

MINUTES OF MEETING

GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL

7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor: Barry Manuel
 Deputy Mayor: Mike Browne
 Councillors: Amy Coady, Bob Hiscock, Andrew Little,
 Dave Noel
 Staff: 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

Prior to the meeting the Mayor read a Proclamation that he signed for World Lymphedema Day.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and advised that there were no Minutes to be adopted and that there will be two (2) sets of Minutes for the next meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

DISBURSEMENT REPORT

Councillor Noel presented the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$611,809.61.

Motion

Noel\Coady

Be it resolved that the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$611,809.61 would be received as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Browne.

Business\Economic Development Officer joined the Committee Meeting at 5:00 P.M.

The Committee discussed the concept of establishing an Adult Care Program in Grand Falls-Windsor in partnership with Central Health and staff have been engaged with a focus group interested in developing this program.

The Committee recommends that staff continue to work on this initiative and report back to the Committee if other resources are required.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

The Committee discussed the new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Program that is set to be delivered in Grand Falls-Windsor. This Program delivers education on Health, Cybersecurity and Robotics to K-12 students and is an extracurricular program. The first event will take place on April 25th and 26th with a focus on cybersecurity. Forty (40) students from Exploits Valley High and Exploits Valley Intermediate are expected to attend and learn about hacking threats and IT system defense. This event is funded by the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor and Tech NL.

The Business\Economic Development Officer was excused from the meeting at 5:40 P.M.

Correspondence about the Municipal Memorial Recognition Program

The Committee reviewed correspondence from a resident interested in planting a tree in memory of her mother.

The Committee recommends that the Director follow up with the resident and request she complete the necessary forms for the Municipal Memorial Program. The Committee further discussed the Municipal Memorial Program and recommends that an option of fruit bearing trees be included and that the Directors of Community Services and Public Works and Development work on identifying or mapping strategic areas in Town where trees will be planted.

Ice Dividing Equipment for Minor Hockey

The Committee discussed the need to purchase an ice surface dividing wall system for the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium.

The Committee recommended that the Director of Community Services work with the Minor Hockey Association to find Grant opportunities to help offset the cost of these dividers.

Correspondence about the 75th Anniversary of the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium

The Committee discussed a request from Bryan Blackmore about the 75th Anniversary celebrations of the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium.

The Committee recommended that the Council Sub-Committee meet in the next few weeks and review the correspondence and report back at a future time.

Chamber of Commerce

The Committee discussed an upcoming Chamber of Commerce event on March 30th featuring Keynote Speaker Ed Moriarity. Mr. Moriarity is the Executive Director of Mining NL.

The Committee recommends that the Town assist in promoting the event on the Town's Facebook page.

Cantus Silva Correspondence

The Committee discussed a community grant request from Cantus Silva.

The Committee recommends that the Director work with the group and help them with purchasing the music sheets for the upcoming year to a maximum grant of \$500.

Perfectly Centered ATV\UTV Poutine Festival

The Committee discussed a proposed date and package details for the ATV\UTV Poutine Festival.

The Committee recommends that the Community Services Department move forward with the planning for this event on June 2nd and 3rd and start working with sponsors.

Other Business

The Director informed the Committee that the full 2023 Special Events listing should be completed in the coming weeks with dates and time proposed for each event and will be presented at the next Community Services Committee meeting.

The Committee had some discussion about the Special Olympics Provincial Winter Games weekend events that just concluded. Council received many positive comments from the Organizing Committee and the public about the tremendous level of support and effort shown by Town staff to ensure events were successful. Councillors also received similar praise about the dozens of volunteers and the Organizing Committee Members themselves.

The Committee recommends that the Community Services Department work with the Organizing Committee to have a “Thank You” Appreciation Night for the organizers, coaches and volunteers. April 5th and 6th were the suggested dates the Committee could consider when planning for this event.

The Committee discussed the availability of Town promotional items and the importance of ensuring that plenty of stock was available for 2023 activities and events. The Director will review the stock on hand and make recommendations at the next Community Services Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed the two (2) vacancies on the EXCITE Board of Directors. The Committee recommends that Susan Kelley from Tech NL and Dr. Des Whalen be appointed to this Board.

