

MEETING #471

MINUTES OF MEETING

GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL

7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 2016

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
G. Hennessey, Economic Development Officer
B. Griffin, Director of Finance

Prior to the meeting the Mayor signed Proclamations for International Day of Persons with Disabilities and Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of Meeting #470 of Tuesday, October 25th, 2016.

Motion

Bartlett\Coady-Davis

Be it resolved that the Minutes of Meeting #470 of Tuesday, October 25th, 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 \$1,109,028.94.

Motion

Pinsent\Moores

Be it resolved that the disbursement report in the amount of \$1,109,028.94 would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development, Tourism and Heritage

The following report was presented by Councillor Bartlett.

Rotary Request

The local Rotary Club sent an email to Council with several requests. The Town Manager\Clerk will follow up with them on the requests.

Heritage Regulations

The Committee reviewed the revised draft regulations and recommended that we post the draft regulations on our website and post a notice on social media for any feedback from the general public on them. The deadline to reply will be Thursday, November 10th. After that date, Council will review any suggestions and incorporate them into the regulations for adoption at a future Council meeting. The Grand Falls-Windsor Heritage Society will also be contacted personally to gauge their opinions on the document.

Town Videos

The Committee discussed what they would like to see in a new Town promotional video. The Economic Development Officer will develop criteria for a “Request for Proposals” and forward it to Council for final review. We will be producing a four (4) seasons video that will be used at trade shows, website, social media, etc...

Shop Local Campaign – Exploits Regional Chamber of Commerce

The Town received a request from the Exploits Regional Chamber of Commerce on a possible Shop Local Campaign. The Chair (who is Council’s

liaison on the Chamber Board) will follow up with the Chamber on what their strategy will be and report back to Council first.

Civic Awards

Staff and the Mayor are continuing to fine tune the criteria for this event. Council will host the Town's first Civic Awards in May of 2017 and will look to include approximately eleven (11) categories. More information will be forthcoming.

Rogers Hometown Hockey

The Economic Development Officer presented a report on the various activities that the Department took part in with this event. Overall, the event was very successful with national media coverage on our community across the Rogers Sportsnet stations all week-end.

Business Coffee Break

The Economic Development Officer presented a brief report on this event held on October 20th. The Town partnered with the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) and the Community Business Development Corporation (CBDC). The event was very successful with strong attendance and some great conversation from Council with the participants. Another one of these coffee breaks is planned for late November. It will be an ongoing event.

New Businesses – 2016

The Economic Development Officer presented a report on the number of new businesses that have opened this year in Grand Falls-Windsor, as well as the number that have closed. As of this week, we have seen a total of 36 new businesses open (14 commercial and 22 home based) and have seen 24 close this year.

Violence Prevention South & Central

This group has asked the Town (specifically the Municipal Enforcement Officers) to participate in a "Random Act of Kindness" Program on December 9th. The idea is for the Municipal Police to stop motorists and give them a Town toque as a way to encourage good will in the community. Our Municipal Police

Department has done this in the past and the Chief has been informed of this request.

Council Meeting Communications – Economic Development Officer

The Committee discussed having the Town direct information from our public Council meetings through our social media outlets. The Economic Development Officer will attend all future public Council meetings and will send out Tweets (through Twitter) and Facebook posts as they are reported at the meetings by the various Chairs.

CNIB Request

The CNIB requested that Council consider supporting their upcoming “Dining in the Dark” fundraiser on November 17th. Council will contact the local CNIB and will indeed support this worthy event.

Seniors Fair

The 5th Annual Seniors Fair was held on Thursday, October 6th, 2016 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. There were 42 exhibitors and there were 589 visitors at the five (5) hour Fair. This event supports small business growth in Grand Falls-Windsor and supports the age friendly theme of social participation for seniors in our community.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels Grand Falls-Windsor Inc. are in the process of completing its final requirements to implement a fifteen (15) person pilot program in Grand Falls-Windsor.

Schools of Nursing

The Town of Grand Falls-Windsor is sending a letter to the Minister of Health and Community Services outlining the rationale for the twenty-five (25) seat Satellite Campus of Memorial University School of Nursing in Grand Falls-Windsor.

