

ST. JOHN'S

Committee of the Whole

Council Chambers

Minutes

May 15, 2019
9:00 a.m.
4th Floor City Hall

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

Staff: Kevin Breen, City Manager
Tanya Haywood, Deputy City Manager of Community Services
Jason Sinyard, Deputy City Manager of Planning, Engineering & Regulatory Services
Cheryl Mullett, City Solicitor
Elaine Henley, City Clerk
Ken O'Brien, Chief Municipal Planner
Maureen Harvey, Legislative Assistant

Others Present for Relevant Agenda Items: Garrett Donaher, Manager of Transportation
Brian Head, Manager of Parks & Open Spaces
Simone Lilly, Affordable Housing Facilitator
Kelly McGuire, Communications and Public Relations Officer

Supporting Documentation for these minutes can be found here.

1. **Call to Order**

Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary chaired the meeting in the absence of Mayor Danny Breen who arrived later.

The Committee also welcomed the City's new Sustainability Officer, Edmundo Fausto.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Hanlon

Seconded By Councillor Stapleton

That the agenda be adopted as presented

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Adoption of the Minutes**

3.1 **Committee of the Whole Minutes - May 1, 2019**

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Councillor Hickman

That the Committee of the Whole minutes dated May 1, 2019 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Presentations/Delegations**

4.1 **Jon Seary - Co-founder of Drive Electric NL re: Current Status of Adoption of Electric Cars and Need for Changing Infrastructure**

Mr. Seary delivered a presentation on the benefits of electric cars. He encouraged the City to consider such vehicles in its fleet and to encourage and consider the installation of charging stations in various areas.

A copy of the presentation is available from the Office of the City Clerk.

Supporting Documentation for these minutes can be found here.

It was suggested that staff in the Public Works Division review the information, consider a meeting with Mr. Seary, the outcome of which may result in a recommendation for Council to consider.

5. Finance & Administration - Councillor Dave Lane

5.1 Decision Note dated May 3, 2019 re: Royal St. John's Regatta Committee - Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Lane

Seconded By Councillor Hanlon

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Public Works & Sustainability - Councillor Ian Froude

6.1 Decision Note dated May 1, 2019 re: Grand Concourse Walkway Refurbishment

During discussion it was suggested that signs be erected in strategic locations along trails that inform the public of the City's involvement of trail maintenance.

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Froude

Seconded By Councillor Korab

1. That Council 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Decision Note dated May 13, 2019 re: Retirement of East End Arterial Tunnel

Supporting Documentation for these minutes can be found here.

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Hanlon

Seconded By Councillor Hickman

That Council formally and finally, abandon the concept of a 4-lane east end arterial in the vicinity of Kingsbridge Road and Empire Avenue. Further, that Council adopt the concept of an enhanced corridor along Empire Avenue with reconfigured intersections along the route as a way of increasing capacity for all modes of travel in this area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Planning, Development & Regulatory Services - Councillor Maggie Burton

7.1 St. John's Residential Property Standards (Amendment No. 1-2019) By-Law

Councillor Burton reported that the by-law has been updated and is ready to be brought forward for a vote.

Councillors agreed to support an amendment to remove reference to songbirds as being feral and a change in the dimension of the feeders.

The revised amendment will be brought forward to the Regular Meeting of Council on May 21, 2019.

8. Transportation - Councillor Debbie Hanlon

8.1 Items for Discussion

1. Decision Note dated May 15, 2019 re: Mt. Scio at Allandale Road- Left Turn Bays

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Hanlon

Seconded By Councillor Hickman

That Council approve funding to add left turn bays on Mt. Scio Road and Ridge Road at the Allandale Road intersection.

**CARRIED WITH COUNCILLORS BURTON,
FROUDE AND LANE DISSENTING**

Supporting Documentation for these minutes can be found here.

9. Other Business

9.1 **Atlantic Lotto -- Renting of Parking Spaces in the Downtown District**

At the May 6th Regular Meeting of Council approval was given to allow Atlantic Lottery Corporation to rent 71 broken and 39 working parking spaces in the downtown district as a promotional event scheduled on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. Upon receipt of approval the Corporation changed the date to May 21st.

The Deputy City Manager of Planning, Engineering and Regulatory Services informed the Committee that subsequent to that decision the Corporation requested a change to remove the fee for 71 broken meters as these would have resulted in free parking in any event. This was discussed with the downtown district community who felt the original approval should stand. This aligns with the staff recommendation as well.

Discussion took place with the following motion:

Recommendation

Moved By Councillor Lane

Seconded By Councillor Hanlon

That the request from Atlantic Lottery Corporation for removal of the 71 non-working meters available for rent for its event on May 21, 2019 be rejected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:20 am

Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary
Chairperson