# City of St. John's Municipal Plan, 2021

St. John's Municipal Plan Amendment Number 2, 2022

Commercial Land Use District to Residential and Open Space Land Use District 130 Aberdeen Avenue

August 2022

## **URBAN AND RURAL PLANNING ACT, 2000**

## **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT**

## ST. JOHN'S Municipal Plan, 2021

## Amendment Number 2, 2022

Under the authority of section 16 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000, the City Council of St. John's adopts the St. John's Municipal Plan Amendment Number 2, 2022.

Adopted by the City Council of St. John's on the 13th day of June, 2022.

Signed and sealed this \_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor:

Clerk:

**Canadian Institute of Planners Certification** 

I certify that the attached St. John's Municipal Plan Amendment Number 2, 2022 has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000.

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## URBAN AND RURAL PLANNING ACT, 2000

## **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE**

### St. John's Municipal Plan, 2021

#### Amendment Number 2, 2022

Under the authority of sections 16, 17 and 18 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000*, the City Council of St. John's:

- 1. Adopted the St. John's Municipal Plan Amendment Number 2, 2022 on the 13th day of June, 2022;
- Gave notice of the adoption of the St. John's Municipal Plan Amendment Number
  2, 2022 by way of an advertisement inserted in the Telegram newspaper on the18th day of June, 2022, on the 25th day of June, 2022, the 2nd day of July, 2022, and on the 9th day of July, 2022; and
- Accepted written objections and submissions for the paper public hearing until the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022; and
- 4. Set the 6th day of July, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom for the holding of an additional virtual session.

Now, under section 23 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000*, the City Council of St. John's approves the St. John's Municipal Plan Amendment Number 2, 2022 on the 6th day of September, 2022 as amended with the changes outlined below.

The area to be redesignated from Commercial to Open Space has been updated to align with the most recent floodplain and floodplain buffer information.

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Mayor:

Clerk:

## **Canadian Institute of Planners Certification**

I certify that the attached City of St. John's Municipal Plan Amendment Number 2, 2022 has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000.* 

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## CITY OF ST. JOHN'S

## Municipal Plan Amendment Number 2, 2022

### BACKGROUND

The City of St. John's wishes to allow a residential development comprised of a mix of Single-Detached Dwellings, Semi-Detached Dwellings, Townhouses and Apartment Buildings at 130 Aberdeen Avenue.

The 4.781-hectare parcel is vacant land at the end of Aberdeen Avenue, with the Walmart store east of the property and other commercial businesses opposite the property along Aberdeen Avenue and White Rose Drive. Outer Cove Brook runs north of the property and is designated and zoned Open Space (O). Under the Envision St. John's Municipal Plan, the property is designated Commercial and therefore a Municipal Plan amendment is required to designate the property as Residential in order to consider residential zones.

Further, it is recommended to expand the Open Space Land Use District alongside the subject property to include parts of the current floodplain buffer and wetland buffer. The applicant is completing floodplain analysis and the Open Space Land Use District and Zone will reflect any identified floodplains and buffers.

Should the amendment proceed, the applicant will have to prepare a Transportation Impact Study at the development approval stage. This may change the proposed street network.

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The proposed amendments were advertised on three occasions in The Telegram newspaper on October 2, October 9, and October 16, 2021. A notice of the amendments was also mailed to property owners within 150 metres of the application site and posted on the City's website and social media. No submissions were received by the City Clerk's Office.

## ST. JOHN'S URBAN REGION REGIONAL PLAN

The Province's St. John's Urban Region Regional Plan recognizes that aircraft and helicopter movements are noisy and aims to minimize adverse impacts. The Plan sets minimum requirements for development, limits new residential uses to areas outside (or lower than) the 35 NEF line, and recommends that any residential development between 30 and 35 NEF have sufficient sound insulation.

The application was referred to the St. John's International Airport Authority for comment. There were no concerns from the Airport Authority with respect to the building heights, but they did express concern with airport noise. According to their most recent noise exposure forecast (NEF) maps, the proposed development is bisected by the 30

NEF line and they assert that new residential development is not suitable above 30 NEF. The higher the NEF number, the louder the noise. The aim is to ensure that land uses which are sensitive to airport noise, such as residential uses where people could be awakened by noise, are kept away from the airport.

If the responsible authority (in this case, the City) chooses to proceed contrary to Transport Canada's recommendation, then Transport Canada advises that:

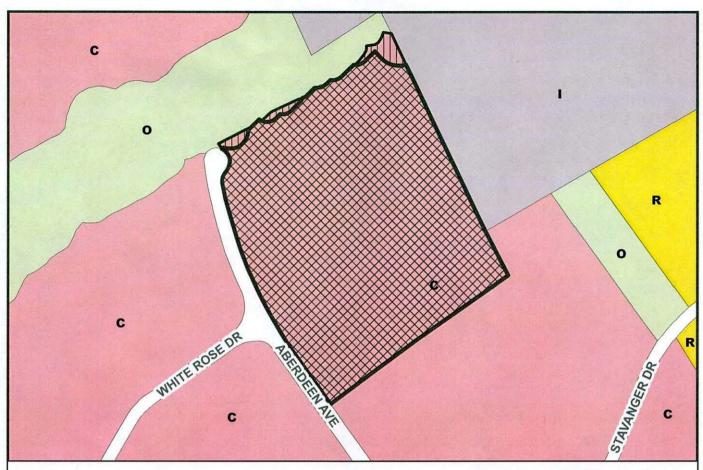
- a) appropriate acoustic insulation features must be considered, and
- b) a noise impact assessment study must be completed. Further, the developer should be required to inform all prospective tenants or purchasers that airport noise (creating annoyance and interfering with speech) is a problem at 30 NEF and is very significant by 35 NEF.

Section 7.4(2) of the St. John's Municipal Plan states that the City will "Manage land use to reduce conflicts arising from air traffic noise by preventing residential development in accordance with the Noise Exposure Forecast (NEF) contours prepared by Transport Canada, and in accordance with the policies of the St. John's Urban Region Regional Plan.", and the current Regional Plan policies could allow new residential development between the 30-35 NEF.

The applicant has provided a noise assessment report which recommended that the dwelling units use appropriate acoustic insulation and that a detailed assessment of the acoustic insulation requirements be completed once the detailed site layout and building plans are available. At its April 19, 2021, regular meeting, Council reviewed the Airport Authority's concerns and the applicant's noise report and directed staff to consider rezoning the land for residential purposes. Should the amendment proceed, a detailed noise assessment should be completed at the development stage to address the concerns of the Airport Authority. The applicant has indicated residential development between the 30 and 35 NEF range is feasible at this location with appropriate acoustic insultation.

**ST. JOHN'S MUNICIPAL PLAN AMENDMENT NUMBER 2, 2022** The St. John's Municipal Plan, 2021 is amended by:

> 1. Redesignating land at 130 Aberdeen Avenue [Parcel ID# 400271] from the Commercial Land Use District to the Residential Land Use District and Open Space Land Use District as shown on Future Land Use Map P-1 attached.



## CITY OF ST. JOHN'S MUNICIPAL PLAN Amendment No. 2, 2022

[Future Land Use Map P-1]

AREA PROPOSED TO BE REDESIGNATED FROM COMMERCIAL (C) LAND USE DISTRICT TO RESIDENTIAL (R) LAND USE DISTRICT



AREA PROPOSED TO BE REDESIGNATED FROM COMMERCIAL (C) LAND USE DISTRICT TO OPEN SPACE (O) LAND USE DISTRICT

## 130 ABERDEEN AVENUE Parcel ID 400271

Mayor

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**City Clerk** 

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**Council Adoption** 

2021 10 28 Scale: 1:4000 City of St. John's Department of Planning, Development & Regulatory Services

I hereby certify that this amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Urban and Rural Planning Act.



Provincial Registration

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature