

MINUTES OF MEETINGGRAND FALLS-WINDSOR TOWN COUNCILHELD IN THE TOWN HALL7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor: Barry Manuel
 Deputy Mayor: Darren Finn
 Councillors: Mike Browne, Amy Coady-Davis, Bruce Moores,
 Tom Pinsent
 Staff: J. Saunders, Town Manager\Clerk
 N. Chatman, Director of Engineering and Works
 K. Antle, Director of Parks and Recreation
 G. Hennessey, Economic Development Officer
 B. Griffin, Director of Finance

ABSENT: Councillor: Peggy Bartlett

Prior to the meeting the Mayor announced the 2016 “Light Up for Christmas” Contest winners and presented the prizes.

1 st Place	-	James & Candace Sheridan 114 Goodyear Avenue (Accepted by Adian Sheridan)	\$100.00
2 nd Place	-	David Gardner 39 Snow Crescent	\$ 75.00
3 rd Place	-	Rodney & JoAnn Sooley 106 McHugh Street	\$ 50.00

The Best Decorated Commercial Property was Riverview Motors accepted by Angela Lush.

Also prior to the meeting the Mayor signed a Proclamation for White Cane Week.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of Meeting #472 of Tuesday, December 13th, 2016.

Motion

Browne\Finn

Be it resolved that the Minutes of Meeting #472 of December 13th, 2016 would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

DISBURSEMENT REPORT

Councillor Pinsent presented the disbursement report in the amount of \$819,043.44.

Motion

Pinsent\Moores

Be it resolved that the disbursement report in the amount of \$819,043.44 would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Administration

The following report was presented by Councillor Pinsent.

Labour Report

The Committee reviewed the year-end labour report. Total labour year-to-date is \$3,287,718 (Budget - \$3,326,963) which is 1.2% (\$39,245) under Budget. The Committee was extremely pleased with these results and recommends that staff continue to monitor labour costs.

Cash Collections

The Committee reviewed the taxation receivable report as of December 31st. The total taxes outstanding as of that date are \$842,364 – an increase of \$3,728 (.44%) from the previous year.

Salary Review

The Committee discussed the cost of obtaining a full salary review of all non-management positions.

The Committee recommends that management review the classification of all positions. This will be presented to Council for further discussion.

Funding Requests

The Committee reviewed a request for sponsorship for the PA-MIN-CO Curling Bonspiel.

The Committee recommends this be approved for \$363.

The Committee reviewed a request for sponsorship from an employee to attend a Trinidad Mission.

The Committee recommends that we approve a \$200 donation.

EXCITE Building

The Committee reviewed a cost estimate of \$30,000 to replace the heating and air conditioning controls for the EXCITE Building.

The Committee recommends this be approved from Town Capital Budget.

Training Report

The Committee reviewed the Occupational Health & Safety Report for 2016.

The Committee recommends that staff review our current Vaccinations Policy to ensure it is adhered to.

Note: Councillor Peggy Bartlett declared herself in conflict of interest on the following issues and excused herself.

Violence Prevention South & Central – Hearn Haven

The Committee reviewed the financial budget for operation of Second Stage Affordable Housing Complex on Main Street West.

The Committee recommends the facility be exempt from property tax. The Committee also recommends that the water and sewer tax apply to this property.

Maple School Demolition

The Committee reviewed an agreement for acquisition of land and building of the former Grand Falls Academy High School.

The Committee recommends that this be approved. The Committee also recommends that we agree to a Release and Indemnity Claim for environmental costs on the Grand Falls Academy Elementary School as a condition of acquiring the Grand Falls Academy High School. The Committee recommends that we approve acquisition costs for the project in the amount of \$457,500. The cost per acre is estimated to be \$101,667.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Pinsent\Browne

Be it resolved that these recommendations and report would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Public Works and Planning

The following report was presented by Councillor Coady-Davis.

