

MEETING #516MINUTES OF MEETINGGRAND FALLS-WINDSOR TOWN COUNCILHELD IN THE TOWN HALL7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor: Barry Manuel  
 Councillors: Rod Bennett, Amy Coady-Davis, Holly Dwyer,  
 Shawn Feener, Mark Whiffen  
 Staff: Darren Finn, Chief Administrative Officer\Clerk  
 Keith Antle, Director of Parks and Recreation  
 Steve Gosse, Director of Finance and HR  
 G. Hennessey, Economic Development Officer  
 K. Hutchinson, Executive Secretary

Mayor Manuel welcomed our very own Special Olympics Hurricanes Curling Team to the meeting today. They have done very well for themselves, not only in our Town, but in the Province and now the entire Country. They were the “Team of the Year” for Grand Falls-Windsor, the “Team of the Year” for Newfoundland and Labrador and the “Team of the Year” for all of Canada. Congratulations to you all for what you have done, you make the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor very proud.

Prior to the meeting the Mayor signed a Proclamation for Disability Employment Awareness Month.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:13 P.M. and asked for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of Meeting #515 of Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Motion

Whiffen\Bennett

Be it resolved that the Minutes of Meeting #515 of Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</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 \$841,372.83.

Motion

Coady-Davis\Bennett

Be it resolved that the disbursement report in the amount of \$841,372.83 would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks, Recreation and Special Events

The following report was presented by Councillor Bennett.

Millcrest School

The Director updated the Committee on the progress of obtaining the old Millcrest School for the Social Change Network and the Town. The funding proposed submitted to renovate the building was not approved and it is up to the Social Change Network or the Town to come up with funds to make the necessary repairs.

The Committee recommends the Social Change Network and the Mayor write letters to the Provincial Government stating the importance of obtaining funding for the repairs to the School.

Craft Beer Festival

The Director gave the Committee a report on the Craft Beer Festival noting the event was a huge success.

The Committee shared their feedback and recommends staff host this event again next year.

### Red Maple Festival

The Director presented the Committee with a tentative schedule for the Red Maple Festival which is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Committee made a few suggestions for new events and recommends staff finalize the planning and promotion of the event as soon as possible.

### Civic Awards

The Committee discussed the staffs report on last year's Civic Awards.

After some discussion, the Committee recommends to refer this to the next Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion with all of Council.

### EXCITE Building

The Director information the Committee space is available in the EXCITE Building as of November 4<sup>th</sup> as one of the tenants are moving out.

The Committee recommends using this space for Town operated Recreation Programs planned for this fall and winter that we have no space for at present.

### Miss Achievement NL

The Director presented the Committee with a request from Grand Falls-Windsor's current Miss Achievement NL for funding to attend this year's competition in St. John's.

The Committee recommends she submit for a Leadership Development Grant through the Parks and Recreation Department office.

### Exploits TrailNet Request

The Committee reviewed a request from Exploits TrailNet for the Town to cut brush with the Town's Flail Mower along the trail bed from New Bay Road to Millertown Junction.

As this request will help attract trail users to Grand Falls-Windsor, the Committee recommends the Director work with the Public Works Department to

find an appropriate time the Town can complete this work from New Bay Road to Red Cliff.

### Salmon Festival Meeting

The Committee discussed the need for a Salmon Festival wrap-up meeting.

The Committee recommends staff plan this meeting within the next couple of weeks.

### Dog Park Lighting Correspondence

The Committee discussed correspondence from a Dog Park user requesting lights at the Dog Park. The current electrical service and lighting were destroyed in a fire at the Festival Campground last summer.

The Committee recommends repairing this service as soon as possible and repair the lights which are currently out of service. The Director will also check to see if it is possible to relocate some of the existing poles and lights that are in the Festival Campground and install them in the Dog Park.

### AED's

The Director presented the Committee with a quote to purchase four (4) new AED's for our Recreation facilities that do not currently have AED's.

The Committee recommends staff purchase and install these units as soon as possible.

### Government Services Arena Directives

The Director informed the Committee of the cost for the necessary repairs in both our arenas from the Services NL directives.

The Committee recommends staff purchase and install the necessary equipment.

### Jujitsu Training Classes

The Committee discussed a concern from a local private business that some of the Town's Jujitsu Classes are competing with his business.

