

MINUTES OF MEETING

GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL

7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5<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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of Meeting #584 of Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Motion  
Dwyer\Little

Be it resolved that the Minutes of Meeting #584 of Tuesday, November 14<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 \$1,033,296.36.

Motion

Dwyer\Coady

Be it resolved that the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$1,033,296.36 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.

#### Parade\Motorcade Guidelines

The Committee reviewed the final draft of the parade and motorcade guidelines. The Director informed the Committee that he reviewed the draft with the Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer and incorporated that input.

The Committee recommends the approval of the guidelines and recommends that they be used for any future parades and motorcades.

#### STEM Update

The Committee reviewed the correspondence from the Economic Development Department on a STEM event planned for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Director invited Councillors to attend and learn about the program.

#### E. C. Boone Ltd. – Sign Correspondence

The Committee discussed a cost estimate for replacing the damaged electronic sign on High Street.

The Committee recommended not replacing the sign and looking at additional cheaper options to help promote community events. The Director will work with the IT Department to see what options can be found and report back to a later meeting.

### Off the Cuff Community Choir

The Committee reviewed the correspondence from Off the Cuff Community Choir requesting a Community Grant.

The Committee recommended that the Director work with the group and follow the Community Grant guidelines.

### Event Atlantic Conference Correspondence

The Committee reviewed the correspondence on the Event Atlantic Conference for 2024.

The Committee recommends that the Director of Community Services attend along with the Community Services Chairperson.

### Grand Falls-Windsor Community Healthcare Coalition Correspondence

The Grand Falls-Windsor Community Healthcare Coalition provided summary correspondence to Council about the Town's role in supporting the implementation of the Social Determinants of Health from the Provincial Health Accord Final Report. The Coalition recommends that the Town support the public by providing education about the Social Determinants of Health. Additionally, the Coalition recommends the Town explore options for supporting programs or services that would align with social prescribing, public transportation, and more public awareness about climate change.

The Committee was thankful for the significant efforts from the Coalition to review this Provincial Report and for highlighting the expectations of the Town.

### Gymnastics Newfoundland Correspondence

The Committee reviewed the correspondence from Gymnastics Newfoundland and Perfectly Centered Gymnastics to bid on the 2024 Provincial Competition.

The Committee recommended that the Director look into the timelines to see if it is possible and report back at a later meeting.

### Salmon Festival Update

The Director informed the Committee that work is well underway for the 2024 Salmon Festival and that the proposed schedule of events will be available early in the new year for review. The Committee discussed the venues for the

Salmon Festival and the ability to use the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium as the headquarters for most events. It was also discussed to consider using Church Road Park for Grand Falls-Windsor Day. The Director will discuss all options with staff and report back at a future meeting.

#### Rotary Park Swing

The Director informed the Committee that work on installing an accessible swing has been completed, but general landscaping will be completed in early spring of 2024. The Director will communicate with Rotary Club about a proposed completion date for next spring and the next steps for promoting it to the public.

#### Mid Winter Bivver

The Director informed the Committee that plans have started for next years Mid Winter Bivver scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Director also informed the Committee that they will be working with Exploits TrailNet and Search and Rescue again for this year's event.

#### Tree Lighting\Christmas Parade Update

The Director informed the Committee that work on the Tree Lighting and the Parade is well underway and that everything will be ready to go for the December 1<sup>st</sup> Light-up and December 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Parade.

#### Random Acts of Kindness and Christmas Countdown

The Director informed the Committee that planning for Random Acts of Kindness and the Christmas Countdown is ongoing and that staff will circulate a schedule next week so Councillors can plan their availability.

#### Royal Canadian Legion Correspondence

The Director informed the Committee of a request to purchase an ad in the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Booklet.

The Committee recommends the approval of this request and recognizes it was done in previous years.

### Impact Hockey Spring Ice Request

The Director informed the Committee that he has met with the Public Works and Development Department on a request for spring ice from Impact Hockey. The Director will work with Impact Hockey to finalize the details of their request and will report back to a future meeting.

