### MEETING #576

#### MINUTES OF MEETING

## GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL

### HELD IN THE TOWN HALL

## 7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

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

Prior to the meeting the Mayor signed the following three (3) Proclamations for:- Fibromyalgia Awareness Day – May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023; Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month and Municipal Awareness Week – May 8th to 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of Meeting #573 of Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

#### Motion

Hiscock\Coady

Be it resolved that the Minutes of Meeting #573 of Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The Mayor also asked for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of Meeting #575 of Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Motion

Little\Dwyer

Be it resolved that the Minutes of Meeting #575 of Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

### BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

### DISBURSEMENT REPORT

Councillor Dwyer presented the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$696,628.19.

Motion

Dwyer\Browne

Be it resolved that the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$696,628.19 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.

# Joe Byrne Ice 2023-2024 and Cancellation Policy

The Committee discussed the proposed schedule for the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium for the upcoming 2023-2024 calendar year. The Director informed the Committee that the requests for ice rentals are usually sent out in late August so all user groups have a better understanding of their potential registration and schedule requirements.

The Committee recommends that the Director continue to work with the groups throughout the summer and to finalize the schedule in the fall. The Director informed the Committee that Windsor Stadium will be opening late

summer for Hockey School and the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium will reopen in January for regular use.

The Committee had some discussion on the cancellation of ice and what could be done to help all user groups. The Director informed the Committee of the past practice of booking all ice requests for the year in September.

The Committee recommends that the Director work with all the groups to ensure that all ice is maximized and limit the amount of unused ice as much as possible. The Committee also recommends having one rental session from the opening date until December 2023, when one Stadium is in operation. The Director will work with Minor Hockey and all other user groups to ensure fair ice time distribution.

## **Skating Rules and Regulations**

The Committee discussed the skating rules associated with General Skating and Family Skating.

The Committee recommends that the rules be adopted and shared with public via the Town's Facebook.

### **Promotional Items**

The Committee discussed the purchasing of promotional items for the coming summer season.

The Committee recommends that the Director investigate purchasing some of the popular items such as hats, bags and air fresheners and re-evaluate the supply in the fall.

# Swing for Rotary Park

The Committee reviewed the quotes for the proposed 4 bay swing to be installed in Rotary Park.

The Committee recommends that the Director source out other options for shipping and bring them back to the Committee for the next meeting.

## Summer Maintenance

The Committee discussed the work required to get the sports fields ready for the summer.

The Director informed the Committee that he has met with the Public Works and Development staff and work is ongoing and that all fields should be ready to go for the start of each group's spring sessions.

# Economic Development Update

The Committee reviewed a staff report and encouraged the Director to continue moving all the files forward.

### Recreation NL Event Summit

The Committee reviewed the correspondence for staff training and recommended that the Director and any member of the Committee consider attending this event.

## Crime Stoppers Dog Show Request

The Committee reviewed the correspondence from the Crime Stoppers on hosting their annual Dog Show at the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium.

The Committee recommended that the Director work with Crime Stoppers to secure a date for the Dog Show.

# South and Central Health Foundation Request

The Committee reviewed the request from the South and Central Health Foundation asking to borrow tables and chairs for their upcoming annual Radiothon scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Exploits Valley Mall.

The Committee recommended that we help the Foundation and provide them with the tables and chairs required to make the event a success.

# Heritage Canada Funding Letter

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Heritage Canada on our successful funding application for our Canada Day celebrations.

The Committee recommends that the Director proceed with planning a Family Day event on July 1<sup>st</sup> and giant fireworks display at dusk.

## Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium Board Room

The Director informed the Committee that he is still investigating options for a meeting room and will bring back a recommendation at a later meeting for discussion.

## Federal Summer Student Allocation

The Director informed the Committee that the Towns request for students this year has been cut by forty-five percent (45%). The Director informed the Committee that the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor usually receives 13-15 summer students from this Program and this year only received 7. The Director informed the Committee that he has heard from many communities in Central and most have experienced the same cuts in student allocations.

The Committee recommends that the Director work with staff to ensure the Community Programs continue and that he follow-up with the local MP to find out why the cuts occurred.

### Other Business

The Director informed the Committee that the Community Services Department is planning its first of two (2) Giant Community Flea Markets on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and that tables will be sold online on the Town's website starting Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Director informed the Committee that the Community Services staff are working on a family entertainment event for early August and hope to have additional information in the coming month.

The Director informed the Committee that the community Salmon Festival will be announced on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and posted on the Town's Facebook page. The Director also informed the Committee that Kelly Ford will once again be the major sponsor for this year's Festival and Molson\Coors will be the spirit sponsor for the adult activities of the Festival.

