

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #9 for 2019 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Council Chambers at the former Federal Building on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Councillors George Bennett (via telephone), Roger Brooks, Stan Burt (via Facetime), and Rick Grikis attended along with Town Manager Wayne Bolt, Town Clerk Sheila M. Dolimount, Recreation Director Tom Burton and Administrative Clerk Michelle Patten joined the meeting later, and Colin Farrell representing the Southern Gazette. Councillor Jack Burfitt is out of town due to medical reasons.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2019-3172: C. WELSH/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATIONS - NIL**

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2019-3173: R. GRIKIS/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting for August 26, 2019 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

a. **Old Road**

Councillor Grikis questioned if the work on Old Road was all completed. Town Manager Bolt advised that the street was re-paved and now up to standard.

b. **Pursuit**

Councillor Brooks questioned what the update is on the Pursuit. Mayor Matthews advised that from his information there are more mechanical issues than they anticipated with the vessel and the owner has returned home to explore another option of removing the vessel. He also advised that the Harbour Authority would be the best to speak to on this matter.

c. **Scrapped Vehicles**

Councillor Grikis inquired as to what is happening with the scrapped vehicles around Town. Mayor Matthews advised some vehicles have been moved and others are pending.

6. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a. **Eastern Health**

Received a reminder that the deadline for the Eastern Regional Wellness Coalition Community Grant Program is on or before September 30, 2019. It was agreed Recreation Director Burton complete an application.

b. **Clean Harbours NL**

Received a letter requesting creating an annual budget line item to identify and document the extent of marine garbage around community docking facilities. It was agreed to look at this request during the budget process.

c. **Municipal Affairs and Environment**

Received a 2019 Municipal Long Service Award Application. Town Clerk Dolimount was asked to review and see if any Councillors qualifies for the Award.

d. Kevin Spurrell

Received a letter regarding the V.R.F.F. Cod Fishing Derby. Councillor Brooks advised that the derby was cancelled this weekend.

e. MMSB

Received an email regarding the proposals for the Community Waste Diversion Fund 2019, deadline for submissions is Monday, October 21, 2019 – 4:30 p.m. It was agreed that staff would review the proposal to see if it is beneficial to the Town.

f. Department of Advanced Education, Skills & Labour (AESL)

Received correspondence from Hon. Chris Mitchelmore, Minister of AESL, in response to the Mayor's letter regarding the payment of taxes for eligible recipients of Income Support. Mayor Matthews advised we are in the process of doing up a resolution for the MNL Convention since it's very difficult to collect municipal taxes from residents on income support even though they are paid by the province.

7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

a. Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL)

Received an email regarding the Mental Health Task Force.

b. Muskrat Falls

Received the June 2019 Highlights.

c. Eastern Health

Received an email regarding the "Step it Up Youth Summit" which will be held in Marystown on Thursday, October 17th for grades 10-11 students.

d. Canadian Union of Postal Workers

Received a letter looking for support to keep Canada Post as it is and question the political parties on their intentions for Canada Post in the next election.

e. Thank you

Received a thank you letter from Roland Caines who recently retired from his position with the Town. Mayor Matthews advised a social is being planned for Roland.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Councillor Clayton Welsh, Committee member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on September 18, 2019.

MOTION 2019-3174: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of September 18, 2019 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2019-3175: C. WELSH/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank proceed with securing funding for the Grand Bank Trail Upgrades as per the application completed by Innovative NL to ACOA and TCII.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2019-3176: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank forward applications for the following projects for funding under the 2020-2021 Municipal Capital Works Program and that the Town will not be borrowing funds but will pay the cost sharing ratio with funds on-hand:

1. Paving Program: Main Street – Jamieson Avenue to Sarah Ray’s , Jamieson Avenue, Elizabeth Avenue – Harry English’s to Blue Crest Cottages, Elizabeth Avenue – Pleasant Street to College Street, Church Street – Dental Office to Ralph Street, Blackburn Road – Ralph Street to Water Street, Riverside West – Stephen Peach’s to Harry English’s - \$1,554,378.85.
2. Plant Line Replacement - Riverside East: Replacement of a 400m section of 14” Plant Water Line. Replacement of Asphalt and Storm Sewer. \$1,231,053.55.
3. Marine Drive: Water, Sewer, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer, and Asphalt, 29 Marine Drive to the intersection of Old Road/Marine Drive. \$1,424,886.67.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on September 18, 2019.

MOTION 2019-3177: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Development Committee report of September 18, 2019 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Waste Management Update

Mayor Matthews advised that a meeting was held with the Burin Peninsula Waste Management regarding the disposal of the Seaking Building to their site. He stated that according to their correspondence it would cost an estimated \$180,000.00 to dispose of the Seaking Building at the Jean de Baie site that is almost equivalent to the Town's yearly amount for collection. Deputy Mayor Welsh questioned how other communities dispose of their waste. It was agreed that the Town would continue to come up with the best possible solution to disposing of the materials from the Seaking Building.

b. Feasibility Study – Town Hall

Recreation Director Burton advised that emails were sent to select companies that were suggested by government, for the feasibility study. He also advised that he received one reply back saying they were working on it. The deadline for submissions is October 1, 2019.

c. Downtown Redevelopment Update

Town Manager Bolt advised that Welcon Construction was loading up its equipment today and on their way here tomorrow. He advised that some of the slowdown is due to approvals for the shop drawings on the light bases, bolt patterns, etc.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Policing

Mayor Matthews advised that the town have had a number of meetings with the RCMP over the years and nothing has changed, it is actually getting worse, for example once we had four (4) officers here over the years and now we are down to one officer. Councillor Brooks stated that five years ago the police would beat him to the store if his alarm went off, now they ask him to go and check to see if it's a

break-in and if it is, then they will send someone over. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with Staff Sgt. Lush of the RCMP.

Administrative Clerk Michelle Patten entered the meeting at this time, 4:35 p.m.

b. Meeting with Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment (MAE)

Mayor Matthews advised that a meeting needs to be arranged with MAE to discuss two issues of concern for the Town. One issue is the Seaking Building and the other issue is the old hospital grounds, the Town needs to get a final environmental clearance on the land. He also advised that another item to be discussed is the paving cost sharing ratio of 50/50 that places a heavy financial burden on small rural communities.

11. COUNCILLORS FORUM

a. Town Clerk

Mayor Matthews advised that he has spoken with Town Clerk Cathy Follett to determine if she has made any decision on returning to work with the Town. He advised that Cathy is still weighing the pros and cons with respect to her leave of absence and will advise of her decision within the time frame provided by the Town.

b. Property - Cemetery Road

Mayor Matthews advised that the property on Cemetery Road needs to be cleaned up it has been on-going since May 2019. It was agreed that a letter be written advising they have a couple more weeks to get the property cleaned up.

c. Thank you

Councillor Burt expressed his thanks for the support they have received from everyone since Minnie and himself have been away.

d. Staff

Councillor Grikis thanked everyone for a job well done by both the inside and outside staff. Great year!

e. Inquiry

Deputy Mayor Welsh inquired if anyone came to Council about taking over the land where the Seaking Building is. Staff responded that no official or written inquiry had come to the Town Office.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2019-3178: R. BROOKS/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 4:47 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED