

MINUTES OF MEETING

GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL

7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor: Barry Manuel  
 Deputy Mayor: Mike Browne  
 Councillors: Amy Coady, Holly Dwyer, Bob Hiscock,  
 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 signed a Proclamation for the Longest Day of Smiles.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of Meeting #576 of Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Motion  
Coady\Noel

Be it resolved that the Minutes of Meeting #576 of Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

## DISBURSEMENT REPORT

Councillor Dwyer presented the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$546,671.00.

Motion

Dwyer\Browne

Be it resolved that the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$546,671.00 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.

#### Maritime Junior A Hockey Presentation – Glenn Casey

The Committee met with Glenn Casey who is looking at purchasing a Maritime Junior A Franchise to play out of Grand Falls-Windsor. Mr. Casey highlighted the league format with a twenty-five (25) game schedule, the league's accomplishments, the fan base and what a team would do for the Grand Falls-Windsor community.

The Committee recommends that Mr. Casey work with our Director of Community Services to identify all requirements that Council would need provided in support of hosting a team in Grand Falls-Windsor and to offer other general non-financial support for Mr. Casey while he navigates through his acquisition process.

#### GFA 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion and Motorcade

The Committee discussed the correspondence from GFA 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee.

The Committee recommended that the Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer work with the group to ensure the motorcade has a safe route and assist with providing them support along the way.

### Duuo Insurance Correspondence

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Duuo Insurance about their insurance products offerings to non-profit groups who carry out activities in Town facilities.

The Committee recommended that the Chief Administrative Officer follow up with the Town's own insurance company to see if this additional insurance is a benefit to the user groups and will report the findings back at a later meeting.

### Skate Park Update

The Committee reviewed the drawing for the layout of the new Skate Park equipment and pump track.

The Committee recommends that the Director of Community Services and the Director of Public Works and Development order the new equipment and start the necessary site development work required before the equipment arrives. The Committee also recommended that the Town look into having evening summer students carry out security at the facility and install a camera in the area for additional support. The Committee also suggested that the Municipal Enforcement Officers make regular visits to the site and talk to the users throughout the summer and fall.

### Maintenance for Summer Fields

The Committee discussed the work required to get the sports fields and playgrounds ready for the summer season. 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. The Director also informed the Committee that he received some correspondence from parents about required equipment repairs on some playgrounds. The Director informed the Committee that this work will be carried out in the coming weeks.

### Economic Development Update

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

### Swing for Rotary Park

The Committee reviewed the quote from a new supplier for the Rotary Park swing.

The Committee recommends that the Director purchase the swing and have it installed before the end of the summer season.

### Other Business

The Director informed the Committee that staff have ordered some promotional items and should expect delivery by next month on the hats and bags well before tourism season arrives.

The Committee discussed putting down the portable floor for gymnastics and the Grad.

The Committee recommended that the Director work with the groups to put off their successful event; however, due to limited staff resources the floor cannot be installed.

The Director informed the Committee that he has received the Commemorative Application form from Judith Baker and has met with the Parks and Recreation Supervisor to identify the location. The tree is in memoriam to Audrey and Jeffrey Copley and will be installed in the green space by Sutherland Drive and Goodyear Avenue, the closest location to their requested area.

The Committee had some discussion on our annual Clean-Up Campaign going on in the community. The Committee would like to thank all the user groups and businesses who participated in making Grand Falls-Windsor clean and beautiful. The Committee also suggested that the Communications Officer post some pictures of local businesses who have taken the time to beautify their properties.

The Committee discussed the possibility of opening the Windsor Stadium earlier than expected due to high demand.

With the Stadium already rented for other summer events the Committee recommends that the Director work with Impact Hockey to consider options for use in 2024.

The Committee had some discussion on directional signs around Town promoting the Dog Park. The Director informed the Committee that the Director

of Public Works and Development has highlighted the areas in Town for sign placement and will have them installed in the coming months.

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 6-0.

Mayor Manuel noted he was at the Community Services meeting, but he is not listed as attended.

Councillor Noel was very pleased that Mr. Casey is looking to purchase a Maritime Junior Franchise to play out of Grand Falls-Windsor and believes it is a great opportunity for Grand Falls-Windsor.