The Director informed the Committee that work on the 2023 Exploits Valley Salmon Festival is underway and that bands, events and sponsorship will be organized over the next month. A full list of events and bands will be presented to the Committee soon.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Browne\Little

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

Councillor Hiscock commented on the ATV\UTV Poutine Festival and the success of last year's event, and that he suspects that this year will be better again. He advised residents to keep a watch on the Towns Facebook page because there are a lot of activities coming up, and that it will be yet another great event for our community.

Deputy Mayor Browne clarified that the idea behind the Adult Care Program, is that if a caregiver of an elderly person or someone that can't look after themselves has to run a few errands, they are able to drop the individual off at the Program Centre and the staff could care for them. This has tried to be launched in the past, but COVID put a stop to it. He stated that he believes that it would be a beneficial program for the people of Grand Falls-Windsor, and he hopes that our Economic\Business Development Officer can get this Centre up and running fairly quickly.

Mayor Manuel wanted to say "hats off" to the Organizing Committee of the Special Olympics for their hard work in planning and organizing such a successful event. Also "thank you" to our staff for having the facilities ready to accommodate the two hundred and fifty (250) athletes and one hundred and fifty (150) coaches\managers, not to mention the numerous volunteers that seem to come out in droves for this event. And lastly, congratulations to all our athletes who seemed to enjoy themselves and showed such spirit for the event, he expressed that it was a pleasure to be part of it.

Planning is well underway for the Salmon Festival this year, and we are excited to have another great community Festival that will have something for all ages and abilities. We welcome visitors to come into our Town and enjoy it with us July 15th weekend. There will be more information on the Festival in the coming weeks, and some exciting announcements on talent and entertainment.

Public Works and Development

The following report was presented by Councillor Coady.

Molloy Street

The Committee reviewed a cost estimate to complete 100m of paving on Molloy Street. This was completed as a follow-up from a meeting with the Developer of Amber Estates. The Developer requested Council complete the first section of paving as it is on existing Town road reservation.

The Committee recommends further consultation with the Developer on the proposed next steps in the subdivision and bring back to the Committee for discussion.

Variance Notice – 64 Memorial Avenue

The Committee reviewed a request from the resident at 64 Memorial Avenue for a variance on the setback distance from a principle building to an accessory building to facilitate new building construction. A notice was mailed to adjacent property owners and no objections or concerns were received.

The Committee recommends this request be approved.

Crown Land Request – 15 Sheppard Street

The Committee received a request from the resident at 15 Sheppard Street for 325 square meters of backland. The request is to facilitate construction of a new accessory building. This land is former Abitibi land, and the Town would have to be the applicant to Crown Lands.

The Committee recommends this request be approved and for staff to make the appropriate application to Crown Lands and sell as per the Town's Land Sales Policy once obtained.

226 Grenfell Heights Land

The Committee reviewed further correspondence from the owner of 226 Grenfell Heights on land that is currently for sale. The correspondence outlined the asking price and reasons for its value. This proposed area would be beneficial for future residential development.

The Committee recommends staff continue to negotiate a price for the property and bring back to the Committee for consideration.

Subdivision Agreement

The Committee reviewed the latest proposed changes to the Subdivision Agreement document. The latest version is to be used for future subdivision developments. The Committee also discussed the need to include provisions for multi-unit development within each new subdivision construction to assist with affordable housing.

The Committee recommends the document to reflect one in fifteen (1 in 15) lots to be identified in each new development for multi-unit housing. The Committee also recommends the other proposed changes be accepted.

Rezoning Request – Cromer Avenue

The Committee reviewed a request to rezone an area of land on Cromer Avenue between Shanawdithit Centennial Field and the Trans-Canada Highway from Recreation Open Space (ROS) to Commercial Highway (CH). The request is to accommodate a multi-story building for future commercial space and apartment units.

The Committee agrees with this development in principle, however, there are concerns about traffic congestion on Cromer Avenue in this area. The Committee recommends staff prepare solutions to address the concerns and bring back to a future Committee meeting for discussion.

Rezoning Request – 166 Main Street

The Committee reviewed a request to rezone 166 Main Street from Commercial Downtown (CD) to Low and Medium Density Multi-Unit Residential (RM-1) zone to allow for apartment units throughout the building. There are adequate parking spaces for this proposal.

The Committee recommends the rezoning be considered and for staff to start the rezoning process.

Permit to Operate

The Committee was advised of two (2) Permits to Operate that the Town recently received. The permits were for the Water Treatment Plant and the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The plants are Class IV and Class II respectively. Both permits outlines the requirements that must be met for operations including properly trained staff, maintenance requirements, and adequate testing to ensure regulations are met.

The Committee recommends staff ensure all necessary procedures and staff are in place as required by the permits.

MYCW Agreement – Amendment

The Committee reviewed the latest amendment to the Multi-Year Capital Works Agreement that was previously requested by Council. The request was approved by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and a Resolution of Council is required to accept the latest changes.

The Committee recommends this be approved and a Resolution be prepared for the next Public Council Meeting.

Rezoning Request for Residential Development

The Committee discussed a previously reviewed rezoning request from a citizen interested in developing land fronting Queensway. The land in question is currently zoned Commercial General (CG) and would need to be rezoned to either Low and Medium Density Multi-Unit Residential (RM-1) or High Density Multi-Unit Residential (RM-2) zone to allow for this quadplex style residential development. Council has already expressed support for this rezoning request if an acceptable private access road scenario could be presented to staff. The staff's earlier concern with plans presented were related to traffic safety and mixed-use conflicts within a Commercial General zone. The Mayor wishes to have this decision reviewed again without the requirement of a private road.

The Committee recommends that this decision be discussed again in the next Committee meeting.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Coady\Hiscock

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

Councillor Coady acknowledged that there are a lot of rezoning requests in our Minutes this evening, so she wanted to let the public know that when we get a rezoning request there is a procedure that we have to follow. When we Minute these discussions and move forward with Step 1, that does not necessarily mean that Council is in favour of that rezoning request. We need to get past Step 1 to further with investigation and Public Consultation. She encouraged public

feedback when it comes to rezoning of areas, which includes concerns, questions and if you are or are not in support of a proposal. She asked that residents follow the Facebook notices and reach out to the Town, because all comments are taken into consideration before making an informed decision.

Mayor Manuel explained that's what happens when a request comes in for rezoning, Council first decide if there is any merit to the changes that are being asked for. Sometimes Council know right away that they are not in favour of a request, and then sometimes further investigation and Public Consultation is required. If approved, this request must go through Government, and that can also be a time-consuming process.

Regarding the purchase of land on Grenfell Heights, it is land that Council is looking at for future development. Future development could be up to forty (40) years from now, but we must make sure that there is land available for future growth for our community.

The Multi- Year Capital Works Program is a Program that is administered by the Provincial Government and runs on a three (3) year cycle that lets you understand how much funding you are able to get as a municipality to be able to put against your Capital Projects. This could be Municipal Infrastructure, paving, or facilities to name a few, but we are yet to find out from Government how much the municipalities are getting. Every community has different ratios based on population, ours is 70\30 meaning the Government will put in seventy percent (70%) and the Town has to put in thirty percent (30%). He was mentioning this because the Provincial Budget was released this week, and there was a lot of spending on healthcare, but he was disappointed that there did not seem to be a whole lot there for municipalities. Communities have to have this funding to be able to keep up with the municipality's infrastructure, so we hope to hear something soon as there needs to be plans in place for execution as soon as possible. To do this work there is a process to go through whether it be putting tender packages together for companies to bid on, submit drawing to Government for approval, whatever the case the later we hear about the funding, the later we are able to start the work and we only have a small window where the weather is good enough to get the work completed. We need to urge the Government to get the funding announcement out earlier in the year, so that we can be a little more efficient and effective with the money.

Regarding the rezoning request for Queensway, he stated that he was a little surprised to see that there was a requirement for an access road to be put in by the developer. It was his understanding that Council was ok with the development in that area, as long as staff could work with this individual to make it work. This will go back to the Committee for further discussion, but he acknowledged that people who are in this community recognize that one thing that is a big challenge

these days is housing. In his opinion, these sorts of development have to go forward and we need to work with these developers, not make it more difficult for them. Council needs to talk more about making more land available for these sorts of developments and encourages developers to put this sort of housing in place. It is very concerning when people have to move to another community because they can't find anywhere to live in their hometown, and it is something that we really need to address as it is a huge issue.

