

MEETING #522

MINUTES OF MEETING

GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL

7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor: Barry Manuel  
 Deputy Mayor: Mike Browne  
 Councillors: Rod Bennett, Amy Coady-Davis, Holly Dwyer,  
 Shawn Feener, Mark Whiffen  
 Staff: D. Finn, Chief Administrative Officer  
 N. Chatman, Director of Public Works and  
 Development  
 K. Antle, Director of Community Services  
 S. Gosse, Director of Corporate Services\Clerk  
 K. Hutchinson, Executive Assistant

Prior to the meeting the Mayor signed a Proclamation for National Lymphedema Awareness Day - March 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of Meeting #521 of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Motion  
Feener\Bennett

Be it resolved that the Minutes of Meeting #521 of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

## DISBURSEMENT REPORT

Councillor Bennett presented the disbursement report in the amount of \$1,537,677.92.

Motion

Bennett\Browne

Be it resolved that the disbursement report in the amount of \$1,537,677.92 would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Community Services

The following report was presented by Councillor Coady-Davis.

#### Terra Nova Renewable Energy

The Chief Administrative Officer updated the Committee on the status of the Terra Nova Renewable Energy Project in Lewisporte. The scope of the Project is downsized, but still being explored as a viable option.

The Committee recommends the Chief Administrative Officer provide all the necessary support from the Town and report back to the Committee when any new information becomes available.

#### Farmers Market

The Director updated the Committee of a meeting staff had with the Farmers Market Executive. They are interested in expanding from the tent to the construction of a new building as they had many issues with the safety of the tent last summer. They are at the exploratory stages and looking for the Town's support. Staff asked them to put their request in the form of a written proposal to Council.

#### Men's Curling Bonspiel Correspondence

The Committee discussed a request from the Exploits Regional Curling Club for Council to participate in their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Century 21 Men's Invitational Fun

Spiel on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The cost of the registration is \$185.00.  
The Committee recommends approval of this request.

### Grand Falls-Windsor Ideas Correspondence

The Committee discussed correspondence from a citizen who has numerous ideas he would like the Town to investigate. Some of the suggestions are outside of our jurisdiction while others are ideas that would benefit our community.

The Committee thanks the citizen for all the great suggestions and recommends staff review them and work towards implementing those that are manageable by our staff.

### World Aquaculture Society Conference

The Committee discussed the World Aquaculture Society Conference which is scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 in St. John's.

The Committee recommends one (1) staff and two (2) Councillors register to attend this Conference.

### Botwood Port Authority

The Chief Administrative Officer updated the Committee on the progress the Botwood Port Authority is making to become a port for the Oil and Gas Industry. They are very optimistic of the possibilities to use their port as there is new oil and gas exploration off the coast of Newfoundland and Botwood have renovation plans to update their facilities.

### Queen Street Dinner Theatre Update

The Director updated the Committee about the Queen Street Dinner Theatre's latest Board of Directors Meeting.

As the Theatre's long-time Treasurer has stepped down, Council recommends Town staff give them some assistance with their bookkeeping and completion of a Grant Application for an office support worker.

### Main Street Update

The Director gave an update of the progress made to-date after the meetings with the business owners on Main Street. There were several recommendations from the meeting and staff are working to address each of them.

The Committee recommends staff work on an extensive landscaping plan for Main Street this summer and to hold another meeting with the business owners this summer to provide an update.

#### Town of Botwood Correspondence

The Committee discussed correspondence from the Town of Botwood requesting support for a life size bronze monument they are constructing in Botwood of Demasduit and her family, the last known Beothuks.

The Committee recommends the Mayor contact the Mayor of Botwood to get more details of the request.

#### Chamber of Commerce Business Awards

The Director informed the Committee of a request from the Chamber of Commerce for Council to support the Business Awards through a Gala Event similar to the Civic Awards and to incorporate our Citizen of the Year and Youth of the Year into their Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Ceremony.

The Committee recommends not to combine the two (2) events, but to continue our \$500.00 sponsorship of their Business Awards as we have done in the past.