Crosswalk\Intersection Evaluation

The Committee reviewed correspondence from different residents either voicing concerns or requesting crosswalks at different intersections across Town. Staff presented the “Pedestrian Crossing Control Guide” by the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) as this is the accepted standard in determining if a particular crosswalk is warranted and recommendations for the traffic control devices to be used. This process helps create consistency.

The Committee recommends that the Town adopt the proposed standard as outlined by the TAC and staff use this process moving forward to evaluate proposed crosswalks within the Town. This approach will provide a complete analysis of each crosswalk considered.

Staff presented the Committee with the results of the recent advertisement to rezone 117-123 Lincoln Road to Public Use (PU) to accommodate a dental clinic. There were only three (3) responses with a couple of concerns.

The Committee requested staff meet with the residents to discuss their concerns and report back to the Committee.

Three-Way Stop at Second Avenue\Victoria Street

The results of correspondence from residents near the intersection of Second Avenue and Victoria Street were presented to the Committee. Only eleven (11) responses were received. The majority of the residents were in favour of a three-way stop.

After long discussion, Council recommends staff install a three-way stop at this intersection.

Royal Canadian Legion Parking Lot on Beaumont Avenue

The Royal Canadian Legion requested the Town to complete upgrades and pave the lower parking lot on Beaumont Avenue. They stated they could not complete the work themselves and would have no issues with the Town using this area for parking during events at the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium.

The Committee recognizes that this request is to try and alleviate the parking issues on Queen Street and Peronne Road, however, these upgrades are the responsibility of the Legion. The Town has assisted with the snow clearing, but the Legion should upgrade the lot and then provide adequate access to the lower level of the building.

Patricia Ballard – 216 Main Street West

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Mrs. Ballard concerning water issues at her residence. There has been several instances of flooding and most recently during Hurricane Matthew in October 2016. She indicated that her concerns were raised prior to development of Blackmore Street and this development has caused more problems for her property. Measures had been taken in the past by the developer and the Town, but did not completely rectify the issue.

The Committee recommends staff discuss the issues with Mrs. Ballard, explore options to correct the issues at the property and then report back to the Committee.

Land Request – 17 Valley Road

Mr. Fred Shea requested an extension to his property at 17 Valley Road that would take in sections on the west and south sides of his property.

The Committee recommends that the original request be denied and staff meet with Mr. Shea to offer a variation of his request that narrows the west section by half and reduces the depth on the south side.

Name Change Request – Exploits Lane\Exploits Avenue

Recently, there was confusion of emergency services in the Exploits Land\Exploits Avenue area as they responded to the wrong street due to name similarity. A resident in the area requested for one (1) of the streets to be renamed to avoid such instances in the future.

The Committee agrees that this may potentially cause some fire\life safety issues and recommends staff to contact residents in the area asking their thoughts on the renaming of one (1) of the streets. These results are to be reported back to the Committee.

Adventureland Parking

Operator of the business had expressed concerns on parking, lighting and sight distance around the property as it is becoming a popular destination.

The Committee recommends staff discuss these issues with the business owner and help come up with solutions. Some minor changes to line painting may help and lighting concerns on the property is the responsibility of the property owner.

Lands Act Review

The Committee was updated on the recent changes to the Lands Act. The Municipal Recommendation Form is no longer required and the Town will be part of the Crown Lands Administration Division referral list for land within its boundaries. This change does not affect the Town too much.

The Committee recommends that staff and Council continue to work on getting more significant changes to the Lands Act that would give larger

communities more control of land within their boundaries. This would speed up the application process and get development moving ahead more quickly.

Sidewalk Snow Clearing Level of Services

The Committee discussed the Snow Clearing Policy on sidewalks in the Town. The Policy states that the sidewalks will be cleared in a reasonable amount of time and snow to be removed in main walking areas and school zones. The condition of existing equipment was also discussed.

The Committee recommends staff evaluate the existing equipment and possibly look into purchasing a new piece of equipment which would assist in maintaining existing services even during equipment breakdowns.