The Committee recommends staff co-ordinate our Jujitsu Classes to ensure there is no conflict with private business.

### First Time Skaters Correspondence

The Committee discussed a request from the Sparkling Blades Figure Skating Club inquiring if residents from Bishop's Falls could qualify under the First Time Skaters Program.

As this request would hinder the Bishop's Falls Figure Skating Program, the Committee denies this request.

### Community Healthy Living Grant

The Director informed the Committee a portion of our Community Healthy Living Grant application did not qualify and we need to revise the application.

The Committee recommends staff revise the application for the construction of a sliding hill at the Ski Trail.

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 Dwyer noted that she was also in attendance at this meeting.

Councillor Whiffen noted that in the Minutes regarding the Millcrest School it states that the school was looking at being obtained by the Social Enterprise Group, but that should read the Social Change Network.

### Public Works

The following report was presented by Councillor Dwyer.

#### Salvation Army Cemetery

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Park Street Salvation Army requesting to purchase land from the Town adjacent to 8 Sapling Street. The Church had mistakenly used a portion of private property in the expansion of the cemetery and want to compensate the owner with an equivalent amount of land.

The Committee recommends approval to sell the required parcel of land as per policy if there will be no issues with Town operation such as a snow clearing, garbage collection, etc...

### Permits

The Committee reviewed the updated Permit Summary Report dated to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The overall value of permit is down from 2018 totals.

#### 12 Union Street

The Committee discussed a request from the owner of 12 Union Street for compensation of damaged concrete on his property. He claims it was damaged by the Town during the re-route of the trunk sewer in 2018.

The Committee recommends staff review the damages, prepare an estimate on the repairs and bring to a Finance and Administration meeting for further discussion.

#### 1B Valley Road – Rezoning

The Committee reviewed a request from E-Z Property Holdings Ltd. to rezone 1B Valley Road from Single Unit Small Lot Residential (RS-2) Zone to Low and Medium Density Multi-Unit Residential (RM-1) Zone. The reason for the rezoning is to accommodate construction to two (2) duplexes with the possibility to subdivide the property in the future.

The Committee recommends staff commence the process of rezoning which includes correspondence from residents.

#### Whitmore Street – Request to Operate a Sawmill

The Committee reviewed a request from a resident to operate a domestic sawmill at the end of Whitmore Street. The proposed location is north of the Saturday Drop-Off site and is within a rural zone which outlines Forestry Operations as a discretionary use.

The Committee recommends this be approved, but the permit must outline that commercial operations is prohibited.

### Crown Land Referral – 475 Grenfell Heights

The Committee reviewed a Crown Land application for land behind 475 Grenfell Heights for agriculture use. The applicant intends to develop gardens and greenhouses to grow produce and herbs. The proposed location is at the east end of Town adjacent to an earlier application of similar use.

The Committee recommends that this be approved to the same extent of previous applications, 200 metres in depth only.

### Potential Future Harvesting

The Committee reviewed correspondence from the Water Resources Division inquiring on the Town's position of forestry operations within the regional watershed area in the future.

The Committee recommends that no forestry operation be permitted within the watershed area.

### 8 Eighteenth Avenue

The Committee reviewed a preliminary report from staff regarding the condition of 8 Eighteenth Avenue. The dwelling is being stripped of all materials and is now in violation of the Town's Occupancy and Maintenance Regulations. In addition, there are back taxes owed on the property.

The Committee recommends staff complete a thorough inspection of the property to determine extent of the damage and to take necessary action to rectify the issue.

### Central Funeral Homes Ltd.

The Committee welcomed Mr. Mike Goodyear of Central Funeral Homes Ltd. at 6:00 P.M. Mr. Goodyear discussed with the Committee his request to install an alkaline hydrolysis unit at his business on Union Street. Mr. Goodyear left the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

The Committee recommends staff gather further information on any environmental or biological concerns and bring to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

### 39 Dunn Place

The Committee welcomed the residents of 37 Dunn Place at 7:00 P.M. The residents wanted to stress to the Committee the issues they have with the neighbouring property at 39 Dunn Place. They feel the adjacent property has violated the Town's Regulations by over growing large trees\shrubs to the street and they would like the Town to address. The residents left the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

The Committee recommends staff complete an updated inspection of the property at 39 Dunn Place and to address any violations of the Regulations.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Dwyer\Feener

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

### Finance and Administration

The following report was presented by Councillor Coady-Davis.

