

MEETING #514

MINUTES OF MEETING

GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL

7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor: Barry Manuel
Deputy Mayor: Mike Browne
Councillors: Rod Bennett, Amy Coady-Davis, Shawn Feener,
Staff: N. Chatman, Director of Engineering and Works
K. Antle, Director of Parks and Recreation
S. Gosse, Director of Finance and HR
G. Hennessey, Economic Development Officer
K. Hutchinson, Executive Secretary

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of Meeting #513 of Tuesday, August 27th, 2019.

Motion

Bennett\Coady-Davis

Be it resolved that the Minutes of Meeting #513 of Tuesday, August 27th, 2019 would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

DISBURSEMENT REPORT

Councillor Coady-Davis presented the disbursement report in the amount of \$805,248.87.

Motion

Coady-Davis\Feener

Be it resolved that the disbursement report in the amount of \$805,248.87 would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks, Recreation and Special Events

The following report was presented by Councillor Bennett.

First Time Skater Program

The Committee discussed ways to make the First Time Skaters Program more effective for Minor Hockey and Figure Skating.

The Committee recommends leaving the Program as is for the 2019\2020 season.

Stadium Fall\Winter Schedule

The Committee discussed the Fall and Winter Ice Time Schedule for the 2019\2020 season. It was noted it will be a busy year for the Stadiums as we are accommodating “AAA” Midget Impact as well this year.

The Committee recommends the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium open November 12th, 2019 and for staff to work with all user groups to accommodate all their requests for ice time.

Craft Beer Festival

The Director updated the Committee on the plans for the Craft Beer Festival scheduled for September 28th.

The Committee recommends staff continue to work with the many Craft Breweries and finalize all plans for the event.

Walking Dogs in the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium

The Committee discussed a request from a citizen to allow people to walk their dogs in the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium during the winter months.

Due to many health reasons, the Committee denies this request. Service dogs are certainly welcome in all our facilities, but the Dog Park is the recommended site for people to walk their dogs.

Fall Programs Update

The Director presented the Committee with a list of Recreation Programs planned for this Fall and Winter.

The Committee recommends staff continue the plans for these Programs that will entertain citizens of all ages and abilities.

Fall Special Events

The Director presented the Committee with a list of Special Events planned for this Fall.

The Committee recommends staff complete plans for these events and to promote them through our Facebook page.

Office Security

The Committee discussed the Security of the Recreation Department Office Staff in the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium.

The Committee recommends the Director investigate security options available that will help keep the front line office staff safer and report back to the Committee.

Pipe and Drapery

The Committee discussed the cost involved to rent Pipe and Drapery for the many Special Events we host in the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium and if it is more feasible to purchase our own Pipe and Drapery rather than rent it.

The Committee recommends the Director investigate the cost and funding options and report back to the Committee.

Environment Resources Management Association – Funding Request

The Committee discussed a request for funding from Environment Resources Management Association.

As this is already approved in the 2019 Budget, the Committee recommends the Director award Environment Resources Management Association a \$6,900.00 Trail Maintenance Grant.

Windsor Collegiate Update

The Director informed the Committee of the urgency to confirm a new facility for the Gymnastics Program and that the Engineering Department has not yet completed the review of the old Windsor Collegiate Gymnasium as a possible site for our Gymnastics Program.

The Committee recommends the Chief Administrative Officer\Clerk have the Engineering Department complete this review as soon as possible and report back to the Committee.

Church Road Park Maintenance

The Committee discussed a concern from a resident about the condition of some of the walkways and picnic tables in Church Road Park.

The Committee recommends staff review all the equipment and grounds in the Park and make the necessary repairs to ensure the facility is safe for all citizens.

Joe Byrne Memorial Canteen Renaming Request

The Committee discussed a request from a citizen to rename the canteen in the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium to the “Tom Stagg Canteen” in honour of the late Tom Stagg for all the dedicated service he put into the canteen over the years.

The Committee recommends to approve this request and for the Director to make all the necessary arrangements and report back to the Committee with a proposal date.

