

MEETING #570

MINUTES OF MEETING

GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL

7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor: Barry Manuel  
Deputy Mayor: Mike Browne  
Councillors: Amy Coady, Holly Dwyer, Bob Hiscock,  
Andrew Little, Dave Noel  
Staff: Darren Finn, Chief Administrative Officer  
Nelson Chatman, Director of Public Works and  
Development  
Steve Gosse, Director of Corporate Services\Town  
Clerk  
Todd Mercer, Director of Community Services  
Robyn Hannaford, Communications Officer

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of Meeting #569 of Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Motion  
Coady\Noel

Be it resolved that the Minutes of Meeting #569 of Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MNIUTES

None

## DISBURSEMENT REPORT

Councillor Dwyer presented the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$948,373.03.

Motion

Dwyer\Little

Be it resolved that the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$948,373.03 would be received as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Community Services

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Browne.

#### 2023 Provincial Special Olympic Winter Games

The Committee discussed the 2023 Provincial Winter Games happening in Grand Falls-Windsor in March 2023. The Director and Deputy Mayor Browne informed the Committee that they met with the Organizer and have worked out an arrangement on staffing, equipment and facility usage for the Games. With some three hundred and fifty (350) athletes, coaches and parents it will be one of the biggest economic spin-off events held here in 2023.

The Committee recommended to continue to help the group prepare for the upcoming Games.

#### Arena Board Update

The Committee discussed the progress of the Minor Hockey, Figure Skating and the Blades on their selling of the signs. The Director informed the Committee that Minor Hockey have sold almost all their spaces at the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium, the Blades have sold some of their spaces and Figure Skating is just starting their selling for Windsor Stadium. The Director asked all rounds for an update by the end of December, so those sponsors not involved can be removed in the new year.

The Committee recommends that the Director keep in contact with the groups and work on ensuring the space is being sold.

### EXCITE Building User Groups Update

The Committee had some discussion on the progress at the EXCITE Building for our user groups. The Director informed the Committee that everything is on schedule and that all groups should be ready to go in their spaces early in the new year.

### 2023 Program Update

The Director informed the Committee that registration for 2023 events will start January for most programs and will be up and running that same month or early February.

### Rotary Correspondence

The Committee had some discussion on the Rotary correspondence for us to consider the purchasing of a new set of swings for the Park.

The Committee recommends that the Director set up a meeting with the Rotary Club to discuss possible partnership on the purchase of the swings and report back to the Committee.

### Community Healthcare Coalition Update

The Committee discussed the Community Healthcare Coalition Report that was presented last week. The Director informed the Committee that he met with the Chief Administrative Officer, and Economic Development staff to discuss the Report.

The Committee recommends that the Department start developing a timeline to review the goals and highlight the importance of each and what is achievable with current staff. The Department will report back to the Committee early in the new year.

The Committee also had some discussion on the recent meeting with Minister Osborne. It was recommended that a Town Hall Meeting be scheduled for the new year so citizens can be aware of the information and proposed changes that could be considered.

### Impact Summer Request

The Committee had some discussion on the correspondence for Impact Hockey.

The Committee recommends that we proceed in discussion with the group to allow for a four (4) week extension to the winter season from April 17<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### Curling Club Correspondence

The Committee had some discussion on the letter from the Curling Club.

The Committee recommended that Councillors should attend the called meeting later tonight if available to get some idea on what their situation is with the plant, building and program.

### New Business

The Committee had some discussion on the Church Road Park Light-up. The Committee were very impressed with the amount of work that went into it and thanked all staff who were involved in the project. It was a job well done. The Committee discussed building on the successes for next year to make it even better.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Browne\Hiscock

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

### Public Works and Development

The following report was presented by Councillor Coady.

### Capital

The Committee reviewed the proposed Schedule “A” change for the MYCW 20-23 Agreement to allocate the remaining funds. The changes include additional funding for the new salt shed and Town Hall HVAC upgrades, with remaining funds moved to a new project in Circular Road area for manholes\clean-outs to facilitate sewer relining in 2023. There is no request for new funding with these changes as all funding is within the current Agreement.