#### Canadian Mental Health Association Request

The Committee discussed a request from the Canadian Mental Health Association to support their fundraiser “Ride Don’t Hide” community hike scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The Committee recommends the Mayor and the Business Development Officer sit on their Organizing Committee and to provide the Ski Trail facility for the event.

#### Adventureland Request

The Director updated the Committee on a request from Adventureland for the Town to purchase some of his equipment.

The Committee recommends the Director get a formal written request from Adventureland and report back to the Committee.

### Stadium Rentals Update

The Director informed the Committee our Stadium rentals are lower than normal this season as we have had several snow storms cancelling tournaments as well as some of our regular user groups have requested less ice time.

The Committee recommends the Director monitor the rentals for the remainder of the season and report back to the Committee before the end of the season.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Coady-Davis\Bennett

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

Deputy Mayor Browne noted that he would like to pass on his best wishes to the Treasurer of the Queen Street Dinner Theatre Mr. Dave Carrigan who has been with that Association quite a number of years and has now moved on. He would like to thank him for his volunteer services over the years and wish him all the best.

Mayor Manuel stated in regards to the Terra Nova Renewable Energy Project, we understand it is still at play. He just wanted to clarify for our residents the role that our Town has played in the Project. We have been looking for a reliable power source at a competitive rate for some years now, so that we could attract clients for a Data Centre. When we were told that there was possibly some power generated from this Project, we were extremely interested. We are going to allow the people that have the education and experience and understanding to do their due diligence on the Project and I understand that it will be registered with the Provincial Department of Environment very soon. They will go through the process of what the Project is, what it will entail and exactly if it is indeed a good thing or not. There are mixed opinions and mixed messages out there, but for us as a Council we are not going to get behind anything unless we are sure that it is a good thing. If it does generate power and the Department of Environment determines that it is a safe and an environmentally friendly project and that there is power available to support a Data Centre in Grand Falls-Windsor, then we will be on board.

## Public Works and Development

The following report was presented by Councillor Dwyer.

### Gas Tax

The Committee reviewed the proposed Gas Tax allocation for the remaining funding. Staff updated the Committee on current projects and proposed four (4) new projects including paving and the replacement of the 1500mm diameter storm sewer near Marsh Motorsport.

In addition, the Committee was updated on the progress of the Gas Tax Projects for the Exploits Regional Water Supply. Other projects were recommended for application to the Gas Tax Secretariat for additional funding. All projects will be at no cost to the Town.

The Committee recommends the Capital Investment Plan be amended to include the allocation of Gas Tax Funds for projects as presented and submit to the Gas Tax Secretariat for approval. Furthermore, the Committee recommends approval for application of funding for the Exploits Regional Water Supply.

### Gorge Park

The Committee reviewed a preliminary plan to construct additional parking at Gorge Park. It would permit an additional thirteen (13) parking spaces.

The Committee recommends Public Works complete the subgrade work and the paving be included in a Capital Project.

## Public Works and Development Policies

The Committee reviewed the policies for the Public Works and Development Department. The Director proposed a number of updates that are required and reviewed with the Committee.

The Committee recommends these changes be forwarded to the Corporate Services Committee for further discussion.

### Cottage Development

The Committee reviewed a request from a resident who would like to construct cottages near the Exploits River on the east side of Town.

The Committee recommends not approving any land for development at this time as there is a proposal to complete the Riverfront Development Plan in 2020.

However, the Committee recommends staff contact the resident to arrange a meeting to discuss their overall plan and land requirements.

### Queen Street Waterline

The Committee discussed complaints from a resident on Queen Street concerning dirty water. It appears the water in this area is frequently in poor condition and it is suspected to be a result of the dead end line in this area.

The Committee recommends Public Works flush this area of Town every two (2) weeks until a Capital Project can be called to connect the waterline to Junction Road. The Committee also recommends the project be funded by Gas Tax in 2020.

### Mill Property

The Committee reviewed correspondence and the preliminary development plan that has been prepared to send to the Minister of Transportation and Works. These plans detail the Town's request to acquire the land and the intentions for long-term development.