Red Shoe Crew Walk for Families

The Committee discussed a request from the “Red Shoe Walk” Organizing Committee for the Town to assist their Committee with BBQ’s and supplies for the Walk on September 21st, 2019.

The Committee recommends approval of this request.

Labour Day Parade

The Committee discussed the success of the Labour Day Parade and thanked their Committee for all their work planning this event. Next year marks the 100th Labour Day Parade for Grand Falls-Windsor and the Mayor requested the Town offer support in planning this milestone event.

The Committee recommends this request and for the Director to check with their Committee to see how we can be of assistance.

Concerts in the Park

The Committee discussed the success of the “Concerts in the Park” this summer and the possibility of providing water to the public as well as involving more children in the line-up next summer.

The Committee recommends this idea and for the Director to work with several non-profit organizations next year to provide food and beverages during the concerts as a fundraiser for their Associations.

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 5-0.

Mayor Manuel noted the Tom Stagg Memorial Canteen has a sad ring to it, but it is nice to recognize Tom because he has been a dedicated canteen worker\volunteer for the last fifteen (15) – twenty (20) years. He could be found in there at 7:00 A.M. in the morning peeling potatoes all day long, running around getting supplies and him and his wife kept things running. It is sad that Tom passed recently, but so nice to name the canteen after him and I am sure a lot of people will be happy with that.

Mayor Manuel noted with regards to the Church Road Park Maintenance Council has talked many times about the need for us to be leaders. We want our properties in Town, residences and businesses to make sure that they take pride in their property and we obviously need to take a lead role with our facilities, pumping stations and parks and green spaces. Our staff do a great job when it comes to parks and green spaces. There are some issues at Church Road Park that need to be addressed. The asphalt is very low and Council are willing to do repairs there and everywhere else. He said the Labour Day Parade was as great success

again and wanted to commend the organizers of the Parade. We ended up with some great participation and there was a couple hundred people that participated in activities at the past parade. The 100th Anniversary is next year so Council would like to lend support to the Organizing Committee to help promote the event celebrating the 100th years of our Labour Day Parade. The Heritage Society had a great float with Bruce Rowsell sitting on board a 1923 tractor that he restored to original state and looks fantastic. It run and was on top of their float along with some historical pictures and information, so congratulations on a great float for the Parade.

Councillor Coady-Davis advised that everywhere she went in the surrounding communities as well as Grand Falls-Windsor people are commenting on how great the “Concerts in the Park” are. People are all coming in to the Town for these concerts, shopping and participating in the concerts. Everybody loves it and it features all local artists so she commends the Parks and Recreation Department on making sure that the events were every week-end throughout the summer. It is a great event.

Finance and Administration

The following report was presented by Councillor Coady-Davis.

Labour Report

The Committee reviewed the labour costs as of week thirty-four (34). Total labour was \$2,375,808. This was \$10,021 (0.4%) under Budget.

The Committee recommends that staff continue to monitor labour costs.

Cash Collections

The Committee reviewed taxation collection for August 31st, 2019. Total taxation receivable as of that date was \$3,425,537 (\$3,012,298 – 2018) an increase of \$413,239 (13.72%) from the previous year.

The Committee recommends that staff continue to pursue all outstanding taxes through various collection methods.

Disbursement Report

The Committee reviewed the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$805,248.87 and recommends this be presented at the next Council Meeting.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities regarding approval of funding under the Green Municipal Fund which is a part of the Energy Performance Contract currently in progress. Total funding approved is \$113,900.00.

The Committee remains focused on improving energy efficiency throughout Municipal properties and asked staff to continue to provide updates on the progress of this initiative.

Computer Upgrades

The Committee reviewed a request from staff to upgrade computer operating systems and some computer equipment as required by the Town's financial accounting software before January 1st, 2020.

The Committee recommends this be approved.

Funding Request

The Committee received a funding request from the Art Ex Festival Corporation for their upcoming annual event.

