

MEETING #480

MINUTES OF MEETING

GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL

7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JUNE 20th, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor: Barry Manuel
Deputy Mayor: Darren Finn
Councillors: Peggy Bartlett, 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
B. Griffin, Director of Finance
G. Hennessey, Economic Development Officer

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of Meeting #479 of Monday, May 29th, 2017.

Motion

Moores\Browne

Be it resolved that the Minutes of Meeting #479 of Monday, May 29th, 2016 would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

DISBURSEMENT REPORT

Councillor Pinsent presented the disbursement report in the amount of \$567,327.60.

Motion

Pinsent\Bartlett

Be it resolved that the disbursement report in the amount of \$567,327.60 would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Councillor Bartlett questioned the bill from Crandall and the Director of Engineering and Works stated that it was done to avoid conflict for work being done in 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks, Recreation and Special Events

The following report was presented by Councillor Browne.

Mawio'mi Correspondence

The Committee discussed correspondence from the Exploits Aboriginal Community Group requesting to use Gorge Park for their first Mawio'mi to be held in Grand Falls-Windsor on June 16th-18th.

Due to the length of the event and the number of people involved, the Committee recommends the Director of Parks and Recreation get back to the group and ask them to use the gazebo and picnic area next to the river behind the Parks and Recreation Depot.

Departmental Grants Criteria

The Committee discussed the grant criteria for all the Parks and Recreation Departmental Grants.

With the great demand for these grants, the Committee recommends the Director give regular reports to the Committee to ensure adequate funding is available for these grants.

Community Clean-up Request – Mr. Thoms

The Committee discussed a request from a resident looking for a donation to the SPCA as part of the Community Clean-up Project for his efforts in cleaning up hundreds of bags of garbage from the roadsides behind the old Abitibi Mill.

The Committee recommends a \$500.00 donation to the SPCA on behalf of Mr. Thoms for his efforts with the Community Clean-up.

Recreation Software Update

The Director informed the Committee he had been speaking to the Town of Torbay about the TownSuite Recreation Software. Torbay use the software and find it very useful.

The Committee recommends the Director request a guest account from Torbay to allow us access to their program to investigate the usefulness of the program for our Parks and Recreation Department.

Mid Winter Bivver Report

The Director presented the Committee with a report on the 2017 Mid Winter Bivver which was a huge success. Over one hundred and thirty (130) people attended the snowmobile ride and the dinner was sold out with over one hundred and eighty (180) people attending. Staff and Council made some recommendations to improve next year's event.

The Committee recommends the report and its recommendations be reviewed next fall when planning starts for the 2018 Mid Winter Bivver.

Civic Awards Report

The Director presented the Committee with a report on the 1st Annual Civic Awards. It was noted that the awards were very well attended and accepted by the community. A special "Thank You" goes out to Sarah McIntosh, Holly Dwyer and a host of other volunteers and staff that made the show such a huge success.

The Committee recommends planning for next year's event begin earlier and all the recommendations in the report be addressed at that time.

Truck Dump Request

The Director presented the Committee with a request to purchase a dump for a small landscaping truck that was purchased under Capital last year. An existing dump was to be reused for the new truck, but was deemed unsafe.

The Committee recommends this purchase.

Concert in the Park Power Requirements

The Committee discussed the need for a bigger power source at the gazebo in Church Road Park to accommodate our Concerts in the Parks.

The Committee recommends staff get a cost estimate to upgrade the service and report back to the Committee.

Director's Report

The Director presented his report outlining all the events and activities that happened in the Parks and Recreation Department over the last couple of weeks as well as a list of upcoming activities.

The Committee recommends the Director continue with the promotion and implementation of these upcoming events and activities.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Browne\Finn

Be it resolved that these recommendations and report would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Councillor Bartlett asked if there was any update on the TownSuite Recreation Software.

The Director of Parks and Recreation stated that the Manager of Torbay is working on that issue now.