#### Garbage Collection Summary

The Committee reviewed data on taxation of multi-unit buildings and discussed the possibility of changing the Town Regulations to collect garbage from buildings with more than three (3) units.

The Committee acknowledges that garbage collection is an extra expense for these properties. However on average these properties pay less in taxes as compared to single dwelling homes. The Committee also referenced capacity issues with their existing trucks along with logistic issues in terms of pick-up of the garbage at these locations. The Committee recommends leaving the Garbage Collection Regulations unchanged at this time.

#### Labour Report

The Committee reviewed the labour costs as of week forty (40). Total labour was \$2,835,919. This was \$49,018 (1.7%) under Budget.



The Committee recommends that staff continue to monitor labour costs.

### Cash Collections

The Committee reviewed taxation collection for September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Total taxation receivable as of that date was \$2,969,596 (\$2,648,574 – 2018) an increase of \$321,022 (12.12%) 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 \$841,372.83 and recommends this be presented at the next Council Meeting.

### Climate Change Challenge Fund Approval

The Committee reviewed the approval of funding from the Provincial Government designed to enable public entities to undertake greenhouse gas reduction projects in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Committee recommends that staff continue to work with the Energy Performance Consultant and provide the results when available.

### Municipal Assessment Agency

The Director of Finance and Human Resources provided a summary of topics discussed at the Municipal Assessment Agency meeting earlier in the day. The Municipal Assessment Agency is eager to help municipalities and work together for the betterment of both parties.

### Budget Consultations

The Committee discussed details on the upcoming 2020 Budget Consultations and decided that they will be held on Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30 P.M. at the Exploits Nordic Ski Chalet on Scott Avenue. The format will be roundtable discussions.

## Funding Requests

### The Canadian Cancer Society

The Committee reviewed a request from The Canadian Cancer Society to help support “A One Night Stand Against Cancer”.

The Committee recommends this be deferred to the Committee of the Whole.

### Rotary Club of Exploits

The Committee reviewed a request from the Rotary Club of Exploits for sponsorship of the “Something to Wine About” Event at the Royal Canadian Legion.

The Committee recommends approval of \$1,000 to purchase a Diamond Sponsorship for this event.

### Off the Cuff Community Chorus

The Committee reviewed a request from “Off the Cuff” Community Chorus.

The Committee recommends \$1,500 be approved. The Committee also recommends that “Off the Cuff” Community Chorus provide a budget and a Financial Statement for information purposes.

### College of the North Atlantic

The Committee reviewed a request for funding for the College of the North Atlantic Business Case Competition.

The Committee recommends \$500 be approved.

### Grand Falls-Windsor Concert Band

The Committee reviewed a request from the Grand Falls Concert Band for 2019 funding.

The Committee recommends \$1,500 be approved.

### Kids Eat Smart Radiothon

The Committee reviewed a request from the Kids Eat Smart

Radiothon.

The Committee recommends that staff post information regarding this event on social media.

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 6-0.

Councillor Coady-Davis advised that the 2020 Budget Consultations have been booked for Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at the Exploits Nordic Ski Chalet. This will be a similar format to the Public Salmon Festival Consultation, and there is plenty of space available. It is a roundtable discussion, with one staff person or Councillor at each table and a facilitator. We will talk about the Budget, highlights of last year's Budget, what we are looking to achieve in the 2020 Budget and to entertain suggestions and to get feedback from the public.

### Committee of the Whole

The following report was presented by Councillor Feener.

#### Central Funeral Homes

The Public Works and Planning Committee referred a request from Central Funeral Homes to install an alkaline hydrolysis unit at their funeral home on 45 Union Street. Additional information about the effluent that will be discharged was not available at the time of the meeting so the request was referred back to the Public Works and Planning Committee. Consultants that are currently advising on our Waste Water Treatment Facility are reviewing the request for Council.

#### Canadian Cancer Society

Council received a request from the Canadian Cancer Society to provide sponsorship to the Daffodil Place.

The Committee recommends Council provide a \$500 sponsorship for this purpose.

### Civic Awards

The Committee discussed the Civic Awards Ceremony that has been hosted by the Town the past three (3) years.

The Committee recognizes that the ceremonies have been very successful and well received by the public, however, the Committee recommends that because of significant co-ordinating efforts involved that we host the Ceremony every second year. The Town will continue to award the Citizen of the Year and the Youth of the Year Awards on an annual basis.

### Mill Lands

The Chief Administrative Officer\Clerk reported to the Committee that staff continues to work on the agreement that would allow the transfer of the Mill Lands to the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor.

The Committee recommends that staff continue to work with the Department of Transportation and Works to finalize an agreement and to seek a legal opinion on the Environmental Indemnity Agreement.

### Waste Water Treatment Facility

Staff reported to Council that the total cost of the Waste Water Treatment Facility was revised to approximately \$14 million and would be completed in two (2) Phases and in two (2) separate contracts. The Revised Budget resulted in a shortfall of approximately \$3.3 million. Staff will work with the Federal and Provincial Government to secure their share of this additional expense, but if the Town is not successful in getting these commitments from Government then the scope of the project will be reduced to fit the available funds.

### Council Chambers

Staff discussed plans to improve the display of photographs in the Council Chambers.

The Committee recommends that staff continue in these efforts.

### Lionel Kelland Hospice

The Committee had some general discussions on the status of the Lionel Kelland Hospice.

The Committee recommends the Mayor contact some of their leadership and get another update.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Feener\Bennett

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 the Civic Awards has been well attended and well received for three (3) years, but it is in everybody's best interest to look at it every other year going forward. There is an extreme amount of work that goes into the production and preparation of these Awards and for that reason we have decided to do them every second year, but we will still recognize the Citizen of the Year and Youth of the Year annually.

Mayor Manuel advised it has been a long process trying to acquire the Mill lands, as we have been trying to get the lands transferred to the Town now for a least four (4) years. The Mill has been closed since 2009 and the building has been demolished for several years, and we are now just trying to ensure that any land transfer protects Council and the Town now and in the future. We have had acknowledgment from Government that the land will be transferred, so right now we are revising language to get this done. We cannot and will not rush into anything that is going to put us in a disadvantaged position in the future.

Mayor Manuel also advised that he had a discussion with Mr. Allan Bradley, who is the Chair for the Lionel Kelland Hospice and he informed me that everything is going well. They have actually just received a letter from Government acknowledging a \$3 million Capital Investment to go towards improvements of the facility. They are in the process of putting out a RFP so that they can have Consultants look at the facility and the planned upgrades to make sure that the pricing that they had done a few years ago is still applicable or if they need to make adjustments and then they can get an idea of where they are with their Budget. Although no commitment for operational funding has been made at this time, they are working with Government to make sure that the facility meets the standards of the National Accreditation Standards. They are also working with the group on their own assessments of where this will go in the future in terms of the number of beds, how staffing will work and annual operating Budget. It is moving in the right direction so congratulations to the Lionel Kelland Hospice group. Everyone is excited that Grand Falls-Windsor is going to have the first residential hospice in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Councillor Feener noted that Council is in the process of having all of our pictures of previous Mayors and Council reframed and displayed in the Council Chamber.

Mayor Manuel noted that this Chamber holds so much history over the years and a lot of heritage between the former two (2) Towns and now our amalgamated Town. We want to ensure that all of the frames are consistent and presented nicely so that when people come in here they get the full effect of the history that this beautiful room holds.

### Economic Development, Tourism and Heritage

The following report was presented by Councillor Whiffen.

#### Welcome NL

The Committee were given a presentation by Randy Edison about the Welcome NL Program. Welcome NL is a Provincial Government Program that is being delivered by the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor to help newcomers settle, prepare for employment and to focus on community inclusion.

The Committee is very pleased with the numerous activities that are planned and with the current engagement with newcomers and recommends that staff continue with the activities planned.

#### Mineral Resources Trade Show

Staff presented images of the new Trade Show Booth design to the Committee.

The Committee was pleased with the design and recommends it be used in the November Trade Show.

#### ATV Issues

Staff reviewed with the Committee the option of a presentation about ATV safety that the RCMP deliver. Council remains concerned about the responsible use of ATV's in the community.

The Committee recommends that staff work with the RCMP to co-ordinate the delivery of their ATV Safety Presentation in the local schools.