The following Resolution was presented by Councillor Coady:-

RESOLUTION GF-W 2023-362

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 Town of Grand Falls-Windsor agrees to enter into the Agreement dated March 15th, 2023 to reallocate funding under the Multi-Year Capital Works Program.

Motion

Coady\Noel

Be it resolved that Resolution GF-W 2023-362 would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Corporate Services (1 of 2)

The following report was presented by Councillor Hiscock.

Labour Report

The Committee reviewed the labour costs as of week ten (10). Total labour was \$641,609. This was \$23,897 (3.6%) under budget.

The Committee is pleased with the early results of the labour budget and recommends that staff continue to monitor labour costs moving forward.

Disbursement Report

The Committee reviewed the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$611,809.61 and recommends this be presented at the next Council meeting.

Taxation Receivables Analysis Report

The Committee discussed collections and ways to improve. They discussed using social media to remind residents of tax deadlines and ways they can pay. As well using water shut-off notices and tax sales were also discussed as a means for collecting outstanding taxes from residents.

The Committee reviewed the taxation analysis for February 2023. The report analyzes the receivable balances, along with the amounts collected during the month. Total taxation receivables as of February 28th, 2023 was \$17,323,194.74 (\$16,480,856.07 – 2022) an increase of \$842,338.67 (5.11%) from the previous year. Total amount of taxes collected in February 2023 was \$1,172,833.

Residents and businesses are reminded that Friday, March 31st, 2023 is the deadline to pay your tax bills. To avoid interest, please ensure taxes are paid or a payment plan is set up.

Voyent Alert Launch

The Communications Officer provided an overview and demo of our new Town notification software Voyent Alert.

The software is almost ready to launch and will be promoted to the public in the coming weeks.

C-20 Fire Department

The Committee reviewed Policy C-20 Fire Department Recognition Awards – Years of Services. The Policy documents existing practices for recognition of the service of volunteer firefighters.

The Committee recommends approval of this Policy.

Utility Act

The Director informed the Committee of a loophole that utility companies have found within the Utility and Cable Television Companies Act which allows them to underreport their gross revenue.

The Committee recommends that staff draft a letter to send to Provincial and Municipal Affairs and Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador to ask for this Act to be changed so that utility companies are required to report all relevant revenue.

Nelson Chatman, Director of Public Works and Development joined the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Equipment Commitments

The Director of Public Works and Development submitted Capital Expenditure requests that end up being purchased in 2024. With the way the economy is now, in order to receive these items in 2024, they must be ordered as soon as possible.

The Committee recommends starting the process to purchase the excavator and Municipal Enforcement vehicle.

The Committee reviewed a request to purchase a new asphalt plant, a Bagela BA70000 Model from SNT Solutions for \$145,000 plus tax. The current asphalt plant just broke down and is too costly to repair.

These units normally take time to manufacture and deliver; however, the Director of Public Works and Development found one that is available to be delivered next week at a reasonable price.

The Committee recommends proceeding with the purchase of this considered the urgent purchase is required for operations.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Hiscock\Little

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

Councillor Little commented on the Voyent Alert App and advised that it will be very useful to get urgent information out to residents. It can also be used to promote our programs, if the user signs up for those types of alerts. He encouraged residents to keep an eye out for this App, as it will be launched in the very near future and will be a useful tool for the Town.

Mayor Manuel commented that the Voyent Alert App is unique because it allows the Town to only alert residents that are affected in the area for the Alert, therefore when users sign up they can identify a certain area of Town that they would like to be notified of alerts. It is a great way to communicate with the public, especially those that are not on Facebook. He encouraged residents to download the App and be informed of issues that would be relevant to you.

Councillor Coady clarified that you do not have to have the App to be notified of an Alert, residents can provide us with information on how they would like to receive the information\alerts. You can get it on your cell phone by a text message, as an email, or to your home phone. So, if you do not have a cell phone or follow social media these are options for you to still receive the notification.

Deputy Mayor Browne reminded that March 31st is the deadline to pay your taxes and more importantly the deadline for seniors to get their discount on their taxes.

Corporate Services (2 of 2)

Prior to the reading of these Minutes Deputy Mayor Browne was excused due to a perceived conflict of interest.