Mayor Manuel advised that the Aboriginal event this past week-end was excellent and they appreciate the support from the Town. The site chosen was perfect.

Mayor Manuel also advised that he was very pleased with the 1st Civic Awards Ceremony.

Public Works and Planning

The following report was presented by Councillor Coady-Davis.

Accessory Building Variance – 4 Pardy Place

The Committee discussed an accessory building variance request at 3 Pardy Place. The building is over the maximum allowable height of 20 feet.

The Committee recommend that the neighbours be notified of this request and if no objections, be approved to a maximum of 22 feet, which is within the allowable ten percent (10%).

Land Request – 34 Lincoln Road

The Committee reviewed a request from Mr. Cyril Tubrett to purchase 50 feet of back land at 34 Lincoln Road. This land is former Abitibi land which is now Crown Land.

The Committee recommends that the Town apply to Crown Lands and it be sold as per Town policy.

Land Request – 58 Sullivan Street

The Committee reviewed a request from Ms. Deirdre Sheahan to purchase 50 feet of back land from the Town at 58 Sullivan Street.

The Committee recommends that this be approved and sold as per Town policy.

Land Request – 22 Suvla Road

The Committee reviewed a request from Mr. Chris Murray to purchase the remaining land behind his property at 22 Suvla Road. The adjacent property owners were contacted and they are not interested in purchasing this land. However, the resident at 24 Suvla Road requested that the current fence remain.

The Committee recommends that the Town sell this land as per policy and a condition of the sale is that the fence adjacent to 24 Suvla Road must remain.

Discretionary Use – 35 McHugh Street

The Committee discussed an application for a pet grooming home based business at 35 McHugh Street. A notice was mailed to adjacent property owners and advertised in the local newspaper. There were no objections received.

The Committee recommends that this application be approved.

Correspondence – Rock Solid Diesel

The Committee discussed correspondence from Ms. Charlene Combdon, President and Owner of Rock Solid Diesel Inc., concerning the purchase of land from Peter and Dave Noel on Toulett Drive. There are some concerns about access to Toulett Drive. Ms. Combdon would like to meet with Council.

The Committee recommends that this be discussed at the Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, June 13th, 2017.

RFP – Beautification (Trans Canada Highway)

The Committee discussed the proposal RFP for the beautification of the Trans Canada Highway.

The Committee recommends that an application be submitted to ACOA for funding as soon as possible to help with the cost. A decision on issuing the RFP will be done after response from ACOA.

Goodyear Avenue – ATV Trail Re-route

The Committee discussed the proposal to re-route the ATV trail to the south side of the ballfield. This could be completed with some minor work and various fences to prevent access to the north side.

The Committee recommends that staff prepare a cost estimate for this work to be completed and report back to the Committee.

Asphalt Program – 2017

The Committee reviewed the proposed 2017 Asphalt Paving Program under the 2017-2020 Multi-Year Capital Works Program.

The Committee recommends that the tender be issued for this project.

Main Street West Development

The Committee discussed a proposal to tender the construction necessary to prepare the Main Street lots. Public Works are having issues with keeping up with demand to finalize the grading and services required when a lot is sold. On the west section of the subdivision the work is more extensive.

The Committee recommends that this subdivision be divided into three (3) phases and to issue a tender for this work. This is to be discussed at a Finance and Administration Committee meeting before a final decision is made to move forward.

Culvert Crossing – Cromer Avenue

The Committee discussed the work required on the culvert on Cromer Avenue at the Corduroy Brook Crossing. The culvert is in poor condition and needs immediate replacement. The pre-construction estimate for this work is \$106,967.88. The Town has spent approximately \$49,000 to-date in repairs over the past year.

The Committee recommends that this be approved and the work be completed as soon as possible.

Road Condition by Cemetery

The Committee discussed a request from the Interfaith Committee to repair a small section of road to the cemetery. This road is in poor condition and there have been drainage issues in the past.

