



The City of Saint John

MINUTES - OPEN SESSION GROWTH COMMITTEE MEETING  
MAY 28, 2024 @ 11:30 A.M.  
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL

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Present: Deputy Mayor John MacKenzie, Chair  
Mayor Donna Noade Reardon  
Councillor Barry Ogden  
Councillor Gerry Lowe  
Councillor Brent Harris

Also

Present: Chief Administrative Officer B. McGovern  
Commissioner Growth & Community Planning A. Poffenroth  
Director Growth & Community Planning D. Dobbelsteyn  
General Counsel M. Tompkins  
Solicitor J. Boucher  
Director Community Planning & Housing P. Nalavde  
City Clerk J. Taylor  
Administrative Officer R. Evans  
Administrative Assistant K. Tibbits

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1. Meeting Called to Order

Deputy Mayor MacKenzie called the Growth Committee open session meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Minutes of April 16, 2024

Moved by Mayor Noade Reardon, seconded by Councillor Harris:  
RESOLVED that the minutes of April 16, 2024 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED.

2.2 Minutes of April 22, 2024

Moved by Councillor Lowe, seconded by Councillor Harris:  
RESOLVED that the minutes of April 22, 2024 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Harris, seconded by Councillor Ogden:  
RESOLVED that the agenda of May 28, 2024 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Disclosures of Conflict of Interest

No disclosures of conflict of interest.

5. Consent Agenda (Recommendation: Receive for Information)

5.1 RESOLVED that the submitted *2024 Growth Committee Work Plan* be received for information.

5.2 RESOLVED that the submitted presentation *Newcomer Settlement Portal* be received for information.

5.3 RESOLVED that the submitted report *North End Neighbourhood Plan Boundary* be received for information.

5.4 RESOLVED that the submitted presentation *Ethnocultural Small Grant Program 2023 Annual Report* be received for information.

5.5 RESOLVED that the submitted report *Lord Beaverbrook Rink Annual Report* be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Presentations / Delegations

6.1 Presentation by Friends of Rockwood Park

Joan Pearce, Friends of Rockwood Park, provided an overview of the submitted presentation entitled "*Please Save Rockwood Park*" with respect to a request for Council to rescind a motion declaring 1671 Sandy Point Road as surplus land.

Moved by Councillor Ogden, seconded by Councillor Lowe:

RESOLVED that the Growth Committee direct staff to return with a report on 1671 Sandy Point Road at a subsequent meeting of the Growth Committee.

MOTION CARRIED.

6.2 Immigration Trends Report

David Campbell, Jupia Consultants Inc., reviewed the submitted presentation entitled "*Succeed and Stay: Immigration Patterns Report for Greater Saint John.*" Mr. Campbell discussed trends in population, workforce, immigration and non-permanent residents, international students, immigration retention as well as immigration targets and results.

Moved by Mayor Noade Reardon, seconded by Councillor Lowe:

RESOLVED that the submitted presentation "*Succeed and Stay: Immigration Patterns Report for Greater Saint John*" be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED.

6.3 Saint John Trade and Convention Center

Lisa Porter, Saint John Trade and Convention Center, provided an overview of the 2023 financial results and key highlights, and also commented on the financial forecast for 2024.

Moved by Mayor Noade Reardon, seconded by Councillor Harris:

RESOLVED that the 2023 Annual Report for the Saint John Trade and Convention Center be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED.

6.4 Canada Games Aquatic Centre

Amy McLellan, Canada Games Aquatic Centre, provided an overview of the 2023 financial results and key highlights, and also commented on the financial forecast for 2024.

Moved by Mayor Noade Reardon, seconded by Councillor Harris:

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RESOLVED that the 2023 Annual Report for the Canada Games Aquatic Centre be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED.

6.5 Saint John Free Public Library

Laura Corscadden, Saint John Free Public Library, provided an overview of the 2023 financial results and key highlights, and also commented on the financial forecast for 2024.

Moved by Mayor Noade Reardon, seconded by Councillor Lowe:

RESOLVED that the 2023 Annual Report for the Saint John Free Public Library be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Business Matters

8. Referrals from Common Council

9. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Lowe, seconded by Councillor Harris:

RESOLVED that the open session meeting of the Growth Committee be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED.

The open session meeting of the Growth Committee held on May 28, 2024, was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.