Maple School Building Property – Rezoning

Due to current HAZMAT clean-up of the existing building and the tender for the demolition closing soon, staff recommended that rezoning of the property commence immediately to avoid development delays later this year. It was proposed to rezone the area from Public Use (PU) to High Density Multi-Unit Residential (RM-2).

The Committee recommends that staff begin the process to rezone the area from Public Use (PU) to High Density Multi-Unit Residential (RM-2).

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador – Regional Government Model

Councillor Coady-Davis discussed the Regional Government Model with the Committee and encouraged all of Council to read through the document and provide comments by Friday, January 13th.

The Committee agreed that a Sub-Committee consisting of the Town Manager\Clerk, Councillor Coady-Davis, Deputy Mayor Finn and Mayor Manuel will review all comments and meet on Monday, January 16th to complete the questionnaire for submission.

Newfoundland Power – Street Light Policy

Newfoundland Power has a website to report a street light outage. Current policy is that repairs will be completed as crews become available. There have been long periods of light outages in all areas of Town. The Public Works Department reported numerous outages around Town to the local Newfoundland Power Office in December and most are completed at time of the meeting.

Due to the large amount of outages and long duration before repairs over the past few years, the Committee recommends writing Newfoundland Power to request changes to the Policy. The long wait times pose a safety concern for residents and service must be improved.

Food Bank Drive

Mayor Manuel proposed a program to assist the local Food Bank that involves the Public Works staff. It would be a Town wide event that would request residents place donations at their doors during their garbage day. A second vehicle would accompany the truck on its route and obtain all of the donations.

The Committee recommends that this type of food drive be completed at least once in 2017 and if a success, could be an annual event. Staff to work with the local Food Bank to determine the best time and details of the event.

Traffic Controller Painting

The Committee discussed a previous idea to paint the various traffic controllers around the Town to help promote what the Town has to offer and get an artist to promote their work. This has been done in other jurisdictions.

The Committee recommends an RFP be completed for this and it be noted that the Town will clean and prime the controller and provide all supplies. Once the paintings are completed, the Town would seal it.

Speed Bumps on Playground Streets

A proposal was put forward to install speed bumps on playground streets with higher traffic volumes such as Sutherland Drive, Main Street and Mulrooney Avenue. Playground upgrades in recent years have seen an increase in playground usage.

The Committee recommends staff research possible options to use in these areas and report back to the Committee. Preference would be to utilize speed humps verses speed bumps.

Pride Crosswalk

The Committee discussed the possibility of allowing a Pride Crosswalk within the Town. Other towns in Newfoundland have done this in the past.

The Committee recommends staff consult with other towns to evaluate costs and if there has been any issues with placement, longevity, etc... This information will to be brought back to the Committee prior to any decision.

3 Maloney Street

The Committee reviewed a request from a local business owner that is interested in the piece of property that is currently reserved for Mr. Fred Penney Sr. of Penney Paving Ltd. for the past few years. Mr. Penney had indicated that a building construction was to commence, but to-date there has been no plans received by the Town or any indications that a development is going to take place.

The Committee recommends staff review the existing agreement with Mr. Penney and inform him that if there is no building construction by August 1st, 2017 then the Town will refund the deposit and resale the property at a minimum of \$150,000.00 per acre as per the current price for land within the development.

Exploits Regional Water Supply Committee

The latest Minutes and Budget for 2017 was presented to the Committee for review and discussion. All communities within the region are represented including Northern Arm who was recently added to the system. All major leaks have been repaired or isolated. In addition, two (2) major Capital requirements were recommended for 2017 including a Dam Assessment and Road Maintenance.

The Committee recommends staff prepare preliminary cost estimates to complete the Capital Work and to continue working with neighbouring communities to ensure proper consumption and quality of water for the region.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Coady-Davis\Moores

Be it resolved that these recommendations and report would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Deputy Mayor Finn noted that the Maloney Street land refund would only occur if there was another buyer for the piece of property. He also said that he wanted it noted that he objects to the three-way stop at Second Avenue\Victoria Street intersection, but will support the Minutes.

