

M & C – 2010 – 32

January 28, 2010

His Worship Mayor Ivan Court and  
Members of Common Council

Your Worship and Councillors:

**SUBJECT: Sandy Point Road Planning Study**

**BACKGROUND:**

Common Council resolved the following at its meeting on August 17, 2009:

*“Common Council direct the Planning and Development Department to initiate the Sandy Point Road Planning Study in general accordance with the Project Statement attached to M & C – 2009 – 238 and dated August 10, 2009.”*

**DISCUSSION:**

This report provides an update on the progress in respect to the Study as set out in M & C – 2009 – 238.

***Background Report***

Staff has recently completed research on technical information relating to the study (e.g. current policy designations, environmental features, existing infrastructure, etc), which is compiled in the enclosed Background Report. This document is submitted for Council’s information. The document will be made available to the public through the City’s website [[www.saintjohn.ca/sandypointroad](http://www.saintjohn.ca/sandypointroad)], and additionally a hardcopy will be available for public perusal at the Planning & Development Department’s reception during normal business hours.

***Appointment of The Independent Consultant***

In accordance with Council’s resolution, staff has carried out a ‘Request for Proposal’ tender to seek a qualified consultant to undertake the public consultation and prepare a Statement of Professional Opinion in accordance with the above resolution. We are pleased to announce that ADI of Saint John has been awarded the contract. Mr. Brian White will be the lead representative from ADI.

***Next Stages***

The next stage in the process is for ADI to undertake the public consultation exercise and to prepare their Statement of Professional Opinion using information derived from the

background report, as well as from their experience and their examination of current practice in New Brunswick and elsewhere.

#### Public Consultation Exercise

ADI has been working with staff in Planning, Recreation and Leisure Services and Municipal Operations & Engineering to determine the best approach to carry out the public consultation exercise. The preferred approach is set out in the attached document. It will comprise primarily of informal meetings with community groups, a one-day consultation event, and a questionnaire. The consultation event is proposed to take place on February 17, 2010 at the McMurray Room at the Lily Lake Pavillion. There will be two sessions, one taking place between 3-5pm, with the other taking place between 7-9pm. The remaining elements of the consultation exercise will follow shortly after this consultation event.

We are seeking Council's endorsement of the consultant's preferred approach to undertake the public consultation.

#### ***Estimated Timeline Going Forward***

The Technical Background Report has now been released to the public. The consultants are expected to submit their Statement of Professional Opinion incorporating their recommendations on land uses, development principles, etc in late February-early March 2010. The outcomes of the public consultation will be reported in the Statement. Following receipt of this report, Planning staff will then prepare final recommendations in consultation with other City Departments. This is expected to be presented to Council in late March 2010.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Common Council direct staff and the consultant to undertake a public consultation exercise as set out above, including a public event on February 17, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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