The Committee recommends that the Public Works Department repair the damaged section of the road and schedule a meeting with the Interfaith Committee to open a line of communication between both parties for future discussion.

New Bay Road – Trauma Recovery Centre

The Committee reviewed a proposal for a new Trauma Recovery Centre outside the Town boundaries on New Bay Road to connect a 6" line to our main transmission line.

The Committee recommends that this be approved with the condition that a water meter be set-up to monitor flow and all work be completed at the developers expense.

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 7-0.

Councillor Bartlett questioned what the estimate is to do the Cromer Avenue culvert repair.

The Director of Engineering and Works stated the pre-construction estimate was \$110,000.

Councillor Bartlett requested that the estimate be included in the Minutes. Funding for the culvert work is from the Multi-Year Capital Works.

Deputy Mayor Finn stated this was an emergency repair and had to be completed so it is positive when it was funded under Capital Cost-Shared Funding.

Mayor Manuel stated that the ATV work on Goodyear Avenue Field is to assist users by rerouting the traffic away from the Field.

The following six (6) Resolutions to Approve Amendments were presented by Councillor Coady-Davis:-

URBAN AND RURAL PLANNING ACT, 2000
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 5, 2016
TO THE TOWN OF GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR MUNICIPAL PLAN

Under the authority of Section 16, Section 17 and Section 18 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000, the Town Council of Grand Falls-Windsor:

- a) adopted the Amendment No. 5, 2016 to the Grand Falls-Windsor Municipal Plan on the 29th day of May, 2017.
- b) gave notice of the adoption of the Amendment No. 5, 2016 to the Grand Falls-Windsor Municipal Plan by advertisement inserted on the 1st day and the 8th day of June, 2017 in the local newspaper, the Advertiser.
- c) set the 21st day of June, at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 2017 for the holding of a public hearing to consider objections and submissions.

Now under the authority of Section 23 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000, the Town Council of Grand Falls-Windsor approves the Amendment No. 5, 2016 to the Grand Falls-Windsor Municipal Plan as adopted (or as amended as follows).

Motion

Coady-Davis\Moores

Be it resolved that the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000 Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 5, 2016 to the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor Municipal Plan would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

URBAN AND RURAL PLANNING ACT, 2000
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
AMENDMENT NO. 5, 2016 TO THE TOWN OF GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Under the authority of Section 16, Section 17 and Section 18 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000, the Town Council of Grand Falls-Windsor:

- a) adopted the Amendment No. 5, 2016 to the Grand Falls-Windsor Development Regulations on the 29th day of May, 2017.
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Now under the authority of Section 23 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000, the Town Council of Grand Falls-Windsor approves the Amendment No. 5, 2016 to the Grand Falls-Windsor Development Regulations as adopted (or as amended as follows).

Motion

Coady-Davis\Bartlett

Be it resolved that the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000 Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 5, 2016 to the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor

Development Regulations would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

URBAN AND RURAL PLANNING ACT, 2000
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1, 2017
TO THE TOWN OF GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR MUNICIPAL PLAN

Under the authority of Section 16, Section 17 and Section 18 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000, the Town Council of Grand Falls-Windsor:

- a) adopted the Amendment No. 1, 2017 to the Grand Falls-Windsor Municipal Plan on the 29th day of May month, 2017.
- b) gave notice of the adoption of the Amendment to the Grand Falls-Windsor Municipal Plan by advertisement inserted on the 1st day and the 8th day of June, 2017 in the local newspaper, the Advertiser.
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Motion

Coady-Davis\Bartlett

Be it resolved that the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000 Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 1, 2017 to the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor Municipal Plan would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

URBAN AND RURAL PLANNING ACT, 2000
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Now under the authority of Section 23 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000, the Town Council of Grand Falls-Windsor approves the Amendment No. 1, 2017 to the Grand Falls-Windsor Development Regulations as adopted (or as amended as follows).