Councillor Browne noted that the name change for Exploits Lane\Exploits Avenue is required because a resident almost passed way due to the ambulance

going to the wrong address. All other streets that may cause confusion will also be looked at.

Mayor Manuel noted that speed humps in playground areas would be beneficial in these areas to slow traffic. They are known to be effective and would be in place only when the playgrounds are open.

Salmon Festival

The following report was presented by Councillor Moores.

Salmon Dinner

The Committee reviewed potential entertainment for the Salmon Dinner.

The Committee recommends that staff continue to research entertainment for further discussion.

Concert

The Committee reviewed potential acts for this year's Salmon Festival event.

The Committee recommends that staff continue to research entertainment for further discussion.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee

Motion

Moores\Browne

Be it resolved that these recommendations and report would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

It was noted that the Minutes may be short on details, but a lot of work is happening behind the scenes. We hope to be able to make announcements soon.

Economic Development, Tourism and Heritage

The following report was presented by Councillor Coady-Davis.

Biofuels Project

The Committee discussed this item. Council will continue to follow up with the Provincial Government on the status of this project.

Cranberry Building

A site that was previously considered is not usable, so the cranberry group are looking at other options for a building in Grand Falls-Windsor. The Project Manager will update the Committee on the status of the search for a suitable location for a building.

Heritage Site Markers

The Committee reviewed several possible sites that can be identified as locations as heritage sites for signage and promotion. Once the new Heritage Regulations have been adopted by Council and a Heritage Committee has been formed, they will be tasked with this project.

Heritage Regulations

The Committee reviewed the final draft of the proposed Regulations and recommended that they be accepted as the new Heritage Regulations for the Town. Council will formally review and accept these Regulations at the next Council meeting on January 24th.

Resident Attraction Strategy

The Committee reviewed data and a website that could be used in marketing the Town to attract new residents. The Town Manager\Clerk will meet with staff to co-ordinate a strategy for this initiative and report back to Council.

Improvements to Cromer Avenue – Business Buy-In

The Committee discussed the status of some of the businesses properties on Cromer Avenue and the overpass on the end of that street. This area will be added to the 2017 Economic Development Objectives (Business Development Initiatives: Objective 6) in relation to curb side appeal of the Town along the Trans Canada Highway.

The Town Manager\Clerk will oversee this project with staff and identify potential consultants who may have experience in this area.

New Business Survey

The Committee reviewed a draft of a survey to be circulated to new businesses that have opened here in the last six (6) months. The objective is to gather feedback from these businesses as to what the Town and the Department can do to enhance the application process and to identify any barriers that the new businesses may be facing that the Town may be able to assist them with.

It was decided that the Economic Development Officer will contact these new businesses by phone and arrange to meet them in person and go over the survey.

Town Videos RFP

The Committee was informed that we have received twelve (12) submissions from across the Province. They are being reviewed and will go through the screening process for final selection.

Town Brand Purchases 2017

The Committee reviewed the brand items that were purchased in 2016. The Town will send out a RFP for pricing on all items for the total year and will select vendors once the submissions have been reviewed.

Meals on Wheels Pilot Press Release

A media release will take place in February to present details of the pilot project.

Youth Mental Health Conference

This event is scheduled for May of this year. Plans are continuing on the logistics of the event.

Other Business

Visitor Information Numbers (2016) – The Economic Development Officer presented the visitors numbers for the various tourist sites in Grand Falls-Windsor.

Although the total numbers were down slightly (3,486) from 2015, this is being attributed to the lower visitor numbers at the Salmonid Interpretation Centre as a result of the bridge closure this past summer. The locations reviewed included the Interpretation Centre, Dinner Theatre, Mary March Museum and Sanger Park. There were forty-nine (49) bus tours in 2016, an increase of eight (8) from the previous year.