The Committee recommends that these changes be approved, and a Resolution be prepared for the next public Council meeting.

### Public Works Report

The Committee reviewed the latest report from Public Works on the compliance of residents with respect to the Garbage Regulations. Compliance rate at the end of the summer was about eighty-six percent (86%) which had eight hundred (800) violations per week. From efforts of staff and a good communication campaign, the compliance rate has increased to ninety-nine percent (99%).

The Committee is pleased with the progress and thanks staff and residents for their co-operation. This has helped clean up our streets.

### Crown Land Referral – 13 Circular Road

The Committee reviewed a Crown Land Referral regarding the property at 13 Circular Road. This parcel of land was once a Grant, and the residence has been there for several decades. The applicant is looking to get clear title for the property.

The Committee recommends this be approved.

### Disposal of Vehicles

The Committee reviewed a request from Municipal Enforcement to dispose of three (3) vehicles that have been impounded. One vehicle has been in the Town’s possession for several months due to traffic violations and another two (2) were seized due to a Clean-Up Order by Council earlier this year. The owners have been contacted but failed to retrieve the vehicles.

The Committee recommends this be approved and staff make arrangements for disposal.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Coady\Little

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

Councillor Coady commented on changes to Garbage Regulations that came into effect in the beginning of 2022. There is now approximately ninety-nine percent (99%) compliance for weekly garbage collection. She also stated we understand and appreciate the efforts of residents and recognize an increase in waste during the holiday season. She reminded residents about the upcoming Free Holiday Drop-Off at Shanawdithit Centennial Park, December 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M., December 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and January 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Follow our social media pages to keep up with this information.

The following Resolution was presented by Councillor Coady.

RESOLUTION GF-W 2022-353

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 allocation under these Agreements must be approved through the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure;

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-allocated as per attached Revised Schedule “A”.

## Motion

Coady\Hiscock

Be it resolved that Resolution GF-W 2022-353 would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

## Corporate Services (1 of 5)

The following report was presented by Councillor Dwyer.

### Labour Report

The Committee reviewed the labour costs as of week forty-nine (49). Total labour was \$3,568,035. This was \$177,359 (4.7%) under budget.

The Committee is pleased with the results of the Labour Report and encouraged Management to remain fiscally responsible when deciding to complete projects that will require additional funds.

### Disbursement Report

The Committee reviewed the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$948,373.03 and recommends this be presented at the next Council Meeting.

### Taxation Receivables Analysis Report

The Committee reviewed the taxation analysis for October 2022. The report analyzes the receivable balances, along with the amounts collected during the month. Total taxation receivables as of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 was \$2,544,618.07 (\$2,824,957.65 – 2021) a decrease of \$280,339.58 (9.92%) from the previous year. Total amount of taxes collected in November 2022 was \$599,074.

The Committee is pleased with the November results and recommends that staff remain vigilant in collecting all outstanding balances as we head towards the end of the year. Residents and businesses are encouraged to reach out to the Corporate Services Department at 489-0402, 0403 or 0404 to discuss their outstanding balance and make payment arrangements.

### Festival Reports

The Committee reviewed the Financial Report for the 2022 Salmon Festival. The total investment in the Festival this year was \$13,098 compared to the original budget of \$50,000.

The Committee also reviewed the reports for the Culinary and Poutine Festivals. Both events broke even for 2022.

The Committee is pleased with the report and commend the Community Services Department for another successful year. The Committee looks forward to starting the planning for 2023 in the coming months.

### Fire Hall Request

The Committee reviewed a request from the Volunteer Firefighters regarding changes in calculation of the honorarium.