Meeting with Central Health

Council hosted a partnership with Central Health on Monday, October 24th, 2016. The objective of the meeting was to ensure clear communications between the Town and Central Health and to enhance healthcare partnerships. Topics for this meeting included long-term care, nursing staffing levels, Capital Works at the Central Newfoundland Regional Health Center and physician recruitment.

Central Health indicated the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has not made a decision on the business model for long-term care in Grand Falls-Windsor. Council requested an update on nursing staffing levels in Central Health. Central Health indicated there are challenges in staffing facilities now and this will increase in the near and long term.

Capital Projects are ongoing for the Central Newfoundland Regional Health Center. Physician recruitment is an ongoing process and locums make up deficits in the short-term. Council indicated they fully support existing and growth of positions at Central Health Headquarters in Grand Falls-Windsor.

Targeted Initiative for Older Workers (TIOW)

The Town's application to the TIOW Program was approved. The program is a partnership of the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor, the Exploits Hospitality and Retail Association and the College of the North Atlantic to address the training needs of our older workforce and the labour needs of our local businesses. The program implementation was October 24th, 2016.

Other Business

Council Group Pictures – The Economic Development Officer will have the remaining Council group pictures framed and displayed in the Council Chambers in the coming month or so.

Mobile Vendors Regulations (Fireworks) – The Committee recommended that this issue be dealt with at the Committee of the Whole meeting next week.

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.

Public Works and Planning

The following report was presented by Councillor Coady-Davis.

Mini-Home Update

Staff has reached out to Mr. Scott Barnes of Amber Estates and Mr. Fraser Paul to inquire if they would be interested in a mini-home subdivision within their future development plans. These are the two (2) areas the Committee had previously recommended.

Mr. Barnes has no issues with the proposal. He also mentioned that one (1) developer had already contacted him regarding this type of development. Mr. Paul has not responded at the time of this meeting.

The Committee recommends that only one (1) area be used for a mini-home development.

Valard Camp

Valard has completed their set-up on Maloney Street and have utilized eleven (11) acres which is being leased from the Town. This is the total amount of land agreed to initially and no further land is to be occupied. Minimum occupancy for the camp is eight (8) months, but they could possibly be extending their stay depending on progress.

The Committee recommends that staff monitor the site and provide updates as Valard's project progresses.

Correspondence – Donna Kelly – Trinity Street

Ms. Kelly of 32 Second Avenue has requested that the Town consider making Second Avenue a dead end street at the Second Avenue\Trinity Street intersection due to the narrow road.

The Committee recommends that the road remain unchanged and that Trinity Street be considered for pavement upgrades in 2017.

Super Mailboxes

The Committee discussed the amount of garbage that some residents are throwing around the shelters of the super mailboxes, particularly on Columbus Drive and Smallwood Drive. The majority of the litter is from unwanted flyers that were received in the mailboxes.

The Committee recommends that a flyers recycle container be placed on a trial basis at these sites which will only be large enough to receive flyers. Also, the Committee urges residents to keep the site clean and take all mail home to recycle. Residents should notify Canada Post if they do not wish to receive flyers in the mail.

Victoria Street\Second Avenue Intersection

The Committee discussed a complaint of speeders on Second Avenue, particularly, travelling west toward the intersection. There is a blind turn with some hidden driveways at this location.

The Committee proposes that a 3-way intersection could be implemented and advises staff to contact the residents in the area for their input and to bring the results back to the Committee for discussion.

Pondview Drive – Problems with Encroachment

The Committee discussed the issues with businesses parking their vehicles adjacent to the roadway along the scrap yards. The current use causes conflicts with motorists travelling through this area and for patrons parking at the businesses.

The Committee recommends that staff look into upgrades along this section of roadway for curb and sidewalk moving forward and for Municipal Enforcement Officers to continue to monitor the area on a regular basis. The Committee also recommends that this section be identified as “No Parking Zones” with designated parking for businesses only.

