

MEETING #509MINUTES OF MEETINGGRAND FALLS-WINDSOR TOWN COUNCILHELD IN THE TOWN HALL7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor: Barry Manuel  
 Deputy Mayor: Mike Browne  
 Councillors: Rod Bennett, Amy Coady-Davis, Shawn Feener,  
 Mark Whiffen  
 Staff: D. Finn, Chief Administrative Officer  
 J. Saunders, Town Manager\Clerk  
 N. Chatman, Director of Engineering and Works  
 K. Antle, Director of Parks and Recreation

Prior to the meeting the Mayor read a Proclamation that was signed last week by Deputy Mayor Browne for Paramedic Services Week. He also signed a Proclamation for Early Childhood Educator's Week.

Jamie and Lana Anstey, who are relocating to Labrador City, attended the meeting. They will be missed in this community through their community service. Council wished them well in their new community. Jamie thanked Council for inviting them to the meeting and recognition for the support they received from Council and volunteers. The Mayor presented Mr. Anstey with a Certificate of Appreciation from Council and a gift.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and recognized Darren Finn as the new Chief Administrative Officer for the Town. He welcomed Darren to his role and is confident he will do a great job. He asked for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of Meeting #508 of Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Motion

Coady-Davis\Feener

Be it resolved that the Minutes of Meeting #508 of Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

DISBURSEMENT REPORT

Councillor Coady-Davis presented the disbursement report in the amount of \$233,720.16.

Motion

Coady-Davis\Bennett

Be it resolved that the disbursement report in the amount of \$233,720.16 would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Salmon Festival

The following report was presented by Councillor Feener.

Schedule of Events

The Committee discussed the revised Festival Schedule and noted there are several additions needed before the final schedule will be approved.

The Committee recommends staff continue to work on the schedule and to bring a further update at the next Salmon Festival meeting.

Sound and Lights

The Committee discussed the sound and lights requirement for this year's Festival noting the cost will be much less as we will not have the huge production on Centennial Field this year.

The Committee recommends staff put out for sound and lights proposals in the next couple of weeks and bring the results back to the next meeting for approval.

### Stingray Advertising Proposal

The Committee discussed an Advertising Proposal from Stingray Entertainment for this year's Festival.

The Committee recommends staff work with Stingray to adjust the proposal, as well as meet with and obtain a proposal from Valley Radio.

### Beer Sponsorship Proposals

The Committee discussed Beer Sponsorship Proposals from both Molson and Labatt Breweries. Both were great proposals with pros and cons for each.

The Committee recommends accepting the proposal from Labatt Breweries.

### Food Proposal

The Committee discussed a Food Proposal from "Favors of India" to supply food during the Festival's Saturday Concert.

As we are not having a concert on Shanawdithit Centennial Field this year the proposal is denied. Any group wishing to sell food during the Saturday Concert can obtain a Food Vendors Permit from the Town Hall and set up in the parking lot across the street from the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium.

### Clothing Proposal

The Committee discussed a Clothing Proposal from "Merkai Brand" to sell clothing during the Saturday Festival Concert. As the Concert is not on Shanawdithit Centennial Field this year and the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium has limited space, the Committee denies this request.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Feener\Browne

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

Mayor Manuel advised that tickets went on sale yesterday for all events and can be purchased online. There are a lot of positive comments on this year's Festival Schedule. Events are being held at different venues for the five (5) days.

## Parks, Recreation and Special Events

The following report was presented by Councillor Bennett.

### Exploits TrailNet Inc. Sponsorship Request

The Committee discussed correspondence from the Exploits TrailNet Inc. requesting the Town's sponsorship of one of the five (5) different sponsorship packages available.

The Committee recommends to provide in-kind sponsorship rather than a cash donation. The Committee also recommends to invite their group to a future Parks and Recreation meeting to discuss opportunities the Town can provide to help promote Exploits TrailNet Inc.

### Girl Guides Correspondence

The Committee discussed correspondence from the Girl Guides requesting bottled water for their year-end banquet scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium.

The Committee recommends providing the water for all participants, but for the group to cover all the staff expenses associated with the event.

### 24 Rothermere Street Correspondence

The Committee discussed a re-occurring request to provide landscaping to the land on the corner adjacent to 24 Rothermere Street.

