

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

April 17, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. – Council Chamber, 4th Floor, City Hall

Present Mayor Danny Breen
Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O’Leary
Councillor Maggie Burton
Councillor Dave Lane
Councillor Debbie Hanlon
Councillor Deanne Stapleton
Councillor Hope Jamieson
Councillor Ian Froude
Councillor Wally Collins

Regrets: Councillor Hope Jamieson
Councillor Sandy Hickman
Councillor Jamie Korab

Staff Kevin Breen, City Manager
Derek Coffey, Deputy City Manager of Finance & Administration
Tanya Haywood, Deputy City Manager of Community Services
Jason Sinyard, Deputy City Manager, Planning, Engineering and
Regulatory Services
Lynnann Winsor, Deputy City Manager Public Works
Ken O’Brien, Chief Municipal Planner
Cheryl Mullett, City Solicitor
Karen Chafe, Acting City Clerk
Maureen Harvey, Legislative Assistant

Other Staff Present Brian Head, Manager of Parks & Open Spaces
Garrett Donaher, Manager of Transportation
Susan Bonnell, Manager of Marketing & Communications

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved – Councillor Collins; Seconded – Councillor Hanlon

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved – Councillor Froude; Seconded – Deputy Mayor O’Leary

That the Committee of the Whole minutes dated April 3, 2019 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

Presentation by Mr. Randy Murphy – East Coast Trail Association

Mr. Murphy and Ms. Madeline Florent were present and conducted the above-cited presentation, a copy of which is available from the Office of the City Clerk.

Mr. Murphy noted that a number of Memorandums of Understanding have been executed with multiple municipalities associated with the Trail and the Association is requesting that the City will consider a similar MOU. A draft MOU was provided for consideration.

The matter was referred to the Parks Division of the Department of Public Works for consideration.

Community Services – Councillor Hanlon

Decision Note dated April 17, 2019 re: Key2Access Accessible Pedestrian Signals

Recommendation

Moved – Councillor Hanlon; Seconded Deputy Mayor O’Leary

That the City of St. John’s partake in this proof of concept project, installing Key2Access technology at locations determined in consultation with Key2Access and CNIB totaling the City expenditures of no more than \$25,000.

Should the proof of concept project prove sustainable, additional intersections should be considered. Those intersections with current APS equipment should remain, thus increasing accessible intersections in the City and ensuring fiscal responsibility

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Housing – Councillor Burton

Decision Note dated April 17, 2019 re: Expanding the Exemption of Municipal Fees for Affordable Housing Developments

Recommendation

Moved – Councillor Burton; Seconded – Deputy Mayor O’Leary

That Council expand the exemption of municipal fees to private developers of affordable housing who have confirmed approval under the National Housing Strategy’s National Housing Co-Investment Fund- new construction (NHCF), Federal Lands Initiative (FLI) and Innovation Fund (IF)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Planning & Development – Councillor Maggie Burton

Rezoning from the Institutional (INST) and Open Space (O) Zones to the Commercial Central Mixed Use (CCM) Zone for a 40-unit Residential Development - MPA1900002 - 68 Queen’s Road (Cathedral Parish Hall)

Recommendation

Moved – Councillor Burton; Seconded – Deputy Mayor O’Leary

That the application to rezone 68 Queen’s Road from the Institutional (INST) and Open Space (O) Zones to the Commercial Central Mixed Use (CCM) Zone be considered and the attached draft Terms of Reference for the Land Use Assessment Report be approved.

Prior to submission of an LUAR, it is recommended that the applicant meet with the Built Heritage Experts Panel regarding heritage designation options and the design of the proposed building.

Upon submission of a satisfactory LUAR, it is recommended that the application be referred to a Public Meeting chaired by an independent facilitator. Following the public meeting, the application would be referred to a regular meeting of Council for consideration of adoption.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Burton suggested that the developer be requested to consider some adaptive reuse for removed materials. Councillor Froude requested that the Terms of Reference of the LUAR include a provision for bike parking.

Built Heritage Experts Report – March 27, 2019

Decision Note dated March 19, 2019 re: Exterior Façade Renovations and Rooftop Alteration – Quality Hotel Harbourview, 2 Hill O’Chips

Recommendation

Moved – Councillor Burton; Seconded – Councillor Lane

That approval be given to the exterior façade renovations and rooftop alteration at 2 Hill O’Chips as proposed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Transportation – Councillor Debbie Hanlon

Information Note dated April 17, 2019 re: 2017 Traffic Pilot Projects Veteran’s Square

Council considered the above-noted Information Note which referenced Council’s previous approval to implement the Veteran’s Square reconfiguration pilot project. The intersection of Church Hill and Queen’s Road was identified as an excellent candidate to trial narrowing of the road surface. This intersection has been raised by the public as a hazard for pedestrians in the area and a safety concern for motorists.

Following an evaluation of the pilot project Council, in April 2018, voted to proceed with the permanent installation once funding became available.

Discussion took place with respect to other modifications required and Council was informed that the reconfiguration of Veteran’s Square will be completed during the 2019 construction season.

Decision Note dated April 17, 2019 re: Downtown Decorative Street Lighting LED Conversion

Recommendation

Moved – Councillor Hanlon; Seconded – Councillor Froude

That the City form a Working Group with members representing the Water Street Downtown Stakeholder Committee, Joint Downtown Liaison Committee, Built Heritage Experts Panel and the Arts Advisory Committee. All members of Council are also welcome to attend.

This Working Group would explore the subjective options available if choosing to replace the existing decorative globe lights with LED lights. The Working Group would recommend:

- **Whether to proceed with bulb only replacement (minor illumination improvement only) or replace the fixtures entirely.**
- **If applicable, what the aesthetic design criteria would be when procuring new fixtures.**
- **Possible cost sharing opportunities among downtown interests.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Decision Note dated March 26, 2019 re: Application to Rezone Land to the Rural Residential Infill (RRI) Zone for a Single Detached Dwelling – REZ1900006 – 358 Groves Road.

The above noted Decision Note was discussed at the April 3rd Committee of the Whole Meeting at which time it was deferred. While the original staff recommendation was that Council refuse the application to rezone 358 Groves Road from the Rural (R) Zone to the Rural Residential Infill (RRI) Zone as the property is above the 190-metre contour, Council sought reconsideration by staff.

Staff have once again reviewed the application and the recommendation for refusal remains.

Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Froude; Seconded by Councillor Burton

That Council refuse the application to rezone 358 Groves Road from the Rural (R) Zone to the Rural Residential Infill (RRI) Zone as the property is above the 190-metre contour Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Mayor Danny Breen
Chairperson