The Committee recommends increasing the travel part of the honorarium calculation from \$360 per volunteer to \$500. The Committee also recommends increasing the week-end standby from \$20 per day to \$30 per day. These new rates will be used to calculate the honorarium in 2023.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Dwyer\Coady

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

Deputy Mayor Browne offered congratulations to the Community Services Department on the successful execution of two hundred (200) festivals\events\programs this year, all completed under budget. Great Job!

### Corporate Services (2 of 5)

Prior to the reading of this report, Mayor Manuel was excused from the meeting at 7:25 P.M. due to a perceived conflict of interest.

The following report was presented by Councillor Dwyer.



### Budget 2023

Due to a perceived conflict of interest regarding the Corduroy Brook Enhancement Association (CBEA), Mayor Manuel, who is also Executive Director of the Corduroy Brook Enhancement Association did not attend this portion of the meeting.

The Committee reviewed a grant proposed for the Corduroy Brook Enhancement Association during Budget deliberations and recommends that \$40,000 be approved for 2023.

There is a grant proposed for the Exploits Blades, which a relative of Mayor Manuel plays for.

The Committee recommends that Mayor Manuel is not in conflict on this decision as it impacts a broad group overall. This decision will be included with the overall Budget 2023 approval.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Dwyer\Hiscock

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

Mayor Manuel returned to the meeting at 7:27 P.M.

### Corporate Services (3 of 5)

Prior to the reading of this report, Deputy Mayor Browne was excused from the meeting at 7:27 due to a perceived conflict of interest.

The following report was presented by Councillor Dwyer.

### Budget 2023

Due to a perceived conflict of interest regarding the Grand Falls Golf Club, Deputy Mayor Browne, who is also the Executive Director of the Grand Falls Golf Club did not attend this portion of the meeting. The Committee reviewed two (2)

grants proposed for the Grand Falls Golf Club during Budget deliberations, one grant for \$25,000 and another for Junior Golf for \$2,000.

The Committee recommends these grants be approved for 2023.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Dwyer\Little

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

Deputy Mayor Browne returned to the meeting at 7:29 P.M.

#### Corporate Services (4 of 5)

Prior to the reading of this report, Councillor Coady was excused from the meeting at 7:30 P.M. due to a perceived conflict of interest.

The following report was presented by Councillor Dwyer.

#### Budget 2023

There are grants proposed for the Community Gardens, Exploits Valley High Graduation, Travel Grants and Minor Baseball, which Councillor Coady or a relative were involved with.

The Committee recommends that Councillor Coady is not in conflict on these decisions as they impact the broad group of the organizations overall. These decisions will be included with the overall Budget 2023 approval.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Dwyer\Browne

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

Councillor Coady returned to the meeting at 7:31 P.M.

Corporate Services (5 of 5)

Prior to the reading of this report, Councillor Little was excused from the meeting at 7:31 P.M. due to perceived conflict of interest.

The following report was presented by Councillor Dwyer.

Budget 2023

There is a grant proposed for Minor Soccer which a relative of Councillor Little is involved with. Also, Councillor Little is part of a user group who pays for ice rentals at the Stadium.

The Committee recommends that Councillor Little is not in conflict on these decisions as they impact the broad groups overall. These decisions will be included with the overall Budget 2023 approval.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Dwyer\Noel

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

Councillor Coady commented on the new Code of Conduct Legislation for Councillors. It was stated in training, when a Councillor is in a perceived conflict of interest, the Councillor is permitted to remain in Chambers, in the Gallery, and is not required to leave the room. She advised the public that this is a new change, but Councillors will be permitted in Chambers going forward while issues are discussed.

Councillor Little returned to the meeting at 7:33 P.M.

Committee of the Whole (1 of 3)

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Browne.

2023 Budget Discussions

The Committee reviewed and discussed Budget documentation related to the 2023 Budget.

The Committee recommends that staff revise the Budget based on discussion and report back to the Committee next week..

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Browne\Hiscock

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

Committee of the Whole (2 of 3)

The following report was also presented by Deputy Mayor Browne.

2023 Budget Discussions

The Committee reviewed and discussed Budget documentation related to the 2023 Budget.