Due to the fact that the Town own property adjacent to most all houses in Grand Falls-Windsor and it would be a huge undertaking to landscape all these properties, the Committee denies this request, but recommends to allow the home owner to landscape and maintain the property by their own means.

### Dog Park Correspondence

The Committee discussed correspondence from a Dog Park user requesting to cut down the trees in the Dog Park as there has been incidents with dogs running into trees in the Park resulting in dogs being injured needing to be taken to the veterinarian.

The Committee denies this request, but recommends staff prune the trees in the Park to make trees more visible and to ensure there are no sharp limbs.

### Exploits Community Centre Correspondence

The Committee discussed correspondence from the Exploits Community Centre requesting the supply and installation of six (6) wooden garden beds with topsoil for a community garden at Bartle Place and Keats Place.

As some of these materials may already be funded through a Community Healthy Living Grant, the Committee recommends Deputy Mayor Browne speak with their Executive Director to obtain details about the request and report back to Council at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

### Student Summer Employment

The Director informed the Committee the interviews for the Parks and Recreation Summer Students are complete and presented the Committee with the list of recommended students.

The Committee recommends staff finalize the hiring process with the presented list of students.

### Recreation NL Annual General Meeting and Conference

The Director informed the Committee of the schedule of events for the 2019 Recreation NL Annual General Meeting and Conference scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> here in Grand Falls-Windsor.

The Committee recommends staff and Council participate and welcome Recreational Practitioners and Volunteers to our Town.

### Summer Ball Hockey Program

The Committee discussed concerns from residents about the cost and duration of the children's ball hockey program being operated by Impact Hockey this spring.

The Committee recommends the Director speak to Impact Hockey to see if there are possible ways to make the program longer and less expensive.

### Dogs at Shanawdithit Centennial Field

The Committee discussed citizen's concerns about dogs running freely at Shanawdithit Centennial Field frightening children and owners not cleaning up after their animals.

The Committee recommends signs be posted at Shanawdithit Centennial Field stating all dogs must be on a leash at all times and owners are to clean up after their animals.

### Civic Awards

The Committee discussed the success of this year's Civic Awards highlighting all the great work staff and volunteers did in putting off this year's Show.

The Committee recommends having a meeting with staff and volunteer organizers within the next couple of months to discuss recommendations for next year's Civic Awards.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Bennett\Feener

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

Councillor Bennet advised that he had a call from a resident who has a fear of dogs. When visiting Shanawdithit Centennial Field recently a dog there was not on a leash and therefore she could not walk the track. Also it is important that all owners clean up after their pets.

Mayor Manuel advised that we have dealt with the problem of owners not cleaning up after their pets for many years and encouraged owners to take responsibility and clean up their waste.

Deputy Mayor Browne advised that he also had a call from a person as well who has a fear of dogs and may have to look at an area where it is only open to people.

Mayor Manuel advised that the Recreation NL Conference which was held in Grand Falls-Windsor recently was a success with lots of positive comments. He expressed congratulations to all organizers and participants.

### Public Works and Planning

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Browne.

### Abitibi Land – Lincoln Road

The Committee discussed a section of former Abitibi land, currently owned by Crown Lands, along Lincoln Road. It is an area just east of the Grand Falls House property which could potentially be used for residential lots.

The Committee recommends that this area be identified as potential residential land in the transfer agreement with Government.

### Discretionary Use – 65 Harmsworth Drive

The Committee reviewed a request for a home based business at 65 Harmsworth Drive. The proposed business is for spa services such as pedicures, manicures and lashes. This type of business is identified as a discretionary use for this zone in the Town's Development Regulations. A notice was mailed to adjacent property owners and advertised on the Town's Facebook page and there were no objections or concerns received.

The Committee recommends this be approved.

### Discretionary Use – 22 Sutherland Drive

The Committee reviewed a request for a home based business at 22 Sutherland Drive. The proposed business is for spa services such as pedicures, manicures and tattooing. This type of business is identified as a discretionary use for this zone in the Town's Development Regulations. A notice was mailed to adjacent property owners and advertised on the Town's Facebook page and there was one objection received noting they want the area to remain as residential.

The Committee recommends this be approved, however, all necessary Government permits must be supplied to the Town. The Committee has concerns with the regulations surrounding the tattoo portion of the business.

