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Deputy Mayor McAlary and
Members of Common Council

Deputy Mayor and Councillors:

Subject: Upcoming Municipal Election

Background:

The municipal elections are coming up this May which presents a unique opportunity for citizens of our city to serve in public office. The opportunity to serve is a tremendous commitment that all members of our community should be given the chance to fully understand.

Furthermore the current Saint John City Council has set a clear path forward, with regards to Growth, Fiscal Responsibility and Provincial Reforms. Prospective candidates should be afforded the background and reasoning for these plans and why they are important for the future and overall sustainability of the entire region. It will allow candidates to campaign with a full understanding of where our city is and where we are heading.

The decision to run for office is not one that should be taken lightly but it should be incumbent on a city to best present the facts so that we can encourage those willing to serve, to do so.

Motion:

That the Common Clerk hold two public meetings in conjunction with Elections New Brunswick, that outline the commitment and expectations that are placed upon elected members of Common Council. These meetings must take place on or before March 31st, 2020. Furthermore, that the Common Clerk develop a “Handbook for Prospective Candidates” (an assembly of key documents and plans) to be placed on the city’s website.

Respectfully Submitted,

(Received via email)

Don Darling
Mayor
City of Saint John