Warhall Investments

Staff recently met with Mr. David McCann, who represents Warhall Investments, to discuss the proposal for the land along Lincoln Road and the former Club 63 property. The proposal includes the development of a

medical\dental office on Lincoln Road and future long-term care facilities for other areas of the property.

The Committee recommends staff commence the process for rezoning the section on Lincoln Road to Public Use (PU). Final decision to rezone will be discussed at a future meeting when more information is available.

Second Avenue Project

The Committee discussed the long delays on the Second Avenue Project which was a large inconvenience to the residents. Also, the condition of this section of roadway was left in poor condition over the past several weeks. Numerous circumstances led to the delays which affected the completion date. Class "A" placement and paving is to be completed by November 4th, 2016.

The Committee recommends that moving forward staff ensure that construction areas be maintained to an acceptable standard for travelling motorists and pedestrians. In addition, the Committee would like to write residents affected to thank them for their patience and understanding during construction.

Departmental Action Report

The Committee reviewed the outstanding items pertaining to the Public Works and Planning Committee on the Departmental Action Report.

The Committee recommends staff continue to act on outstanding items and keep the Departmental Action Report up-to-date.

Intersection Scott Avenue\Hedges Street

The Committee discussed an inquiry regarding the intersection of Scott Avenue and Hedges Street. There was concern with the width of the right hand turn lane and if guiderail is required.

The Committee recommends that the right hand turn lane remain unchanged as the width of the lane meets acceptable standards and the height of the drop does not warrant guiderail.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Coady-Davis\Browne

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

Councillor Moores noted a correction in Correspondence – Donna Kelly – Trinity Street which should be Trinity Street being one way and not Second Avenue.

Deputy Mayor Finn noted that he understood the request to Canada Post to redistribute mailboxes to neighbourhoods, to place flyer bins near the boxes and remove shelters.

Mayor Manuel thought flyer bins would be placed near mailboxes, redistribute, but not remove shelters.

Councillor Coady-Davis stated the flyer bins are to accept the flyers not required, but are not garbage bins. She suggested to redistribute mailboxes, but shelters remain.

Councillor Pinsent suggested this go back to the Committee. Shelters are used for more than mailboxes. They are also used as school bus stop shelters and there is still garbage at all sites.

Mayor Manuel suggested we start with flyer bins and then report back to the Committee.

Councillor Moores suggested we write Canada Post and inform them of the issues.

Councillor Bartlett suggested implementation as a trial and monitor and then report back to the Committee. We should also look at flyer storage containers. Residents can then take the flyers if they want. The amount of litter is disgusting.

Councillor Coady-Davis encouraged residents to place a note in their mailboxes if they do not want the flyers. She suggested staff carry out direction in the Minutes and report back to the Committee on the impact at a later date.

Councillor Browne noted that Canada Post needs to take responsibility of these sites.

Councillor Bartlett suggested that we monitor the sites and issue appropriate tickets to those littering.

Mayor Manuel suggested that we place cameras at the sites if it would help identify these individuals.

Councillor Finn noted that he is willing to do whatever is required including removing the shelters if it corrects the problem.

Parks, Recreation and Special Events

The following report was presented by Councillor Browne.

Alcohol Liability in Recreation Facilities

The Committee discussed correspondence from our legal representative, Derek Ford, which highlighted our liabilities during activities at all our recreation facilities when alcohol is present.

The Committee recommends the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Director of Finance formulate a “User Group Alcohol Policy” for situations when there is alcohol consumption at our facilities during tournaments, rental and staff parties.

Cooking\Building Equipment

The Director of Parks and Recreation informed the Committee of some cooking equipment being sold from a local business which has closed. The equipment can be utilized in some of our existing buildings as well as some of the new buildings we are constructing.

The Committee recommends the Director of Parks and Recreation contact the seller and finalize pricing on the equipment that is beneficial to the Parks and Recreation Department.

South and Central Health Foundation Correspondence

The Committee discussed correspondence from the South and Central Health Foundation requesting to have a fundraising event for their Foundation as part of the Midwinter Bivver.

