



SAINT JOHN

## News Release

# Leading edge new Municipal Plan will set the course for a more sustainable and livable Saint John

## *Saint John Common Council Approves PlanSJ*

January 31, 2012

At its January 30 meeting, Common Council passed a bold new Municipal Plan that will guide the City's future. The plan is the result of a two-year process of planning, research, and extensive community engagement. Thousands of Saint Johners, championed by a thirteen member Citizen Committee of Council which included ten citizens, a member of the City's Planning Advisory Committee and two members of Common Council helped to shape the plan.

"PlanSJ reflects the shared collective vision of our citizens to grow the City smarter, by reinvesting in the Saint John's urban core neighbourhoods, promoting denser more complete suburban communities and protecting our traditional rural character and landscape," said Mayor Ivan Court. "By leveraging existing municipal infrastructure the plan supports more efficient and cost effective development pattern and leverages the City's unique natural and heritage assets to enrich our quality of life."

The plan also promotes promoting greater choices for moving around the City, progressive environmental policies which protect natural areas and promote a more sustainable development pattern overall.

The plan will inform City decision making moving forward and will be put in action through a new zoning bylaw, a legacy of neighbourhood planning and through ongoing monitoring and reporting on the progress of PlanSJ.

"Well managed growth will in turn promote economic competitiveness and well being and will enable Saint John to continue to make progress towards a more diverse economy and a more prosperous future for our citizens," said Jacqueline Hamilton, Deputy Commissioner of Planning and the staff lead for PlanSJ.

"Our citizens helped build this framework so we can grow the City in an environmental and fiscally responsible way. This plan allows us to manage and share expectations around future development and growth," said Anne McShane, Chair of the PlanSJ Citizen Advisory Committee. "The approval of this plan is not the end, it's the beginning."

The plan becomes final upon approval of the Province of New Brunswick.

The Municipal Plan in its entirety can be found at [www.saintjohn.ca](http://www.saintjohn.ca)

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