The Committee had some discussion on freestanding basketball nets that are often left on roads and sidewalks and impede traffic of motorized transportation.

The Committee recommends that the Communications Department make a post to remind the public about rules and regulations that are in place for their use.

The Committee had some discussion on enhancing the picnic area at Gorge Park to accommodate more people. The Director informed the Committee that he has been working with the Public Works and Development Department to carry out improvements to this area and that work will be ongoing throughout the summer and fall.

The Committee had some discussion about the possibility of a new Community Recreation facility.

The Committee has asked staff to continue work on the planning and bring more information back to the Committee at a future meeting.

The Committee discussed correspondence from the Community Garden Club that indicated that Dave Morrow has offered to volunteer with the Community Garden Club this summer. As well, the Club communicated that an additional sixty-five (65) new beds were planned to be built and there was a waiting list for additional spaces.

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 Hiscock advised our staff were up cleaning the Dog Park after the winter and they were down on the ball fields cleaning them up and preparing for summer activities. Unfortunately, some people in the community do not respect our facilities by not cleaning up after their animals. He wanted to remind citizens that animals are not permitted on the ball and soccer fields, and he asks that they be kind, and cognizant in respecting the rules and regulations of our facilities.

Deputy Mayor Browne advised the Press Conference for the Salmon Festival will be tomorrow morning, Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. and all are welcome to attend the announcement of entertainment that are booked and what events are in store for the Festival.

Mayor Manuel also mentioned in the Minutes the Radiothon is tomorrow in support of the South and Central Health Foundation located at the Exploits Valley Mall from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. He encouraged people to drop by and donate and support the important cause. He was very disappointed to see that there will be a reduction in the Canada Summer Job Grants, because they are important not

only because they provide groups and municipalities with employees, but it also gives opportunities for students to get employment. He also advised we have had a lot of discussion about the need to have a recreation facility in Grand Falls-Windsor. This is mainly due to the ageing of our facilities and the fact that we have a very active community that we want to make sure have appropriate facilities. The Council needs to make sure that every square inch of a facility is used wisely, and that it is as economical as possible. We know that the price tag of this will be a hefty one, but we will do our best to get the plan out and will be talking to people in the community about that soon.

## Public Works and Development

The following report was presented by Councillor Coady.

## Rezoning Request – Cromer Avenue

The Committee reviewed proposals to address traffic concerns if the lot on Cromer Avenue adjacent to Shanawdithit Centennial Field were rezoned from Recreation Open Space (ROS) to Commercial Highway (CH). The rezoning request was discussed in a previous meeting. The proposed design for changes to Cromer Avenue would alleviate any concerns in the future.

The Committee was satisfied that the traffic concerns could be addressed and recommends the rezoning process commence.

# <u>Rezoning – Grenfell Heights Subdivision</u>

The Committee discussed the new proposed subdivision near 43 Grenfell Heights. Council has requested all new subdivisions have land available for multi-unit housing which will require these areas to be rezoned to accommodate these types of residential units. The proposal is to rezone this new subdivision area, and the surrounding future development areas, from Single Unit Urban Residential (RS-3) to Low and Medium Density Multi-Unit Residential (RM-1). RM-1 would allow for single family residential dwellings and multi-unit residential dwellings.

The Committee recommends this area be rezoned to RM-1 to address the needs of the community and for staff to commence the rezoning process.

# <u>Land Development – Circular Road</u>

The Committee reviewed a request for a parcel of land at 105 Circular Road to be rezoned to accommodate the construction of a duplex. The area is adjacent to the intersection of Union Street and Circular Road near Riverside Convenience. Currently, the site is landscaped with mature trees and grass.

The Committee recommends this request be denied. The location is on a busy corner and there are additional traffic concerns. The Committee also recommends staff work with the individual to possibly identify other suitable locations.

## <u>Land Request – 15 Cromer Avenue</u>

The Committee reviewed a request from a business owner at 15 Cromer Avenue for a small parcel of land in front of the building that would allow an expansion to the existing structure. The purpose of the expansion is to start up a new business.

The Committee recommends staff reach out to the business owner and recommend they purchase the required frontage needed for the expansion for the full width of the existing building.

# <u>Variance Request – 48 Second Avenue</u>

The Committee reviewed a request from the resident at 48 Second Avenue for a ten percent (10%) variance on the minimum setback from the rear property line. The resident is proposing to put an extension on their home. A notice was mailed to adjacent property owners and there were no objections received.

The Committee recommends the variance be approved if the existing accessory building is removed or relocated to accommodate the required separation from the home once the extension is added.

