

MINUTES OF MEETING

GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL

7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2021

PRESENT: Councillors: Mike Browne, Amy Coady, Holly Dwyer
Bob Hiscock, Andrew Little, Dave Noel
Staff: D. Finn, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Antle, Director of Community Services
N. Chatman, Director of Public Works and
Development
S. Gosse, Director of Corporate Services\Town
Clerk
R. Hannaford, Communications Officer
K. Hutchinson, Deputy Town Clerk

Prior to the meeting the Chief Administrative Officer conducted the Swearing in Ceremony for the new Council.

Election of Deputy Mayor

The Chief Administrative Officer conducted an election for the Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Coady nominated Councillor Browne for the position. There were no further nominations, so Councillor Mike Browne was acclaimed as the Deputy Mayor.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Mayor is absent from today's Ceremony due to sickness and will be sworn in at 1:30 P.M., Tuesday, October 12th, 2021.

The Deputy Mayor resumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. and asked for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of Meeting #548 of September 9th, 2021.

Motion

Coady-Dwyer

Be it resolved that the Minutes of Meeting #548 of September 9th, 2021 would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

COMMITTEE MEETING STRUCTURE

Deputy Mayor Browne presented the new Committee Meeting Structure as attached.

Motion

Hiscock\Noel

Be it resolved that the Committee Meeting Structure would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Coady expressed that it is nice to be back in the Council Chambers and working with staff again, although it is very different not having family and friends present for her 4th Swearing in Ceremony due to COVID

restrictions. She stated that it is such a great accomplishment to be here to represent the community and to be chosen by the residents of Grand Falls-Windsor to be their voice. She thanked the public for voting and stated that it would have been a privilege to work with any of the candidates that ran in the Election and hopes to see their names on ballots in the future. She thanked all the people that worked in the Polling Stations and helped it run smoothly, and she thanked Rogers for providing the live broadcast and updates. She lastly, thanked the Grand Falls-Windsor memes group, who provided some very much needed humor and light heartedness during a very different campaign. She welcomed her new colleagues and welcomed back her returning colleagues.

Councillor Noel commented that it is very different to be in the camera spotlight, and not watching the meeting from home. He thanked all that helped, encouraged and supported him with his campaign and thanked everyone for getting out and voting. He thanked all that put an "X" next to his name on the ballot and stated that he is there to serve the residents of Grand Falls-Windsor.

Councillor Hiscock expressed that it is a deep honour to be a new Councillor, representing his forefathers and the residents of this community, he claims it is an honour that he doesn't take lightly. He thanked all his family and friends that supported him in his campaign, and for everyone in the beautiful Town of Grand Falls-Windsor for getting out to vote. He stated that we have a lot of healing to do, but we are going to get there and move forward.

Councillor Little thanked his family and friends who helped in his campaign and expressed that he is looking forward to building positive relationships with Council and staff. He believes that having good relationships is a way to healing and he looks forward to the opportunity and the honour to do that.

Councillor Dwyer thanked the residents of Grand Falls-Windsor for having the confidence in her and voting her for another term as Councillor, and she thanked her family and friends for all their help with her campaign. She thanked the outgoing Councillors for their dedication to the community, and she thanked the creators of the Facebook Election memes that gave some much needed comic relief. She stated that she is looking forward to help shape the future of our community, with some exciting opportunities to be derived from mining and aquaculture, tourism with Gorge Park and the Exploits River, because the more we diversify the community the better we set ourselves up for the future. She expressed that she is humbled to be Councillor in a community that she loves and believes there is no other community like it. She stated that on paper communities look very much alike, with roads, water and sewer, and green spaces all of which can be duplicated, but when you throw in the human factor of its citizens it gives

the community character, culture and relevance. Grand Falls-Windsor is a benchmark for other communities, and that it because of its people because that is what sets us apart, and she is very proud to represent them.

Deputy Mayor Browne congratulated everyone, and he thanked his friends and family, his nominators and all that was involved with his campaign. He thanked the residents of Grand Falls-Windsor for all their support and stated that he looks forward to the next four (4) years. He acknowledged that we do have some priorities to work on as soon as next week. He also acknowledged the Directors who do a very good job at running the day-to-date operations of running the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor and he looks forward to working with each of them and their staff over the next four (4) years. He congratulated Councillor Coady who was acclaimed President of Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador and knows she will do a fantastic job as President as she does as Councillor for Grand Falls-Windsor. He acknowledged the other fourteen (14) candidates that ran for Council that were not successful, and he guaranteed that the residents of Grand Falls-Windsor respect them because it is not easy to put your name out there. He also congratulated Mayor Manuel on his re-election. He thanked the previous Councillor's for their contribution to the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor.

Motion

Coady\Little

Be it resolved that the meeting of the Grand Falls-Windsor Town Council would be adjourned until the next regular scheduled meeting of October 26th, 2021. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Mike Browne
Deputy Mayor

Darren Finn
Chief Administrative Officer