Phone App Numbers - The Committee reviewed the numbers of users of the Town's new Phone App. There are more iPhone users than Android users and Council wants to promote and increase these numbers substantially. Staff will review ways to promote the App and get the numbers up. The App contains several useful links including an Events Calendar, Things to Do and See, a Business Directory and Alerts which let citizens know of important Town events such as road closures, waterline breaks, etc...

Aquaculture Opportunities for 2017 - The Economic Development Officer has had several conversations with representatives of the Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry Association (NAIA). The Town would like to host their Provincial Conference in 2018 and will submit a bid to do so in the coming months. Staff is also looking into organizing a Procurement Session with aquaculture businesses on the south coast in May. A similar one was held in 2010 and the Town is attempting to stimulate further economic activity between local businesses here and on the south coast.

Business Awards – A request was received from the Chamber of Commerce to sponsor their Business Awards. Council will be hosting its own Civic Awards in 2017 and denied this request.

Provincial T' Railway\Mid Winter Bivver - The Province recently announced the closure of several trailways in our area due to the October flooding. Council has requested that repairs to the bridges on the trailways in our area be completed immediately in preparation for our Mid Winter Bivver event on February 10th-11th. The Town Manager\Clerk is following up on this.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Coady-Davis\Pinsent

Be it resolved that these recommendations and report would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Mayor Manuel stated that this is “Red Tape Week” for new businesses and noted that we do a good job and that our process is streamlined. He also stated that the biofuel project will be offered the fibre resources and the company can now move to the business aspects of the project. This is a project that can generate significant opportunities in the Central area.

Councillor Moores congratulated the Mayor on the work he has put into the biofuel project in the recent months.

Parks, Recreation and Special Events

The following report was presented by Councillor Browne.

Exploits Blades – Community Organizations Grant

The Committee discussed a Community Organizations Grant Application from the Exploits Blades Hockey Team to support their league for the 2016-2017 season.

The Committee recommends to provide a \$1,000.00 credit to their account for ice time and expenses.

Senior Volleyball Team – Community Organizations Grant

The Committee discussed a Community Organizations Grant Application from the Grand Falls-Windsor Senior Volleyball Team to support an Invitational Men’s and Ladies Senior Volleyball Tournament on January 20th-21st, 2017 which will have approximately 20-25 teams, mostly from outside Grand Falls-Windsor.

The Committee recommends awarding them \$100.00 per visiting team to a maximum of \$1,000.00 to assist with tournament operating expenses.

Meeting with Minor Baseball

Dave Janes and Darryl Stacey from the Grand Falls-Windsor Minor Baseball Executive presented the Committee with an overview of their program from the past summer. They expressed their thanks to Council and staff for our continued support of their program. They also gave a wish list of renovations they would like to see in the coming years.

The Committee thanked them for their feedback and recommends staff work with their Executive to continue to grow the program.

Meeting with Minor Soccer Association

Due to other commitments the Executive of the Grand Falls-Windsor Minor Soccer Executive were unable to attend the meeting. However, the Director of Parks and Recreation presented a letter from their President outlining the events and activities from their program last summer. Their program was very successful and continues to grow with Council's support. They also presented a list of renovations they would like to see to help improve their program next summer.

The Committee recommends to look at the soccer facility upgrades in our Capital Budget.

Skating Rink Oval

The Director of Parks and Recreation presented the Committee with the costs associated with installing an outdoor skating oval on Centennial Field for this winter.

Due to the cost, the Committee recommends not to install the oval this winter, but to investigate grant options for next winter that would enable Council to provide this skating oval at a reduced cost.

Provincial Games Bid

The Director of Parks and Recreation presented the Committee with the bid application for the 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024 Provincial Summer and Winter Games.

The Committee recommends we not apply for any of these Games at this time, but to look into hosting the Provincial Special Olympics Games.

Pickle Ball

The Director of Parks and Recreation informed the Committee about starting a new program called Pickle Ball. Staff are in discussions with the Windsor Pentecostal Church about using their gymnasium to host this activity.

The Committee recommends staff finalize the planning and start promotion for the program so activity can begin as early as the end of January.