The Committee recommends this request be denied.

Gorge Park Flood Damage

The Director of Parks and Recreation informed the Committee of the damage to the boardwalks and gazebo at Gorge Park during hurricane Matthew. Most repairs have been made, but some major repairs are required to the bottom step on the gazebo.

The Committee recommends the Director allocated funding in the 2017 Budget to make the necessary repairs.

Tract Consulting Report for Gorge Park

The Town Manager\Clerk informed the Committee of correspondence from Tract Consulting regarding the upgrading at Gorge Park.

The Committee recommends staff work with Tract Consulting and report back to the Committee when their report is complete.

Cheerleading Team Request

The Committee discussed correspondence from the Exploits Valley High Cheerleading Team requesting sponsorship to attend the “Cheer Expo National Championships” in Halifax.

The Committee recommends the Director have them complete a Travel Grant Application Form from the Parks and Recreation Department Office.

Exploits Blades Request

The Committee discussed correspondence from the Exploits Blades Hockey Team requesting reduced ice time rates and free practices for their team.

The Committee recommends the Director have them complete a Community Organizations Grant Application Form from the Parks and Recreation Department Office.

Director’s Report

The Director of Parks and Recreation presented a list of events, activities and programs the Department organized in the last few weeks as well as a list of upcoming events being planned which included Billy Graham Celebration of Hope, Rogers Hometown Hockey, Midwinter Bivver, Canada 150 Grant, Red Maple Festival, Remembrance Day at the Memorial Grounds, “From the Rock” Culinary Tour, Specialty Sandwich Night, November 5th Bonfire and cooking classes.

The Committee recommends staff continue with the planning and implementation of these new events and activities.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Browne\Bartlett

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

Councillor Browne thanked Rogers Hometown Hockey for the event that was held in Grand Falls-Windsor and congratulated all who participated to make it such a great event.

Mayor Manuel mentioned that he received lots of positive comments for the Rogers Hometown Hockey event from residents and also Rogers staff on the great reception and hospitality they received in Grand Falls-Windsor.

Councillor Bartlett noted that the Rogers Hometown Hockey was a great event, but also the Billy Graham Show the following week-end was well attended. She suggested that we may want to consider a Gospel event at the Salmon Festival.

Finance and Administration

The following report was presented by Councillor Pinsent.

2015 Financial Statements

The Committee reviewed the 2015 Financial Statements. Some highlights of our fiscal performance are total revenue including capital transfers was \$23,663,127. Total operational expenditures incurred amortization for the year was \$19,752,628. Total capital expenditures for the year were \$9,554,586 – Government contribution to capital was \$6,200,701 for a net Municipal share of \$3,353,885. Total Municipal debt as of December 31st, 2015 is \$10,429,123 - an increase of \$2,908,107.

The Committee was pleased with these results and recommends these statements be presented and approved.

Exploits Valley YMCA Financial Statements

The Committee reviewed the Exploits Valley YMCA Financial Statements for 2015.

The Committee recommends this be further reviewed during the Budget discussions as per the terms of our operating base.

Wooddale Water Rates

The Committee reviewed the water rates outstanding for Wooddale. Due to leakage, usage has increased resulting in a large outstanding balance.

The Committee recommends staff discuss this with representatives from Wooddale to resolve this. The Committee was also pleased with these results and recommends these statements be presented and approved.

Central Regional Service Board 2017 Budget

The Committee reviewed the Central Regional Service Board Budget.

The Committee recommends we discuss this further with the Central Regional Service Board given the proposed increases for 2017. It was noted that the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor has voted against this increase.

Labour Report

The Committee reviewed the labour costs as of week forty-three (43). Total labour was \$2,717,425. This was \$81,651 (3.0%) under budget.

The Committee recommends that staff continue to monitor labour costs.

Cash Collections

The Committee reviewed the taxation receivable report as of October 31st. The total taxes outstanding as of that date are \$1,800,919 – an increase of \$146,522 (8.86%).

The Committee recommends that staff pursue all outstanding taxes.