The Committee recommends that staff revise the Budget based on discussion and report back to the Committee next week.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Browne\Dwyer

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

Councillor Hiscock commented that the annual Budget was an intense planning process. He offered thanks for the hours put into the Budget by Finance staff and Councillor Dwyer, Chair of the Corporate Services Committee.

Committee of the Whole (3 of 3)

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Browne.

Grand Falls House Heritage Foundation

The Committee reviewed correspondence from the Grand Falls House Heritage Foundation whereby they are requesting in-kind and financial support from the Town.

The Committee recommends that staff arrange a meeting with the Grand Falls House Heritage Foundation to discuss their request and report back to the Committee.

11 Vine Street

The Committee reviewed a report about the property of 11 Vine Street.

The Committee recommends that a Clean-Up Order be issued for this property.

Budget 2023 – Community Grants

The Deputy Mayor and the Mayor were individually excused from the meeting for discussions regarding the Corduroy Brook Enhancement Association and the Grand Falls Golf Club respectively.

The Committee discussed grants provided in the past to various community organizations and groups.

The Committee recommends that staff make adjustments in the Budget document and report back at a future meeting.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Browne\Little

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

Councillor Little commented on the Grand Falls House Heritage Foundation. There has since been a meeting with that organization that went very well. There were some misunderstandings between them about the Town's commitment, however, Councillor Little assured them of Council's commitment to the sustainability of the building.

Mayor Manuel mentioned that Councillor Little sits on the Foundation's Board as an Ex-Officio of the Town. There is a lot of work and ideas going on behind the scenes, and Council is hoping for great things for the property to enhance our tourism opportunities along with the Riverfront Development.

### NOTICE OF MOTION

None

### BUDGET – 2023

Councillor Dwyer presented the 2023 Municipal Operating Budget.

As Chair of the Corporate Services Committee, it is my pleasure to present the 2023 Municipal Operating Budget for the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor. Council has always been proud of our staff's ability and willingness to offer residents a high level of municipal services. They go above and beyond to provide exceptional snow clearing, garbage collection, road maintenance, and water and sewer services. Furthermore, Grand Falls-Windsor is a benchmark for leisure programming and exciting events. Here, citizens of all ages and interests can access beautifully maintained parks and playgrounds, and quality recreation facilities. The quality programs, interesting events, and accessible social infrastructure put our Town on the map, making it a community of choice for citizens and prospective residents. Council also takes pride in its investment into community groups, supporting invaluable opportunities and experiences to our residents that significantly enhance their quality of life. All of this is achieved while maintaining a lower average taxation for residents and businesses alike when compared to similar communities in Newfoundland and Labrador.

In the aftermath of COVID-19, the economy continues to face extraordinary challenges. Lasting pressures from the Pandemic, along with other global and national events, including the unrest in Ukraine, have caused the cost of living for

residents to increase at alarming rates. Inflation is skyrocketing, interest rates are rising, and supply chains have been tested. We, as a Council, know that many of our residents are being forced to make difficult decisions regarding spending. We recognize that the citizens of Grand Falls-Windsor are feeling the pressure, and we too, are feeling the strain of current economic conditions.

Municipal operations are not immune from inflationary pressure and interest rate increases. We, like all our residents and businesses, find that achieving our objectives costs more. Our Council and Management have examined the Budget closely, looking for areas where savings can be realized to ensure our operations remain efficient and sustainable. The 2023 Budget represents decisions that have been made to achieve those goals, while striving to provide the absolute best living experience for our citizens.

In November, the Town engaged our citizens through a Budget Consultation Online Form that was promoted on our website and social media platforms. There were several themes noted in the responses, such as residents being pleased with the level of services offered (particularly community events), in addition to ensuring the Town's taxes remain in-line with comparable communities. These themes were kept in mind as Council navigated through our decisions. I'd like to thank the residents that took time to provide us with such feedback, and I assure you that your voices have been heard. Engagement with the community has been a priority of Council and this will continue in 2023.