# **Housing Development**

The Committee was updated by staff on the recent discussion with different developers on future subdivision construction. The intent is to ensure the Town is prepared for population growth due to several large-scale projects potentially coming to the Central Region. All discussions to-date have been very positive.

The Committee recommends staff continue to meet and work with developers in accelerating housing development as needed.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

#### Motion

Coady\Hiscock

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

Mayor Manuel said it is good to see lots of action regarding talking to developers, identifying land and areas that have potential for development, especially when it comes to providing in particular multi-unit housing.

## Corporate Services (1 of 2)

The following report was presented by Councillor Dwyer.

# Labour Report

The Committee reviewed the labour costs as of week sixteen (16). Total labour was \$980,277. This was \$57,599 (5.5%) under budget.

The Committee is pleased with the 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 \$696,628.19 and recommends this be presented at the next Council meeting.

# <u>PWD – 3 Land Sales Policy Revision</u>

The Committee discussed PWD - 3 Land Sales Policy and recommended that this Policy be adjusted as proposed.

# <u>C – 16 Equipment Loan Out Policy</u>

The Committee reviewed C - 16 Equipment Loan Out Policy and discussed possible changes.

The Committee recommends staff work on draft revisions and bring back to a future Committee meeting.

Councillor Little and Deputy Mayor Browne were excused from the meeting at 6:00 P.M. and this meeting paused until 7:15 P.M.

## Municipal Enforcement Vehicle

The Committee discussed options for the replacement of a Municipal Enforcement Officer vehicle. The original budget was \$65,000; however, the best option for replacement is to purchase a vehicle that would come pre-equipped with a police package. This would prevent voiding the manufacturer warranty on a new vehicle by having to take it apart and install the light and siren package. Based on the price of a similar vehicle purchased last year, it is expected to cost approximately \$73,000.

The Committee recommends staff continue with the purchase process for this emergency response vehicle.

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 7-0.

# 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 Dwyer.

# Meeting with Grand Falls Golf Club Executive

Deputy Mayor Browne, who is the Executive Director of the Golf Club, was not present at this portion of the meeting due to a perceived conflict of interest.

Members of the Grand Falls Golf Club Executive joined the meeting at 6:00 P.M. to discuss the upcoming season and possible Capital Upgrades at the Course. The Executive is requesting support from the Town for its upcoming upgrades.

The Committee was pleased to see that the Executive recognizes the need for upgrades and that they are committed to improving the experience for residents and tourists.

The Committee recommends this be discussed further at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

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.

Deputy Mayor Browne returned to the meeting at this time.

## Committee of the Whole

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Browne.

# Goodyear Baseball Field

The Committee discussed a citizen concern about disturbance from ATV's and motorbikes in the area between Baseball Field "A" and the residential homes on Circular Road. The Municipal Enforcement Officers visited the area and confirmed there are five (5) points of entry or exit into this space.

The Committee recommends that staff follow up with the resident and report back to the Committee for more discussion.

# <u>Land Sale – 15 Cromer Avenue</u>

The Committee discussed a request from the property owner at 15 Cromer Avenue to purchase approximately 94 meters squared of Town frontage land to accommodate an extension on his business and to enable compliance on the Town's minimum setback regulations.

The Committee recommends this land be sold as per policy.

## Garbage Regulations

The Committee reviewed the status of compliance on the new Garbage Regulations that were adopted in February 2021 and became effective in January 2022. The new Regulations expanded the Town's garbage collection to include collection at properties that were constructed as four-unit buildings and the Town added the mandatory use of garbage bins.

Prior to and after these new Garbage Regulations came into effect in January 2022, there was a concerted communications effort undertaken until November 2022, at which time strict compliance was actioned. The Committee is now pleased to report that incidents of non-compliance are negligible on a weekly basis.

The Committee was appreciative of citizen engagement, and willingness to follow the new Regulations. Staff reported a decline in incidents of blankets and tarps getting caught in the snowblower, and a decrease in broken bags of garbage having to be cleaned up by staff.

The Committee thanks citizens for their co-operation and staff for their support in making this change.

### **YMCA**

The Committee reviewed a request from the YMCA for a \$60,000 grant. The Town budgeted \$25,000 based on Financial Statements provided at budget time, reporting a projected loss of \$11,746. In 2022, the Town provided a grant of \$60,000 and the same in 2021 and 2020. A grant of \$100,000 was provided in 2019 and 2018 and \$65,000 in 2017.

The current request is an additional \$35,000 over budget but is based on revised financial projections from the YMCA that is estimating a loss of \$74,258 in 2023.

The Committee recommends a grant of \$60,000 be approved for the YMCA and that staff arrange a follow-up meeting with the YMCA to discuss grants in future years.

Councillor Little was excused from the meeting at 6:25 P.M.

### OTHER BUSINESS

# Flushing Water Lines

The Committee discussed some complaints about water quality last week. Staff report that the reports are likely the result of flushing the main waterline from the Water Treatment Plant to Grenfell Heights. A "Flushing Notice" was issued in advance by Town staff.

### Town Merchandise

The Committee discussed a request for some Town branded merchandise for the High School Graduates.

The Committee recommends staff provide some branded merchandise.

## Housing Development

The Committee was given an update about two (2) developers interested in advancing housing land development projects this year. Staff will provide more information at a future Committee meeting.

The Committee recommends that staff remain engaged with developers to ensure their individual land development projects advance.

## Multi-Year Capital Funding

The Committee discussed their concern about funding not yet being announced by the Government, and that is normally available for the largest municipalities in the Province. This Capital Funding for largest communities in the Province has been long established part of budgeting and its absence is having a significant effect on the important Capital Work required across Town.

The Committee recommends that staff follow up with the Minister.

# Mufflers that Emit Excessive Noise

The Committee discussed citizen concerns about vehicles that produce excessive noise because of modified muffler choices.

The Committee recommends that staff consult with the RCMP and Municipal Police about options to address the concern.

## Glove Museum

Council is invited to attend a Glove Museum Grand Opening event in Point Leamington on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, between 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

# Dog Park

The Committee discussed a concern that signage associated with promoting and locating the Dog Park within Town was inadequate.

The Committee recommends that staff address this issue.

## Water Connection at Windsor Pentecostal Cemetery

The Committee discussed a request to have access to a water tap for the Windsor Pentecostal Cemetery on Toulett Drive.

The Committee recommends that staff investigate options.

## **Union Street Cemetery**

The Committee discussed a concern from citizens about the condition of the road into this cemetery. This is a church-owned road, but the Town has patched this road in the past.

The Committee recommends that staff assist where possible when asked for assistance.

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.

Councillor Hiscock advised that the water connection for Windsor Pentecostal Cemetery was something that we looked at last year, but unfortunately the weather would not allow us to get the work done. We are now looking at it again for this year and will have more information on that in the coming weeks. He also advised that with the continuous freezing and thawing weather it has been wreaking havoc with the asphalt on the road leading to the Union Street Cemetery. We are now waiting for the roads to dry up, then the Cemetery Committee will clean up the area so that when staff and materials become available it is ready for us to patch up as we have done for many years.

Councillor Coady advised as of the last garbage pick-up the results are ninety-nine percent (99%) compliant with the Garbage Regulations, and she wanted to say "Thank You" to the residents for making that happen. There are still a couple of violations here and there, and our collectors are placing violation

notices on those properties. If you receive a violation notice and have any questions about why you are in violation, you can reach out to the Town at 489-0420. We have noticed with such a high compliance, that there has been less maintenance needed on our street cleaners due to no entanglement with sheets that were used to cover garbage. We knew that one of the benefits of moving to covered garbage containers would be that there would be less maintenance costs to our equipment, and this outcome confirms that we did indeed make the right move. Spring Clean-Up starts May 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup>, and the schedules should be received in your mailbox. If you did not receive one, the schedule is on our website, Twitter and Facebook page. She also advised the Circular Road project started this week, and she asks residents to be mindful of the signage and staff that are working in the area. These improvements are necessary and have been coming for a long time so we are happy that it has finally started, but she asks residents be patient as it will be a long ongoing project that will run well into the summer and for them to take an alternate route if possible until improvements are complete.

Mayor Manuel asks residents to adhere to the regulations when it comes to Spring Clean-Up and do not place any household items out for pick up until at least forty-eight (48) hours before the scheduled day. He explained because Grand Falls-Windsor does not receive Municipal Operating Grants we rely on our Multi-Year Capital Funding to complete a lot of the necessary work within the community. We still have not heard what the funding will be, which leaves us in a predicament where we have no idea if we are getting funding and that means we cannot proceed with any big projects which puts a wrench into our operations. It is now mid-May and even if we hear about the funding, it is too late to do the work for this year because by the time the paperwork, tenders, bidding and plans are done we are into October. This leads to a lot of frustration and disappointment, especially when we lobby Government every year to get the funding announcements out earlier in the year so that projects can get started in May. He also advised there have been changes in legislation regarding allowing more regulatory authority when it comes to excessive noise and loud mufflers. We will be looking into that to ensure we have the ability to address the problem.

### NOTICE OF MOTION

None

### OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Noel reminded residents that this Friday to Sunday the Exploits Valley High School will be performing the "Mamma Mia" Musical which will be a great show, so he encouraged residents to purchase tickets in support of that event. He advised that on June 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a "Thank You" send off to our two (2) retiring groomer operators of thirty (30) years. He encouraged riders to come out and say Thank You" to them for keeping the trails safe in Central. He was pleased that when he was driving around Town the other day that he noticed that there are no basketball nets blocking sidewalks for pedestrians and he wanted to remind residents that if you do put a basketball net up on the street to please remove it when not in use. Students have recently done a lot of clean up around Town and it is great to see such an improvement in our beautiful community, he would like people to collectively help clean up businesses\retail properties or at least make them aware that there is clean up that needs to be done.

Councillor Hiscock noted last week was Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Campaign and we all went out to participate and help decorate the cookies. The final numbers for the contributions made to the Lionel Kelland Hospice are not in yet, but it was a great fundraiser, and he thanked those that participated and purchased cookies. He advised Grand Falls-Windsor will be hosting a fire school from May 27<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup> and we are expecting 400 to 500 participants. He also advised this is Nurse's Week and a big "Thank You" to all our nurses and the fine job that they do. They are overworked and understaffed, and he asks people to be respectful and thankful for all their hard work in their profession.

Councillor Little advised he attended the Sparkling Blades Ice Show which was a very well done and entertaining Show. He congratulated all involved for the success. He also noticed the number of bags of garbage filled from pick up of the area of Harris Avenue\Grenfell Heights and was amazed at how much garbage had accumulated, so he thanked all involved in the garbage clean-up around Town.

Councillor Dwyer advised the Lionel Kelland Hospice announced that they will be opening this fall, which is wonderful news, and after a tour of the inside stated it is very impressive. The Hike for Hospice is June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> and Council has a team that will be participating in the hike, and we are looking forward to it. She advised Queen Street Dinner Theatre has been promoting the shows that they will be having this summer which consist of four (4) shows: - ABBA, Fleetwood Mac, Frank Sinatra and a Country Music Show. This marks their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, so congratulations to them. She wished "Happy Nurse's Week" to all the nurses that play such an important role in our community.

Deputy Mayor Browne expressed condolences to the family of the late Tony Walsh, who was Cataracts and St. Mike's Hockey player back in the day that will

be sadly missed. He also expressed condolences to the family of the late Anita Kelly, who represented the Province and Town in Provincial Broomball, Curling and Golf Championships, another great athlete that passed away suddenly and will be missed. He congratulated former Councillor Tom Pinsent who has a new album out called "Outskirts" and is touring Central Newfoundland communities putting off free concerts in aid of local charities. On May 31st the Tom Pinsent Band will be at the Classic Theater and all the proceeds will go to the scouting movement here in Grand Falls-Windsor. Finally, he asked that everyone check our Facebook page as there are a lot of events coming up including Mother's Day event and a Kitty Café to name a few. He also noted the Clean-Up Schedule can be found there.

Councillor Coady advised she has listened to Tom Pinsent's new album and it is great. She wished "Happy Nurse's Week" to all the nurses out there and "Thank You" because you are such an important part of our community and in our continuing good health. She noted this is Municipal Awareness Week and on our Facebook page there are some fun contests for the children and adults to show your favourite place in the community. Municipal Awareness Week is about celebrating the work that Municipal Councils and staff do in our communities and all the services that are provided to keep our community going. She claims that a weeks' worth of recognition is needed for all the work that Municipal staff do, and that she feels very privileged to be able to work with everyone. She noted we have already experienced a fire across the river, there was a fire in Harbour Breton and we are hearing the news about what is happening in Alberta now. Please take extra diligence when you are out and about enjoying the outdoors, be careful and make sure if you are having a fire, it is in a safe area and that it is fully distinguished after use. Please do not flick cigarette butts into the woods or grass, and those burning grass and lawns are advised against that. We certainly do not want to experience what we did last summer that was a threat to the community.

Mayor Manuel wished "Happy Nurse's Week" to all nurses, who have a challenging and more difficult job than people realize especially this day and age. They must deal with overburdened workloads and overflowed patient emergency rooms, so all the best to all the nurses out there and "Thank You". He advised he attended the "Day of Mourning" on April 28<sup>th</sup> which was arranged by David Hillier and the Town supported by providing some logistics with signs and traffic control. This event was well organized and there was a great crowd that attended to show recognition of all those injured or killed in the workplace. He also noted it is Mother's Day on Sunday and would like to wish all the mothers a "Happy Mother's Day".

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion
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Hiscock\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, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Barry Manuel	Darren Finn
Mayor	Chief Administrative Officer