



The City of Saint John

MINUTES - OPEN SESSION GROWTH COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2024 @ 12:00 P.M.
2nd FLOOR BOARDROOM, CITY HALL

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
Director Growth & Community Planning D. Dobbelsteyn
Director Development & Community Standards C. McKiel
Director Community Planning & Housing P. Nalavde
Senior Manager Community Support Services C. Coes
Project Manager Housing Accelerator Fund C. Smith
Manager Customer Service K. Molnar
Manager Housing A. Reid
Communications Officer M. O'Brien Harrison
Communications Officer C. O'Brien
City Clerk J. Taylor
Administrative Assistant K. Tibbits

1. Meeting Called to Order

Moved by Mayor Noade Reardon, seconded by Councillor Lowe:
RESOLVED that the Growth Committee move into open session.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Minutes of July 16, 2024

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

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mayor Noade Reardon, seconded by Councillor Lowe:
RESOLVED that the agenda of October 8, 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 Growth at a Glance Infographic

Director Development & Community Standards, C. McKiel reviewed the submitted document “Growth at a Glance Infographic”, providing an update on 3rd quarter results.

Moved by Mayor Noade Reardon, seconded by Councillor Lowe:

RESOLVED that the Growth at a Glance Infographic for the period January to September 2024, be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Presentations / Delegations

7. Business Matters

7.1 Housing Accelerator Fund Initiatives Update

Project Manager, Housing Accelerator Fund, C. Smith reviewed the submitted presentation “Housing Accelerator Project Progress Update” and discussed several initiatives including the North End Plan, Housing Concierge, Unlocking Gentle Density, Affordable Housing, Leveraging Land, Zoning By-Law reform, E-Permitting, and Governance reform.

Moved by Mayor Noade Reardon, seconded by Councillor Lowe:

RESOLVED that the presentation entitled “Housing Accelerator Project Progress Update” be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED.

7.2 Housing Accelerator Fund Grant Program

Manager Housing, A. Reid, reviewed the submitted presentation “Housing Accelerator Fund Grant Program”, noting that the program will help the City achieve increased housing supply over the next three years, in alignment with the goals of the Municipal Plan. The Program is comprised of three key grant streams including the Construction Challenges Grant, Missing Middle Housing Grant and the Revitalizing Rental Stock Grant. The HAF Grant program is a temporary program that will be in place between 2024-2026 until all funds are committed. Funding will be disbursed to projects that are most in alignment with the goals of the City and the HAF Action Plan.

Moved by Mayor Noade Reardon, seconded by Councillor Lowe:

RESOLVED that Growth Committee recommends that Common Council adopt the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) Grant Program Policy as generally presented to Committee at their October 8th, 2024 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED with Councillor Harris voting nay.

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 October 8, 2024, was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.