is amended as follows:

“Under and by virtue of the powers vested in it pursuant to the *City of St. John's Act*, RSNL 1990 c. C-17, as amended, and all other powers enabling it, the City of St. John's enacts the following by-law prescribing minimum standards and regulations for the occupancy and maintenance of residential property in the City of St. John's.”

**BY-LAW**

1. This By-Law may be cited as the St. John's Residential Property Standards (Amendment No. 1-2019) By-Law.

2. Section 3 of the St. John's Residential Property Standards By-Law is further amended by adding the following subsections:

“3.5 “Bird Feeder” means a single device that meets all three of the following:

(a) it is designed for the purpose of feeding feral songbirds and no other animals; and

(b) it is designed to minimize the spillage of food on the ground; and

(c) it does not exceed two thousand (2000) cubic centimeters in volume.

3.21 “Wildlife” means an animal that belongs to a species that is wild by nature, and includes feral songbirds, feral pigeons, and feral rodents, but does not include any animal that resides predominantly or exclusively indoors and is kept for the purpose of companionship.

3. Section 5 of the St. John's Residential Property Standards By-Law is further amended by adding the following subsections:

“5.1.1 No person shall feed or permit the feeding of Wildlife on a residential property, and/or leave food or attractants out of doors on a residential property in such a manner as to attract or be accessible by Wildlife.

5.1.1(1) Notwithstanding section 5.1.1, an organization conducting a feral cat spay and neuter program may leave food out of doors in a feral cat feeding enclosure for the purpose of that program;

5.1.1(2) Notwithstanding section 5.1.1, a person may feed or permit the feeding of feral songbirds on a residential property owned or occupied by the person, provided that:

- (a) The feeding of feral songbirds is accomplished exclusively through the use of a Bird Feeder;
- (b) Each Bird Feeder is kept free of wet and/or spoiled food;
- (c) Each Bird Feeder is regularly cleaned and disinfected;
- (d) There are no more than two (2) Bird Feeders per residential property, except where the lot area of the residential property is in excess of 465 square meters, in which case one (1) additional Bird Feeder may be erected for each additional 465 square meters;
- (e) Any food or other waste deposited on the ground of the residential property is removed and disposed of without delay;
- (f) The feeding of feral songbirds on the residential property does not attract insects, rodents, gulls, crows, birds of prey, or flocks of feral pigeons.”

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the Seal of the City of St. John’s has been hereunto affixed and this By-Law has been signed by the Mayor and City Clerk this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2019.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

**Title:** Mt. Scio at Prince Philip Drive Left Turn Bays  
**Date of Meeting:** May 15, 2019  
**Report To:** Committee of the Whole  
**Councillor/Theme:** Debbie Hanlon - Transportation  
**Ward:** Ward 4

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## **Decision/Direction Required:**

Decision is required to add left turn bays on Mt. Scio Road and Ridge Road at the Allandale Road intersection.

## **Discussion – Background and Current Status:**

Council is considering the merits of reconfiguring the Mt. Scio Road/Ridge Road and Allandale Road intersection to include left turn bays on Mt. Scio Road. The intersection is experiencing capacity constraints on the Mt Scio Rd approaches during peak hours leading to unnecessary queues and vehicle delay.

The MUN Area Traffic Study also identified the need for this project to improve vehicle level of service at this intersection.

Mt. Scio Road and Ridge Road are designated as “Minor Arterial” streets in the City’s road network classification system. This classification reflects roadway use that prioritizes traffic movement and provides an alternate route to Prince Philip Drive. Traffic volumes on Mt. Scio Road are between 5,500 and 6,000 vehicles per day. A typical Collector road is intended to carry between 1,000 and 12,000 vehicles per day. An arterial is expected to carry between 5,000 and 30,000 vehicles per day. From this perspective, volumes are not unreasonably high. Of the 6,000 vehicle per day about 10% use the road in the busiest hour of the day, the afternoon peak hour. 600 vehicles an hour at the busiest time is considered a moderate amount of traffic.

A review of traffic speeds on Mt. Scio Road show that they are higher than desirable in some areas. The typical operating speed along the street is approximately 60km/hr. However, whether this project proceeds or not is not likely to have an impact on this value.

There are no sidewalks on Mt.Scio Road. Although this means vehicle traffic will have a greater than normal impact on pedestrians and cyclists, a large pedestrian or cyclist demand has not been observed. The most concentrated pedestrian demand along the street is generally located in the area of the botanical gardens where speeds tend to be a bit lower.

This project has to potential to directly improve the experience of through traffic on Mt. Scio and Ridge Road. Additionally, by moving vehicles more efficiently on Mt. Scio and Ridge Road, more of the signal green time may be able to be shifted to Allandale Road. The proposed





changes to the intersection would improve side street operations as well as movement along Allandale Road. Optimized signal timing also yields some tangential reduction in vehicle emissions.

When determining the potential for a change at the signal to impact traffic volumes, area travel patterns must be considered. Given the alternate routes in the area (including the Trans Canada Highway, Prince Philip Drive, Higgins Line, and Thorburn Road) coupled with the area destinations, it is likely that most people using this route now are either going to a destination on the route or live nearby. While the proposed changes will improve operations on Mt. Scio Road, it is unlikely the expected reduction in side street delay will significantly impact the use of this route.

While there is sound justification for this project, and it would result in an improvement to traffic flow at this intersection, it is not considered a critical infrastructure improvement at this time.

**Key Considerations/Implications:**

**1. Budget/Financial Implications**

Decision to approve the \$52,000 allocated from the Capital 2019 budget to complete this project has been deferred.

**2. Partners or Other Stakeholders**

n/a

**3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans**

n/a

**4. Legal or Policy Implications**

n/a

**5. Privacy Implications**

n/a

**6. Engagement and Communications Considerations**

n/a

**7. Human Resource Implications**

n/a

**8. Procurement Implications**

If approved, the project would be completed under the streets rehab tender.

**9. Information Technology Implications**

n/a

**10. Other Implications**

n/a

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that Council approve funding to add left turn bays on Mt. Scio Road and Ridge Road at the Allandale Road intersection.

**Prepared by:**

Anna Bauditz, Transportation System Engineer

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved by:**

Garrett Donaher, Manager - Transportation Engineering

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachments:** n/a