The Committee recommends approving a Corporate Sponsorship in the amount of \$2,000.

Budget Consultations

The Committee discussed Budget 2020 and recommended having Budget Consultations with the public in the coming months. Information will be posted to the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor's Facebook page and website when available.

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 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Browne noted that the Budget Consultations is a great idea. This year we are going to invite the public to a Public Consultation Meetings to

give them the opportunity to put some input into our Budget plans for the 2020 year. We look forward to some good attendances at these meetings and some good input.

Mayor Manuel advised there will be an opportunity to submit ideas by writing or emailing us as well.

Councillor Coady-Davis advised that we have met with user groups for the Budget Consultations before, but we are looking at what we did with the Salmon Festival Consultations where we had a round table forum and Council and staff were at the tables with members of the general public and facilitated an open discussion. We got a lot of ideas from that so that is the same type of format now that we were considering for the Budget Consultations which will go over very well and look for good attendance. These meetings should start in October as the Budget needs to be passed by December.

Councillor Coady-Davis advised that with regards to the computer upgrades the reason that we are upgrading is because a lot of our systems are not operating with the Windows 10 system and our TownSuite Program after December will no longer service or provide support for any computers operating anything less than Windows 10.

Mayor Manuel advised the Budget Consultations are always an opportunity for people to have their voices heard. The Budget can be found on the Town's website so if anyone wants to have a look at it and if you can see where there needs to be some additions or changes and any other suggestions, you may have Budget related, this will be your chance to present them.

Finance and Administration

Prior to the reading of these Minutes Councillor Bennett did excuse himself from this portion of the Meeting because his spouse is employed by the Town and it may be perceived as a conflict of interest. We felt even though there was a decision being made, no pension adjustments made or discussion of such, it was just a discussion of the text and context of the plan. We just took caution.

The following meeting was also presented by Councillor Coady-Davis.

Pension Amendment

The Committee reviewed amendments to the Defined Benefit Pension Plan text as required by the Canada Revenue Agency.

The Committee recommends that these changes be approved.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Coady-Davis\Feener

Be it resolved that these recommendations and report would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Councillor Bennett returned to the meeting at this time.

Mayor Manuel explained that Darren Finn, Chief Administrative Officer\Clerk is travelling on official Town business so Steve Gosse will be sitting in on his absence. Also there are regrets from Councillor Whiffen who had to travel to Prince Edward Island for work, so that is why he is not here this evening.

Committee of the Whole

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Browne.

SPCA

At the invitation of Council, Board Members and staff of the SPCA attended the Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss their operations. Council was specifically concerned about the SPCA's capacity to accept cats from our Animal Control Officer. This issue was impeding staff ability to respond to citizen's complaints about stray cats because the animals could not be safely placed.

The SPCA Board Members believe their capacity issues were temporary and there should not be any future issues. Their Board Members will meet separately to discuss and will arrange a second meeting with Council for the purpose of follow-up. Issues discussed in the meeting included:- space for animals trapped by the Animal Control Officer, spay and neuter programs through the CanFel Foundation, animal adoption awareness, recruiting volunteers, hiring staff through grant programs and additional cages for the SPCA.

The Committee recommends that staff remain engaged with the SPCA and explore ways to improve each other's services related to animal welfare.

Blue Sky Youth Home – Lincoln Road (Caregivers Inc.)

Council reviewed a Supreme Court decision related to Council's decision to revoke their operating permit on October 28th, 2014.

Blue Sky continued to operate and appealed Council's decision to the Municipal Appeals Board where Council's decision was upheld. Blue Sky appealed the decision of the Appeal Board to the Supreme Court on January 14th, 2019 and on August 13th, 2019 the Court ruled that the Appeal Board must review the case again.

The Committee recommends that staff continue to work with our legal Counsel to explore our next steps.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Browne\Bennett

Be it resolved that these recommendations and report would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Public Works and Planning

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Browne.

