

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting #9 for 2018 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Executive Boardroom at the Grand Bank Municipal Center on Monday, August 20, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh (via Facetime), Councillors George Bennett, Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt, Stan Burt and Rick Grikis attended along with Town Clerk/Acting Town Manager Cathy Follett and Paul Herridge representing the Southern Gazette.

Town Manager Wayne Bolt, Office Administrator Sheila M. Dolimount and Recreation Director Tom Burton were off on annual leave.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 2018-3032: S. BURT/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS - NIL**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2018-3033: R.GRIKIS/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the minutes of the regular meeting for July 18, 2018 be adopted with the addition of "part of" be inserted before proceeds in item 11f.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**a. Old Road**

Councillor Grikis questioned if there was an update regarding the asphalt on Old Road. Mayor Matthews advised an email was received from the engineer this afternoon advising that some analysis has been taken and some things don't measure up. Further analysis will be conducted before a report is available.

b. Richard Kelly

Councillor Grikis questioned if any feedback has been received from Mr. Kelly regarding council's decision. Mayor Matthew advised no feedback has been received to date.

c. Nature Trail

Councillor Grikis noted that the brush hasn't all been removed. Mayor Matthews advised that employees are still working on the trail.

6. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**a. Grand Bank Volunteer Fire Department**

Received a letter from Fire Chief Tony Snook advising that Steven Hillier has now completed his probationary period and they are looking for approval to accept Steven as a member of the Grand Bank Volunteer Fire Department.

MOTION 2018-3034: S. BURT/R.GRIKIS

Motioned that the Town accept the recommendation from Fire Chief Snook and accept Steven Hillier as a member of the Grand Bank Volunteer Fire Department.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

b. NL Sexual Assault Crisis and Prevention Centre

Received a proclamation to declare September 17 – 21, 2018 as Sexual Violence Awareness Week.

MOTION 2018-3035: C. WELSH/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Town sign the following proclamation proclaiming September 17-21 as Sexual Violence Awareness Week.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

Sexual Violence Awareness Week Proclamation September 17th – 21st, 2018

- WHEREAS: The *Newfoundland and Labrador Sexual Assault Crisis and Prevention Centre* (NLSACPC) works to provide response, information and education to the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, in the area of sexual violence, and
- WHEREAS: The NLSACPC is now commemorating the 19th anniversary of Sexual Violence Awareness Week as well as the 34th anniversary of their Take Back the Night march to further the common goal of eliminating sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS: We recognizes the necessity of supporting survivors and the urgent need to end sexual violence and its contributing factors so that we may have safe, healthy communities; and
- WHEREAS: Sexual assault is a crime that can affect anyone regardless of factors like age, gender, ability, social and cultural location, or other variables; and
- WHEREAS: The rate of sexual assault in Newfoundland and Labrador continues to be higher than the national average; and
- WHEREAS: The Municipal Government recognizes the need for people of our community to live in safe and caring communities where violence is unacceptable, and supports efforts that raise awareness and educate the public,
- THEREFORE: Be it resolved that I, Rex C. Matthew, Mayor of the Town of Grand Bank, do hereby proclaim September 17th – 21st, 2018 as Sexual Violence Awareness Week and encourage all citizens to become involved in activities organized throughout this week.

c. Breast Cancer Society of Canada

Received a request from the Breast Cancer Society of Canada to participate in the “Dress for the Cause” campaign again this year, the day set aside for the event is October 19th, 2018.

It was agreed that the Town would participate again this year and the Recreation Director would organize an event involving the walking group.

7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

a. Department of Municipal Affairs & Environment (MAE)

Received a letter of Approval to Award Tender from MAE to accept the tender submitted by Bluebird Investments Ltd., in the amount of \$421,590 to complete the necessary work on the Municipal Garage.

b. M.H.A. Carol Anne Haley

Received a media release from M.H.A. Haley advising of the significant project underway between Grand Bank and Fortune in that the highway is being upgraded and paved this summer, and also highway upgrades between Grand Bank and Grand Beach.

c. Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board (BPRSB)

Received a letter from the BPRSB advising that the deadline for Municipalities requesting amendments or appeals to their household numbers is August 31st.

d. Municipal Assessment Agency (MAA)

Received updates on the MAA monthly meetings.

e. Speed Bumps

Received an email from Shirley & Greg Brake expressing their appreciation of the Town installing speed bumps on Main Street however they feel that there should be speed bumps also installed on College Street, as many vehicles speed along that street as well.

f. Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation

Received a copy of the Hope Notes Newsletter – Donor Update.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**a. Finance Committee**

Councillor Stan Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on August 14, 2018.

MOTION 2018-3036: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of August 14, 2018 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2018-3037: S. BURT/G. BENNETT

Be it resolved that The Town of Grand Bank, accept the 2017 Audited Financial statements.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Councillor Jack Burfitt, Committee Member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on August 14, 2018.

MOTION 2018-3038: J. BURFITT/C. WELSH

Motioned that the Development Committee report of August 14, 2018 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS**a. Policy #74 - Update**

MOTION 2018-3039: R. GRIKIS/G. BENNETT

Motioned that Policy #74 be updated to read as follows:

The Town of Grand Bank will direct its staff to collect and dispose of any garbage or bulk items that are placed at the curb in violation of the Town's Waste Regulations 2016.