Both the Residential and Commercial Mil Rates associated with Property Tax will remain unchanged for 2023. The majority of the Town's tax revenue comes from these two (2) categories, and Council felt it was important to keep these the same for this coming year. The last Residential Property Tax increase occurred in 2019, while the last Commercial Property Tax increase was in 2012.

2023 will, however, see some increases for residents and businesses in Grand Falls-Windsor. The Water and Sewer Tax amount will increase from \$475 to \$545 for both residential and commercial properties. Upgrades to the Town's water and sewer system are constantly needed, and in 2023, the Town plans to upgrade the water distribution system in several locations and will evaluate the need for improvements at the Water Treatment Plant. The increase in Water and Sewer Tax will offset some of these expected expenditures. Council is committed to continually improving the water and sewer services provided to citizens. Council, in their representation of the people of Grand Falls-Windsor, must ensure that any recommended tax increase is necessary and purposeful. As well, Council is always cognizant of how we compare to other communities who have similar water and sewer infrastructure networks, and we compare very favourably with respect to Water and Sewer Tax Rates.

With respect to Business Taxes, most in this segment of our community have not seen an increase in their Mil Rate in over twenty-five (25) years. This is set to change in 2023 as there are several adjustments for various Business Tax categories, with most of the impact being on larger department stores and professional offices.

Making decisions about tax increases is not something that is taken lightly, and fees and rates are set after considerable debate and deliberation. Collectively, Council will be implementing changes that are both fair to those in the community, but necessary to allow us to offer exemplary services and meet the needs and standards of living for residents. We commit to continue making strategic investments in projects and programs within the community that will keep moving us forward.

Revenues for 2023 will total \$21.2 million; 88% of this amount will come from taxation, the same portion as in 2022. There will be increases in other revenues, which stem from a comprehensive review of fees such as stadium and facility rental, tax certificates, permits, and other similar services offered by the Town. These items were due to be assessed as they had not been reviewed in several years. Given the current cost of providing such services, this increase is required. The 2023 Schedule of Rates and Fees, which includes all rental fees, permit fees and tax rates, is now available on our website at [www.grandfallswindsor.com](http://www.grandfallswindsor.com).

Total expenditures for the 2023 Operating Budget are projected to be \$21.2 million, a 5.6% increase over the 2022 Budget. Given Canada's current inflation rate of 6.9%, and interest rates set by the Bank of Canada being the highest since 2008, this 5.6% increase demonstrates a willingness to reduce spending where possible. Our priority is to make this year's Operating Budget as lean as possible.

Donations and grants are among the expenditures that support various community groups and organizations. We view these community groups as integral parts of our Town, enhancing the lives of citizens. Grants allotments for 2023 include a commitment for the Grand Falls House Heritage Foundation to develop plans for the iconic property to become a central part of our Town's heritage, as well as a continuing commitment to the Lionel Kelland Hospice, with \$25,000 to help them launch their new facility in 2023.

As we invest in Grand Falls-Windsor and strive to achieve our maximum potential, we are also planning to make substantial Capital Expenditures. In 2023, \$12.5 million will be allocated for Capital Work, with the Town contributing just under \$3.7 million of that amount. In this year's Budget, there is a focus on investing in our water and sewer infrastructure, which will improve the quality of service we provided to our citizens. Work planned for 2023 includes:-



- Significant investments into water and sewer upgrades for the downtown region of Grand Falls-Windsor in the Bank Road, Circular Road, and Union Street areas.
- Amount allocated towards the Street Resurfacing Program.
- Additional pedestrian crossing lights.
- Equipment to improve the quality of the Town's baseball and softball fields.
- A new kayak floating dock to enhance ease of access for citizens who enjoy time on the beautiful Exploits River.