The Committee recommends the correspondence be sent to Government as prepared to help facilitate the transfer of the mill property to the Town. This includes land for the Heritage Society and the Grand Falls House property. The proposed transfer plan is in the best interest of the Town to minimize risk.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Dwyer\Browne

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

Councillor Dwyer noted that with respect to the correspondence that was sent regarding the Mill property, it suggests that we separate the land transfer into three (3) requests. The first one being the ten (10) acres associated with the Grand Falls House, the second being the Training Centre and the five (5) acres of land associated with that, and the third that the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor lease the remaining Mill land so that we reduce our risk and liability associated with that for future use. The reason is to reduce our liability because we do not want to be responsible for any future environmental clean-ups.

Mayor Manuel advised this land transfer process has been ongoing now for several years and we have been saying right from the beginning that as a Town we have to make sure that we are protected from any potential liability now and into the future. We have been working with a couple of different Departments on the Agreement in regards to language and possible liabilities. The Government does acknowledge that they will assume any liabilities associated with existing contamination, but we need to make sure that we are one hundred percent (100%) protected. We are hopeful that this recent request of Government and these slight changes will be enough for both sides to move forward and be comfortable enough to start making plans with the land. This includes the Heritage Society, the Grand Falls House, the roadway connection and the ATV and snowmobile route for people to get safely across the river.

Prior to the reading of these Minutes the Mayor was excused due to a perceived conflict of interest.

### Corporate Services

The following report was presented by Councillor Bennett.

#### Tender – Corduroy Brook Pedestrian Bridge

The Committee reviewed a tender summary for the Corduroy Brook Enhancement Association Pedestrian Bridge.

The Committee recommends that this be awarded to Burnt Bay Construction in the amount of \$365,874.80 plus HST.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

### Motion

Bennett\Coady-Davis

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

Councillor Bennett advised that the bridge that is going to be constructed at Corduroy Brook is to replace the one that is there now because it is dilapidated and dangerous. This new bridge is supposed to last seventy-five (75) years, so I think it is a very good investment for a very well used trail and an asset to the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor.



Deputy Mayor Browne stated that the bridge project is worth over \$365,000 of which fifty percent (50%) is Federal money, twenty-five percent (25%) is Provincial money and twenty-five (25%) is Municipal money.

Mayor Manuel returned to the meeting at this time.

The following report was also presented by Councillor Bennett.

### Labour Report

The Committee reviewed the labour costs as of week seven (7). Total labour was \$465,973. This was \$29,959 (6.9%) over Budget.

The Committee recommends that staff continue to monitor labour costs.

### Disbursement Report

The Committee reviewed the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$1,537,677.92 and recommends this be presented at the next Council Meeting.

### Tender – Blow Moulded Tables

The Committee reviewed a tender summary for sixty (60) Blow Moulded Tables.

The Committee recommends that the tender be awarded to Commercial Office Equipment in the amount of \$18,295.06 plus HST. However, the Committee further recommends that staff contact the vendor to reduce the number of tables in order to stay within Budget.

### Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador Central Meeting

The Committee reviewed an invitation to be a Municipal Sponsor for this year's meeting being held on March 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The Committee recommends \$500 be approved.

### Requests

The Committee would like to congratulate the Town of Point Leamington on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Incorporation.

The Committee recommends a half page ad be placed in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Book at a cost of \$150.

The Committee reviewed a request from the Exploits Regional Chamber of Commerce to sponsor this year's Ambassador Award at their Annual Business Awards.

The Committee recommends \$500 be approved.

The Committee reviewed a request from a mobile vendor to provide more open areas in different parts of the Town.

The Committee recommends that staff conduct more research and provide more information at a future meeting.

The Committee discussed a request to review water rates for vacant buildings. It was concluded that proper policy was followed.

The Committee recommends that staff continue to work with citizens to ensure that policies are being enforced consistently throughout the Town.

#### Recreation Receivables

The Committee reviewed the Recreation Receivables.

The Committee recommends staff review all outstanding Recreation Receivables and remind all user groups to remit all outstanding balances.