Motion

Coady-Davis\Moores

Be it resolved that the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000 Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 1, 2017 to the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor Development Regulations would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

URBAN AND RURAL PLANNING ACT, 2000
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
AMENDMENT NO. 2, 2017 TO THE TOWN OF GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR
MUNICIPAL PLAN

Under the authority of Section 16, Section 17 and Section 18 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000, the Town Council of Grand Falls-Windsor:

- a) adopted the Amendment No. 2, 2017, to the Grand Falls-Windsor Municipal Plan on the 29th day of May month, 2017.
- b) gave notice of the adoption of the Amendment to the Grand Falls-Windsor Municipal Plan by advertisement inserted on the 1st day of June, and the 8th day of June 2017 in the local newspaper, the Advertiser.

- c) set the 21st day of June at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 2017, for the holding of a public hearing to consider objections and submissions.

Now under the authority of Section 23 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000, the Town Council of Grand Falls-Windsor approves the Amendment No. 2, 2017 to the Grand Falls-Windsor Municipal Plan as adopted (or as amended as follows).

Motion

Coady-Davis\Bartlett

Be it resolved that the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000 Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 2, 2017 to the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor Municipal Plan would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

URBAN AND RURAL PLANNING ACT, 2000
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
AMENDMENT NO. 2, 2017 TO THE TOWN OF GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Under the authority of Section 16, Section 17 and Section 18 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000, the Town Council of Grand Falls-Windsor:

- a) adopted the Amendment No. 2, 2017, to the Grand Falls-Windsor Development Regulations on the 29th day of May, 2017.
- b) gave notice of the adoption of the Amendments to the Grand Falls-Windsor Development Regulation by advertisement inserted on the 1st day of June, and the 8th day of June, 2017 in the local newspaper, the Advertiser.
- c) set the 21st day of June, at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 2017, for the holding of a public hearing to consider objections and submissions.

Motion

Coady-Davis\Moores

Be it resolved that the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000 Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 2, 2017 to the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor

Development Regulations would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Deputy Mayor Finn stated that these amendments follow a very strict process under the Urban and Rural Planning Act. The three (3) areas are on Lincoln Road for a dental clinic, Maple Avenue school area to residential and Toulett Drive for residential.

Committee of the Whole

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Finn.

Development Request – Toulett Drive, Rock Solid Diesel

Ms. Combdon and Mr. Rideout updated Council on their purchase of land from the Noel's adjacent to Exploits Paving Ltd. on Toulett Drive. They are requiring a development permit to start construction of a building for a diesel repair shop. Dave and Pete Noel were expected to be in attendance, but had to cancel with short notice, but did send a letter.

Mr. Rideout and Ms. Combdon were excused at 5:30 P.M.

The Committee discussed this request and before any decision is finalized the developer (Dave and Pete Noel) have to present a development plan to the Engineering Department including lot servicing, lot size, number of lots to be developed and proposed access to Toulett Drive.

Municipal Election Issues

1. Sign Regulations:

The Committee reviewed the Election Sign Regulations and recommends no changes be made at this time.

2. Circular on Campaign Contributions:

A Circular from Municipal Affairs was circulated containing information on reporting campaign contributions.

Forest Diversification Report

The Forest Diversification Study was started in early 2016 and one hundred percent (100%) funded by the Provincial Government. The overall focus of this initiative has been to identify and evaluate potential sustainable forest products processing business opportunities that can potentially be developed as alternative sources of demand for timber that was historically harvested by the Paper Mill in Grand Falls-Windsor.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the final report and recommends it be approved and released to the public.

Cross Country Ski Trail Project

Design work is proceeding on this project and tenders for parts of the project are expected to be called soon. The trail lighting contract is expected to cost more than original estimates.

The Committee recommends staff establish pricing for several options on the trail lighting and report back to the Committee. Tenders on other portions of the work are to be called when documents are finalized.