Hockey Day during Winterlude

The Mayor presented an idea to host a “Hockey Day” tournament on Little Rushy Pond during the Winterlude.

Due to lack of organizers, current ice conditions, parking issues and safety concerns, the Committee recommends not going ahead with this tournament this winter. If local organizers wish to plan a similar activity, the Parks and Recreation Department will give assistance.

Hospitality Room Trophy Case Displays

The Committee discussed ways to update the display Recreation\Sports Trophy Cabinets in the Hospitality Room in the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium.

The Committee recommends the Parks and Recreation Chair and the Director of Parks and Recreation formulate a Committee of citizens to develop a Terms of Reference for the Recreation and Sporting History of Grand Falls-Windsor.

Provincial Antique Car Show

The Director of Parks and Recreation informed the Committee the Provincial Antique Car Show Committee will be meeting in late January to decide if their Provincial Car Show will take place in Grand Falls-Windsor.

The Committee recommends staff work with their Committee and report back to the Parks and Recreation Committee with all the details at our next Committee meeting.

Winter\Winterlude Brochure

The Director of Parks and Recreation circulated the Winter\Winterlude Brochure that is being delivered to all households next week. It lists all winter activities, programs and organizations offering things to do this winter season. All the necessary contact information is included and everyone is encouraged to register quickly as most activities will likely sell out.

Winterlude Facebook Challenges

It’s “Gus the Moose’s” 25th Birthday and to celebrate the Parks and Recreation Department will be kicking off its promotion for Winterlude 2017 with school visits, radio interviews, a story in the Advertiser, Facebook Features, a

Snow Sculpturing Contest, sale of 25th Anniversary “Gus the Moose” Birthday Buttons and a list of Gus’s 25 most favourite winter activities which will be highlighted on Facebook.

The Committee recommends staff continue with the promotion of Winterlude which is scheduled from February 17th-20th.

Public Skating Schedule

The Director presented the Committee with the updated Public Skating Schedule which includes a new Adult Skating Session on Sunday nights in the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium from 8:45-9:45 P.M. and a new Lunchtime Skate on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium from 12:00 noon-1:00 P.M.

The Committee recommends staff continue with the promotion of our skating sessions which are free of charge. With nine (9) different sessions per week, there is lots of opportunity for our citizens to take advantage of our free skating sessions.

Summer Hockey and Figure Skating Schools

The Director of Parks and Recreation informed the Committee the Summer Hockey School and Figure Skating School in August may only use four (4) weeks of ice time instead of five (5) weeks which was used last year.

The Committee recommends the Director meet with both groups and formulate a schedule to best maximize usage of our summer ice time.

Recreation Software

The Director of Parks and Recreation presented the Committee with correspondence from Town Suite regarding Recreation Software for facility rentals and program registrations as well as other Modules that would give online access to all our citizens for Recreation information and registrations.

The Committee recommends inviting the software company to meet with Council to explain all the benefits.

Perfectly Centered Culinary Festival

The organizers for the Perfectly Centered Culinary Festival will be in Grand Falls-Windsor for the Mid Winter Bivver in February and were interested in doing a Perfectly Centered Culinary Festival media announcement at the same time.

The Committee recommends staff organize this launch for February 10th.

Recreation Programs Update

The Director of Parks and Recreation informed the Committee of programs scheduled for the next couple of months which include Cooking Classes, Baking Classes, Ski Trail Activities, a Seniors Technology Program, Winterlude, Specialty Sandwich Night and Mid Winter Bivver.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Browne\Moores

Be it resolved that these recommendations and report would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Mayor Manuel noted that the trophy case refurbishing involves all sports. These displays need to tell the story of the event or person. He congratulated the Recreation Department for the many events that are planned for 2017. He also encouraged residents to get out and enjoy the free skating sessions.

Committee of the Whole

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Finn.

Gorge Park – Phase II

The planning document for Gorge Park Phase II was discussed including the estimate and preliminary drawings. Council will consider the location of the compost facility, upgrading the Valley Road Cemetery and wheelchair access for salmon fishing as we move through the detailed design. Project limits for Phase II will be from the existing boat launch area to the Exploits River Bridge.

