

MEETING #579

MINUTES OF MEETING

GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL

7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JULY 11TH, 2023

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked for any errors or emissions to the Minutes of Meeting #578 of Tuesday, June 20th, 2023.

Motion
Dwyer\Browne

Be it resolved that the Minutes of Meeting #578 of Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

Mayor Manuel passed along regrets from Councillor Coady who could not make it due to prior commitments for Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador business.

DISBURSEMENT REPORT

Councillor Dwyer presented the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$1,002,869.79.

Motion

Dwyer\Little

Be it resolved that the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$1,002,869.79 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.

Community Garden Update

The Committee discussed the growth of the Community Garden now reaching two hundred and sixteen (216) beds and a waiting list of interested residents. The Committee is pleased to see the surrounding groundwork carried out including a new gazebo, new beds, flowers and beautification. The Director informed the Committee that a sign will be installed to highlight all the sponsors who made the improvements possible.

The Committee also recommended that the Director meet with the group to discuss future plans and other required improvements to the area.

Grand Falls House Wedding Request

The Director informed the Committee that he had received correspondence asking to use the grounds for a private wedding in July 2024.

The Committee recommends that the Director forward the request to the Grand Falls House Foundation Board.

Equipment Loan Out Policy

The Director informed the Committee that the Community Services Department is receiving a large number of inquiries for equipment in the

community.

The Committee recommends that the Director follow the new Loan Out Policy guidelines when reviewing a request.

Salmon Festival Schedule

The Committee reviewed the final Salmon Festival Schedule for the July 13th – 17th celebrations.

The Committee recommends that we ask Melvin Hanhams, the recent World Special Olympic Gold Medalist in Golf, to be this year's Salmon Festival Patron. The Director informed the Committee that most of the events are sold out and expects that all weekend events to have large crowds.

Windsor Stadium Summer Schedule

The Committee discussed the schedule for the Windsor Stadium summer\fall ice season.

The Committee recommends that the Director work with the user groups to finalize the schedule and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

Canada Day Schedule

The Director presented the Committee with the schedule for the 2023 Canada Day Celebration from 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. at Centennial Field and Fireworks at the old mill property at 10:30 P.M.

The Committee supported these staff recommendations.

Town Parade Guidelines

The Committee discussed developing Town Parade Guidelines to ensure that motorcades are carried out safely and for the participants and for the residents who watch.

The Committee recommends that the Director and his staff develop the set of guidelines and report back to the Committee.

Other Business

The Committee discussed the status of repairs that are necessary for the Curling Club ice plant and inquired if it will be ready for fall 2023. The Director

informed the Committee that necessary parts have been ordered and they are waiting on delivery and installation.

The Committee recommends that the Director follow up with the Board to discuss future plans for the Club and promotion of the sport in our community.

The Committee had some discussion about the Queen Street Dinner Theatre.

The Committee recommends that the Director follow up with the Theatre Manager to see if any help is required to get the facility up and ready for this season.

The Committee discussed the ongoing work to the Multi-Use Rail application. The Director informed the Committee that staff are finalizing the application and hopes to have a draft copy to review soon.

The Committee was updated on the work being carried out to improve the Town's website. The Director informed the Committee changes would be implemented in the coming weeks.

The Committee discussed the importance of highlighting businesses that put effort into keeping their properties clean and beautiful.

The Committee recommends that the Director develop a certificate that Councillors could use for presentation to worthy businesses as a sign of recognition and appreciation for the efforts to keep Grand Falls-Windsor "Clean and Beautiful".

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.

Councillor Dwyer advised she spent a few hours at the Community Garden. She said it is a great place and really feels like community there. She wanted to acknowledge Wayne and Fran Thomas, Cyril Tubrett and Mary Oldford for the tremendous job they are doing over there. She invites anyone from the community to visit, there is a beehive there and a new gazebo constructed so it is such a nice place to visit even if you do not have a garden there.

Mayor Manuel advised the beehive is up there to help pollenate the garden, and he agrees it is a lovely place to visit. The importance of the garden goes beyond growing. They have a number of beds there taken on by the Autism Society, and a number of beds dedicated to the Food Bank of which some Physicians have donated their time to take care of. Congratulations to all involved, it is a great project and something we need to be proud of.

