



The City of Saint John

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT JOHN
NOVEMBER 12, 2024 AT 6:00 PM
2ND FLOOR COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL

An Electronic means of communication will be used at this meeting. The public may attend the meeting in person in the Council Chamber or view the meeting on the City's Website (www.saintjohn.ca) or on Rogers TV.

Present: Mayor Donna Noade Reardon
Deputy Mayor John MacKenzie
Councillor-at-Large Gary Sullivan
Councillor-at-Large Brent Harris
Councillor Ward 1 Greg Norton
Councillor Ward 1 Joanna Killen
Councillor Ward 2 Barry Ogden
Councillor Ward 3 Gerry Lowe
Councillor Ward 4 Greg Stewart
Councillor Ward 4 Paula Radwan

Also Present:
Chief Administrative Officer B. McGovern
General Counsel M. Tompkins
Chief Financial Officer K. Fudge
Fire Chief R. Nichol
Commissioner Utilities & Infrastructure Services I. Fogan
Commissioner Public Works M. Hugenholtz
Commissioner Human Resources S. Hossack
Commissioner Growth & Community Services A. Poffenroth
Director External Relations L. Caissie
City Clerk J. Taylor
Administrative Assistant K. Tibbits

1. Call to Order

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Councillor Radwan read aloud the Land Acknowledgement and called for a moment of reflection.

“The City of Saint John/Menaquesk is situated is the traditional territory of the Wolastoqiyik/Maliseet. The Wolastoqiyik/Maliseet along with their Indigenous Neighbours, the Mi’Kmaq/Mi’kmaw and Passamaquoddy/Peskotomuhkati signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the British Crown in the 1700s that protected their rights to lands and resources.”

1.2 National Anthem

The Saint John Symphony Youth Orchestra performed O Canada by video.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Minutes of October 24, 2024

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie:
RESOLVED that the minutes of October 24, 2024 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED.

2.2 Minutes of October 28, 2024

Moved by Councillor Radwan, seconded by Councillor Killen:
RESOLVED that the minutes of October 28, 2024, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Norton:
RESOLVED that the agenda for November 12, 2024, be approved with the addition of Item 17.1 Hiring of General Manager for Saint John Industrial Parks (2024) Ltd.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Disclosures of Conflict of Interest

Councillors Stewart and Radwan declared a conflict of interest on Item 5.6 Engineering Construction Management Services – Retail Drive Intersection.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 RESOLVED that as recommended in the submitted report *M&C 2024-295: Business Improvement Area 2025 Budget*, Common Council signal its intention to approve the 2025 Business Improvement Area budget submitted by Uptown Saint John Inc.; and the City Clerk be directed to prepare the required newspaper notice, per s.6(2) of the *Business Improvement Areas Act*.

5.2 RESOLVED that as recommended in the submitted report *M&C 2024-292: Housing Accelerator Fund – Zoning Reform and Subdivision By-Law Amendments – Referral to Planning Advisory Committee and Proposed Public Hearing Date for Zoning By-Law Amendments*, Common Council:

1. Schedule a public hearing on Monday, December 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. for amendments to the Zoning By-Law related to the Zoning Reform Initiative under the City's Housing Accelerator Fund and refer the matter to the Planning Advisory Committee for a report and recommendation in the Council Chamber, City Hall 2nd floor, 15 Market Square, Saint John, NB; and,

2. Refer the proposed amendments to the Subdivision By-Law to the Planning Advisory Committee for a report and recommendation.

5.3 RESOLVED that as recommended in the submitted report *M&C 2024-299: Proposed Public Hearing Date for 125 Gault Road*, Common Council schedule a public hearing on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. for a Zoning By-Law and Section 59 amendment application submitted by Hughes Surveys & Consultants Inc. Ltd. for 125 Gault Road, PID Part of 00403535 in the Council Chamber, City Hall 2nd floor, 15 Market Square, Saint John, NB.

5.4 RESOLVED that as recommended in the submitted report *M&C 2024-291: Appointment of Auditor for Auditing Services*, Common Council approve and authorize the Mayor and Common Clerk to execute the agreement in the form as attached to M&C No 2024-291 with Deloitte LLP (Deloitte) to be the financial statement auditors for the City of Saint John, The Saint John Trust Funds, Saint John Transit Commission, Saint John Free Public Library, Saint John Aquatic Centre Commission, Saint John Trade and Convention Centre, Harbour Station Commission and Saint John Industrial Parks (2024) Ltd. for the next four years with two one-year renewal options at the City's discretion.