Bulk collection to be put out by the curb no earlier than the day of or the day before the collection.

Should garbage or bulk items be placed at the curb before this time it will be removed from a property and the property owner will be charged a minimum fee of \$50.00.

Any cost over and above this minimum fee will be invoiced based on employee's time, use of town vehicles, travel (if required to transport garbage or bulk items to the waste disposal site) at \$0.75 per km and any waste disposal fees charged.

Property owners will be given until September 30th, without interest, to pay the fee, after which water services will be discontinued.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

b. Tenders Re Downtown Redevelopment

Mayor Matthews advised that no tenders were received, even though several companies did pick up the tender package, for the project. It was agreed to re-advertise with a closing date of August 30, 2018.

c. Settlement of Insurance Claim

MOTION 2018-3040: R. GRIKIS/S. BURT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank accept the Solicitor's advice and accept the offer from the Town's insurance company with regards to the Municipal Center Roof.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

d. Closure of Swimming Pool - August 30

Mayor Matthews noted that the pool is slated to close on August 30 as most of the staff will be returning to post-secondary. It was noted that the pool was used a great deal this year.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Meeting with Minister MAE and Officials

Mayor Matthews gave an update on the meeting that he, Town Manger Bolt and Town Clerk Follett attended.

Several issues were discussed including the hospital grounds, it was noted that the town is still responsible to have the residential environmental assessment completed. However Mayor Matthews noted he didn't think government was in the habit of turning over land without clearing all environment assessment therefore he would like to follow up on the matter. The Samuel J. Harris (Seaking) Building was discussed. It was noted that there is no direct funding for this building, however there is a program coming out the fall that the town may apply for using a different approach. Capital works - roads currently funding is 50/50 which is quite costly. Mayor suggested to the Minister that this ratio should be 75/25. The Minister noted that this would have to be something the premier would have to approve during the budget process. Capital works for new town hall was discussed. It was suggested this year the town would apply for funding for a feasibility study to determine what the town needs to operate and to determine how much it's going to cost and then make some decisions. The AMEC weather forecasting was also discussed. Minister Parsons suggested that the town lobby MNL to see if this service can be provided as a member service.

b. Municipal Garage Update

Mayor Matthews advised discussion was already held giving him direction to contact the engineers regarding the delay.

c. New Release relating to Aquaculture Development

Mayor Matthews advised that Steinsvik is part of this organization, it is a name change. They still plan on using the building here in Grand Bank as part of the operation.

d. Barbeque Blue Crest - August 24

Mayor Matthews stated that the Town will be sponsoring the barbeque this week at the Blue Crest Home. Some changes have been made so that wait lines will be at a minimum. Everyone was encouraged to come along and help out.

e. MNL Gander - October 4-6

Mayor Matthews advised that anyone who is interested in attending to advise the Town Clerk.

11. COUNCILLORS FORUM

a. Summer Festival

Councillor Bennett advised there was a lot of participation with lots of good comments. Councillor Burt noted that great work was accomplished by very few volunteers and in order to keep the events going more volunteers are going to be needed. Councillor Burfitt noted it would be nice if the local companies could be approached to see if any of their employees would be willing to help out. Councillor Burt noted there are several issues that need to be addressed regarding security and alcohol.

b. Rural Viability

Councillor Bennett advised he spoke to the Mayor of Bonavista and he thought it would be very beneficial for someone from our town to attend this event. It was agreed that a member of the Heritage & Tourism Committee of council would attend the Rural Vitality forum taking place on the Bonavista Peninsula, September 23-26, 2018.

c. MV Pursuit

Councillor Brooks question if there was any update on the vessel. Councillor Burfitt noted that he spoke with the Chairperson of the Harbour Authority and they have no updates.

d. Wharf

Councillor Burfitt noted that the wharf has now been turned over. He noted that fill is needed where the concrete ends in the area of the Harbour Authority Office.

e. Clam Quota

Councillor Burfitt thanked Mayor Matthews in being instrumental in the change in this decision with the quota. Mayor Matthews advised it wasn't actually a reversal the Company didn't have the resources at this time so they passed it back.

f. Fence Fraser Park

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that the picket fence in the park was rather dirty and needs to be painted. Mayor Matthews noted that this is part of the downtown redevelopment tender.

g. Land next to Meade's Shed

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that there is a parcel of land being filled in next to the shed on Water Street and questioned if we approved this. Mayor Matthews noted that this isn't the Town's land and the Harbour Authority would have to give approval.

h. Come Home Year Meeting

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised that a Come Home Year meeting has been scheduled for September 17, 7:00 pm at the 50+ Club. Mayor Matthews noted that the group is part of the town and won't be charged rent.

i. Coalition Meeting

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted he will be attending a committee coalition meeting in Fortune on September 21 at Fortune Fire Hall.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

MOTION 2018-3041: R. GRIKIS/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank purchase the two parcels of land that the Federal Government has in surplus at a cost of \$3,500.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2018-3042: J. BURFITT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Confirmed by: Rex C. Matthews

Cathy Fosselt

Town Clerk

Date: September 20, 2018