Councillor Little advised that according to the Queen Street Dinner Theatre Manager they have had a great start to the season, and the number of attendees has grown slightly compared to the number of attendees last year. He advised that there are some great shows available, and if anyone wants tickets, to contact the Theatre.

Deputy Mayor Browne stated the Salmon Festival starts this Thursday night with the Salmon Dinner as the kick-off, and then a Concert in the Park Friday with the Ennis Sisters. He noted that in the Minutes it stated that Melvin Hanhams has been recommended for the Salmon Festival Patron and he will be at the dinner Thursday night. At 10:00 A.M. Saturday morning there will be a special motorcade for Melvin to celebrate his Gold Medal victory with the Special Olympics World Games in Germany. We recommend that everyone come out for the motorcade and give Melvin a round of applause. It will start from Main Street to Shanawdithit Centennial Field, and he will be available afterwards for anyone that would like to congratulate him. Saturday then we have some fantastic food from around the world at the Stadium event, of which there are still some tickets available. There are some great events planned for Sunday as well, overall, there are events all weekend long for everybody and details can be found on our Facebook page and our website. Monday has a line-up of great entertainment as well for Grand Falls-Windsor Day from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. featuring the Irish Descendants. He congratulated the Community Services Director for putting the schedule together, and he is sure all events are expected to have large crowds and a busy weekend in Grand Falls-Windsor.

Mayor Manuel noted we had our Canada Day celebrations, and everything went very smoothly. He acknowledged staff for putting together those events that drew a big crowd. He also received many compliments to the Town for a fantastic fireworks display and a job well done, and we look forward to much of the same the weekend coming.

Public Works and Development

The following report was presented by Councillor Hiscock.

Capital Works Funding

The Committee reviewed a list of proposed Capital Works Projects for the latest release of Multi-Year Capital Works Funding from the Provincial Government. This funding is for a three (3) year allocation totaling \$3,307,332.00.

The Committee recommends the Schedule “A” be presented to the Provincial Government as per Scenario 3.

Tiny Homes

The Committee reviewed a proposal from the property owner at 12-18 Hill Street to construct four (4) tiny homes that would each be less than 50 square meters. This is permitted in the Development Regulations as a discretionary use.

The Committee recommends staff start the discretionary use process which includes notifying the public. In addition, all adjacent property owners are to be consulted.

Discretionary Use – Child Care

The Committee reviewed a request from the resident at 22 Gately Street to operate a Home Based Business for child care services. This type of business is identified as discretionary use in the Single Unit Urban Residential (RS-3) Zone in the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor Development Regulations (2022-2023). A notice was mailed to adjacent property owners and advertised on the Town’s social media outlets. There were no objections or concerns received.

The Committee recommends this be approved.

Land Request – Main Street

The Committee reviewed a request from the resident of 161 Main Street to purchase the adjacent lot to facilitate construction of a larger driveway and an accessory building. This lot is currently serviced and has minimal frontage for its zone. In addition, there is a utility pole in the middle of the property at the front lot line.

The Committee recommends staff contact both residents of 159 Main Street and 163 Main Street to offer each one half of the property. If one declines, the other can purchase the lot. All sales shall be per Land Sales Policy.

Rezoning Request – Main Street Extension

The Committee reviewed a request from the property owner at 50 Main Street Extension for Council to consider rezoning a parcel of land from Conservation to Residential. The parcel is up for sale but finding a buyer has been difficult due to the zoning. Council has previously requested a Development Site Plan before considering any rezoning and has not received one to-date.

The Committee recommends that no zoning change be considered without a Site Plan submitted for review. In addition, the Committee recommends staff look into potential ways the land can be developed.

Rezoning Request – Three (3) Areas

The Committee reviewed the results of the Public Consultation of three (3) areas in Town.

- a) 2 1/2 Cromer Avenue – This parcel is proposed to be rezoned from Public Use (PU) to Commercial Highway (CH) Zone. There were two (2) submissions received in opposition to the rezoning.
- b) Northcliffe Street – This area was proposed to be rezoned from Single Urban Residential (RS-3) to Low and Medium Density Multi-Unit Residential (RM-1) Zone. In addition, there was a smaller area of land proposed to be rezoned from Recreation and Open Space (ROS) to Low and Medium Density Multi-Unit Residential (RM-1) Zone. There were three (3) submissions received in opposition to this proposal.
- c) 43 Grenfell Heights Area – This area was proposed to be rezone from Single Unit Urban Residential (RS-3) to Low and Medium Density Multi-Unit Residential (RM-1) Zone. There were four (4) submissions received with three (3) in opposition and the other concerned with easement access on Tucker Place.