### New Business

The Committee inquired about the status of Box Office Ticket equipment because of reports it was not functioning well. The Director informed the Committee that he is working with the Department of Corporate Services on a solution and will report back at the next meeting.

The Committee discussed the Maloney Street ATV\Ski-doo ramp and access to the railbed.

The Committee recommended that the Director work with Exploits TrailNet to apply for a permit to allow a right-of-way to be cut for four (4) season access to the railbed from Maloney Street parking lot.

The Committee discussed purchasing new structures for the Dog Park.

The Committee recommended that the Director explore options for the Public Works and Development Committee and see what is possible for the upcoming year.

The Committee discussed the Ice Schedule for 2023\2024.

The Committee recommends that the Director and staff consider all requests and do the best they can for all parties requesting ice.

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 Dwyer said the Church Road Park Light-Up and Santa Claus Parade were excellent events and very well attended. She thanked everyone

involved in the Santa Claus Parade Committee for doing such a wonderful job. She also thanked Town employees for all the work they did on the Town float that was fabulous. The float winners for the Parade were CNA, Mid-Island Veterinary Clinic and the Lions Club so congratulations to them. Lastly, “Thank You” to Rogers for providing the service to make the Parade live for residents.

### Corporate Services (1 of 2)

The following report was presented by Councillor Dwyer.

#### Labour Report

The Committee reviewed the labour costs as of week forty-five (45). Total labour was \$3,235,269. This was \$329,315 (9.2%) under budget.

The Committee is pleased with the results of the labour budget and recommends that staff continue to monitor labour costs heading into the end of the year.

#### Disbursement Report

The Committee reviewed the Disbursement Report in the amount of \$1,033,296.36 and recommends this be presented at the next Council meeting.

#### Taxation Receivables Analysis

The Committee reviewed the taxation analysis for October 2023. The report analyzes the receivable balances, along with the amount collected during the month. Total taxation receivables as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, is \$3,204,734.23 (\$3,143,691.60 – 2022) an increase of \$61,042.63 (1.9%) from the previous year. Total amount of taxes collected in October 2023 was \$531,597.

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 invoice. Alternatively, you can come to the Town Hall at 5 High Street or call 709-489-0402 or 709-489-0403 to make a payment or set up a payment plan to avoid future interest charges.

### Donation Request

The Committee reviewed a request from the Make-A-Wish Foundation for support towards its Annual Make-A-Wish Carol Services.

The Committee recommends a donation of \$250.

### Request for Equipment

The Committee reviewed a request from the Town of Badger for the donation of the decommissioned 3500 pickup truck owned by the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor. The Town was planning to sell the vehicle in an auction; however, this option will provide support to a neighbouring community who recently lost a similar piece of equipment used for salting and sanding their roads.

The Committee recommends this truck be donated to the Town of Badger.

### Pension Solvency Exemption

The Director of Corporate Services\Town Clerk provided an overview of a report provided by the Town's actuary, Mercer. The report outlined a recent requirement by the Provincial Government for Municipalities and other public bodies to outline a Solvency Deficit Funding Plan to be eligible for a solvency exemption. Mercer is suggesting a plan to have the solvency deficit covered within fifteen (15) years, which correlates with an estimate of the length of time that existing employees remaining on the Defined Benefit Pension Plan will be paying into the plan. The next step is to submit the plan to the Provincial Government and await a decision on the solvency exemption.

The Committee asked staff to ensure they keep Council updated on the progress of this solvency exemption in the new year.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Dwyer\Hiscock

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

Mayor Manuel noted it is not the first time that the Town has donated equipment to neighbouring communities, and we try to help where we can. We have also been a beneficiary ourselves of some used equipment in the past from companies so what comes around goes around.

Corporate Services (2 of 2)

The following report was also presented by Councillor Dwyer.

Budget 2024

The Committee discussed the latest changes to the projected budget for 2024.

The Committee recommends staff make the additional changes as discussed during the meeting and continue working on finalizing the budget.