Mayor Manuel noted all of Council agreed with Councillor Noel that it is great news, and it was good to see someone take the initiative. The plan is for the Maritime Junior A League to look for expansion into our Province and include several teams. It does not look like the Cataracts hockey team are coming back any time soon, so having a Junior A team here and having teams come in from all over Atlantic Canada would be huge. He believes that hockey fans in this community would embrace a team here, and he knows that Maritime Junior A are big into community involvement so he is sure the team would be heavily involved with the schools and Minor Hockey. There have been no financial requests at this point, and we do not expect any of any significance other than some in-kind support.

Councillor Hiscock stated it is a great job with the Clean-Up Campaign from different organizations within our community, as over one thousand (1,000) bags of litter have been picked up so far and it is still ongoing. He encouraged residents to stop littering and put garbage in its proper place, to help keep our Town clean.

Mayor Manuel mentioned it is great to see that one thousand (1,000) bags of garbage have been picked up, but it just goes to show that there is still some work that needs to be done when it comes to littering habits. Council decided for several years now to approach the community groups because there are a lot of groups in Town that are looking for fundraising opportunities and this way it is a win-win situation because we get the Town cleaned and they get three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for their efforts.

Mayor Manuel stated now is a good time for staff to take inventory of our signs around Town and locate where we are lacking, especially when it comes to pointing people in the direction of some of the facilities and services we provide.

There is no doubt we have a nice Dog Park that is located off the highway, so some extra signage will bring people off the highway into Town. He mentioned that the Town did up a Signage Strategy a few years ago along with a Signage and Beautification Strategy for Cromer Avenue, but like everything else it takes money. It is always a challenge to do everything we want to do, but we do have it on the list for when funding agencies come calling with some opportunities for funding. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the traffic entering Grand Falls-Windsor enter at the 4-leaf clover entrance so this would show improvements to the esthetics and value of our Town and hopefully encourage people to enter.

### Public Works and Development

The following report was presented by Councillor Coady.

#### Smoke House Building

The Committee reviewed a draft report from a Structural Engineer on the current condition of the smoke house building at the training facility on New Bay Road. It is recommended that the building not be used for training at this time. It is possible to look at repairs, but staff feel it would be too costly and recommend demolition of the structure. The Fire Chief also recommended replacing with sea cans for future training. Other jurisdictions use this type of set up for training.

The Committee recommends that the structure be demolished and to add the purchase of sea cans to the list for future Capital Expenditures.

#### Rezoning Request – Northcliffe Street

The Committee reviewed a request from staff to rezone the proposed development of Northcliffe Street in the Harmsworth Subdivision from Single Unit Urban Residential Zone (RS-3) to Low and Medium Density Multi-Unit Residential Zone (RM-1). This rezoning will help generate additional lots for multi-unit construction within the area of single-family dwellings.

The Committee recommends this be approved and staff commence the rezoning process.

### Land Request – 43 Birch Street

The Committee reviewed a request from the resident at 43 Birch Street to purchase 242 square meters of backland. The request is to obtain additional yard space and to construct a vegetable garden.

The Committee recommends this be approved and sold as per the Town's Land Sales Policy.

### Proposed Road – Queensway

The Committee reviewed a request from staff to obtain an 18m right-of-way adjacent to the Excite Centre on Queensway. This would allow a new street access, including new infrastructure, that would make more land available for residential development.

The Committee recommends staff go through the necessary steps to acquire the land and bring it back to a future meeting for discussion.

### Rezoning Request – 1 St. Catherine Street

The Committee reviewed the latest plan from the owner of 1 St. Catherine Street to rezone the property. This latest proposal is to rezone the old Millcrest School property only from Public Use Zone (PU) to Low and Medium Density Multi-Unit Residential Zone (RM-1) and to leave the area of the gymnasium. The rezoning will allow the developer to create additional housing units.

The Committee recommends this be approved and for staff to continue with the rezoning process.

### Household Hazardous Waste Day

The Committee reviewed the report from the Household Hazardous Waste Day that was held on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Committee was pleased with the turn out and looks forward to the next event that is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

### Saturday Drop-Off Memo

The Committee reviewed a draft internal memo to Public Works Supervisors on the operation of the Saturday Drop-Off. The memo breaks down the expectations for the operation of the site and changes that will help ensure all residents that arrive in time will not be turned away.

The Committee recommends that the Saturday Drop-Off continue to operate from 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. and communicate to the public that they must be at the site, in lineup, by 3:30 P.M. to be guaranteed they will be off-loaded. Residents arriving after 3:30 P.M. may be turned away if the site is busy.

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 6-0.