In addition, Council continues to be heavily invested in the interests of our residents and those in surrounding communities, regarding healthcare services provided at the Central Newfoundland Regional Health Center, and other facilities. In 2022, I personally sat on the Grand Falls-Windsor Community Healthcare Coalition Committee, which was established to ensure that the interests of Grand Falls-Windsor and its residents were protected in the Health Accord for Newfoundland and Labrador. The healthcare system in our Province faces a major challenge when it comes to attracting and retaining physicians, and this Committee recently produced a report outlining recommendations for the Town's consideration to address this challenge. Recommended actions include enhancing resources to promote Grand Falls-Windsor to potential physicians, allocating resources to lead Town initiatives for recruitment and retention of medical professionals, and continuing to support rural health initiatives related to research and training. In 2023, Council will continue to focus on this issue and ensure that resources are available to fulfill the recommendations of the Committee.

Mr. Mayor, Council and residents of Grand Falls-Windsor. I present to you the 2023 Municipal Operating Budget. As acknowledged, the current economic conditions have increased the costs of providing services and this is reflected in some of the decisions we, as a Council, have had to make. However, we have also taken great strides to minimize the impacts on our residents and to ensure our operations remain effective and comprehensive. We have created a Budget that is fiscally responsible and ensures that we are able to achieve the service goals that the residents of Grand Falls-Windsor have come to expect and deserve.

I move the adoption of the 2023 Municipal Operating Budget.

Motion

Dwyer\Browne

Be it resolved that the 2023 Municipal Operating Budget would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Councillor Dwyer thanked the Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Corporate Services\Town Clerk, staff and Council for their time on the Budget. She was happy to announce that the Residential and Commercial Mil Rate are remaining the same, a great achievement that Council is proud of. The future looks bright in Grand Falls-Windsor. We are in a good position in terms of long-term stability.

Deputy Mayor Browne commented on the new kayak dock for Gorge Park. He is looking forward to this installation and how it will enhance the Park.

Councillor Coady commented that the Budget was a long, tedious effort, but is pleased with the results. The Public Works Department Budget has grown significantly with Parks and Recreation work coming in.

Mayor Manuel commented that the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor allocates a significant amount more to parks and green spaces to keep our community looking great. He also commented on the Paving Program and advised that we are waiting on information from the Provincial Government to understand better what we will receive from the Municipal Capital Works Program in 2023.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Hiscock offered condolences to community members' families who have lost loved ones in recent weeks. He also wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Council, staff and residents. He also reminded residents to consider those in uniform who are not able to be home for Christmas season.

Councillor Little commented on the Community Family Skate with Santa on December 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season, please do not drink and drive.

Councillor Dwyer recognized Marathon Gold for their contribution to our local Food Bank. On behalf of herself and her family, she wished everyone a Merry Christmas, be safe and be kind.

Deputy Mayor Browne thanked the Santa Claus Parade Planning Committee and the community on a great job on the Santa Claus Parade. He reiterated Councillor Hiscock's comments about families missing people overseas this season. He also offered accolades to the Community Services Department on the Church Road Park Light-Up. Merry Christmas to all staff, Council and community members.

Councillor Coady reminded residents that churches and the Food Bank are continuing to accept donations until Christmas Eve. She wished teachers and students a Merry Christmas, also Council and Town staff. It has been a great year. She also recognized Rogers TV for broadcasting our public meetings and special

events, and their support throughout the year. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Councillor Noel reminded residents to slow down and think about others during this busy time of the year. He thanked all involved with Budget planning for their efforts.

Mayor Manuel reiterated Councillor Hiscock's comments about recent passings in the community and offered condolences. He also commented on his involvement with Council's Give Back Days where he visited the Emergency Department at the Central Newfoundland Regional Health Center. He also recognized Random Acts of Kindness and how wonderful these initiatives are for the Town.

Motion

Browne\Coady

Be it resolved that the meeting of the Grand Falls-Windsor Town Council would be adjourned until the next regular scheduled meeting of Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

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Barry Manuel  
Mayor

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Darren Finn  
Chief Administrative Officer