## Motion

Dwyer\Coady

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

Public Works and Development

The following report was presented by Councillor Coady.

Water Quality

The Committee had further discussion of discoloured water within the Town. Although measures taken by staff have remedied some areas, there are others that are still experiencing issues. Staff are regularly sampling these section of Town and completing flushing as required. More options are being considered to alleviate these concerns. The Committee were also updated on the consultant's work to-date and although there is no written report available, the consultant will provide a verbal update at a Committee meeting before the end of the year.

The Committee recommends staff continue to work diligently to provide resolutions to the issue and remain committed to finding a permanent solution. The Committee are pleased that they will meet with the consultant soon and get an update. This issue remain a top priority for the Department.

Land Request – 35 Main Street

The Committee reviewed a request for 544.21 square meters of land at the rear of 35 Main Street. This property has been used by the owner of 35 Main



Street for many years. The family is hoping to sell this property and would like to incorporate this additional land as an accessory building is currently occupying it.

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

#### Land Request – 51 Lincoln Road

The Committee reviewed a request from the owner of 51 Lincoln Road for land to increase their side yard and rear yard to facilitate construction of an accessory building. The request is for a total of 608.19 square meters. In previous meetings, Council has set a limit on backland in this area as land behind these properties have been identified for future development. In addition, access to this proposed development is near the west property line of 51 Lincoln Road.

The Committee recommends that the backland request be limited to the boundary set by Council and nothing to the western boundary of 51 Lincoln Road. Land to be sold as per the Town's Land Sales Policy.

#### Land for Sale – 69 Earle Street

The Committee reviewed an offer from the owner of 69 Earle Street to purchase 834.1 square meters of land. This property has not been developed. The Town could use this property in different ways that could help in operations or could service and resale for more housing development.

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

#### Quit Claim Deed – 331 Grenfell Heights

The Committee reviewed a request from the owners of 331 Grenfell Heights for a Quit Claim Deed for a small section of land at the rear of this property. There is currently an accessory building that is encroaching on Town property. The total area requested is 80 square meters.

The Committee recommends this request be denied and that staff advise the residents that they can purchase the land at the price set in the Town's Land Sales Policy. In addition, if they decide not to purchase, any structure encroaching on Town property must be removed.

### Service Request – Hill Street

The Committee reviewed correspondence from a property owner on Hill Street for the Town to service three (3) new building lots. They had previously been informed of the Town's Policy that they must compensate the Town for such work but have asked Council to reconsider. Planned construction is not until the new year.

The Committee recommends staff review the policy and provide recommendations for consideration at a future Committee meeting that may help with new housing developments.

### Discretionary Use Inquiry – Childcare Services

The Committee discussed an inquiry from a resident considering discretionary use for a home-based business for Childcare. The resident understands that public notification is required for a discretionary notice but has asked if the specific civic address can be omitted. A Provincial Planner from Government was consulted and they did note it is within reason as it surrounds children frequenting the property. The notification would however require a specific area of Town to be identified.

The Committee recommends that this be denied. It is important for all pertinent information to be available for the public, especially civic addresses for proposed home-based businesses. The Committee also recommends staff contact the resident and encourage them to pursue the discretionary use for their business for Council's consideration.

### Variance – 20 Cromer Avenue

The Committee reviewed a request from the owners of 20 Cromer Avenue for a variance on the front yard setback required in the regulations. The variance is required to facilitate the construction of a new customer lounge\reception area to the front of the existing building. The variance would permit the construction to extend an additional 0.88 meters that is needed. A notice was mailed to adjacent property owners and there were no objections received.

The Committee recommends that this requested variance be approved as per Regulation 11. The Committee also recommends that the proposed façade of the extension meet the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor's Development Regulations.

### Resolution to Adopt – Northcliffe Street

The Committee was notified that the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs have completed its Section 15 review under the Urban & Rural Planning Act, 2000 and have released the documents for adoption for the Municipal Plan Amendment No. 4, 2023 and Development Regulations Amendment No. 5, 2023 pertaining to the rezoning of Northcliffe Street.

The Committee recommends this be adopted at the next Public Council Meeting and to secure a Commissioner and schedule a Public Hearing in the new year.

### 2024 Saturday Drop-Off

The Committee reviewed the proposed 2024 Saturday Drop-Off schedule. The proposal includes eighteen (18) events throughout the year and two (2) tentative dates for the Household Hazardous Waste Day events.

### Property Clean-up

The Committee reviewed property reports for three (3) areas in Town:-

- 1) 10 Eighth Avenue – A previous Clean-up Order has been executed on this property; however, there are still some outstanding issues that were not on the original Order. There is an accessory building in poor condition and a fence that does not meet regulations. Staff have requested a Demolition Order for these items.
- 2) 24A King Street – This property on initial inspection required a high volume of repairs and had large amounts of garbage on the property. The owner has completed repairs and has cleaned up large quantities of garbage, but there is still clean-up required of the property and the adjacent property where they left construction materials. Staff have requested a Clean-up Order be issued.
- 3) 45 King Street – This property had an Order but there was nothing completed by the owner. After a follow up inspection, there were additional items that need to be addressed including the clean-up of debris, addressing an oversized accessory building constructed without proper permits, finishing construction of accessory building permitted to remain, proper storage of construction materials, fence repairs, and removal of other items not permitted. Staff has requested a Demolition Order for unpermitted

accessory building structures, Repair Order for remaining accessory building and fence, and general Clean-up Order for the property.

The Committee recommends staff prepare a Property Status Report for all three (3) addresses for the Chief Administrative Officer and the requested Orders be issued.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Coady\Noel

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

Councillor Noel wanted to emphasize that those people experiencing discoloured water contact the Town so that we know where to isolate the problems when they arise and address the issue properly.

Mayor Manuel stated one of the methods in dealing with discoloured water in these areas is to flush the lines and it has had good results for some residents who are having issues, but it stirs up the water and residents in the surrounding area will also experience discoloured water at that time. We do our best to post all the flushing notices on social media platforms, but these problems still need to be reported in case it is not due to flushing.

Councillor Coady encouraged residents to please download the Voyent Alert app, and you will receive any notices that arise throughout the Town. The link is on our Facebook page, or you can call the Town Hall for information on how to download and set up.

Deputy Mayor Browne noted the Clean-Up and Demolition Orders are a result after a period of time of trying to reach the property owners and asking them to clean up their property or tear down an unsafe dwelling that is attracting rodents which is not fair to the neighbours in the neighbourhood. These property owners are notified and have plenty of time to do the work themselves before the Town goes in and carries out the Order.

Mayor Manuel advised we try to get the clean-up process moving as quickly as possible, but there is a process that is legislated that needs to be followed or if the Order gets appealed and the process has not been followed, the Order will be void. Our Policy states that if a Town property is sold by the Town they will link the services to that property, if the property is owned by a private individual then the Town will not link services to that property. In the case of the Hill Street property, which is privately owned, the request was for us to reconsider the policy

and provide compensation. This needs more discussion because we have had conversations about trying to find ways to make development easier and encourage development where available, and this may be a consideration of a way we can make development easier.

The following Resolution was presented by Councillor Coady:-

RESOLUTION GF-W 2023-378  
URBAN AND RURAL PLANNING ACT, 2000  
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT  
TOWN OF GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR MUNICIPAL PLAN AMENDMENT  
No. 4, 2023  
& DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AMENDMENT No.5, 2023

Under the authority of Section 16 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000, the Town Council of Grand Falls-Windsor adopts Amendment No. 4, 2023 to the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor Municipal Plan.

Under the authority of Section 16 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000, the Town Council of Grand Falls-Windsor adopts the Amendment No. 5, 2023 to the Grand Falls-Windsor Development Regulations, 2022-2032.

Motion

Coady\Browne

Be it resolved that Resolution GF-W 2023-378 would be adopted as circulated. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Committee of the Whole

The following report was presented by Deputy Mayor Browne.