### Main Street

Staff continue to work on issues that were identified during the April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting with some business owners on Main Street.

The Committee recommends that staff continue in their efforts and that a follow up meeting be set up in the new year once more progress has been made.

### NL Film Corporation

The Committee discussed what would be required for the Exploits Region to become a film\TV production location when site selectors are deciding where to shoot their movies.

The Committee recommends that staff explore options to create such a resource.

### Hotel Feasibility Study

The Hotel Feasibility Study is now complete.

The Committee recommends that staff make this Study available to proponents interested in investing in a hotel in Grand Falls-Windsor.

### Marketing Study

The Committee discussed it's desire to develop a Marketing Strategy for the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor. The Committee would like for the new Strategy to include the following:-

1. A review on the use of our brand.
2. Strategic options for increasing our population.
3. Strategic options for attraction and retention of businesses.
4. An updated Website.
5. Strategic options for promoting our tourism industry.

The Committee recommends that staff work with Government partners to determine if there is funding available and to work with Government partners on the development of a RFP for this Strategy.

### Tourism Development Plan

The Committee discussed a need to improve tourism product offerings. The Committee would like to develop a plan that will identify opportunities for the Town, businesses, community groups and entrepreneurs. The Committee would also like to see the season extended. A current product and service inventory would be required.

The Committee recommends that staff co-ordinate a tourism stakeholder meeting in January 2020 to discuss the possibility of the Town developing a Tourism Development Plan and to get feedback from the business community regarding the same.

### Cold Harvest Conference

The Committee discussed Council's participation in the Cold Harvest Conference held on September 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. The Committee believes the Conference was very beneficial for the Town. The Mayor received an Ambassador Award in recognition for the Town's outstanding support towards the aquaculture industry.

The Committee recommends that staff continue to follow up with the key companies and partners.

### Campbell River Mission

Staff reported to the Committee the outcome from the Campbell River Mission on October 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer\Clerk and Business Development Officer were able to meet with six (6) companies and the City of Campbell River Mayor and Councillors.

The Committee considers the Mission to be successful and recommends that staff follow up accordingly.

### Choices for Youth

The Business Development Officer has connected with the Provincial Expansion Co-ordinator for the Choices for Youth Program. The Business Development Officer and Councillor Whiffen will work with the Choices for Youth staff and their Advisory Board to facilitate their expansion into Grand Falls-Windsor.

The Committee recommends that staff remain engaged with this Board.



## Annual Seniors Fair

Staff reported to the Committee that the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Seniors Fair attendance was approximately five hundred and fifty (550) and there were thirty-seven (37) vendors.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Whiffen\Dwyer

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 Welcome NL Project that we have here is Grand Falls-Windsor is part of the Provincial Governments Strategy to increase the population through immigration and it is great to see a lot of new immigrants relocating to Grand Falls-Windsor right now. It is nice to be able to share their cultures with us and I certainly encourage anybody in the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor to start taking part in some of the events that we see from Welcome NL and the Association for New Canadians. This is a way to get to experience some of their food, some of their music, some of their culture and different practices. It is very interesting to learn from each other and at the end of the day everyone is better for it in learning to respect each other and what our beliefs and values are.

Councillor Whiffen noted staff are still working with the issues that were identified at the meeting with business owners on Main Street and hope to have an update on them in the New Year.

Councillor Whiffen advised the Hotel Feasibility Study has been completed and any proponents that are interested are welcome to have a copy. We hope that this brings good results into the prospect of attracting additional accommodations so that we have the capacity to host larger events in Grand Falls-Windsor.

Mayor Manuel mentioned that our Province has been in the news lately because there has been a mass die off of salmon in some of the pens on the south coast. This is very unfortunate, but people need to be aware that a big part of the issue that contributed to that is that the company Northern Harvest has old existing pens. MOWI has since bought Northern Harvest and they have new licenses to set up new farms and their intention is to switch out all of the old infrastructure and replace it with new cages and they also have new technology. Had Northern Harvest had the new cages and technology that MOWI will have this would not have happened. MOWI is confident that this will not happen again as the new cages are deeper and better built. There is also technology that has oxygenators to

