

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

March 6, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. – Council Chamber, 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 Hope Jamieson Councillor Jamie Korab Councillor Ian Froude
Regrets	Councillor Wally Collins
Staff	Kevin Breen, City Manager Derek Coffey, Deputy City Manager of Finance & Administration Tanya Haywood, Deputy City Manager of Community Services Jason Sinyard, Deputy City Manager, Planning, Engineering and Regulatory Services Lynnann Winsor, Deputy City Manager – Public Works Cheryl Mullett, City Solicitor Elaine Henley, City Clerk Karen Chafe, Supervisor – Office of the City Clerk

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved – Councillor Froude; Seconded – Councillor Hickman

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved – Councillor Froude; Seconded – Councillor Hickman

That the Committee of the Whole minutes dated February 20, 2019 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Works & Sustainability – Councillor Ian Froude

Items for Discussion

Decision Note dated February 14, 2019 re: Feeding of Wildlife

Council reviewed the above noted and the proposed revisions to the St. John's Residential Property Standards By-law. The following concerns were outlined:

- How will the feeding of feral cats be impacted by the proposed revisions and it was questioned whether the proposed by-law should speak to that;
- Is the by-law realistically enforceable? Staff advised of the process wherein residents considered to be in contravention of the by-law would receive a notice to comply by a certain date. Should they fail to do this, they will be summoned to provincial court.
- In response to whether or not someone has to be caught in the act, it was noted that property owners are responsible for the state of their property irrespective of who may litter that property.
- Does the by-law address the scattering of seeds and other foods? Section 5 addresses this.
- It was clarified that the by-law does not address any activity that occurs in public places, i.e. feeding of pigeons in parks. An anti-litter by-law would address that issue.
- Concern was expressed about the practicality of requiring each bird feeder to be wholly inaccessible to rodents and that this would be impossible and therefore not enforceable.

Moved – Councillor Froude; Seconded – Councillor Hickman:

That the draft amendment to the St. John's Residential Property Standards By Law be approved with the the following revision:

- removal of Section 5.1.1.b as noted below:
 - *(b) Each bird feeder is located so as to be wholly inaccessible to rodents;*

Further, that Council refer the question of feral cats to staff for further review and consideration.

**CARRIED WITH MAYOR
BREEN DISSENTING**

Decision Note dated February 28, 2019 re: Repeal – Policy: 08-04-15 Thawing of

Frozen Services Laterals

Moved – Councillor Froude; Seconded – Councillor Korab:

That Council approve repealing Policy 08-04-15 Thawing of Frozen Service Laterals as it is no longer relevant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Services & Events – Councillor Jamie Korab

Items for Discussion

Decision Note dated February 27, 2019 re: Grant Allocations 2019

Moved – Councillor Korab; Seconded – Councillor Jamieson

That Council approve the Capital Grants as outlined in the amount of \$221,500 as per the above cited Decision Note.

Grant Type	2019 Budget	Recommended
Capital	\$500,000	\$221,500
	Remaining	\$278,500

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved – Councillor Korab; Seconded – Councillor Lane

That Council approve the 2019 Grant Allocations as outlined below and as per the above cited Decision Note:

Grant Type	2019 Budget	Recommended
Community Groups	\$730,000	\$708,400
Sport Groups	\$190,900	\$180,450
Artists and Art Organizations	\$263,000	\$263,000
Special Events and Festivals	\$100,500	\$95,500
Total	\$1,284,400	\$1,247,350
	Remaining	\$37,050

CARRIED WITH COUNCILLORS FROUDE AND BURTON ABSTINING

Housing – Councillor Hope Jamieson

Items for Discussion

Decision Note dated February 20, 2019 re: Affordable Housing Working Group Membership

Moved – Councillor Jamieson; Seconded – Councillor Hanlon:

That Council accept Doug Pawson as the End Homelessness St. John's representative and Emily Timmins as the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development representative on the Affordable Housing Working Group.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Decision Note dated January 30, 2019 re: Affordable Housing Catalyst Grant Allocations 2019

Moved – Councillor Jamieson; Seconded – Deputy Mayor O'Leary

That Council accept the recommended 2019 Housing Catalyst Grant allocations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Governance & Strategic Priorities – Mayor Danny Breen

Items for Discussion

Decision Note dated February 27, 2019 re: Dental Coverage – Members of Council

Moved – Councillor Burton; Seconded – Councillor Korab

That Council approve obtaining dental coverage for members of Council and their families through Desjardins.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

**Mayor Danny Breen
Chairperson**