

MINUTES OF MEETING

GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL

7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, AUGUST 21st, 2018

- PRESENT: Mayor: Barry Manuel
 Deputy Mayor: Mike Browne
 Councillors: Rod Bennett, Amy Coady-Davis, Shawn Feener,
 Darren Finn, Mark Whiffen
 Staff: K. Antle, Director of Parks and Recreation
 S. Gosse, Assistant Director of Finance
 B. Griffin, Director of Finance
- ABSENT: Staff: J. Saunders, Town Manager\Clerk
 N. Chatman, Director of Engineering and Works

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of Meeting #496 of Tuesday, July 17th, 2018.

Motion
 Bennett\Coady-Davis

Be it resolved that the Minutes of Meeting #496 of Tuesday, July 17th, 2018 would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

DISBURSEMENT REPORT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works and Planning

Motion

Finn\Bennett

Be it resolved that the Drive-In Theatre item be removed and voted on separately. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Browne:-

37 Caribou Road

The Committee revisited the concern of the new fence erected at 37 Caribou Road. This is on a corner lot on Caribou Road and Glenwood Avenue.

The Committee recommends that no action be taken as the fence meets the regulations and does not conflict with sight distance at the intersection.

5 King Street – Correspondence from Colin Power

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Mr. Colin Power who has requested compensation for work related to the new building being constructed at 5 King Street. Mr. Power has asked for the Town to pay for the new service line to the boundary and for work related to repairs on an unidentified water line.

The Committee recommends the request for compensation of the new services be denied as it is the developer's responsibility to service their lot. However, the Committee recommends compensation for the time required to deal with the broken line as it was not identified in the field by staff.

Grenfell Gardens

The Committee discussed the proposal from Ms. Deborah Dunn to rezone a section of Grenfell Heights to accommodate a personal care home. Included in this discussion was the outcome of the public meeting held on July 28th, 2018 at the Corduroy Brook Nature Centre.

The Committee recommends that the rezoning process commence as the consensus at the meeting was that the public was in favour of the development, but were concerned about the proposed septic system. The Committee will require more information on the proposed system and the design before final approval.

Ivany's Road\Dwyer Street Rezoning

The Committee reviewed a request by Corduroy Developers to rezone sections of Ivany's Road and Dwyer Street to accommodate duplex and quad plex construction. The Committee also discussed the outcome of the public meeting held on July 31st, 2018 at the Fire Hall. There are two (2) options proposed by the developer.

The Committee recommends that option two (2) be adopted which includes two (2) single residential lots and two (2) duplex lots on Dwyer Street. In addition, the Committee recommends two (2) of the lots on Ivany's Road (#20 and #24) be adopted to permit duplex construction. There shall be no further multi-unit construction on Sampson Street.

Vehicle Replacement – 1 1/4 Ton Truck

The Committee discussed a request from Public Works to replace a 1 1/4 ton truck that was recently destroyed by fire. This vehicle is an important piece of equipment, especially in winter operations. Total cost would be in the \$40K to \$50K range.

The Committee recommends waiting for an assessment from the insurance company before further discussion. This matter will be further discussed at the Finance and Administration Committee when the assessment is completed and possibly added to the Town Capital Funding.

Tender for Flow Monitoring Equipment

The Committee reviewed the tender results for new monitoring equipment. This equipment is to be used to provide data on the sanitary sewer network in the Town and is part of the funding for the Waste Water Treatment Facility Expansion. The lowest acceptable bid was from Biomaxx Environment at \$139,549.05 including HST.

The Committee recommends that this be approved.

Golden Years Estate – Land Request

The Committee reviewed a request from Golden Years Estates to purchase 28,000 square feet of land for an expansion of their current facility.

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

Cannabis Sales

The Committee reviewed the proposal to have Commercial Downtown (CD) zone included with Commercial General (CG) zone for areas to permit retail sales of cannabis approved by the Newfoundland Liquor Corporation. Production facilities will remain in Industrial Light (IL) zones.

The Committee recommends this be approved.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Browne\Finn

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

Councillor Finn indicated that Council has committed to communicate all implications of zoning decisions on Grenfell Heights and Ivany's Road to all affected residents.

Councillor Bennett suggested that communication be done with all citizens in the neighbourhood other than a specific radius.

Council would discuss this at a future Public Works and Planning Committee meeting.

Councillor Feener was excused from the meeting at this time due to a perceived conflict of interest.