Accessibility Municipal Plan Advisory Committee

The Committee discussed the need to develop an Accessibility Municipal Plan Advisory Committee. Staff have already posted information about this planned undertaking and invited public participation through an Expression of Interest process.

The Committee recommends that Councillor Little and Councillor Dwyer serve on the Committee as Council's representatives and that they make recommendations to Council for the appointment that are representatives of multiple type of disabilities, accessibility perspectives, and factoring prospectives for inclusion.

### Delegation of Authority

The Committee discussed the delegation of authority for Council Order related to clean-ups, repairs, and demolitions.

The Committee recommends the authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to issue property clean-ups, repairs, demolitions and other legislated orders as per Section 404.6 of the Municipalities Act and Section 109.3 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act.

### ATV Traffic on Bank Road

The Committee discussed a complaint from two (2) property owners on Bank Road about ATV users driving on the road without care or attention to residents and other vehicle traffic. Staff informed Council that Municipal Enforcement staff will provide targeted patrols to the area and will enforce rules as necessary.

The citizens requested as follow-up meeting with Council to further discuss the matter.

The Committee recommends that time be given for a meeting at a Committee meeting in the new year.

### 14 Sherwood Avenue

The Committee discussed an opportunity to purchase vacant un-serviced land at 14 Sherwood Avenue. Acquisition of some of the land provides the benefit of controlling a water drainage ditch across the land.

The Committee recommends staff be authorized to finalize the purchase of this land.

I move the recommendations and report of this Committee.

Motion

Browne\Little

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

Councillor Little advised that he and Councillor Dwyer have recently met to go over the list of candidates for the Accessibility Municipal Plan Advisory Committee. They will look forward to announcing the members at the next meeting. This is going to be a worthwhile Committee and provide us with ways to provide more inclusion and accessibility.

Mayor Manuel said it is great to see so many people put their names forward, because all information and suggestions are wanted even if you are not on the Committee. The Committee will consist of a good balance of individuals that can provide insight into all categories not just purely for physical accessibility, but also inclusion and disabilities that you cannot see. These Committees are a great tool for Council because they provided an opportunity for citizens to provide recommendations from their own knowledge or experience.

### NOTICE OF MOTION

None

### OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Little said he received great feedback about the Christmas Parade and the Church Road Park Light-up. This past weekend Exploits Valley High hosted the 4A Volleyball Championships, and it was the first time this tournament has been hosted here with ten (10) teams visiting from all over the province. Our local team lost in the semi-finals, but the tournament was a huge success, and the coaches thanked the Town for their involvement. Cataracts hockey is back and receiving full houses in the Stadium for the past two (2) Saturdays, which shows that this is what people wanted and we are glad they made it work.

Councillor Dwyer advised the last meeting for the Community Healthcare Coalition is next week (December 11<sup>th</sup>), which concludes a very busy year. Two (2) weekends ago we had a family event at the Ski Chalet for Physicians and their families that was very well attended and appreciated. This past week she attended a Focus Group regarding MUN's Family Physician Residency Training at Memorial University and they were looking to explore the needs of the community with respect to enhancing the Medical Training Program. Here in Grand Falls-Windsor we have been very successful in terms of Physician Recruitment and Retention with respect to the Physicians that have their residencies here, so we are

interested in whatever we can do to help ensure that program is successful and sustainable in the future. She wanted to remind residents that the next Saturday drop-off is the last one for 2023 and will be on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, she wanted to thank the Community Services Department for everything that they did in preparing for the Parade and Church Road Park Light-up and executing those events as they did an excellent job.

Deputy Mayor Browne mentioned the sad news on the passing of Veteran Dave Sheppard, who was a member of the Black Watch Royal Highland Regiment. He also played in net for the Black Watch Military Hockey Team and won some Canadian Championships and was inducted into the Oromocto Sport Hall of Fame after his hockey career. Our condolences go out to his family. The Annual Keep Christ in Christmas March was this past Sunday, a great event and he wanted to thank everyone involved. The Church Road Park Light-up was a huge success as noted, "Thank You" to our sponsor Marathon Gold. Congratulations to Easton and Emily Grimes who won the competition to become the switch flipper for the lights at the park.

Councillor Coady mentioned she attended the Exploits Jazz Band Christmas Concert "A Little Bit Christmas and a Little Bit Not" at the Gordon Pinsent Centre for the Arts and it was festive and a lovely way to kick off the holiday season. A few days later she attended the Cantus Silva Choir Concert at the Cathedral which was another fantastic concert who thanked Council and staff for their support throughout the year. This Sunday at the Memorial United Church Off the Cuff Community Choir will be having their concert at 2:30 P.M. and tickets can be purchased by reaching out to members of the choir or their Facebook page. The Food Bank did very well at the Parade and collected 1,800 pounds of food and approximately \$1,600 in cash donations, so please if you have opportunities to donate to the Food Bank, she encouraged you to do so. The Salvation Army Happy Tree is also still accepting gifts, and the Kettle Campaign is still ongoing. Lastly, she wanted to correct herself from what she said at the last Council meeting in regard to winter parking during snow clearing times. She had said that we would be nice and most likely not give tickets if there was no snow in the forecast, but the Director informed her that sometimes on the clear nights we do our street widening so it is in fact possible that if you are on the street parked and impede snow clearing operations you may get a ticket. We will do our best to put a notice out when we plan to do snow clearing or street widening, so that you can move your vehicle.

Councillor Noel passed along accolades to all involved in the Church Road Park Light-up and the Santa Claus Parade, as they were amazing events. We have received a notice from the Canadian Blood Services that blood donations are



needed so he encouraged people to give. Shop locally if you can, as these are the businesses you will be looking for support in various things in the future. A friend of his passed away today, Keith Scott, he will never be forgotten and always remembered from Graduating Class 1982, so condolences to his family.

Councillor Hiscock said he attended the Dinner Theatre last night, and said it was a phenomenal show and in awe at the amount of musical talent in the Central Region. He encouraged anyone interested that this is a great way to kick off the season with a great show, to investigate getting tickets to the Dinner Theatre. He also encouraged everybody to keep track of our Facebook page for all the events we are putting off because there are a lot, and most are free.

Mayor Manuel mentioned there is the Car Spa Boys High School Basketball Tournament here this weekend with games on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, so please come out and support them. He attended the Happy Tree Kick-Off. There was a huge crowd, and the Woodland Primary Choir did a fantastic job. He encouraged all residents that can give at Christmas to do so. We have our Give Back Days and our Random Acts of Kindness Days coming up, which are heartwarming events. The Lionel Kelland Hospice had their official opening a couple of weeks ago, the Premier was here along with other dignitaries and invited guests. He wants to congratulate everybody involved, and stated they deserve a medal for perseverance as he believes it first started back in 2014 and because they fought through the challenges, they must have had to face along the way, to get to this point to have the first residential hospice in our Province here in Grand Falls-Windsor. It is a state-of-the-art facility and provides beds for people so that they can die with dignity and their families close by, with all the services and amenities that they would want and need, so thank you to everyone involved and to everyone who gave. They announced that everybody stepped up and gave, whether it was afforded or not, they raised millions of dollars and will need funding going forward so congratulations to them. We had a Town breakfast for the employees a few weeks ago, and he thanked everyone involved in helping to make that happen. On December 11<sup>th</sup> we have a free seniors movie at the Classic Theater in the afternoon, so stay tuned for further details. Tomorrow the Wind Project that has been talked about for Botwood has a public meeting at 6:00 P.M. at Memorial Academy, so if you are interested in more information about the \$9 billion dollar project, please attend. Lastly, the Mayor presented an Award to Councillor Coady for her Long Service Award of twelve (12) years on behalf of Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador and the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor.

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, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M

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Barry Manuel  
Mayor

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Darren Finn  
Chief Administrative Officer