Capital

The Committee was updated on the Capital Program by staff. All funding agreements and projects were discussed. The expansion of the Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) change orders were discussed in detail to ensure the Committee was up to speed on this \$10 million project that will ensure the Town is compliant with the new Waste Water Regulations. In addition, the Committee was presented with projects to apply for under the Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

Finally, the Committee was presented with a proposed Schedule "A" change to create a new project to complete the design to upgrade the traffic lights at the intersection of Cromer Avenue and Pinsent Drive.

The Committee thanked staff for the update and recommends all requests attached be approved including change orders, future ICIP project applications and the Schedule "A" revision.

Civic Re-numbering Main Street East

The Committee reviewed a request from the Engineering Department to change some civic numbers on Main Street East. The existing numbers have caused some confusion. The change would fit the civic numbering criteria that was approved by Council in 2018.

The Committee recommends this request be approved and for staff to contact all affected residents and Canada Post to inform them of the change.

Central Funeral Homes Ltd.

The Committee reviewed a request from Central Funeral Home Ltd. to install an alkaline hydrolysis unit at 45 Union Street. This process is an alternative to cremation and there are no emissions.

The Committee recommends staff make arrangements for the President of Central Funeral Homes Ltd. to attend the next Public Works and Planning Committee meeting for further discussion.

Crown Land Application

The Committee reviewed a request from Penney Paving Ltd. to obtain 8.3 acres of Crown Land adjacent to their current pit on the west side of Town. The extra land is to accommodate additional stockpiles required for their operations. The Town has to be the applicant as it is former Abitibi land.

The Committee recommends this be approved and for staff to make arrangements to obtain the property, sell it as per policy and adhere to Municipal Affairs and Environment's Regulations.

Union Street Overpass

The Committee reviewed a request from Transportation and Works to shut down Union Street to facilitate the necessary upgrades at the Union Street overpass. The proposal is to close the overpass for one month. This closure would provide safety to the workers, a better end product of the repairs and a less overall time for disruption of traffic by several months. The proposed construction is in 2020.

The Committee recommends staff get more information on the project including proposed detour plans and bring back to the Committee for review. The Committee stressed the importance on informing the public and businesses of the disruption early regardless if there is a complete shut down or not.

Land Request – Pet Cemetery

The Committee discussed a request from a resident to obtain land near the Dog Park to open a pet cemetery. The area in question is zoned correctly and is Crown Land that is former Abitibi land in which the Town would need to be the applicant.

The Committee recommends this be approved and for staff to make the necessary arrangements to obtain the land, sell as per policy and adhere to Municipal Affairs and Environment's Regulations. However, staff need to meet with the resident to confirm the amount of land required.

Farmland – Whitmore Street

The Committee reviewed a request from a resident on Whitmore Street for Council to reconsider the size of Crown Land previously approved for farmland. The required land is larger than the 1 ha. approved, but less than the original request.

The Committee recommends an amendment be made to the previous correspondence to Crown Land to adjust the approved area to the section now required. Staff are to contact the applicant to determine the exact area.

39 Dunn Place – Property Clean-Up

The Committee reviewed recent inspections of the property at 39 Dunn Place. There are concerns with some overgrowth of trees in the Town right-of-way that causes obstruction to sight distance to neighbours exiting their driveways.

The Committee recommends the resident be contacted again and be directed to remove some of the vegetation to correct the issue.

Pondview Drive – Water Services

The Committee reviewed a request from the resident at 58 Pondview Drive to install a service line to connect to the Town's water supply. The length of line would need to be about two hundred (200) meters in length and would need to go across several properties. The resident asked to complete the work himself with the size of line he requires.

The Committee recommends this be denied as the proposed plan does not meet the Town's Development Regulations. The Committee understands the owner's frustration, but an agreement was made with the original owner that the

water line would be extended to the property at the owner's cost and to the Town's standards.

Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services

The Committee discussed a request from the Salvation Army on Park Street for the Town to assist with the site preparations to construct a 28 foot by 36 foot building to house the Emergency Disaster Services Response Vehicle. This vehicle is a benefit to the Town and surrounding area to assist first responders during emergency situations.

The Committee recommends staff contact the Salvation Army to discuss the work required and to assist where possible.

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 5-0.

Councillor Bennett noted with regards to the civic re-numbering there were a lot of homes back in the day that were numbered 1 and 1B which Council has decided to make it 1 and 1 1/2 and the reason is for emergency purposes. When responding to 1A it would be an apartment in a building of 1 and 1 1/2 would be the second house.

Councillor Bennett advised that the Salvation Army do great work for the Town and he thinks it is great for the Town to help them out as they have been helping us out for a lot of years.

Mayor Manuel mentioned that we partnered with the Salvation Army to get the response vehicle sent here because it was located in Winnipeg. This vehicle is very important and utilized in this community.

Mayor Manuel also noted there are examples of 1A and 1B where emergency responders have assumed it was an apartment and it was not, it was another residence which could result in a matter of life or death, so it is important to get these numbers changed.

Councillor Feener advised that he reviewed the property at 39 Dunn Place and met the owner of the property on three (3) occasions. The owner is a horticulturist by trade and has been for fifty (50) plus years and very knowledgeable about all plants in the area. He has a lot of it cleaned up now and he is working with Public Works to make sure there is no roadway obstruction.

Deputy Mayor Browne advised the closure of the Union Street overpass is because a lot of work is planned in the summer of 2020 and we have options of whether to close the overpass for one (1) month or cut it down to one (1) lane. Whatever is decided there will be lots of advance notice to residents and detour routes will be provided should it be shut down. It is not a wide overpass, the lanes are very narrow and this construction will eliminate that and improve the sidewalks and rails. Residents will be notified months in advance for preparation.

Mayor Manuel advised the overpass itself is the Provincial Governments responsibility and they are the ones doing the work and they are asking us to close the overpass for a month because it allows them to have no disturbance from traffic and then be able to do the work in a more safe and efficient manner resulting in a lot better overpass. We have been lobbying Government for the last few years to fix this overpass because the conditions are dangerous and it is a safety concern. This work is finally getting done and no doubt it will cause an impact and an inconvenience for people in businesses, but everyone will be informed of the timelines and plans and everyone will have an opportunity to give input and we hope to make the best of what will be an inconvenient situation for a while.

Councillor Coady-Davis mentioned a story on VOCM News that the Provincial Government is actually shutting down the highway at Avondale for four (4) days and traffic is relocated. They could do one (1) lane, but safety is paramount for all employees and it makes it more efficient and easier to get the work done. We discussed how to get this out to the public with lots of time to get input on how they feel and what would be the better option, shut it down or have one (1) lane closed. One (1) lane would extend the construction time and extend the inconvenience to residents and public. Instead of a month inconvenience with the complete closure, we would be looking at three (3) to four (4) months of inconvenience. We also discussed that if the overpass was shut down in one (1) lane, what kind of impact would that cause at the intersection on Union Street. There are plenty of other projects in the Province that need to be done and by us taking the route that prolongs the work to be done we are taking up Government employees for an extended period of time which takes away their ability to get other projects done. So we are certainly looking for input from the public on the best decision to make.

Mayor Manuel advised Council will be discussing this going forward. We also have a lot of pedestrians that use that overpass to get across the highway. It is going to be a challenge to find a good solid ideas to limit the inconveniences, but we will try our best to do so. We welcome any public input. Our staff would like to see it shut down for a month for all the reasons mentioned.

The following Resolution was presented by Deputy Mayor Browne:-

Resolution GF-W 2019-283

Revised Schedule “A”

Multi-Year Capital Works Program

WHEREAS: the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor qualifies for funding under the Provincial Multi-Year Capital Works Program;

WHEREAS: all projects and funding allocations under these agreements must be approved through the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment;

AND WHEREAS: the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor has available funding remaining in the Multi-Year Capital Works Program and has to re-profile funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Schedule “A” be revised and funding be re-profiled as per attached Revised Schedule “A”.