The Committee recommends all three (3) areas proceed to the next step of the rezoning process. The Committee noted that if development does occur, consideration should be given to keeping some greenbelt areas where it currently exists.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Hiscock\Browne

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

Councillor Dwyer advised great news that we received our Capital Funding of \$3.3 million, this is the Multi-Year Capital, so it is funding for the next three (3) years and is used for our Municipal buildings, paving and water\sewer, so it is very important. This means that we received the same amount that we received in 2020, which leads to concern because just like the individuals in our community are experiencing inflationary prices, so is the Town. In the past three (3) years, for example, asphalt has gone up from \$390,000 per km to \$552,500 per km which is a forty one percent (41%) increase. That coupled with the fact that years ago the Government would provide seventy percent (70%) for paving and the Town responsible for thirty percent (30%) and now it is fifty percent (50%). This has made it near impossible to stay on goal terms of how much paving we would like to get complete on an annual basis. In conclusion, the Government Funding that we have received is not sufficient for us to do all the work that is required around Town.

Mayor Manuel stated we have made our voice heard on that issue in the past and we will continue to do so. It is amazing how much prices have gone up and it is not only our community that is feeling it, but he is also sure the Government are hearing it from a lot of different angles not to mention their costs have gone up as well. We have aging infrastructure, we have one hundred and twenty (120) km of road in Town and try to upgrade six (6) km per year, but now we cannot keep that up, we also need money for water and sewer, so it is very challenging. There are three (3) areas that have gone to the next level of rezoning, and at some point, there will be an opportunity for a public meeting. So particularly, the people that were opposed to these rezonings will have an opportunity to come out and have their voices heard at those meetings before it continues to go through. Northcliffe Street was an original plan for the Harmsworth Subdivision, and the reason for the rezoning is to accommodate multi-unit properties. We all know that there is a housing crunch in Town, especially housing for seniors, and we are trying to encourage developers and insist on multi-use development.

The following Resolution was presented by Councillor Hiscock:-

Resolution GF-W 2023-367

Schedule “A”

2023-2026 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 & Infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS: the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor has been approved for funding under the 2023-2026 Multi-Year Capital Works Program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor agrees to provide the Ultimate Recipients portion for the 2023-2026 Multi-Year Capital Works Program as identified as the Municipal Share in the attached Schedule “A”.

Motion

Hiscock\Noel

Be it resolved that Resolution GF-W 2023-367 would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The following Resolution was also presented by Councillor Hiscock:-

Resolution GF-W 2023-368

URBAN AAND RURAL PLANNING ACT, 2000

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT

TOWN OF GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR MUNICIPAL PLAN AMENDMENT

No. 1, 2023

& DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AMENDMENT No. 1, 2023

Under the authority of Section 16 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000, the Town Council of Grand Falls-Windsor adopts the Municipal Plan Amendment No. 1, 2023 and Development Regulations Amendment No. 1, 2023.

The Town Council of Grand Falls-Windsor appoints Bryan Blackmore to act as Commissioner for the Public Hearing to be conducted according to the requirements of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000.

The date for the Public Hearing, if needed, will be August 16th, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

Motion

Hiscock\Noel

Be it resolved that Resolution GF-W 2023-368 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 Dwyer.

Labour Report

The Committee reviewed the labour costs as of week twenty-five (25). Total labour was \$1,640,841. This was \$150,341 (8.4%) under budget.

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

Taxation Receivables Analysis

The Committee reviewed the taxation receivables analysis for April 2023. The report analyzes the receivable balances, along with the amount collected during the month. Total taxation receivables as of May 31st, 2023 is \$6,249,640.64 (\$5,934,061.88 – 2022) an increase of \$315,578.76 (5.32%) from the previous year. The total amount of taxes collected in May 2023 was \$727,051.