Disbursement Report

The Committee reviewed the disbursement report for November 3rd, 2016 in the amount of \$1,109,028.

The Committee recommends this be referred to the next Council meeting.

2016 Art Procurement

The Committee reviewed the summary of art submitted for Council's Art Procurement Program. Total submissions were thirty-five (35) and total numbers of works purchased were twelve (12). The Committee was pleased with the participation and congratulates all people who submitted art works.

Funding Requests

The Committee reviewed a request for the Little Miss Grand Falls-Windsor Pageant.

The Committee recommends \$500.00 be approved for this.

The Committee reviewed a request for the Art Ex Festival Corporation.

The Committee recommends \$1,500.00 be approved for this.

The Committee reviewed a request from the Canadian Institute for the Blind "Dining in the Dark".

The Committee recommends two (2) tickets to be purchased for Council representatives to attend this event.

The Committee reviewed a request from the Rotary Club of Grand Falls "Hope for Hospice".

The Committee recommends purchasing a \$1,000.00 sponsorship.

The Committee reviewed a request from the Grand Falls Concert Band for 2017 funding and also requested a donation for loot bags for the "Evening of Remembrance" Concert.

The Committee recommends the 2017 funding request be referred to the Budget. The Committee also recommends \$500.00 be approved for the "Evening of Remembrance" Concert.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Pinsent\Moores

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

Deputy Mayor Finn noted that he did attend the meeting, but it was not recorded in the Minutes.

Councillor Browne mentioned that he had spoken to the Conductor of the Town Band and they are always available to play at any community events. Anyone interested in booking the Band can do so by contacting Mike Race.

Committee of the Whole

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Finn.

Farmers Market Project Report

Mr. Carey presented a report that was completed based on results of this year's operation. The farmers were pleased with the results. Average visitors per event increased from 175 in 2015 to 365 this year. The increase was a result of additional signage, posters, rack cards, radio and social media,

The number of vendors would increase if there was some inside space. Meat and fish have to be sold from controlled inside space. The idea of a building was discussed, but there are serious funding challenges. The Growing Forward Program through Agrifood do have funding arrangements, but full details are unknown.

The Committee thanked Mr. Carey and Mr. Blackmore for their report and contribution to the success of the Market.

The Committee recommends that our Economic Development Officer work with the group to get more details on the Growing Forward Program. The main question is if this funding would be available to Grand Falls-Windsor to construct a building.

Mr. Carey and Mr. Blackmore were excused at 5:35 P.M.

Waste Management – Next Steps

The Committee discussed issues raised at the meeting last week with Minister Joyce and suggestions we can provide that will impact cost for Central.

The Committee recommends a letter be drafted to the Minister next week to provide our views on possible changes.

Letter to Chief Justice – Pam Goulding

The Committee discussed writing Chief Justice Pam Goulding concerning the reduction in the number of Judges in Grand Falls-Windsor. Councillor Bartlett offered to draft this correspondence and circulate to Council for review.

Light-Up of Community Christmas Lights

The light-up of the community Christmas lights is usually the Thursday before the Santa Claus Parade. Therefore, the light-up will take place at the Fire Hall on December 1st at 6:30 P.M. All are welcome to attend.

The decorations in our commercial districts will also be erected and turned on around that same time.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Finn\Browne

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

Committee of the Whole

The following report was also presented by Deputy Mayor Finn.

Vendors Permit – Sale of Fireworks

The Committee discussed concerns\issues raised with the sale of fireworks from commercial parking lots.

The Committee recommends that the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor “Mobile Canteen and Vendor Regulations” be amended as follows:

5. (a) Council or its representatives shall not issue a permit for the operation of any mobile canteen, any approved vending site or any vending operation that it deems unsafe or unfit for the purposes intended.
- (b) The sale of fireworks is prohibited from any mobile canteen or

mobile operation or from any approved vending site or temporary parking lot location.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Finn\Bartlett

Be it resolved that these recommendations and report would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 5-2 with Deputy Mayor Finn and Coady-Davis voting Nay.