Correspondence – Qalipu Mi’kmaq First Nations, Centennial Park

The Committee discussed correspondence from Qalipu Mi’kmaq First Nations on the monument and plaque at Centennial Field. The monument is restored and the plaque is presently being refurbished and is expected to be reinstalled shortly. The Committee acknowledges this name of the park as shown on the plaque, but there are no official documents in the Council Minutes of this naming.

The Committee recommends the plaque and monument continue to be maintained by the Town. It can also be relocated to a more prominent location as capital upgrades take place in the park. The local population refers to the area as Centennial Field. This is similar to the Exploits Valley YMCA which is actually the Francis M. Nichols Community Centre building and the Arts and Culture Centre, which is the Gordon Pinsent Centre for the Arts.

River Front Development Funding Application

The Committee reviewed a quote for \$1,500 from Tract Consulting to prepare the funding application for the next phase of the River Front Development. The Committee recommends the amount be approved.

Correspondence – Anne Warr, Naming of Rock in Exploits River

The Committee discussed the issue and recommends no decision on this request until contact is made with the Native Bands Councils in this area for their comments. This should also be presented to the general public.

Funding Request – “Leaning the Ropes”, Mild Neurocognitive Disorder

The Committee discussed a funding request from Dr. Krista Barney and Doctoral student Ms. Chelsea Quinlan for \$1,130 for training and materials to offer a program called “Learning the Ropes”. This is a six (6) week program and was developed in 2012 by researchers at Baycrest Hospital in Toronto. Because mild neurocognitive disorder represents a risk to future dementia, the overarching goal of the “Learning the Ropes” program is to influence this risk by delaying or perhaps preventing dementia. This program was designated to optimize health through lifestyle choices, memory training and participation in training exercises.

The Committee recommends this be approved and funded from the existing Economic Development budget.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Finn\Coady-Davis

Be it resolved that these recommendations and report would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The following three (3) Election Resolutions were also presented by Deputy Mayor Finn:-

Resolution – GF-W 2017-252

Nomination Day for Election

WHEREAS: That nomination day be held on Tuesday, August 29th, 2017 from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Grand Falls-Windsor Town Hall.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the Town Council of Grand Falls-Windsor hereby designates nomination day as Tuesday, August 29th, 2017 from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Grand Falls-Windsor Town Hall.

Motion
Finn\Browne

Be it resolved that Resolution GF-W 2017-252, Nomination Day for Election would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Resolution – GF-W 2017-253

Advance Poll for Election

WHEREAS: That the advance poll will be held on Saturday, September 16th, 2017 from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Grand Falls-Windsor Fire Department.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the Town Council of Grand Falls-Windsor designates the Advance Poll to be held on Saturday, September 16th, 2017 from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Grand Falls-Windsor Fire Department.

Motion
Finn\Browne

Be it resolved that Resolution GF-W 2017-253, Advance Poll for Election would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Resolution – GF-W 2017-254

Returning Officer for Election

WHEREAS: That the Town Manager\Clerk and the Deputy Town Clerk be appointed as

Returning Officer and the Alternate
Returning Officer.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the Town Council
of Grand Falls-Windsor designate the
Town Manager\Clerk and the Deputy
Town Clerk as Returning Officer and
Alternate Returning Officer.

Motion
Finn\Pinsent

Be it resolved that Resolution GF-W 2017-254, Returning Officer for
Election would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Economic Development, Tourism and Heritage

The following report was presented by Councillor Bartlett.

Economic Development Officer Departmental Action Reports

The Economic Development Officer presented his monthly report to the
Committee. There was discussion about several of the items. Staff will continue
compiling and presenting these reports for each Committee meeting.

Tourism Week Event

The Economic Development Officer co-ordinated a luncheon on June 1st. A
total of twenty-seven (27) tourism operators and partners attended the luncheon
which was co-sponsored by Adventure Central. Several topics were discussed
including partnerships, the substantial economic spin-offs from salmon fishing on
the Exploits River (\$10 million in this region), the need for the Province to
promote Central Newfoundland more in their national advertising and the Queen
Street Dinner Theatre plans for this summer.