#### Lease Agreement

The Committee reviewed a Lease Agreement draft between the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor and Adventure Central Newfoundland.

The Committee recommends that staff continue to negotiate terms of the agreement.

#### Life Promotion Suicide Prevention Plan

The Committee reviewed an invitation to the Life Promotion Suicide Prevention Stakeholder Consultation Session being held on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the College of the North Atlantic.

The Committee recommends that a Council Member attend this Consultation.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Bennett\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 Resolution was presented by Deputy Mayor Browne.

RESOLUTION GF-W 2020-295

REVISED CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

WHEREAS: the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor qualifies for funding under the Provincial Gas Tax Agreement;

WHEREAS: all spending under this Agreement must be approved through submission of a Gas Tax Capital Investment Plan;

AND WHEREAS: the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor has a funding surplus in Projects #99-2018-6452 of \$1,173.95; #99-2016-5756 of \$13,307.19; #99-2018-6467 of \$3,877.52; #99-2018-6451 of \$69,830.91 and #99-2019-6735 of \$54,477.97 and has added four (4) new projects. Replacement of 1500mm Storm Sewer requiring \$279,195; Installation of 150mm DI Water Main requiring \$111,500; Paving Second Lift on Toulett Drive requiring \$725,500 and Sanitary Sewer Camera Inspections requiring \$100,000 (supporting Documents attached). Funds required for new projects will be reallocated from the surplus in Projects #99-2016-5756; #99-2018-6452; #99-2018-6467; #99-2018-6451 and #99-2019-6735 along with the Annual Gas Tax Funding which the Town qualifies under the Gas Tax Agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Gas Tax Capital Investment Plan be amended as follows:-

- (1) Decrease funding for Project #99-2018-6452 by \$1,173.95 for a total allocation of \$374,792.05.
- (2) Decrease funding for Project #99-2016-5756 by \$13,307.19 for a total allocation of \$163,818.01.
- (3) Decrease funding for Project #99-2018-6467 by \$3,877.52 for a total allocation of \$37,742.28.

- (4) Decrease funding for Project #99-2018-6451 by \$69,830.91 for a total allocation of \$196,359.09.
- (5) Decrease funding for Project #99-2019-6735 by \$54,477.97 for a total allocation of \$185,256.03.
- (6) Allocate \$279,185 to a new project (supporting documents attached ) for replacement of 1500mm Storm Sewer (Marsh Motors).
- (7) Allocate \$111,500 to a new project (supporting documents attached) for installation of 150mm DI Water Main (Queen Street).
- (8) Allocate \$725,500 to a new project (supporting documents attached) for Paving Second Lift on Toulett Drive.
- (9) Allocate \$100,000 to a new project (supporting documents attached) for Sanitary Sewer Camera Inspections.

Motion

Bennett\Browne

Be it resolved that Resolution GF-W 2020-295 for the Revised Capital Investment Plan would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The following Resolution was also presented by Councillor Bennett.

RESOLUTION GF-W 2020-296

FEDERAL GAS TAX FUND

PROVINCIAL WATER AND WASTE WATER INITIATIVE

WHEREAS: the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor qualifies for additional funding under the Provincial Water and Waste Water Initiative Fund;

WHEREAS: all spending under this Agreement must be used for the Exploits Regional Water Supply Upgrades;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor approves the application of additional funding under the Federal Gas Tax Fund – Provincial Water and Waste Water Initiative in the amounts of \$374,200 for replacement of 25 actuators within the existing Water Treatment Plant and an additional \$198,613 is required to complete for Project #99-2019-6725 for a total project cost of \$470,663.

Motion

Bennett\Browne

Be it resolved that Resolution GF-W 2020-296 for the Federal Gas Tax Fund – Provincial Water and Waste Water Initiative would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

#### Committee of the Whole

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Mike Browne.

#### Valley Radio

Council received correspondence from Valley Radio informing them that they are back on the FM dial in the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor and they thanked the Town for their past support to get them to this point. As well, they informed Council that they are moving to the next stage of development and beginning a sales and marketing component so they can raise revenue through advertising. In recognition for the Town's past and continued support, Valley Radio are offering the Town a Gold Sponsorship valued at \$500 at no cost to the Town.