Councillor Coady advised the Saturday Drop-Off closes at 4:00 P.M. and there have been instances that when they are ready to close, they are still extremely busy with an enormous line-up. She recommends that if you are going to the Saturday Drop-Off that you be there no later than 3:30 P.M., as staff will be monitoring and if there is excessive traffic a barrier will be put up then. If anyone arrives after 3:30 P.M. behind the barrier, they may be turned away if it is extremely busy.

Councillor Hiscock advised unfortunately the smoke house building is condemned. It has served very well for the firefighter training that has been done over the years. As a cost saving measure, we are implementing sea cans which are being used by several other municipalities because they can be configured and designed for whatever the Fire Department needs for their training.

Councillor Noel advised residents that batteries can be disposed of on Household Hazardous Waste Day, so he encouraged residents to save up their old batteries and dispose of them on that day and not in the Spring Clean-Up.

Mayor Manuel advised we continue to be aggressive on finding ways for developers to move on land that is either already owned or land that could be conducive to development that we greatly need especially when it comes to duplexes and senior housing. It is great to see multi-unit rezoning requests for Northcliffe Street that would house several duplex style houses, and the Millcrest abandoned school property for residential development. It is also great to see the potential new road at Queensway which is another area that would be nice for residential development.

Corporate Services (1 of 2)

The following report was presented by Councillor Dwyer.



### Disbursement Report

The Committee reviewed the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$546,671.00 and recommends this be presented at the next Council meeting.

### Taxation Receivables Analysis

The Committee reviewed the taxation analysis for April 2023. The report analyzes the receivable balances, along with the amount collected during the month. Total taxation receivables as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, \$6,976,691.92 (\$6,904,465.85 – 2022) an increase of \$72,226.07 (1.05%) from the previous year. The total amount of taxes collected in April 2023 was \$1,110,898.

While the deadline to pay your taxes was March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, residents and businesses are still reminded to pay your tax bills as soon as possible to limit any interest charges. Please contact the Town Hall to pay your bill or set up a payment plan.

This meeting paused from 5:30 P.M. until 5:45 P.M. and Deputy Mayor Browne was excused for this time due to a perceived conflict of interest.

### Open Calls for Bids

The Committee reviewed an Open Call for Bids for Project #17-MCW-23-00017 Maloney Street Lift Station Upgrades.

The Committee recommends this project be awarded to Rodco Mechanical (2014) Ltd. in the amount of \$357,000 plus HST. This amount is \$100,250.58 over budget but is work that needs to be completed in order to service the Maloney Street area.

The Committee reviewed an Open Call for Bids for Project #17-GI-22-00034 Circular Road Upgrades – CIPP Lining of Sanitary Sewer.

The Committee recommends this project be awarded to Afonso Group in the amount of \$1,666,215 plus HST. This amount is \$146,311.90 over budget for this portion of the project but is work that is connected to the bigger Circular Road Project and must proceed.

### Staff Survey Results and Progress

The Director presented the results of the staff survey from the fall of 2022. After receiving the results, Management prepared an action plan that they have been following so far in 2023 which should help address any areas of concern that result from the survey results.

The Committee recommends that Management continue to follow the steps laid out in the action plan and keep them posted on any progress moving forward.

### Gymnastics Building

The Committee discussed options for the future of gymnastics and a long-term solution for the building that they operate out of. They are currently leasing space at 44 Hardy Avenue until 2024.

The Committee recommends that staff explore options for long-term solutions for the gymnastics program.

### Business Tax Categories

The Committee reviewed several business tax categories to determine if any changes were required based on the type of business and how it is being taxed.

The Committee recommends staff do some additional work on this project and report back to a future meeting.

### Littering Violations

Councillor Noel brought up the amount of garbage and litter that still exists around Town and inquired about the fines for this activity. Staff noted that the first offence for littering is between \$100 and \$500; and subsequent offences are between \$500 and \$1,000. Littering could also be subject to a term of imprisonment of up to three (3) months.

The Committee recommends that staff continue to monitor for littering violations and deal with them according to the regulations. In addition, the Committee recommends that Council should choose one of the remaining areas of Town that have not already been cleaned by a community group and help clean up that area.

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.

Prior to the reading of these Minutes Deputy Mayor Browne was excused from the meeting.

Mayor Manuel advised that Deputy Mayor Browne has excused himself from this set of Minutes because he has declared to have a perceived conflict of interest due to some relatives who live in the Bank Road area.

Corporate Services (2 of 2)

The following report was also presented by Councillor Dwyer.

Open Call for Bids

The Committee reviewed an Open Call for Bids for Project #17-MYCW-22-00007 Bank Road Water and Sewer Upgrades.

The Committee recommends this project be awarded to W. Reid Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$690,550 plus HST. This amount is \$59,291.81 over the original estimated costs.

I move the recommendation and report of this Committee.

Motion

Dwyer\Hiscock

Be it resolved that this recommendation and report would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Browne returned to the meeting at this time.

The following Resolution was presented by Councillor Dwyer:-

Resolution GF-W 2023-365

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 a funding shortfall of \$100,250.58 in the Multi-Year Capital Works Funded Project #17-MCW-23-00017 for Maloney Street Lift Station Upgrades;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor agrees to award the tender to Rodco Mechanical Ltd. in the amount of \$372,301.02 less rebate and recover any shortfall under Municipal Operational Cost or through a Schedule "A" adjustment within the Multi-Year Capital Works 2020-23 Funding.

Motion  
Dwyer\Coady

Be it resolved that Resolution GF-W 2023-365 would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The following Resolution was also presented by Councillor Dwyer:-

Resolution GF-W 2023-366

2021\2022 INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM  
FUNDING

WHEREAS: the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor qualifies for funding under the Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Fund;

WHEREAS: all projects and funding allocation under these Agreement must be approved through the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, Municipal Infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS: the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor has a funding shortfall of approximately \$146,000.00 in Project #17-GI-22-00034 which is an ICIP Funded Project (supporting documents attached) for the Circular Road Area Water, Storm and Sanitary Sewer Upgrades;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor agrees to award the tender to Afonso Group Ltd. in the amount of \$1,737,628.97 less rebate and recover the shortfall under Municipal Operational Cost.

Motion

Dwyer\Coady

Be it resolved that Resolution GF-W 2023-366 would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Deputy Mayor Browne excused himself from the meeting at this time due to a perceived conflict of interest for Resolution GF-W 2023-364.

The following Resolution was presented by Councillor Dwyer:-

Resolution GF-W 2023-364  
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 a funding shortfall of \$34,596.43 less rebate in the Multi-Year Capital Works Funded Project #17-MYCW-22-00007 for Bank Road Water and Sewer Upgrades;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor agrees to award the tender to W. Reid Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$720,146.97 less rebate and recover any shortfall under Municipal Operational Cost or through a Schedule "A" adjustment within the Multi-Year Capital Works 2020-2023 Funding.

Motion

Dwyer\Noel

Be it resolved that Resolution GF-W 2023-364 would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote 5-0.

Mayor Manuel explained Resolutions are voted on in the Council meetings because it is legislated as a necessary requirement for the funding from Provincial and Federal sources. It is not surprising to see that some tenders are under budgeted these days because prices for everything are continuing to skyrocket so when we look at the pricing a year ago and budgeted it has increased since then. Through the tender process and the Procurement Act when we put out a tender and reputable companies bid on them and the lowest bid gets the tender, so our hands are tied on that as it is also legislated that the lowest bid gets the tender no picking or choosing. It is also important to note that we get Multi-Year Capital Work Funding every three (3) years, so we may need to re-profile the funding from time to time to shift the approved funding from one project to another and that also requires a Resolution and approval from the Government.

#### Committee of the Whole (1 of 2)

The following report was presented by Councillor Coady.

#### Grand Falls Golf Course

The Committee discussed a request from the Grand Falls Golf Club for financial assistance with a Capital Project to install an irrigation system. The project is valued at approximately \$700,000.

Council recommends that staff have more discussions with the Club Executive and report back to the Committee.

This Committee meeting paused at 6:00 P.M. for a Virtual Code of Conduct training session and resumed at 8:20 P.M.

I move the recommendation and report of this Committee.

Motion

Coady\Noel

Be it resolved that this recommendation and report would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Browne returned to the meeting at this time.

Committee of the Whole (2 of 2)

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Browne.

Code of Conduct Orientation Training

The Committee participated in Code of Conduct Orientation training that was delivered virtually.

The Manager of Human Resources joined this training session and left once completed. The Director of Public Works and Development and the Director of Community Services left and did not participate in the training but rejoined the Committee meeting when it ended at 8:00 P.M.

Grand Falls House

The Committee had some preliminary discussions about the recently completed Business Plan associated with the Grand Falls House.

The Committee recommends staff arrange a meeting with the Foundation to discuss the plan and the associated expectations of the Council.

YMCA Capital Job on Heat Recovery Unit

The Committee discussed heating issues at the YMCA this past winter. The pool was particularly impacted and was forced to close on several occasions. Staff provided information about refurbishing the heat recover unit at a cost of \$58,700 plus HST.

The Committee recommends that staff proceed with this job as it is essential to the functioning of the YMCA building.

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 6-0.

Deputy Mayor Browne advised that he was at the Board of Directors meeting last night for the YMCA and they were happy to hear the news that we will be refurbishing the heat recovery unit. Most of Council got calls last year

because the YMCA pool was closed due to it being too cold, so this is great news for residents and people from surrounding areas that use the pool.

Mayor Manuel advised the YMCA is a Town building and we have had a long-time partnership with the YMCA which has needed several Capital Projects over the years. In his opinion, this speaks to them again about continuing to look down the path of a new facility that would achieve savings in the long run when it comes to looking at the costs involved in maintaining the current building. He advised that the Grand Falls House Foundation Business Plan is done, and we are in receipt of it, and are having a meeting for discussion on June 6<sup>th</sup>, so you will see more information on that in the coming weeks.

### TENDER SUMMARY

The following Tender Summary was presented by Councillor Dwyer:-

#### Union Street Upgrades (Paving) Project #17-MYCW-23-00077

The Committee reviewed the bids for Project #17-MYCW-23-00077 Union Street Upgrades (Paving).

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
Penney Paving Ltd.	\$310,032.50	\$46,504.88	\$356,537.38

The Committee recommends this project be awarded to Penney Paving Ltd. in the amount of \$310,032.50 plus HST. This amount is \$25,509.10 under the original estimated cost.

Motion

Dwyer\Browne

Be it resolved that the Tender Summary for the Union Street Upgrades (Paving), Project #17-MYCW-23-00077 would be adopted as presented. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

### NOTICE OF MOTION

None



## OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Coady advised the Town Clean-Up has started and because of the volume of curbside items we are running a day behind, but we still encourage residents to put items out no earlier than forty-eight (48) hours before their scheduled pick-up day. The schedule is posted on our Facebook page, our website and on Twitter. A reminder to residents that no household garbage will be picked up, so save that for your normal garbage day. Weather depending, line painting will be starting this week. She noticed this evening that some of the staff are putting up the banners of the Veterans from our community, which is a project that the Town and the Legion have been working on. She also said that they look beautiful, and it is so nice to be able to recognize some of the Veterans from this community and the sacrifices and contributions they made to this community. Lastly, a huge congratulations to all the participants in the High School Musical “Mamma Mia”, she attended and said it was fabulous.

Councillor Noel noted this musical just goes to show the amount of raw talent we have in Grand Falls-Windsor and the success is reflected of the community spirit. A great opportunity to bring so many people together with diverse backgrounds and different levels of confidence and gel them together in a huge production speaks volumes to the people that put so much effort in behind the scenes. He wanted to give a shout out and “Thank You” to a teacher at Exploits Valley High Mike Hodder who has gone out of his way to develop a recreation facility not just for students of Exploits Valley High, but for the whole east end of Town from Grenfell Heights down through Grenfell Estates. There is a big soccer field, basketball court, beach volleyball, lots of seating and the next phase is an outdoor walking track. He has worked diligently securing funds for these projects and has the drive to be able to succeed. He wanted to remind residents that we have a beautiful community with a world-class river, so please do what you can to keep it clean and even try to convince people to change their littering habits. Lastly, he wanted to remind motorists to pay attention, especially when driving through a construction zone and anyone walking walk toward the opposing traffic and cyclist cycle with traffic.

Mayor Manuel advised the problem with littering is you must catch people in the act, but if we can get some tickets issued that would be a deterrent for some people and maybe they will then stop being so disrespectful to our environment and the community. He also expressed congratulations to Mike Hodder who had a vision and succeeded in accomplishing it.

Councillor Hiscock noted the Fire and Emergency Services Training School is on in Grand Falls-Windsor as we speak. It started last weekend and is running until this coming weekend. It has four hundred (400) to five hundred (500) participants, with twenty-four (24) different courses being offered. We wish them the best and good luck in their training. This is dirt bike, quad and side by side season, so he asked all operators of these recreational vehicles to please obey all rules and regulations of the road. If you are unsure of the rules, please call the RCMP or our local Municipal Police at 709-489-0411. We just finished a Multi-Materials Stewardship Board and Central Waste Management Board Audit of the garbage in Grand Falls-Windsor. The results are in and 1.5 years ago we were sixty-five percent (65%) compliant and now we are fifty percent (50%). We have a state-of-the art building down in Norris Arm that can recycle, and sort all recyclables in Atlantic Canada, so he asks residents to be cognizant of what goes where regarding recycling and garbage. If garbage goes into the recycling bag, it results in cross contamination therefore goes to the landfill. By paying attention and taking the time to learn what goes in the recycle bag, we reduce the amount of garbage going into our landfill.

Mayor Manuel advised that there is a long list that can be found on our website and Facebook page, of all the things that can be recycled and placed in the blue bag.

Councillor Dwyer noted a Sub-Committee of the Health Accord Coalition Committee met yesterday and there is another meeting coming up this week with Physician recruitment and retention as still being a very big topic. The Shalloway Family Physician Group met here in Grand Falls-Windsor this past weekend and we hosted them at the Ski Chalet, which brought thirty-five (35) Family Physicians here so hopefully we made an impression in terms of what we have to offer here in Grand Falls-Windsor. The Youth Firefighters are clueing up their training next week, and they started in February. There were thirty-two (32) individuals that participated in this excellent program with some very extensive training, so congratulations to them. Some day they may be firefighters, and we certainly do appreciate our Firefighters. Last week we had a fire in Town, and this group of Youth Firefighters went to the station afterwards and helped them clean-up. This training has taught them about teamwork, respect and how to follow orders, a great program and we appreciate what they have done.

Mayor Manuel stated when we talk about Youth Firefighters, we cannot help but think about a long-time firefighter Bob Down, as it was his vision to get this program up and running. It started out slowly, but about fifteen (15) years ago the High School was all about students having to get community hours. The amazing thing is that the people that only went to get their community hours ended up really enjoying the program. There is no doubt that the recruitment for the Fire

Department has been aided because of that program that I know Bob Down was very proud of.

Deputy Mayor Browne said he had a chance to meet with representatives of the Community Garden last week, and he is happy to report that it is expanding to its potential. They have sixty (60) new beds this year and they have a program to grow vegetables for the Food Bank and the Community Kitchen, and they have a waiting list so congratulations to all involved. The Hall of Fame is finally complete, and it honours all the well-known athletes from Grand Falls-Windsor. It is in the back of the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium and the Grand Opening will be taking place at the Salmon Dinner during the Salmon Festival. Also, during the Dinner, we will retire some hockey sweaters for individuals that grew up in Grand Falls-Windsor and went on to play professional hockey. The following sweaters will be retired, Tony White who went on to play hockey with the Washington Capitals; Don Howse who played with the LA Kings; Terry Ryan who played with the Minnesota Fighting Saints, Brian Casey who had a professional hockey career; Jim Munch who had a professional hockey career in Germany and Stan Coffin who was heavily involved with the Cataracts and was part of some Herder trophies and Allan Cup Championship trophies. So, it should be an exciting Salmon Dinner, and it is great to recognize those players that started in the Grand Falls-Windsor Minor Hockey Association Program and went on to have professional hockey careers.

Mayor Manuel noted since our last meeting we have announced our Salmon Festival details for this year, and much like last year we are keeping it local. Details on the Salmon Festival can be found at [www.evsalmonfestival.com](http://www.evsalmonfestival.com). There you will find a detailed list of all events starting Thursday with the Salmon Dinner to Monday's Family Day. The Family Day is featuring the Irish Descendants and it is a free Concert and on Friday there is a Concert by the Ennis Sisters in Church Road Park that is also free of charge. There is river rafting, ziplining, food events, Salmon Ladder events and even a pub crawl. The songwriter's circle is already sold out, so he advised residents to get the details and get their tickets before they miss out. The Community Garden's sixty (60) extra beds and the gazebo was constructed by employees from Brook Construction out of Corner Brook and they have a contract with Marathon Gold, but because the road was not good enough to get their gear into the Marathon Gold site they decided to let their carpenters do work for organizations around Grand Falls-Windsor that needed work done, so they built the gazebos and the beds. They also did work at the Y2C Centre. They should be commended for donating their time and expertise. Congratulations to all involved in the creation of the outdoor classroom at Woodland Primary of which the Grand Opening for that will be tomorrow June 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 P.M. Finally, Saturday afternoon at the Beaumont Hamel Armouries there will be the Annual

Review for the Cadets and it is open to the public at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Coady\Noel

Be it resolved that the meeting of the Grand Falls-Windsor Town Council would be adjourned until the next regular scheduled meeting of Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

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Barry Manuel  
Mayor

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Steve Gosse  
Director of Corporate Services\  
Town Clerk