Deputy Mayor Finn noted that although he moved the Minutes, he will be speaking in opposition to the changes. The changes prohibits the sale of fireworks at mobile vending sites. Issues are consumer choice for the public to have the right to the best price and choose product and fair trade. This move is protection from not allowing a business to sell its product. The Fire Chief has stated there is no issue with safety. The sites are inspected and certified. He said that mobile sites are actually safer than commercial buildings. This will compete with local businesses but no different than tables in the mall or our Farmers Market. Why limit to fireworks and asks Council to reflect on this change.

Councillor Bartlett noted that she has put a lot of thought in this issue. Her main concern is with safety of the mobile trailer on a parking lot. As a Town, we have a right to limit what is sold at mobile sites. We should be encouraging set-up of businesses at permanent sites, pay taxes and hire local staff.

Councillor Coady-Davis said she supports the comments by Deputy Mayor Finn and the locals who sell fireworks can set-up on the mall lot, as well. She said supporting local business is critical, but it has to be based on service not by restricting mobile business from coming to Town. Grand Falls-Windsor is a hub and we will have problems if we start restricting this type of activity because it competes with local businesses.

Councillor Browne noted that he will be supporting the recommendations. Safety is his main concern. The local businesses pay appropriate taxes and need the Town's support.

Councillor Moores said he will be supporting the recommendations. The business in question can rent commercial space, if necessary.

Councillor Pinsent said he voted in favour of the motion because of obligation to protect fairness to local businesses.

Mayor Manuel said he supported the motion. We have a right to look at individual businesses. Because we do not support fireworks at a mobile site does not mean we are not open for business.

Deputy Mayor Finn noted the remarks are as expected and respects these opinions. He heard a couple of comments on safety, so does this mean you are not supporting the opinion of the Fire Chief? If safety was the issue, then he would be supporting the motion, as well. The citizens are the ones who are impacted.

Committee of the Whole

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Finn.

Central Regional Service Board

Mayor Manuel thanked the Ministers and other officials for attending the meeting to discuss concerns with waste management in Central Newfoundland. The main issue is the increased costs for Central because they are following the Provincial Waste Management Strategy. All other regions are operating outside the Strategy at approximately one half of the cost. Waste Management Policies are not consistent across the Province.

Minister Joyce stated that he was part of the original Waste Management Strategy back in 2002. There were three (3) regions identified – East, Central and West. The East and West were supposed to be developed first and then Central. That did not happen and Central was developed first. Under the present arrangement, Central Regional Service Board has the authority to run the facility. Government cannot control expenditures, but have to find ways to control costs.

Minister Joyce also stated that Government are looking at three (3) things:-

1. Doing an audit of Central Waste fee structure.
2. Appointing a Citizen Representative to address concerns with Waste Management.
3. Attempting to secure funds from Multi-Materials Stewardship Board to do a study\review of the Waste Management Strategy for Newfoundland and Labrador. It is possible the Strategy may change.

Minister Joyce stated that it is \$1.8 million extra to truck waste from the West Coast to Norris Arm than operate the facility on the West Coast. The recyclable material collected on the island can be handled at one (1) facility.

Deputy Mayor Finn stated that Central Regional Service Board is carrying out the plan as per the Provincial Waste Management Strategy. Fees continue to rise and we are not sure how and if Board Members report back to the communities they represent. The budget for 2017 was presented and only one (1) Member, Councillor Bruce Moores from Grand Falls-Windsor voted against the increase. There is no Standing Committees in place to review or discuss information prior to the actual Board Meetings. Composting should not be considered at this time. The Minister said that Multi-Materials Stewardship Board are still reviewing the compost initiative.

The Minister stated that the West Coast plan is behind schedule. It was scheduled to be completed by 2017, but that is unlikely. He has been told that fees will be between \$200 and \$250 per household if they truck to Central. In his opinion, the Norris Arm site is too big.

The Director of Finance asked why recycling is not mandatory on the East Coast. The Minister stated that it is hard to tell people what to do. Minister Joyce also said that he has had representation from the Burin Peninsula that indicated they can handle waste in their area much cheaper than going to the Eastern Regional site in St. John's. This is true for most Regions if they do not have to separate and dispose to a lined landfill with leachate treatment.