The Committee continues to encourage staff to increase efforts to collect all outstanding balances. Reminder that residents and businesses can check their balances and make payments online; instructions are on the back of your tax invoices. Alternatively, you can come by the Town Hall at 5 High Street or call

709-489-0402 Or 0403 to make a payment or set up a payment plan to avoid future interest charges.

Correspondence

The Committee reviewed correspondence from the OR Conference Planning Committee from Central Health looking for donations to support the 40th Provincial Annual Newfoundland and Labrador Operating Room Nursing Association Conference in September 2023.

The Committee recommends staff to put together a “swag bag” of Grand Falls-Windsor items, including a ticket package to a Town event.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from the Exploits Valley Community Coalition, a non-profit community-based organization regarding the taxation of their new property on King Street. The organization is requesting an exemption from paying property and water and sewer taxes.

The Committee recommends that this property be treated the same as any other non-profit organization who are exempt from property taxes, but still pay their water and sewer tax.

Animal Control Regulations

Councillor Noel relayed a message about an animal control issue within the Town and asked about the fines for violating the Animal Control Regulations.

The Committee discussed animal control in Grand Falls-Windsor, and recommended staff review the Regulations and update where necessary. Once staff have an updated version, it can be brought to a future Committee meeting for further discussion.

Accessible Taxi

Councillor Hiscock informed the Committee that he was speaking with the owners of a local taxi company who currently operate the only accessible vehicle in Town. They have concerns about the financial impact of this part of their operation and have asked for any support possible from the Town.

The Committee recognizes the importance of having an accessible vehicle in Grand Falls-Windsor and recommends reaching out to the Provincial Government contact to see what support may be available.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Dwyer\Little

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

Councillor Hiscock advised he was talking to our MHA Chris Tibbs, and he is taking the important and much needed matter of operating an accessible taxi in Town to Government to see if there is some kind of subsidy or available funding.

Councillor Noel reminded residents that we do have a Dog Park in Town, because he is getting a lot of call of complaints about dog owners not being responsible enough to clean up after them. He wants to encourage everyone to take along the little plastic bags and clean up after their animals.

Mayor Manuel advised there was some concern over the weekend that the grass at the Dog Park was a bit long. It has been growing fast lately with the extra sunshine and rain and Town staff do all they can to mow everything that has to be mowed in the Town. This includes sports fields, green spaces and parks and it has been harder to keep up with the fast growth. There have been some reports about dogs roaming freely, and he wanted to remind residents to follow Regulations and make sure that dogs are tethered at all times. If you see a dog roaming, please report it to the Municipal Police, so that they can follow up and ensure that the Regulations are followed up in the future.

Corporate Services (2 of 2)

Deputy Mayor Browne was excused from the meeting at this time due to a perceived conflict of interest.

The following report was presented by Councillor Dwyer.

Grand Falls Golf Club

The Committee reviewed a draft Agreement with the Grand Falls Golf Club to support its Capital Upgrades on the Course. The Committee is pleased to see the Golf Club Executive putting effort into improving the golf experiences for residents and visitors.

The Committee supports the arrangement proposed with the Grand Falls Golf Club and recommends that staff meet with the Executive of the Club to finalize the details.

I move the recommendation and report of this Committee.

Motion

Dwyer\Little

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

Mayor Manuel said he is sure the topic of the Agreement to support Capital costs for the upgrade to the Grand Falls Golf Course will come up again, as there will be more information to report, but as of right now it is still in the stages of consultation and discussion.

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.

Disbursement Report

The Committee reviewed the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$1,002,869.79 for the period ending June 22nd, 2023, and recommends it be accepted as presented.

Discretionary Use – 7 Kings Place

The Committee reviewed a Discretionary Use request to establish a childcare home-based business at 7 Kings Place. No objections were received. The Committee recommends this request be approved.

2023 Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) Conference

Councillor Coady excused herself from the Committee meeting at 5:20 P.M while this item was discussed as she is President of MNL, and she returned at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was paused during this period and separate Minutes will be prepared.

Salmon Festival

The Director of Community Services presented staff concerns about the suitability of Church Road Park, if the field becomes too saturated with rain.

The Committee recommends that the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium be used as Plan B in the event of rain. The Committee further recommends that the Community Services Committee Members visit the site and make any final determinations about locations for this event.

PBO and the Saturday Drop-Off

The Committee reviewed its arrangement with PBO to provide services to run the Saturday Drop-Off event.

The Committee recommends that the Town subsize each event at a cost of \$6,000 per event and that individual rates be set as follows:-

Car, Pick-up, Single or Tandem Axle Trailers	\$ 10
Pick-up with raise Sides	\$ 20
Pick-up with Trailer	\$ 20
Pick-up with Single Trailer	\$ 20
Pick-up with Tandem Axle	\$ 30
Pick-up with raised Sides\Tandem Axle	\$ 40
Shingles in a Pick-up\Car Trailer	\$ 75
Shingles in a Pick-up & Single Axle Trailer	\$125
Shingles in a Pick-up & Tandem Axle Trailer	\$200

Crown Lands Request

The Committee reviewed a request to develop three (3) hectares of Crown Lands for the purpose of growing hay.

The Committee recommends that Council support this request.

Grenfell Heights Extension

The Committee discussed the need to replace the pavement on Grenfell Heights Extension.

The Committee recommends that staff follow up with the Government as they have not provided any response to our multiple inquiries to improve this road section that belong to them.

RCMP

Council had a general discussion about the presence of RCMP in Town and the increased incidences of residence nuisance behaviors downtown and within some recreation facilities.

The Committee recommends that staff arrange a meeting with the RCMP to discuss this activity and to get a general update about their workloads and staffing levels.

66 Brown Avenue and 4 Vine Street

The Committee held discussions with the owner of 66 Brown Avenue and 4 Vine Street, who entered the meeting at 7:00 P.M. The owner had concerns with Councils Orders to correct issues with his properties.

The Committee recommends that staff separately work with the property owner to discuss his claim that the Town financially impacted his previous property of 374 Grenfell Heights and that staff again inspect 66 Brown Avenue and 4 Vine Street to determine whether there is any compliance with the Orders and proceed accordingly.

The property owner was excused from the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

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 6-0.

Deputy Mayor Browne noted the Saturday Drop-Off price increase, is because as with everything else prices have increased and so has the price of collecting garbage. PBO runs the site and it costs the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor six thousand dollars (\$6,000) per event and the increase that was proposed by PBO and approved by Council supports their business operation at the Saturday Drop-Off. It has been a while since prices have increased, and as the times, it comes to no shock.

Mayor Manuel explained that the Saturday Drop-Off does not generate any revenue for the Town, the rate used to be thirty-six hundred dollars (\$3,600) several years ago, so we are almost double that now in a very short time. It is a very well utilized service, and we get about one hundred and seventy-five (175) vehicles per event, and we would love to offer it for free if we could, but even the

cost now is a far cry from what it would cost at the Norris Arm site including fuel to get there. Grenfell Heights Extension is in terrible condition and is a Provincial Government Road despite the fact that it is within our boundaries. We have been lobbying the Government for years and continue to do so. Some residents have also lobbied the Government on this issue, and he encourages anyone living in that area to also lobby them and put the pressure on and get their voices heard. We met with the RCMP at lunchtime today, Staff Sargent Kelly Bryan is the Staff Sargent for a huge area, the Grand Falls-Windsor Detachment covers Buchans, South Brook, Botwood, Leading Tickles, Fortune Harbour and all points in between. The good news is that they have had a regular compliment of members in Grand Falls-Windsor, and they are hoping to see more members in the near future. They have also made a lot of progress in some of the more menial tasks that the RCMP Officers have been doing, one of them being the lock-up here. The lock-up was used for many purposes over the years, but about a year ago they stopped taking prisoners and as a result it has needed less attention in the facility leaving more time for patrols, etc... We spoke about some of our issues, for example, the panhandling lately in Town, parking lot activity and they agreed that they will make their presence a priority in those areas. One thing that keeps coming up is that statistics rule the day, especially in regard to getting more members. This is why it is so important that you report a crime, so they are aware of the issues we have and decide if more staff are needed. We talked about that we can all work together to try to tackle some of the ways to social issues, housing issues, drug issues, homelessness issues, poverty issues and how those issues if tackled at the root can make a big difference when it comes to crime at the end of the day.

Committee of the Whole (2 of 2)

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Browne.