5.5 RESOLVED that as recommended in the submitted report *M&C 2024-297: Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) Service Agreement Addendum #1 Contract No. 2019-080601P* Common Council approves Service Agreement Addendum #1 to the Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) Contract No. 2019-080601P in the form as attached to M&C No. 2024-297 with Bulletproof Solutions, ULC, and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the said Service Agreement Addendum and any document ancillary thereto or necessary to effect the transaction.

5.6 Refer to Item 14.1

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie, seconded by Councillor Sullivan:
RESOLVED that the recommendation set out in each consent agenda item respectively, with the exception of Item 5.6 which has been identified for discussion, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Members Comments

Members commented on various local events.

7. Proclamation

8. Delegations / Presentations

8.1 Saint John Community Arts Board

Laura Oland, Chair of the Saint John Community Arts Board reviewed the submitted presentation and discussed activities that occurred over 2023 and 2024. Ms. Oland commented on the work of the board including updating governance documents, providing grant opportunities, offering community workshops, fundraising and plans for the future.

9. Public Hearings – 6:30 p.m.

10. Consideration of By-Laws

10.1 Proposed Municipal Plan Amendment – 221, 251 & 271 Lancaster Avenue (30 Day Letter)

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie, seconded by Councillor Lowe:

RESOLVED that the proposed Municipal Plan By-Law Amendment regarding 221, 251 & 271 Lancaster Avenue be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for a report and recommendation with staff returning at a future Council meeting to request the scheduling of the public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. Submissions by Council Members

12. Business Matters – Municipal Officers

12.1 Chief Administrative Office Update on select Catalytic Projects and Advocacy (Verbal)

CAO McGovern provided updates on several catalytic projects and advocacy efforts including the South End Peninsula school, Saint John Industrial Parks land expansion and recruitment efforts, The Gathering Space, Affordable Housing advocacy and Housing Accelerator Fund program.

Councillor Harris withdrew from the meeting.

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie, seconded by Councillor Radwan:

RESOLVED that the Chief Administrative Officer update on select catalytic projects and advocacy be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. Committee Reports

Having declared a conflict of interest, Councillors Stewart and Radwan withdrew from the meeting.

Councillor Sullivan withdrew from the meeting.

14. Consideration of Issues Separated from Consent Agenda

14.1 Engineering Construction Management Services – Retail Drive Intersection

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie, seconded by Councillor Norton:
RESOLVED that as recommended in the submitted report *M&C 2024-294: Engineering Construction Management Services – Retail Drive Intersection Realignment*, the proposal from EXP Services Inc., for engineering inspection and construction management services for the Retail Drive Intersection Realignment project in the amount of \$413,573.35 including HST be accepted; and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the appropriate documentation in that regard.

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillors Stewart and Radwan re-entered the meeting.

15. General Correspondence

15.1 Elections NB: Acknowledgement of Ward 3 Vacancy (Recommendation: Receive for Information)

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie, seconded by Councillor Norton:
RESOLVED that the correspondence from Elections NB acknowledging the Ward 3 vacancy be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED.

15.2 Request for Proclamation: International Day for Persons with Disabilities (Recommendation: Request staff consult with the Saint John Ability Advisory Committee and prepare proclamation)

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie, seconded by Councillor Norton:
RESOLVED that staff be directed to consult with the Saint John Ability Advisory Committee and prepare a proclamation for International Day for Persons with Disabilities.

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Harris re-entered the meeting.

16. Supplemental Agenda

17. Committee of the Whole

17.1 Hiring of General Manager for Saint John Industrial Parks (2024) Ltd.

Moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Harris:
RESOLVED that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, having met on November 12, 2024, Common Council approve that the Provisional Directors of Saint

John Industrial Parks (2024) Ltd., being Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and General Counsel for the City, be authorized to sign the Director's Resolution generally in the form as presented to Committee of the Whole at its meeting held November 12, 2024, authorizing Saint John Industrial Parks (2024) Ltd. to hire the preferred candidate for the General Manager position on behalf of Saint John Industrial Parks (2024) Ltd.

MOTION CARRIED.

18. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Lowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie:

RESOLVED that the meeting of Common Council held on November 12, 2024, be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.