Waste Management as it now exists for the Province is not sustainable. The Strategy now says fifty percent (50%) reduction but that is now questionable and will be considered as part of the review. Fee structure must also be established to support increased recycling.

Not all areas of the Province were included in the original Strategy and this is now creating some issues. The Minister stated that high intensity burning is now being considered as an option.

There was a request by the West Coast to receive a trucking subsidy to bring waste to Central. This was not supported by Government at the time, but the West Coast Board supported the proposal anyway.

The Minister said some adjustment will require changing the legislation. Deputy Mayor Finn said if that is what is required, then so be it.

The Minister stated that Central Regional Service Board did things that were not funded by Government, but they decided to do the work anyway.

Some environmental legislation as it relates to the transfer stations have to be relaxed. We do not produce the volumes to have the environmental impacts they suspect. As an example, a mattress should remain at a transfer station, but under present regulation must be trucked to the Regional Site and buried in a lined landfill.

The Mayor thanked the Ministers for attending and asked them to consider the recommendations in the Council letter and discussion as a means for change and to reduce our costs in the Central Region.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Finn\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 stated that she was surprised by the Ministers comments and suggested we need a follow-up meeting to discuss our options going forward.

Mayor Manuel stated that he was surprised as well, but appeared to have “softened” approach in interviews on CBC. We have the Ministers attention and we need to work with other communities and businesses for change.

Councillor Bartlett explained that we were the pilot project and are now paying the costs.

Deputy Mayor Finn noted to the Ministers credit that he did ask our opinion on what we thought could be implemented to bring about changes. We now need to indicate change and not another study. Government should subsidize our waste until East and West Coasts are operational. If not maybe we should landfill only. Businesses have seen a dramatic increase in costs and tipping fees which will continue to rise. Hopefully, these actions will result in changes.

Mayor Manuel said we will continue to lobby Government.

Councillor Coady-Davis mentioned that at the last meeting of Joint Council, the member communities expressed disappointment with the increase in fees.

Salmon Festival

The following report was presented by Councillor Moores.

Potential Bands

The Director of Finance presented a list of potential band for consideration.

The Committee recommends we review pricing and availability for further discussion.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.”

Motion

Moores\Finn

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

Councillor Coady-Davis noted that she was not in attendance at this meeting.

Deputy Mayor Finn noted that he was in attendance at this meeting.

Mayor Manuel noted that the planning is underway for the 2017 Festival. He mentioned that he has received positive feedback from the 2016 Festival and he is open to suggestions from the general public or community groups.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Moores reminded residents of the Children’s Wish “Wishmaker Walk” on Sunday, November 20th at 2:00 P.M. from Forest Park Primary.

Councillor Bartlett noted that she attended a Breakfast Club meeting at the Mount Peyton which was well attended and hoped to expand tourism in the area.

Councillor Pinsent noted that this week-end sixteen (16) teams will be at the College of the North Atlantic for a Business Competition. He congratulated the Town Band and Bel Cantos on the success of a recent event. He also noted the excellent turnout for the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Memorial Grounds.

Councillor Browne noted that there is a Women’s Hockey Tournament at the Windsor Stadium this week-end. He mentioned that both stadiums are now open and general skating has started. He also noted that on November 24th the Exploits Ground Search and Rescue Telethon will take place to raise funds for the new Command Centre and asked residents to please support this very worthy cause.

Councillor Coady-Davis noted that the “Keep Christ in Christmas “ Parade is scheduled for Sunday, November 27th, the Light-Up of the Community Lights is Thursday, December 1st and the Santa Claus Parade is Saturday, December 3rd.

Mayor Manuel noted that the Remembrance Day Ceremony was well attended. He also mentioned the tragic accident on Union Street and expressed condolences to the family and friends on behalf of Council.

Motion

Moore\Coady-Davis

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, December 6th, 2016. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Barry Manuel
Mayor

J. Saunders
Town Manager\Clerk