Centennial Scholarship Process Delay

The Economic Development Officer reported that the deadline for
submissions for the Centennial Legacy Scholarship had to be extended from May

26th to June 8th to coincide with two (2) other scholarships that Exploits Valley High were overseeing. There were a total of ten (10) submissions for one of the two (2) \$2,000 scholarships. The Judges will meet on June 19 and winners will be announced at the Exploits Valley High Grad on June 22nd.

Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes – May 24th, 2017

The Minutes of the first meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee were reviewed and discussed. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Councillor Pinsent, seconded by Councillor Bartlett, to accept the Minutes as read. The Minutes were adopted.

CBDC Partnership June 20th Training Session

The Economic Development Officer reported that the Town was approached by the Community Development Corporation (CBDC) to partner in a Digital Marketing Bootcamp scheduled for June 20th. The Town agreed to this. Several topics will be covered including Facebook and Google Advertising and Google Analytics.

Community Profile Update

The Committee reviewed the current Community Profile which is now dated.

The Committee recommends that the Economic Development Officer inquire into funding for research to update this document.

Signage on the Trans Canada Highway to Promote or Locate the Mary March Museum

The Committee discussed the current signage the Province has to promote the Mary March Museum. There was discussion about asking the Province to consider more advanced signage to alert travelers of the museum location before entering Town. There was also discussion about improving in-town signage and refreshing our current older signs. The Economic Development Officer will follow up with these notes.

Private Healthcare Provider Meeting

The Business Development Officer met with several members of the local healthcare community on May 11th to engage them in conversation on private healthcare to enhance its ability to attract seniors. The group is looking at the development of web content, exploring human resources needs, and engaging the Department of Health and Community Services on healthcare delivery pilots.

Innovation Week Event in Partnership with Nati

Dr. Alice Landis-McGrath of IBM Watson Health spoke on the Art of the Possible: Cognitive Technology and Precision Medicine on May 11th at the Gordon Pinsent Centre for the Arts.

Meals on Wheels (MOW)

The Committee met on May 23rd to discuss several topics including meal pricing, fundraising and capacity for meals from the CNRHC post pilot. They are focused on increasing the number of meals from thirteen (13) to thirty (30) per week for the next phase.

Youth Mental Health Conference

The Committee reviewed and accepted the budget for the Dr. Michael Ungar presentation on May 1st.

Other Business

Tourism Small Business Brainstorming Session – The Chair, along with the Economic Development Officer and representatives of the CBDC, Adventure Central and the Department of Tourism met to discuss opportunities for entrepreneurs for small businesses in the tourism sector. Several points were made and the group will meet again in early July to follow up on this initiative. The hope is to support local entrepreneurs into starting up their small tourism businesses for the 2018 summer season.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Bartlett\Moores

Be it resolved that these recommendations and report would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Councillor Pinsent advised that he and Deputy Mayor Finn had attended the Tourism Week Session and it was a very successful event.

Deputy Mayor Finn felt the Tourism Week Session was a very successful event and there is great potential for tourism growth in Central Newfoundland.

Mayor Manuel stated that it was great to get all stakeholders together to share ideas and communicate.

Councillor Bartlett advised that herself and the Economic Development Officer are working on small more focused groups for different sectors. She stated that Grand Falls-Windsor is open for business.

Mayor Manuel congratulated all those involved with the “Meals on Wheels” program. The organizers are very pleased with how the pilot program worked and it will be expanded in the fall of 2017. Mayor Manuel also recognized the great work that the Salvation Army is involved with in this community.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Browne advised that the Centennial Cup Road Race was very well attended and congratulated the organizers. He congratulated Emily Inder on making the NL Youth Volleyball Team to represent NL at the Canada Games in August. He also advised that the Giant Flea Market is this coming Saturday. He noted that the splash pad at the Sutherland Drive Park is now open and well used. He questioned the need for staff at this site and asked that it be discussed at the next Parks and Recreation meeting. He also advised that the Concerts in the Parks are starting on July 7th and will be held throughout the summer. The “Relay for Life” was a successful event and congratulated all who participated. He also noted that a financial audit is being done for the operation at the Central Newfoundland Waste Management facility in Norris Arm.