Motion

Browne\Coady-Davis

Be it resolved that Resolution GF-W 2019-283 Revised Schedule “A” for the Multi-Year Capital Works Program be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Browne explained this was to move from surplus on one (1) project to create another to complete the design work for the upgrade of the Cromer Avenue\Pinsent Drive traffic lights.

The following Resolution was also presented by Deputy Mayor Browne:-

Resolution GF-W 2019-285

Change Order Approval

WWTF Expansion Project (17-NRP-17-00005)

WHEREAS: the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor qualifies for funding under the National & Regional Projects – Provincial/Territorial Infrastructure Program for the expansion of the existing Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) in order to comply with the Federal WSER Regulations;

WHEREAS: the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor entered into a Prime Consultant Agreement (PCA) with SNC-Lavalin Inc. on June 6th, 2018 to complete all design and construction supervision of the WWTF Expansion Project;

AND WHEREAS: the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor has available funding remaining in the original agreement dated March 20th, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor hereby accepts the following Change Orders to the PCA with SNC-Lavalin Inc. (all costs are inclusive of HST):

- Signed PCA - \$763,402.40
 - CO#1 (Environmental Registration Document) - \$8,912.50
 - CO#2 (Women's Employment Plan) - \$4,585.63
 - CO#3 (Additional Headworks Building Upgrades) - \$76,558.38
 - CO#4 (Separate Civil and Mechanical Tenders) - \$17,787.63
 - CO#5 (Permit to Construct Application Fee) - \$2,300.00
- (Revised PCA Value - \$873,546.53)

Motion

Browne\Feener

Be it resolved that Resolution GF-W 2019-285 Change Order Approval for the WWTF Expansion Project (17-NRP-17-00005) be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Browne advised that the Change Order is necessary to address the ongoing design work for the Waste Water Treatment Facility expansion with the new Federal Government Regulations and they must be in place by December 31st, 2020.

Mayor Manuel expressed thanks to previous Council's and staff going back as much as fifteen (15) to twenty (20) years ago when work was done on our sewage treatment facility, lagoons and infrastructure that was put in place. This project will bring us up to the Federal requirements and we are one of the very few

communities that will be brought up to standards. This is a \$13 million project and the Town had to chip in approximately \$3.5 million and this is due to having ourselves in a good situation when it comes to our Waste Water Treatment, but it is important to note that this is due to decisions that were made long before now.

The following Resolution was also presented by Deputy Mayor Browne:-

Resolution GF-W 2019-286

2019\2020 Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program Funding

WHEREAS: the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor qualifies for funding under the Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Fund;

WHEREAS: all projects and funding allocations under these agreements must be approved through the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment;

AND WHEREAS: the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor has recognized the projects listed below as high priority for the Town and have need of additional funding from the Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Fund to address this need;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor apply for the funding for the projects below:

Circular Road Water, Storm and Sanitary Upgrades	\$3,383,460
Goodyear Complex Improvements	\$ 880,000

Motion

Browne\Bennett

Be it resolved that Resolution GF-W 2019-286 for the 2019\2020 Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program Funding be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Browne advised that this Resolution will include the application for Federal Funding to be able to upgrade the water and storm sewer on Circular Road and apply for funding for work around the Goodyear Avenue baseball field which would include fencing, new paths, new paving, etc...

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Browne announced that the Annual Walk for Parkinsons will be happening Sunday, September 22nd from the Exploits Valley YMCA. Registration is at noon and the Walk starts at 1:00 P.M. If anyone wants more information on registration they can get the information at their website www.nlparkinsons.ca. He noted that in mid August we had Mr. George Hart from Grand Falls-Windsor walk from Badger to Grand Falls-Windsor to raise money for the Lionel Kelland Hospice. He congratulated George on raising \$8,800.00 for the Hospice.