The Committee recommends funding applications be submitted to ACOA and other Government Agencies for the detailed design work.

Forest Diversification Report

The draft Forest Diversification Report was discussed. There are several areas that need to be reviewed with the Consultant.

The Committee recommends staff review the Report with the Consultant and report back to Council.

Municipal Enforcement\Fire and Emergency Services

Chief Constable Thibault and Fire Chief MacKenzie will be invited to the next Committee of the Whole meeting to present reports on their Department and activities. These reports will be presented on a quarterly basis.

Capital Planning – 2017

The Committee recommends that Department Heads prepare their Capital requests for 2017 for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

Waste Management

The Committee discussed the response to Council's letter from Central Waste. Further discussions with the Joint Council and other communities will take place prior to any response.

Security Camera – Policies\Locations\Priorities

The Committee discussed an assessment that was completed in 2014 on surveillance cameras for Town facilities.

The Committee recommends this document be updated and addressed as part of the Capital review.

Blue Sky – New Location

Staff have had discussions with Blue Sky on possibilities of participating in the selection of a new location for the Group Home that is presently operating at 115 Lincoln Road.

The Committee recommends that Council not participate in any site selection process. That is the company's responsibility and Council will evaluate as part of any application process. The Committee also recommends the present appeal process continue.

Funding Request – Exploits Blades

The Exploits Blades Hockey Team asked for a \$500.00 donation to offset costs for the remaining two (2) regular season games.

The Committee recommends this be approved.

Civic Awards

The Committee reviewed the information on the 1st Annual Town of Grand Falls-Windsor Civic Awards to be held in May. Details of the Awards will be finalized by the end of January for advertising.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Finn\Pinsent

Be it resolved that these recommendations and report would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Pinsent noted that the Town Band wanted to express their appreciation to Council for their support and stated that they are looking at an exchange with the Band from Conception Bay South. He asked residents to support the upcoming Mid Winter Bivver. He also asked that Haig Road be placed on the road name review. He stated it was good news that the Government have provided the fibre allocation to the biofuels project. He also stated that Nalcor needs to be more involved in the data centre process. He said the local radio station is a project being entertained. He expressed thanks to the Recreation Department and residents for their support to the Milltown Fire situation with the supplies collection.

Councillor Browne noted that the Mid Winter Bivver events are all sold out. He noted that Pickle Ball will start on January 30th at the Windsor Pentecostal Church and encourage all to get out and support this new activity.

Councillor Coady-Davis stated that Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador are hosting Central Regional meetings in Gander this week-end. She noted that the Exploits Regional Curling Club are hosting the Annual Ladies Caribou Curling Funspiel on February 17th-18th and Muscular Dystrophy's 21st

Annual Event is scheduled for February 3rd and 4th. She also noted that the Exploits Joint Council met this past week. Staff Sargent Bryan attended and updated the members on the RCMP. Other topics discussed included the waste management, biofuels project and that it is important to have a united front.

Councillor Moores stated that if you want to participate in the Muscular Dystrophy Bonspiel drop by the Curling Club or contact Wade Thompson. He also stated that the Grand Falls-Windsor Heritage Society Annual General Meeting is tomorrow, January 25th at 7:00 P.M. and Annual Reports will be presented and the Election of Officers will take place.

Mayor Manuel noted that the next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15th. He encouraged residents to drop off school supplies at the Joe Byrne Memorial for the Milltown School. He also congratulated Larry Barry, former resident of Grand Falls-Windsor and Town employee, for being nominated for “Best Actor at the Canadian Screen Awards” for his role in Riverhead.

Motion

Moores\Pinsent

Be it resolved that the meeting of the Grand Falls-Windsor Town Council would be adjourned until the next regular scheduled meeting of 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 15th, 2017. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Barry Manuel
Mayor

J. Saunders
Town Manager\Clerk