Deputy Mayor Finn advised that the Central Newfoundland Waste Management audit surfaced this past week from an announcement from the Department of Municipal Affairs. We have been advocating change due to the large variance in rates for different areas in the Province. The audit will look at standardized rates for the Province. The Minister also referenced there be a community representative on the Board. We are in the waste program because of

Government policies. Numerous communities have raised concerns. There was never any suggestion by this Council that there were fraudulent activities.

Councillor Coady-Davis advised that there are lots of activities in Town as summer approaches. She asked motorists to respect traffic and construction signs. She also advised that Econo Mall have been contacted about their parking lot and they stated that repairs will be done shortly. She encouraged residents to “Like” the Town Facebook page and Town App and that there are lots of community activities on these sites for information. She also congratulated all Graduates at Exploits Valley High this coming week-end.

Councillor Moores advised that the Fire Department will be having “Newfie Night” at the stadium on Sunday during the Salmon Festival.

Councillor Bartlett advised that she attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Ottawa in June and noted it was an excellent event for networking, sharing ideas, etc... She advised that on June 10th she attended a Genomics announcement event at the Gordon Pinsent Centre for the Arts for additional funding for the project on hearing loss. She also attended the MADD Ceremony on June 10th and noted it was a very emotional event which honoured the victims of drinking and driving accidents. She attended the very successful Mawio’mi Aboriginal event this past week-end and stated they were very appreciative of the Town’s assistance.

Councillor Pinsent advised that the “Concerts in the Park” are starting with an event on Canada Day July 1st. He advised that he attended the Mawio’mi Aboriginal event that took place all week-end and they expect this event to increase in attendance next year. He also congratulated the Cadets Corps in this region for all the great work they do. He noted that he attended the CBDC Training Session today and thought it was very useful. He also noted that renovations are taking place at the Excite Centre for the Valley Radio started this past week-end. The studio will be called Excite Studio and should be operating very soon.

Mayor Manuel advised that Phase II of the Riverfront Development Project is in the early stages and will be ongoing over the next couple of years. It has been a very busy few weeks and stated that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference was an eye opener and great experience for networking. He also advised that he recently attended an Elder Abuse session Thursday at St. Joseph’s and a free movie for seniors at the Classic Theatre. This was all made possible by contribution by several community groups. He advised that the Provincial Bike Race is being held in Grand Falls-Windsor this week-end. He also advised that the Memorial Day Sunday Parade takes place 2:00 P.M., Sunday, June 25th at the Cenotaph. He congratulated the 2017 Grads from Exploits Valley High. He noted that Mya Healey was going to attend this meeting but was unable to attend. She

has raised significant funds towards the youth arthritis program. He also advised that he attended the Urban Municipalities Committee meetings in Paradise this past week-end. The group represents the largest communities in the Province. He advised that the Municipalities Act is now under review and consideration is being considered to have an Act for larger communities. He also noted the Youth Firefighters Graduation this past week. This program started thirty (30) years ago and it is a very successful program. He congratulated Joshua Gardner on making the Provincial Swimming Team and noted he will be travelling to the mainland to compete. He noted that the Salmon Festival ticket sales are going good and encouraged residents to get out and purchase their tickets early. The Salmon Dinner, honouring Mr. Gordon Pinsent, will be held on Thursday, July 13th and there are only a few tickets remaining. There are a lot of events and encouraged residents to check the schedule and participate.

Motion

Coady-Davis\Bartlett

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., Tuesday, July 11th, 2017. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Barry Manuel
Mayor

J. Saunders
Town Manager\Clerk