The following report was also presented by Councillor Hiscock.

Grand Falls Golf Club

Deputy Mayor Browne was excused before this meeting due to a perceived conflict of interest as he is the Executive Director of the Grand Falls Golf Course.

The Director of Corporate Services presented the 2022 Grand Falls Golf Course financials, in addition to a summary of financial information from 2012 – 2022.

The Grand Falls Golf Club are requesting release of their 2023 Operating Grant, in addition to support toward future Capital upgrades at the Course.

The Committee recommends release of the Grant and to obtain more information before any other assistance is provided regarding Course upgrades.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Hiscock\Noel

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

Deputy Mayor Browne returned to the meeting at this time.

Committee of the Whole (1 of 2)

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Browne.

Rezoning Request - 1 St. Catherine Street

The Committee reviewed a request from the property owner at 1 St. Catherine Street. The proposed development requires rezoning of the old Millcrest School from Public Use (PU) to Low and Medium Density Multi-Unit Residential (RM-1) zone. In addition, the proposal is to rezone the old gymnasium from Public Use (PU) to Commercial General Restricted (CG-R). The notice was advertised in the local newspaper, Town's social media outlets and as courtesy to the neighbourhood, mailed to adjacent property owners. There were numerous submissions received objecting to the commercial rezoning; however, there was support for the residential zoning request. Objections were with concerns of noise, heavy traffic, tractor trailer traffic, disruption of residential neighbourhood and fear of further commercial development in this area moving forward.

The Committee recommends staff arrange a meeting with the owner at a future Committee meeting to get a better understanding of the proposed development. It is important all the information is gathered before deciding on the next stage of the process.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Browne\Little

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

Deputy Mayor Browne advised there were many objections received regarding the rezoning request for 1 St. Catherine Street, but he wanted to make it clear that there was no decision made on this request tonight. The proponent has asked for a meeting with Council to discuss his plans and after that Council will make a decision.

Mayor Manuel wanted to add that there will also be a Public Forum before any decisions are made as well. Council has many of the same concerns that were brought forward in the objections, and we certainly will not be moving forward with anything that will have an adverse effect on the neighbourhood.

Committee of the Whole (2 of 2)

The following report was also presented by Deputy Mayor Browne.

Youth Advisory Committee

The Committee finalized the review of the Terms of Reference for the Youth Advisory Committee. The Committee is pleased with the document and is excited to get the Committee up and running.

The Committee recommends these Terms of Reference be approved and for staff to begin sharing the message to gain interest in the Youth Advisory Committee in order to start at the beginning of the next school year in September 2023.

Environment Resources Management Association (ERMA)

The Committee discussed information received from Environment Resources Management Association (ERMA) on projects and activities they are planning.

The Committee recommends staff set up a meeting between Council and ERMA to discuss their plans and to work together to achieve common goals.

Mayor Manuel joined the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Gorge Park Presentation

The Committee received a presentation from CBCL Ltd. and their partners on the final design of Gorge Park for the future phases of development. These include more trails, lookouts, suspension bridge, and a new building.

The Committee was pleased with the final plan and recommends staff add it to the list of future Capital Projects for discussion.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Browne\Little

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

Councillor Noel stated he is very pleased that the Town has taken the initiative to have a Youth Advisory Committee, and he believes that the youth advisory would be such an asset going forward.

Mayor Manuel agrees that the Youth Advisory Committee is a great opportunity for the youth to have their voices heard and express the power of their minds with their thoughts and ideas.

Councillor Coady was impressed with the beauty of the Gorge Park presentation and stated that if we could get the funding to do the projects presented it would put us in a class of our own. The price tag is astronomical, so the Provincial and Federal Governments would definitely have to come on board with these projects that would have to be done in phases. We will continue to look at the project and find certain ways to find funding because it is so important to grow and develop our Town to make it a great place to live and visit.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Coady commented that the first in-person Kiwanis Music Festival since 2019 is happening now until March 31st. She encouraged people to get out and support the local talent that we have. It showcases local musicians in