Councillor Coady-Davis reminded the public that Sexual Violence Awareness Week is September 16th to 20th and on Thursday, September 19th the Status of Women Central as well as Violence Prevention South and Central will have their Annual "Take Back the Night Walk" at 7:30 P.M. at Church Road Park. If the weather is not favourable, it will be held inside at the Memorial United Church. She encouraged people to come out and attend that event. She also advised residents that the By-Election Candidates Forum will take place tomorrow night, September 11th at the Lionel Kelland Hospice and broadcasted live on Rogers. She encourages residents to tune in and see the wonderful candidates looking to fill that one (1) vacancy. She advised that Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador held an emergency meeting in St. John's last Friday on Waste Water Regulations because they felt that municipalities across the Province felt that their voices were not being heard when it came to the cost and the strain on the communities of having to upgrade to the new Waste Water Regulations. A huge shout out to Mayor Corbett, Mayor of Buchans because he has been so verbal and has pushed this so hard through the Exploits Joint Council and to Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador. This meeting was one of the biggest attended events with Federal MP's, two (2) Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Environment (Cabinet shuffle half way through the day) so Minister Dempster attended the morning session and the new Minister Trimper attended the afternoon session, so we had the ears of the Federal Government and the Provincial Government who heard and understood the challenges before, but did not realize the magnitude of the burden that this was on municipalities, so now they understand that. It is a huge strain on communities and they needed to be notified, so am I glad the meeting went ahead and was well attended.

Councillor Bennett expressed good luck to the Grand Falls-Windsor Braves "AA" PeeWee Team travelling this week-end for the Atlantics to represent the Province. He congratulated the U14 Team NL who sent two (2) teams to the Atlantics the week-end. One (1) team placed fourth and the other team won the Tournament. He mentioned Deidre Lyver, Faith Davis, Holly Russel who all played in this Tournament and congratulated all. He also congratulated Michael Antle who won the Grand Falls-Windsor Golf Club Championship this year.

Mayor Manuel congratulated Claire Dwyer who was one (1) of the Assistant Coaches for the winning Team. He mentioned the fire at the former School Board Office on Lind Avenue which did not burn to the ground, but it is now needed to be demolished as it is burned beyond repair. It was a vacant building that has been sitting there for quite some time, approximately twelve (12) years and it is one of those building owned by the Provincial Government and was left empty. Our Fire Department was on the scene very quickly and very effectively were able to put the fire out and were on the scene for about five (5) hours. We have approximately forty (40) volunteer firefighters in our community and they are second to none. They are a well-trained Department and are a well lead Department and for these people to put their time into taking these calls at any time of the day and put their health at risk, their lives in danger and to go out and do what communities need, it is very important on behalf of Council to thank the Fire Department for the great work and they do us proud. He mentioned that the By-Election is on September 17th with nine (9) candidates running for one (1) spot. He just wanted to encourage everybody to get out and vote on Election Day. We have the right to vote and it is important to get out and get your voice heard. The Advance Poll had close to five hundred (500) people get out and vote, so a lot of people are showing interest in this so hopefully it translates in the Polling Stations on Election Day. He noted that the Special Olympics had their Provincial Bocce Tournament this past week-end and it was a tremendous success. It was a great time had by all. He expressed congratulations to all the winners and to all the volunteers and thanked staff at the Stadium because this event took place in there. He also noted that we lost a resident of the community last week who lived to be 105. Minnie Churchill would have been 106 this week. She died in her home where she wanted to be and she would not hear of living in any assisted living homes. Our condolences to the family. He would like to send condolences out to Jill Rowsell's family. Jill was a former employee of the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor. She retired four (4) years ago and had an illness over the course of her retirement and fought it very bravely, but unfortunately she succumbed to her illness last week. A lot of people were touched by Jill and a lot of people who worked with her at the Town Hall were very upset because Jill was the type of person that touched everybody and made them smile. She was always laughing and carrying on, she was funny, positive

and a real breath of fresh air. It is sad to see her go. We will never forget Jill Rowsell because she was such a beautiful person. Again, condolences to Jill's family.

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, October 1st, 2019. This motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Barry Manuel
Mayor

Steve Gosse
Acting Chief Administrative Officer\Clerk