### Proposed Accessory Building – 262 Grenfell Heights

The Committee reviewed a request from a resident to construct an accessory building at 262 Grenfell Heights. A portion of this building will be used to operate a business that has previously been approved by Council. The building is proposed to be 24 feet in height and is in a Rural (RUR) Zone. Under the Town's Development Regulations, the authority can evaluate and approve on a case by case basis within this zone.

The Committee recommends this be approved.

### Land Request – 7 Earle Street

The Committee reviewed a request from the owner of 7 Earle Street to purchase an additional 50 feet of frontage to the west of this property. It is required to facilitate a 30 foot by 47 foot expansion to the building. The current policy is to sell property in this area at \$625 per foot frontage, however, it has been requested for a reduced price as land in the area is not large enough for a lot.

The Committee recommends this be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee for further discussion.

### 1 Ninth Avenue – Land

The Committee reviewed a request from the Director of Engineering and Works to purchase the land at 1 Ninth Avenue that is currently for sale. The Town previously acquired 2 and 2A Eighth Avenue and if the Town were able to purchase this property, the intersection at Eight Avenue and Ninth Avenue could be improved to make it safer for motorists. Also, after upgrades, another lot (74 feet by 104 feet) could be sold for a residential lot.

The Committee agrees with this proposal in principle and recommends this be forwarded to the Finance and Administration Committee for discussion.

### Crown Land Referral – Whitmore Street

The Committee reviewed a Crown Lands application from ACT Towing for 5 acres of land at the corner of Whitmore Street and Toulett Drive to relocate their business. It is proposed to construct an 80 foot by 100 foot building and use the rest for storage of equipment and vehicles.

The Committee recommends this request be denied at this time. The area requested is very large and the Committee would like more details from the applicant on the reasons such a large lot is required. The Committee feels an area half of that size would be sufficient.

### Permanent Garbage Boxes

The Committee discussed correspondence from a resident requesting to keep their wooden garbage box in front of their property. Several residents have been issued letters to remove the boxes as it violates the Garbage, Refuse and Recycling Regulations.

The Committee recommends staff abide by the Regulation with no exceptions and ensure all illegal garbage boxes be removed.



### Tiny Home Subdivision

The Committee reviewed a request from the property owner at Osmond Street\Hill Street to construct tiny homes at this location. Current Development Regulations do not permit this type of construction.

The Committee recommends this request be denied and that the owner of this property proceed with the original approved plan for this area.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

#### Motion

Browne\Coady-Davis

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

Councillor Bennett suggested the cost for land requested on Earle Street be reduced and a new policy be developed.

Mayor Manuel stated that was the decision at the last meeting. At times it is difficult when dealing with policy. We must be fair to all residents\businesses and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Councillor Feener advised the land in question would be sufficient for a developer, if the resident who is using land owned by the Town was to remove things stored on the property.

Councillor Bennett advised that the resident has been living on this property for forty (40) plus years, so it would be difficult to have this land vacated.

Councillor Coady-Davis advised we have policies in place for these exact reasons. We always have requests for variation to the policy, but it is important to maintain policies to be fair to all residents. We cannot change policies just because it does not work for any particular resident or business.

Deputy Mayor Browne advised the home based business at 22 Sutherland Drive did have one objection. We can assure that resident that the home based business will abide by all regulations. The tiny homes development proposal for Hill Street has been denied, but Council will investigate an appropriate area for this development.

Mayor Manuel stated the tiny home development demand is increasing. Our present regulations would have to be amended to reflect these size houses.

The following tender was presented by Deputy Mayor Browne:-

Main Street West – Water and Sewer Services

The Committee reviewed a tender summary for Main Street West– Water and Sewer Services that closed on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. There were a total of four (4) bids received.

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jamar Transport Ltd.	\$147,678.50	\$22,151.78	\$169,830.28
Adams Construction Ltd.	\$165,920.00	\$24,888.00	\$190,808.00
GerGar Enterprises Ltd.	\$193,075.00	\$28,961.15	\$222,036.25
ANW Construction Ltd.	\$204,033.80	\$30,605.07	\$234,638.87

The Committee recommends that this be awarded to the lowest tender Jamar Transport Ltd. in the amount of \$147,678.50 plus HST.

Motion

Browne\Feener

Be it resolved that the tender for the Main Street West – Water and Sewer Services be awarded to the lowest tender Jamar Transport Ltd. in the amount of \$147,678.50. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Finance and Administration

The following report was presented by Councillor Coady-Davis.

Labour Report

The Committee reviewed the labour costs as of week twenty (20). Total labour was \$1,185,842. This was \$3,613 over budget.

The Committee recommends that staff continue to monitor labour costs.

Cash Collections

The Committee reviewed taxation collection for April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Total taxation receivables as of that date was \$6,235,016 (\$5,098,450 – 2018) an increase of \$1,136,566 (22.29%) from the previous year.

The Committee recommends that staff increase its collection efforts and that shut-off notices be sent out in the coming weeks.

### Disbursement Report

The Committee reviewed the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$233,720.16 and recommends this be presented at the next Council Meeting.

### Indoor Air Quality Investigation

The Committee discussed a proposal for Indoor Air Quality Investigation. The investigation will address all occupied areas within the Town Hall.

The Committee recommends that this be approved.

### Exploits Regional Services Board

The Committee reviewed the chemical costs for the end of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Total costs year-to-date for chemicals is \$64,110.50 – an increase of \$6,209.09 over last year. This amount is in line with the annual budget as staff had anticipated an increase in the unit cost of chemicals.

### Canadian Corps of Commissionaires

The Committee discussed a proposal from the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires to provide additional security services by By-Law Enforcement in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Committee recommends that this be denied and to continue to operate at current staffing levels in the Municipal Enforcement and Animal Control Department.

### Senior's Discount

The Committee reviewed a request from a resident to reimburse the Senior's discount for the last ten (10) years.

The Committee noted that the policy was properly followed and recommended that this request be denied.

### Tenders

The Committee reviewed a tender summary for the Supply of Water Control Gates.

The Committee recommends that this be awarded to Sansome Equipment Ltd. in the amount of \$32,561.00 plus HST.

The Committee reviewed a tender summary for One Used 2016 or Newer 350 Series Cube Van.

The Committee recommends that this be awarded to Avalon Ford in the amount of \$46,424.00 plus HST.

### Medical Forms

The Committee reviewed both the Pre-employment Medical and the Medical Cannabis Accommodation Forms.

The Committee recommends that both be approved.

### Grand Falls-Windsor Lions Club

The Committee reviewed a request from the Grand Falls-Windsor Lions Club to sponsor a full page ad in the Charter Night Booklet.

The Committee recommends \$200 be approved.

### 1 Ninth Avenue

The Committee discussed the opportunity to purchase property located at 1 Ninth Avenue to pursue further development in the area.

The Committee recommends that staff begin negotiation to purchase this property.

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 6-0.

Councillor Whiffen advised that the tax refund request was for a senior's discount. The policy allows for refund for the previous year and current year.

Residents are reminded that they are responsible to notifying the Taxation Department if they qualify for the discount.

Mayor Manuel advised there is also an issue when taxes are paid by the bank through mortgages. The Finance Department will be notifying these residents.

Deputy Mayor Browne noted it is important for residents to notify their bank when they reach the age for the senior's discount.

Councillor Coady-Davis suggested if you are in arrears, please contact the Finance Department to discuss appropriate payment plans.

### Economic Development, Tourism and Heritage

The following report was presented by Councillor Whiffen.

#### Website RFP

Six (6) proposals were received for the website re-design and will be reviewed later. They are being evaluated and will be presented at the next Finance and Administration Committee meeting for decision.

#### Cushman and Wakefield

Representatives from Cushman and Wakefield will be in Grand Falls-Windsor the week of June 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> to meet and interview stakeholders for the Hotel Feasibility Study.

We are compiling a list of all individuals, groups, businesses, sport organizations, etc... to participate in the process. If you want to participate, please contact Gary Hennessey at the Town Hall.

#### Why I Choose Grand Falls-Windsor – Video Update

Mr. Maunder will be doing these videos and will be in Town in the coming week. Staff request everyone interested in participating to submit their names to Gary Hennessey. Several names and families were submitted, but more are welcome.

### Welcome NL Update

This program is doing very well with organization and awareness that there is a Project Co-ordinator in Grand Falls-Windsor with goals of creating a more welcoming community to newcomers.

The Monthly Status Report is attached containing more detailed activities.

### Salmon Festival Brochure\Poster Update

Work is ongoing on both the Salmon Festival documents with a target deadline for distribution.

The Committee recommends that both documents be circulated to Council prior to printing.

### Grand Falls-Windsor Tourism Idea

The Economic Development Officer received an email from a resident proposing a particular photo campaign using the initials GFW. There are similar set-ups in other parts of Canada.

The Committee recommends that staff get additional information and report back to the Committee.

### Innovation Norway Mission to NL

A delegation of thirteen (13) representing ten (10) Norwegian companies will be visiting Grand Falls-Windsor later in June to meet with aquaculture stakeholders.

This is encouraging news as we expand our interest and economic development around the aquaculture industry.

### MOU – Eastern Health

Excite and Eastern Health signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Grand Falls-Windsor on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The objectives of this project is to:-

1. Facilitate increased access to technology and talent.

2. Facilitate research and development co-operation between research facilities, innovation hubs and businesses in areas of mutual interest.
3. Build linkages between research activities, networks and research and innovation agencies to explore how best to support and advance health outcomes in the Province.
4. Support efforts to integrate healthcare knowledge throughout the Province.
5. Create new industry opportunities through health research collaboration.

### Innovation Week

Innovation Week was held on April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 there were two (2) events held in Grand Falls-Windsor. One was The Digital Revolution: Patient Perspectives of Digital Health in Newfoundland and Labrador. This was sponsored by the Office of Professional and Educational Development, Memorial University, NATI and the Excite Corporation.

The second event was hosted by Bounce Health Innovation in partnership with Exploits Valley High and the Excite Corporation. This was a Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) Day with twenty (20) students at Exploits Valley High. The focus was medical devices and software programming.

Both events were very successful and well attended. The Town of Grand Falls-Windsor and the Excite Corporation thank those who participated or contributed in any way to these events.

### Aquaculture Opportunity Identification Event

The Aquaculture Opportunity Identification Event was held on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. There were approximately fifty (50) attendees and provided a good opportunity to networks. This was organized by ACOA and Fisheries Land Resources.

### Digital Health Initiative Funding

The Digital Health Initiative is being proposed to increase online health resources focused on seniors and their caregivers. This will also promote

community wellness. The Excite Corporation received a proposal from Jellyfish Corporation to develop the strategy at a cost of \$9,562.50.

The Committee recommends proceeding with the project and funding will be transferred from existing projects so no new funding is required.

#### Procedural Simulation Training for Rural Medical Residents (PriFor 2019)

This procedural simulation is the abstract for a paper to be written. The objective of this study is to assess the feasibility of integrating a procedural skills simulation curriculum into an existing Rural Family Medicine Residency Program.

The Committee recommends supporting this initiative.

#### Medical Health Genomic Project

This project is to provide training in child and adolescent psychiatry (PTCAP) in finding causative genetic variants for mental health conditions. The Excite Corporation will be the proponent, but there are many project partners involved in this works as follows:-

- Dr. Kathleen Hodgkinson, Memorial University (Principal Investigator), Associate Professor of Clinical Epidemiology and Genetics
- Dr. Anne Bassett, University of Toronto (Principal Investigator), Professor of Psychiatry and Genetics
- Dr. Margaret Steele (Principal Investigator PTCAP), Dean of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine
- Dr. Lynette Powell (Family Practitioner) and Dr. Kris Luscombe (Psychiatrist), Members of the Killick Health Group, Grand Falls-Windsor
- Dr. Krista Barney, Psychologist, Grand Falls-Windsor
- Ms. Diane Minhas, Central Health, Mental Health and Addictions
- Drs. Terry Young (Professor) and Darren O'Reilly (Research Scientist), Memorial University, Molecular Genetics



- Dr. Heidi Coombs (Research Associate), Office of Professional & Educational Development, Faculty of Medicine
- Dr. Stacey Espinet (Postdoctoral Researcher), Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)
- Ms. Cindy Whitton (Operations Manager) and Mr. Robert Glynn (Senior Instructional Designer), Office of Professional & Educational Development, Faculty of Medicine

The Committee recommends the application for funding to ACOA be approved and the details be tabled at the next Finance and Administration Committee meeting.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Whiffen\Browne

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

Councillor Whiffen advised that one of the very positive ventures happening in Grand Falls-Windsor is the development of Rural Health Medicine. This is creating health care jobs in research. Genomics work in hearing loss and now Mental Health is key to economic growth in this area. Both of these projects are not discussed much, but critical. We have aggressively taken initiatives to grow the aquaculture industry. We are not on the water, but we are in a strategic location to support the industry.

Mayor Manuel advised that he recently attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Quebec City and had a discussion with a Councillor from Port Hardy, British Columbia. She outlined all the positive benefits they have realized from the aquaculture industry in British Columbia.

Deputy Mayor Browne noted the “Why I Choose Grand Falls-Windsor” videos will be completed soon and he encouraged any resident interested in participating to contact our Economic Development Officer, Gary Hennessey.

Mayor Manuel advised there are many things happening in Grand Falls-Windsor that we have no control over such as retail or hotel development. It is very important that the things we can control, that we do them very well. He also advised that Welcome NL is now organized. It was discussed recently that we host an annual event for all newcomers to the community.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Bennett noted that tomorrow is Camp Day at Tim Horton's and encouraged all residents to support this program. He advised that he participated in the "Relay for Life" this past week-end and has offered his services to photograph "survivors" at this very successful event. He encouraged residents to become involved in this event next year.

Councillor Feener stated that on May 25<sup>th</sup> he attended the Annual Review of the 67 Windsor Sea Cadets and on June 2<sup>nd</sup> he attended the 1916 Beaumont Hamel Royal Canadian Army Cadets Corps Review. At the June 2<sup>nd</sup> event for the Army Cadets he presented an Award to Adrian Whiffen for his thirty-four (34) years of services with the Cadets movement. He also congratulated Gary Hennessey, our Economic Development Officer on receiving the President's Award at the recent Economic Development Conference of Newfoundland and Labrador in Deer Lake.

Councillor Whiffen advised that the HMCS "Run the Rock" will be in Grand Falls-Windsor on June 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. The funds raised through this event are donated to the Children's Wish Foundation.

Deputy Mayor Browne advised that last week-end he attended the Oddfellows and Rebekah's Conference. They do great work in the community. He attended the Grand Opening of the new Canadian Tire Store this past week. This is a great facility and he expressed congratulations to the new owners. He mentioned that the clean-up collection is on schedule. He also noted that there is work ongoing at the lights at the Harris Avenue\Brown Avenue\Pinsent Drive intersection. He encouraged all residents to attend the Corduroy Brook Nature Centre Grand Opening on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Councillor Coady-Davis advised that June is Pride Month and there are numerous events being held in Grand Falls-Windsor. She encouraged residents to come out and support the LGBTQ community. She mentioned that registration is open for several Recreation Programs being offered in the community. She noted the Queen Street Dinner Theatre is preparing for another summer season. She congratulated Michelle Critch on winning the City of St. John's Sport Tourism Award. She won for hosting the World Traditional Karate Competition at Mile One.

Mayor Manuel mentioned damage was done to our Pride crosswalk this past week-end. This was very disappointing, but Grand Falls-Windsor is a very inclusive community and we will continue to repaint the crosswalk. There is video surveillance on High Street and we will be reviewing the tapes. He advised that the Children's Wish Foundation "Wish Walk" is on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Corduroy Brook Walking Trail. He expressed thanks to all who participated in the "Relay for Life" this past week-end. Last week, long time employee Susanne Hillier retired after thirty (30) years. We wish Susanne all the best on her retirement. He also congratulated Gary Hennessey on receiving the President's Award at the Economic Development Conference of Newfoundland and Labrador. He noted long-time volunteer Eleanor Scott was awarded the Skate Canada Volunteer Award of Excellence at the 2019 Skate Canada Ice Summit in Ottawa for her involvement in the Figure Skating movement. He advised Grand Falls-Windsor has hosted many clean-up initiatives throughout the years to keep our community clean. There are still areas that need to be addressed and encouraged all residents and businesses to do their part to keep their properties and the community litter free.

#### Motion

Browne\Whiffen

Be it resolved that the meeting of the Grand Falls-Windsor Town Council would be adjourned until the next regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

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Barry Manuel  
Mayor

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J. Saunders  
Town Manager\Clerk