STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 590
Councillor Eadie inquired if residential housing downtown took into consideration what was happening in the shoulder neighbourhoods, such as Spence Neighbourhood, that have rising housing prices.

Councillor Swandel replied that policy-wise, they always try to look at shoulder neighbourhoods to ensure they are not creating a negative impact when they create boundaries. He also suggested strong neighbourhood organizations in those areas have a lot to do with the provision of affordable housing and encouraged Councillor Eadie to speak with the Housing Committee Members of Council.

Councillor Eadie referred to the current issue regarding a transaction of a corporation in the United States and questioned if Councillor Swandel, as Deputy Mayor, had evaluated it according to the Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act; to which Councillor Swandel replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Eadie asked if the public interest had been offended and if the Deputy Mayor trusted that they could continue business given the kind of transactions between senior civil servants and senior elected officials; to which Councillor Swandel replied no and yes.