The Committee recommends Council accept this Gold Sponsorship for the year 2020 and direct the management to use it for any Town advertising purposes. As well, Council recommends a letter of congratulations be sent to Valley Radio in recognition of their work in getting established.

#### Municipal Police and Enforcement Officers Association

Council received a request from the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Municipal Police and Enforcement Officers to consider changing our Municipal Police Crest to the Provincially recognized Newfoundland and

Labrador Association Crest. As well, Council discussed the option for changing the colour stripping to red and changing the title from Municipal Police to Municipal Enforcement.

Council recommends that the Chief Administrative Officer review the information and make any changes that are determined to be in the best interest of the Department and the Town.

### Figure Skating Club

The Committee discussed the significant ice rental balance outstanding from the Figure Skating Club to the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor.

The Committee recommends that staff request information about the outstanding balance from the Figure Skating Club and report back to Council as soon as possible and not later than February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 if possible.

### Office Renovations\Modifications of Office Space at the Town Hall and Stadium

The Committee reviewed a plan for office renovations and modifications at the Town Hall and Stadium.

The Committee recommends that \$245,000 be allocated for this purpose.

### Operational Review

The Committee reviewed new drafted Job Descriptions for a Communications Officer, a Procurement Clerk, a Human Resources Manager, an Economic Development Manager and for a Deputy Town Clerk.

The Committee is satisfied with drafts presented and recommends that staff carry out the next steps necessary for finalizing these Job Descriptions so they are ready for posting.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Browne\Dwyer

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

Deputy Mayor Browne expressed congratulations to Valley Radio for the extensive and excellent work that has been put into their plan to have a radio

station in Grand Falls-Windsor. They have a great station and they have come a long way, so congratulations to all those involved.

Mayor Manuel advised that renovations are ongoing now and eventually the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium will see some changes as well. The estimated cost is around \$245,000 and that is not a huge amount of money when you talk about bringing the Town Hall up to the modernized standards that are required. He would like to take a moment to go through some of the highlights of these renovations. Our Town Hall is lacking a private space for the public and residents to come in and discuss issues which at times are sensitive issues, so a space will be accommodated in these renovations for that. When residents enter the Town Hall after these renovations the front wicket and Administration Office will be the first thing you encounter. The front window will be there and that space will occupy the Chief Financial Manager and the Finance staff. They will be occupying a fairly large area and working together in a cubicle style work environment. These cubicles are fairly big spaces and Management have worked with staff to ensure that their needs are being met. If there are any special circumstance ergonomically in the work environment they are being looked at. We also need to make space for the new positions that will occupy space at the Town Hall. Overall, we feel as a Council that this is very necessary to do in order to better serve the public and in order to make sure that we have the best, most practical and efficient work environment that we can. I think people will be pleased with the results and we look forward to the changes. Mayor Manuel advised we are getting ready for the hiring of the new positions that were recommended in the KPMG Report. The job description drafts have been approved and we are getting closer to a point when there will be job advertisements placed. He would like to assure the general public and our residents that we are not taking on five (5) new positions without making moves on the other side of the ledger to make sure things are being evened out. These positions that we are hiring, not only are recommended by KPMG through the report, but we have recognized that these positions have been deficient from our organization for several years. The Communications Officer, who is someone who can deal with the media requests and disbursing of information to our citizens and also work with our citizens to ensure that we are being transparent and available to them when need be. A Human Resources Manager position will be another position because in this day of age there is increase demands when it comes to having a healthy work environment. We want to have a healthy work relationship with Management, the Union and staff and also be pro-active to make sure we meet the needs of our employees and can address them in a timely manner. There is also a Procurement Clerk which is the merging of two (2) positions we had previously which were the Purchasing Officer and Stockroom Clerk so those positions will now be one called the Procurement Clerk. There will be an