increase the amount of oxygen in the water and technology to make more room for the fish to move around more and to adjust the changing water temperatures. We still support aquaculture and we want to encourage everybody to make decisions based on fact, science and truth. In this case, there seems like there is a lot of misinformation out there, whether you support the aquaculture industry or not it is important that the right people investigate, the right people look at what has happened here. People talk about inland based aquaculture these days and it can work. It is much more expensive, but we would not be in the aquaculture industry because they would be located near markets where they would not have to travel with their products. This industry is very important to our Province, and will help sustain our Province for decades. We have been working extremely hard to establish ourselves as an aquaculture hub. We have one company moved into our Town and there is another one on the way. When we were in British Columbia we met with several other businesses that are looking to have a footprint in Atlantic Canada and are well aware that Grand Falls-Windsor would be a good location.

### NOTICE OF MOTION

None

### OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Bennett advised that he was asked to be the guest speaker at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Firefighters Ball in Badger this past week-end. He spoke about life as a Volunteer Firefighter, as he was a firefighter for ten (10) years of which he attended twenty-eight (28) fatalities. He just wanted to say kudos to our Fire Department who are so professional and continue to do an exceptional job.

Councillor Feener mentioned that in regards to the recent fires, he is hoping that the good people of Grand Falls-Windsor will be a little more vigilant in looking around at some old structures in this Town and keep an eye out for any suspicious activity. If you do see anything suspicious, please contact either our dispatch or the RCMP and hopefully we can put a stop to these fires.

Councillor Dwyer also commended our Fire Department for their hard work. Yesterday the Queen Street Dinner Theatre Christmas Show tickets went on sale and four hundred (400) tickets were sold on the very first day. The Show is called "Baby It's Christmas" and the Show is running from December 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> at the Royal Canadian Legion. You can either purchase your tickets at [queenstreetdinnertheatre.com](http://queenstreetdinnertheatre.com) or in person at the Legion. The Grand Falls-Windsor

Women's Choir Cantus Silva are having their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Concert on November 27<sup>th</sup> at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church and tickets can be purchased through Mike Snelgrove, any choir member or at the door. She also mentioned that the Exploits Jazz Band have their Show planned for November 25<sup>th</sup> named "T'was a Month before Christmas" and tickets can be purchased at the Gordon Pinsent Centre for the Arts either at the Box Office or online.

Councillor Whiffen advised that this past week-end in St. John's there were five (5) Cadets from Grand Falls-Windsor who participated in the Orienteering Championships. Orienteering is a sport where Cadets use their map and compass to navigate their way through a forest to find markers from start to finish. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year and this is a Provincial Competition and these cadets represented our Town very well. He congratulated them all on a job well done.

Councillor Coady-Davis expressed thanks and congratulations to the Canadian Agriculture Partnership, the NL Federation of Agriculture and the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador who sponsored the Farmers Market Agriculture Expo that was held at the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium this past week-end. She thanked all the organizers for doing that event, all of the vendors and all of the residents of Central Newfoundland who came in and supported the Show. It was a huge success and they will continue coming back annually as the numbers are increasing every year. It is so important to support our local agriculture industry. She also thanked the Recreation Department for their support and help in putting off that Show, it was a wonderful event.

Mayor Manuel advised that he also attended the Agriculture Show and it was a great set-up and we had well over three thousand (3,000) people visit the Expo this week-end. He wanted to express gratitude to our Fire Department this evening. These volunteers are very well trained and take part in an enormous amount of training every year. Let us also not forget the other first responders in our community that have similar difficult tasks. We also cannot forget the families of these emergency responders because they get affected when their loved ones get a call to leave for an unknown situation. So we want to thank you all for what you do. He mentioned that the Art Procurement Program is this Saturday at the Corduroy Brook Nature Centre and this is where the Town engages some Judges from the community to purchase some art from local artists. Submissions have been coming in this week and will continue to be collected up until Friday at 4:00 P.M. at the Centre. The Town budgets an amount to purchase local art so we can beautify our buildings and support local artists. The judging takes place on Saturday and the public are welcome to come out and look and even purchase some art. He noted that Halloween is next week, so please stay safe, be extra cautious as there will be many kids on the streets looking for treats.

Motion

Feener\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, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

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Barry Manuel  
Mayor

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Darren Finn  
Chief Administrative Officer\Clerk