

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting #8 for 2022 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, August 29, 2022 at 1:57 p.m. at the 50+ Club Building.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Councillors George Bennett, Angela Blackwood, Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt and Stan Burt attended along with Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Tom Burton, and Town Clerk Michelle Patten. Acting Sheila M. Dolimount is on holidays and Administrative Clerk Shelly Osmond is working.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 2022-3540: S. BURT/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented with the addition of item f (West Street) to Old Business.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. DELEGATION

A. Mayor Matthews welcomed Ms. Connie Grandy to the meeting.

Ms. Grandy is requesting that Council reconsider the closure of the trail that runs adjacent to Mr. Carl Matthew's property on Hillview Street. Several residents use the road for access to the ATV trails to avoid using the streets. Ms. Grandy feels it isn't fair that Mr. Matthews still has access to the trail for his ATV use while others don't. Ms. Grandy also noted there are rocks on all other intersections throughout the Town and don't feel this trail should be closed down because of it. Ms. Grandy also noted that Mr. Matthews has several farm animals on his land and has erected a fence and gate without a permit. Ms. Grandy provided pictures of the area and a signed petition by users of the trail who would like to be able to gain access again to avoid the Town streets.

B. Mayor Matthews welcomed Mr. Walter Matthews to the meeting.

Mr. Matthews advised Council that he has been using the roadway adjacent to Mr. Carl Matthews's property on Hillview Street for 20 plus years and now he has to use the Town Streets to access the ATV trails. Mr. Matthews advised that using paved streets is very hard on ATV tires and they are very expensive to buy. He is requesting Council to reconsider their decision to close the roadway.

C. Mayor Matthews welcomed Mr. Owen Pickett to the meeting.

Mr. Pickett advised Council that he has lived in Grand Bank for 14 years and has always used the roadway/trail adjacent to Mr. Carl Matthews on Hillview Street. He said the area was always classified as a road and he sometimes uses it in his truck to access Malcolm Blvd. Mr. Pickett explained how it was used as an emergency detour approximately 4 years ago, and feels it is a good road to use if the street that he lives on is closed down due to construction, etc. Mr. Pickett continued to explain that there will always be rocks and crush stone on streets from people's driveways and everyday use of vehicles but doesn't feel there are any extra rocks on the roadway that was closed off. Mr. Pickett also advised that not everyone can afford to put insurance on their ATV's but they do need and use them to gain access to their cottages in the country.

Connie Grandy, Walter and Dinah Matthews and Owen Pickett left the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

4. ERRORS AND OMISSIONS – JULY 18, 2022

12. d.) Councillor Burt asked to add the following: "and brought greetings on behalf of the Town".

6. b.) Councillor Blackwood asked to add the word "if".

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2022-3541: R. BROOKS/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the minutes for July 18, 2022 be approved with changes to 12 (d) and 6 (b).

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – JULY 18, 2022**

a. **CYN**

Councillor Burt questioned if there is any update on the CYN proposal. Mayor Matthews advised they are waiting on a couple of things with the Church regarding the cost of rent. Mayor Matthews advised they received a \$10,000.00 grant from the Provincial Government. Councillor Burfitt questioned if there are many kids using the program from Fortune and maybe Fortune could help contribute to the cost of running it.

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a. **Burin Peninsula Joint Council**

Received an email about an upcoming meeting on September 17, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Marystown Hotel.

b. **Burin Chamber**

Received an email announcing they will be hosting an Annual Business Excellence Awards Gala on October 19, 2022 in Marystown.

c. **Voyentalert**

Communication with Citizens.

d. **Town of Marystown**

Request of Letter of Support for Street Lighting for Blackbrook Area.

8. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

a. **NL911**

Received an email regarding a notice about NL911.

b. **Eastern Health**

Received a letter regarding Population Health Learning Series.

c. **OPIC**

Received July issue of Above Board Newsletter.

d. **Janet Campbell**

Received an email wondering if the Town would be interested in having a article wrote by her free of charge for our web site. Mayor Matthews suggested writing Ms. Campbell to ask her from what prospective she would like to write about. Council agreed to contact Ms. Campbell and thank her for her offer, however, at this time we will take a pass.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. **Finance Committee**

Councillor Stan Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on August 24, 2022.

MOTION 2022-3542:

S. BURT/A. BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of August 24, 2022 be approved with the exception of items # 4 and # 9.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2022-3543: S. BURT/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank accept the tender from Bennett's Construction & Supplies Ltd., in the amount of \$143,554.50 for the Nature Trail Upgrades – PH2, and the engineering and signage cost of \$26,790.86 from Innovative NL for a total of \$170,345.36. The Town also agrees to be responsible for the shortfall of \$70,345.36.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2022-3544: S. BURT/A. BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank sign the Borrowing Resolution from Scotiabank.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Councillor Roger Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on August 24, 2022.