Drive-In Theatre

The Committee reviewed a request by the Classic Theatre to use the Red Cliff Campgrounds on the west side of town for a drive-in theatre. An area 2-3 acres will be required for the inflatable screen, a building for washrooms, concessions and a large open area for parking for the movie goers.

The Committee recommends this be approved in principle. The Classic Theatre will need to submit their complete plan for the layout and they will be responsible for a well and an approved septic system as there are no services available. Once this information is available, it is to be brought back to the Committee for discussion.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Browne\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 Feener returned to the meeting at this time.

Finance and Administration

Motion

Bennett\Whiffen

Be it resolved that Councillor Coady-Davis be excused from the discussion of the Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador - Central Director item due to a perceived conflict of interest. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Browne:-

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador – Central Director

The Committee reviewed a request for nominations for the position of Central Director for Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Committee recommends that Council nominate Councillor Amy Coady-Davis for this position. This position will be voted on at the Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador Annual General Meeting to be held in Gander on October 6th, 2018.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Browne\Bennett

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

Councillor Coady-Davis returned to the meeting at this time.

The remainder of the Finance and Administration Committee was presented by Councillor Coady-Davis:-

Financial Statements

The Committee reviewed the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2017. Total revenue for the year was \$25,270,964. Total expenditures for the year excluding Capital was \$22,126,014. Total Capital spending was \$7,840,217. The Town's share of this Capital, net of Government Funding and transfer was \$2,282,417. Funding from expenditures (Capital Out of Revenue) was \$1,024,687 requiring net borrowing of \$1,257,730.

The Committee was pleased with the fiscal results and recommends that these Financial Statements be presented at the next Council meeting.

Main Street Development

The Committee reviewed the proposed costs and projected revenues for Phase I of the Main Street residential lot development.

The Committee recommends approval of funding in the amount of \$175,000 to be financed over five (5) years for completion of this work.

Chip Van

The Committee reviewed a request for a mobile food vendor to set up by the Royal Canadian Legion on August 25th, 2018.

The Committee recommends that this request be approved subject to the applicant completing a Mobile Vendor Application.

Policy – Sunscreen

The Committee discussed the need for a policy concerning providing sunscreen to playground users and summer program participants. This issue has arisen due to incidents occurring in other municipalities.

The Committee recommends that the Recreation Department develop a policy for Council's approval on this issue.

RCMP Relocation

The Committee discussed proposed plans to transfer the Highway Detachment Office for Grand Falls-Windsor to another municipality.

The Committee does not support this and recommends that Council contact the RCMP and Provincial Government to express our displeasure and request that no changes be made to staffing levels in Grand Falls-Windsor.

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.

Mayor Manuel commented on the RCMP's plans for relocation of three (3) positions to Gander and characterized this as an outrage and plans to encourage other Central communities to voice their concerns to Government and the RCMP.

The following Resolution was also presented by Councillor Coady-Davis:-

Resolution GF-W 2018-265

2017 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWN OF GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR

WHEREAS Section 92(1) of the Municipalities Act, 1999 requires presentation and acceptance of the annual Audited Financial Statements;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor accepts the December 31st, 2017 Audited Financial Statements for approval and submission to the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Motion

Coady-Davis\Browne

Be it resolved that Resolution GF-W 2018-265 would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Browne commented on the lack of wheelchair accessibility, particularly, with older buildings. He recommends that Council approach the Provincial Government to amend this issue. He also commented on the Town's solid financial position as indicated in our adopted Financial Statements.

Councillor Coady-Davis commented that she attended shows for AND Co. Players and wanted to congratulate John Thompson and his team on their success.

Councillor Bennett wanted to congratulate the owners of the Juniper Bistro on their recent opening. He also congratulated staff for the success of the Culinary Festival and thanked Jason Thistle of Grand Toyota and other businesses for their sponsorship. He noted that the wheelchair swings should be installed by next week.

Councillor Feener noted that he attended the Antique Car Show in Botwood as the Town's representative and advised that the Show was a great success.

Mayor Manuel elaborated on the success of Food Day Canada. He also announced that the Shake, Rattle and Stroll event to walk for Parkinson's will be held on September 23rd, 2018 at the Senior's Centre on Edwards Place and encouraged citizens to support and participate.

Motion

Browne\Finn

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, September 25th, 2018. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Barry Manuel
Mayor

B. Griffin
Deputy Town Clerk