voice, guitar, choirs, piano along with any other musical and artistic abilities. Over one thousand (1,000) people are involved in this Festival, from participants, teachers and volunteers. Family and Friends Night is happening tomorrow, Wednesday, March 29th at the Gordon Pinsent Centre for the Arts, and admission is \$10.00 at the door, and there is lots of local talent set up for that event. The Highlights of the Festival will be at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, March 31st at the Gordon Pinsent Centre for the Arts and tickets are \$25.00 at the Box Office. More information can be found at kiwanisclubgfw.ca or the Kiwanis Club GFW Facebook page. We started our new Garbage Regulation at the beginning of 2022, and it has been difficult to get all residents to comply. However, according to the stats the week ending November 5th, 2022, there were one hundred and forty-four (144) violations, the week ending March 25th there were ten (10) violations and she wanted to thank all residents for complying with the regulations that help keep our Town clean and beautiful. Lastly, she wanted to remind residents that 10 digit dialing starts this weekend, all residents making local calls will now have to dial the area code first.

Councillor Noel wanted to remind people that June 2nd and 3rd is our ATV\UTV Poutine Festival, that last year was a huge success with riders from all over the Province. He encouraged residents to keep checking the Facebook page for updates on that. He wanted to thank Tech NL, the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor and our Economic\Business Development Officer for the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Program that will run with the High School and Intermediate School. It is great to see forty (40) students involved in a day long activity, to educate them on hacking threats and IT system defense. He wanted to thank the community for their patience while we work diligently on pothole repairs as soon as possible. He also wanted to remind people to take extra precautions while ice fishing and make sure your day of fun is not saddened by tragedy.

Councillor Hiscock received an abundance of messages of appreciation from coaches and family members for the success of our Special Olympics. Appreciations goes out to the organizers on the Committee, to our Director of Community Services and his staff. I love to brag about our employees and Directors because they do a fantastic job and always go above and beyond to make sure these events go off successfully. He also mentioned that April 9th – 15th is Provincial Drama Festival Week, and on April 10th our very own Northcliffe Drama Club will be presenting a play called “Self Help” a play by Norm Foster and directed by Dave Anthony and Mary Kelly. He encouraged residents to call the Gordon Pinsent Centre for the Arts Box Office to get information and tickets, as he is sure it will be a fabulous event.

Councillor Little advised that on April 3rd at 6:30 P.M. at the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium there will be a hockey game between the Grand Falls-Windsor Fire Department and some teachers from the community to raise money for the breakfast program. This is a very good cause, because it feeds children that come to school hungry, and they cannot learn if they are hungry.

Deputy Mayor Browne congratulated former resident of Grand Falls-Windsor Larry Barry, who was one of the stars of the hit show “Son of a Critch”. He stated that everyone in Grand Falls-Windsor is proud of him, and he advised him to keep up the good work.

Mayor Manuel commented on the compliance of the Garbage Regulations and stated that it is so nice to see that the gulls are not able to tear up the garbage leaving a mess in Town. He advised that the Health Coalition are continually talking about the healthcare issues within our community regarding access to primary care and the future of our Hospital. They are meeting with Minister Osborne tomorrow and will be bringing these topics to the Ministers attention and as well as making sure we are not left behind in anything when it comes to healthcare, especially since all of the investments were announced. It was announced that we will be one of the communities that are going to be a recipient for a Family Care Team, which is the new way to provide patient care to residents. We want to make sure this gets implemented very soon, because we all know how serious the situation is trying to obtain access to primary care. There is a patient connect portal that the Province has for people that do not have a family Doctor, which allows them to sign up for the next available one. The wind bids came in on March 23rd and we have very little information other than there were approximately nineteen (19) proposals made. We also know of one perhaps two proponents to develop a Wind Energy Project in the Botwood area, so we will keep in consultation with that. He encouraged residents to check out the hockey schedule because Easter means lots of tournaments. Lastly, he stated that it is difficult to get information out to everyone because people get information from different place\platforms etc... If anyone has any questions or wants information on something they can contact him or any member of Council for clarity, and then at least the information out there is full context and factual.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Little\Browne

Be it resolved that the meeting of the Grand Falls-Windsor Town Council would be adjourned until the next regular scheduled meeting of Tuesday, April 18th, 2023. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Barry Manuel
Mayor

Steve Gosse
Director of Corporate Services\Town
Clerk