Economic Development Manager who will be responsible for an increased focus on the Economic Development and Tourism initiatives going forward with the Town. We have a Riverfront Development Project and all kinds of things we want to do with industry and businesses for attraction and retention, so this position would be very important to carry out some of these things. Lastly, we had a Deputy Town Clerk, for the last twenty (20) years or so the Clerking duties fell under the Chief Administrative Officer. We feel and KPMG feel that it should fall under the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Services. This position is so important because with the legislation that we are guided by, the Town Clerk is named as prominently as the Town Manager, so we are looking forward to having a Deputy Town Clerk who will be able to assume those roles as well. Three (3) of these five (5) new hires are Management positions, one (1) is a Non-Union position and one (1) is a Union position. People assume we are adding five (5) new positions, but we had the occasion to look within the organization to find ways that we can achieve savings on the other side either immediately or sometime in the future. So to clarify, we have a Receptionist position that when that person retires, we will not be replacing. We just had our Economic Development Officer retire and that person will not be replaced. We have had a vacant Purchasing Officer position for almost a year now due to retirement and that position will not be replaced. We also have a Municipal Enforcement Officer position that we eliminated after one (1) Officer went on a Leave of Absence, that we have not been given any indication that the person intends to return. So overall, it is a net difference of one (1) position. More importantly, no individuals employed by the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor will be impacted. Assuming that this Leave of Absence expires and the individual does not return, there will be nobody within the organization that will lose their job. The new positions will be hired over the next few months and perhaps even into next year. We believe that these hires will lead to better service for our citizens and the net cost will be minimal.

### NOTICE OF MOTION

None

### OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Dwyer said that she spoke on behalf of everyone here today that we are so proud of our Exploits Hurricanes Team for bringing home the Gold. They arrived yesterday to a Meet and Greet at the Curling Club and there are plans



in the future to have a little parade for them, so we are so proud of them and congratulations. She expressed congratulations to Inspired Collections Boutique on their new opening on Main Street in Grand Falls-Windsor.

Deputy Mayor Browne expressed congratulations to the Cadets that received their Long-Term Service Awards. Cadets do a lot in the community, so this Award is in recognition for their contribution, dedication and commitment. He noted that the Exploits Nordic Ski Club will be holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Exploits Loppet this Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> down at the ski trails. Registration is open to anybody and you can register at the Chalet before the event. It will be a fun gathering on the trails, so he encouraged people to come and take part in the event and support the Ski Club because it is a great facility.

Mayor Manuel stated that this is an excellent facility and we were down last week speaking to Mr. Stoodley who is one of the main volunteers and I keep bragging about the fact that in about five (5) years they have gone from approximately twenty (20) members to seven hundred and seven (707) members. So congratulations to them and their accomplishments. He reminded that the Farmers Market is at the Legion this Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. and they are hoping to get thirty-eight (38) tables, so we encourage everybody to stop by the Legion for that event. He also would like to thank Mr. Antle and his staff for the excellent Winterlude that had taken place here a couple of week-ends ago and was very successful.

Councillor Coady-Davis wanted to remind residents that Exploits Valley High are having their presentation of the High School Musical “Mamma Mia” showings on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and you can get your tickets at the Box Office at the Gordon Pinsent Centre for the Arts. She also reminded everyone that the Exploits Regional Chamber of Commerce will be having their 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Business Excellence Awards and Hall of Fame Induction on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Councillor Bennett expressed congratulations to Gary Hennessy on his retirement from the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor as the Economic Development Officer for the last twenty (20) years and wished him all the best on any future endeavours. He also congratulated the Special Olympics on winning the Gold medal.

Mayor Manuel wanted to thank all of the coaches and volunteers for the Special Olympics because the athletes compete, but without the volunteers and the coaches it would not be possible. So congratulations to them for the great work they do. He congratulated Gary Hennessey who put in his service with the Town and is very passionate about this Town, so he wanted to thank him for his service. He also expressed condolences to the family of the late Norm James who passed

away suddenly about a week and a half ago. Norm was a very well-known businessman in Grand Falls-Windsor and he will certainly be missed.

Motion

Browne\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 Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

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Barry Manuel  
Mayor

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Darren Finn  
Chief Administrative Officer