MOTION 2022-3545: R. BROOKS/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Development Committee report be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Waterline Construction RSE

Mayor Matthews advised that we will see activity after Labour Day Weekend.

b. Nature Trail Update

According to the Mayor Bennett's Construction and Supplies Ltd. will be starting the next phase of the trail to join into the Marine Hike in approximately 3 weeks.

c. Emergency/Warming Centre Update

Mayor Matthews advised that the Town can now submit a Capital Works Application to get the Emergency/Warming Centre up and running. The approximate cost of to do this project is \$800,000.00.

d. NL Power Install Powerline to Dam

NL Power are installing a pole line to connect to the generator shed; this will soon be completed according to the Mayor.

e. Downtown Development

Mayor Matthews advised that things are going good and on schedule. The third phase of the downtown development will incorporate the summer festival to construct a stage that will be in place year round instead of setting things up the week before the festival.

f. West Street

After some discussion it was agreed to write a letter to the property owner.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Meeting with Everwind Fuels**

Mayor Matthews advised there is a meeting with Everwind Fuels in Fortune on August 31st at 8:30 p.m. if anyone is interested in attending.

b. **Capital Funding Approval for RSE**

Mayor Matthews advised that \$1,250,000.00 is approved for the next phase.

c. **Election of Deputy Mayor – September meeting**

Mayor Matthews advised that we will proceed with the election of a Deputy Mayor at the next regular meeting of Council in September.

d. **Town Manager's Position**

Mayor Matthews advised that the Human Resources Committee need to meet before the next meeting of Council. The job description needs some changes made to it.

12. **COUNCILLORS FORUM**

a. **Dr. Beckley**

Mayor Matthews advised that a lunch with Dr. Beckley is scheduled for Wednesday, August 31st at 1:00 p.m.

b. **MP Rogers**

Mayor Matthews advised that MP Churance Rogers will be in Grand Bank to meet with Council on Wednesday, August 31st at 9:30 a.m.

c. **Meeting with Terra Nova Hydrogen AKA Source 3 Energy**

Councillor Bennett advised that he participated in a virtual meeting with Terra Nova Hydrogen on August 16th regarding the proposed Burin Peninsula Wind Energy Project. The purpose of the meeting was to inform communities and local service districts of their intent to start this project on the Burin Peninsula.

d. **Power at the Harris House**

Councillor Bennett questioned if the power at the Harris House was the Towns expense. Mayor Matthews explained that the Town gives the Heritage Society and the Mariners' Memorial \$5000.00 a year in grants to cover those types of expenses.

e. **IPad Policy**

Councillor Blackwood asked if there was a policy in place for the use of the Councillor's iPads? Mayor Matthews advised that there hasn't been a policy to date; however, there should be a policy. Councillor Blackwood advised she will submit a suggested policy for review.

f. **Sidewalk/Bridge Condition on Grandview Blvd.**

Councillor Blackwood advised the sidewalk near the bridge on Grandview Blvd. is in bad condition. Mayor Matthews advised that is the Department of Transportation and Works responsibility and they have been made aware of this issue.

g. **Heritage Society**

Councillor Blackwood advised that she was approached by a member of the Heritage Society and they asked her if having a liaison on their committee from the Town was necessary. Mayor Matthews advised they do need liaisons as they are an arm of Council, and the property belongs to the Town so they need oversight from Council.

h. **Children at John Burke High School**

Councillor Blackwood advised that there are Spanish students in Town.

i. Wharf Repairs

Councillor Burfitt advised that the wharf repairs are coming along on schedule. Also, advised that there are three bids in for the tender on the pursuit so hopefully the vessel will be moved by the end of October.

j. Downtown Development

Councillor Brooks questioned if there is a deadline to apply for funding from ACOA for the 3rd phase of the Downtown Development Project.

k. Regional Water System

Councillor Burt asked if Councillors could receive notification ahead of time when changing over the water supply from Fortune to Grand Bank. Mayor Matthews advised that he is in the process of writing a new protocol to be followed, and the Town needs more notice when possible from Fortune so we can plan better for the changeover.

l. Swimming Pool

Councillor Burt questioned if the Town will be checking on the leak at the pool this year instead of waiting until next Spring when we need to be opening and operating.

m. Summer Festival

Mayor Matthews congratulated Joan Caines on a job well done again this year with the Summer Festival. Her hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2022-3546: J. BURFITT/S. BURT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 4:07 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED