

Wednesday, September 11, 2002 in King's Square to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the tragic events of September 11, 2001, be received and filed.

Question being taken, the motion was carried.

20. Ambassadors For Disability Awareness Publication

On motion of Councillor Desmond

Seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald

RESOLVED that the letter from Councillor Teed submitting a copy of a publication of the Ambassadors for Disability Awareness - The Employer's Handbook for Disabilities in the Workforce, which he would propose be given to the City Manager to pass on to the personnel department for its guidance, be received and filed.

Question being taken, the motion was carried.

21. New Construction Of Sidewalks On King Street

Read a letter from Councillor Teed advising his concern about the new construction of the sidewalks on King Street in that he feels there is a serious defect at the junction of the north side of King Street and the west side of Charlotte Street where there is a depressed circular cover which is in the direct line of walking and, as the City insurers have indicated publicly that the City must be informed of a defect or danger in the street before the City is liable and while he does not agree with this position, he hereby gives public notice and notice to the City that the construction of the new sidewalk located at the head of King Street at the junction of the north side of King and the west side of Charlotte could be considered a trap and hazard for pedestrians, and proposing that this notification be forwarded (a) to the City Manager, and (b) to the City insurers.

Councillor Teed proposed a motion, which was not seconded, that the above notification be forwarded to the City Manager and the City insurers.

22. Deadlines For Bilingual Service

Consideration was given to a letter from Councillor Teed advising that it appears there are functional deadlines for bilingual services for Saint John, not just by-law translation but for general operation, and he feels that Council should request an early report as to what is required, how it is planned to implement, and what will be the additional cost, if any.

Councillor Teed proposed a motion, which was not seconded, that Council request an early report in the above regard, whereupon it was noted that a report had already been requested.

23. Health/Dental/Disability Benefits

On motion of Councillor Titus

Seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald

RESOLVED the letter from Councillor Titus advising of his increasing concern, as a Councillor and more significantly as a Trustee of the City of Saint John Pension Plan, with respect to the number of employees eligible to retire, however, based on medical evidence, elect to draw a disability pension and, in doing so, taxpayers pay an additional cost in the form of health care premiums until the disabled employee reaches age 65; and requesting support from Council to direct the City Manager to report back on this issue, as well as the current status of the cost to the City associated with employee health and dental benefits, be referred to the City Manager for a report.

Question being taken, the motion was carried.