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador Conference (MNL)

The Committee discussed attendance and registration for the 2023 MNL Conference, Trade Show and Annual General Meetings on October 25th – 28th in St. John's.

The Committee recommends that Deputy Mayor Browne and Councillor Dwyer register to attend this Conference as Voting Delegates.

I move the recommendation and report of this Committee.

Motion

Browne\Little

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

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Hiscock advised that he was talking to a longtime resident that had moved away for a couple of years but retired and moved back home. He lives by the Memorial Grounds and commented on how well they are maintained. He wanted to thank staff for their diligent work that does not go unnoticed. It is ATV season and wanted to ask residents to please be vigilant as they move through Town and the island.

Mayor Manuel acknowledged that the Memorial Grounds are a very sacred part of our community and staff have taken great pride in doing work there for many years and there is no doubt that it is a pretty spot.

Councillor Little advised he attended the 4th Scouting Troop Banquet at the United Church. The program has grown quite a lot over the years, they do a lot for the community and some great things with the youth. He showed Council a picture of some of the things they have done, like camping trips, and activities and even some rewards were given out for Scouts that consist of children from four (4) years old up to eighteen (18) years old.

Mayor Manuel noted Scouts have a rich history in Grand Falls-Windsor, and without the volunteers there would be no program. It has been a pretty healthy group here in the past decade and expressed “thanks” to the volunteers that take it on and take it seriously. We give them opportunities to raise some money within the Town such as the Town Clean-Up Program or clean up after events and they are going to be selling food this Friday night at the Ennis Sisters Concert, so please support our Scouts.

Councillor Dwyer wanted to welcome the new Anesthesiologist to Grand Falls-Windsor and thanked our Business\Economic Development Officer and our Leisure Services Manager for going above and beyond by taking her and her mother on a tour of our community on the Sunday of Canada Day weekend. Also

she and Councillor Coady, and Mayor Manuel met them on different points of interests. Because there were no restaurants open our Leisure Services Manager offered to host their dinner at her house, and they were so appreciative of everything we were able to do for them that day.

Deputy Mayor Browne advised he attended the Gymnastics Show at the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium, and it was an awesome show with four hundred and fifty (450) kids involved. One of the best youth programs in our Town just keeps growing and growing. Congratulations to the Manager of the program and her staff for putting off a fantastic show and a fantastic season for gymnastics and our staff for the amount of time they put into the program. A reminder that the motorcade for Melvin Hanhams is Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. beginning at Main Street, and Friday morning the Heritage Committee, as part of the Salmon Festival are sponsoring the Memories Mug Up at the Classic Theater with some great speakers starting at 11:00 A.M. He also advised that a list of all our events and the schedule are listed on our website and Facebook page.

Councillor Noel reminded residents that it is tourist season, and we encourage them to visit, so please be patient with them on the road as they find their way through our community.

Mayor Manuel encouraged everyone to get out this Salmon Festival weekend, a lot of events are taking place such as the free Mug Up Friday morning, free Ennis Sisters Friday evening, Saturday is the Songwriters Circle and that evening the Multicultural Food Night followed by a dance, Sunday is Adventure Day at Gorge Park and free Family Day on Monday with the Irish Descendants and a Comedy Night that evening. Thank you to all sponsors, especially Kelly Ford, who has supported this community for a number of years. Tomorrow evening at the Gordon Pinsent Centre for the Arts at 7:00 P.M. there is a tribute to the late Mr. Gordon Pinsent that was organized by his family, and it would have been his birthday. A great historian of our community, Wilf Howse passed away recently. He was a wealth of information regarding the history of this Town that he was very passionate about. So, condolences to this family as he will be missed, especially in the Heritage Society. He mentioned this last time, but Rogers was unable to make it, so he wanted to mention it again. He wanted to pass along condolences to the family of a long-time employee of the Town and of Sobeys, Mr. Norm Loveridge. He was a very soft-spoken, warm-hearted individual that was very dedicated to his job and was proud of what he did. Norm leaves behind his family and friends and will be really missed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Dwyer\Little

Be it resolved that the meeting of the Grand Falls-Windsor Town Council would be adjourned until the next regular scheduled meeting of Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Barry Manuel
Mayor

Darren Finn
Chief Administrative Officer