

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting #6 for 2022 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 3:54 p.m. at the Grand Bank 50+ Club.

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 2022-3518: G.BENNETT/S.BURT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. DELEGATION

Mayor Matthews welcomed Ms. Heather Bungay from Eastern Health to the meeting.

Ms. Bungay made a presentation, on behalf of Eastern Health, in recognition of former Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh on his tremendous contribution to mental health and wellness on the Burin Peninsula.

Ms. Bungay left the meeting at this time, 3:59 p.m.

4. ERRORS AND OMISSIONS – MAY 16, 2022

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION 2022-3519: R.BROOKS/S.BURT

Motioned that the minutes for May 16, 2022 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2022-3520: A.BLACKWOOD/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the minutes of the Special Meeting for June 1, 2022 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – MAY 16, 2022

a. Waterline on Riverside East

Councillor Burt questioned if there are any updates on the waterline replacement. Mayor Matthews advised the piping is delayed by approximately 12 weeks, therefore the project will not start until later.

7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

a. Grand Bank Volunteer Fire Department

1. Received an email regarding a request for a leave of absence.
2. Received a letter regarding advising of four new members.

8. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

a. Eastern Health

1. Received a copy of Eastern Regional Wellness Coalition – Spring Newsletter 2022.
2. Received a Thank- you for supporting the Radiothon.
3. Received a letter regarding Roots of Hope Project.

b. Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

Received a letter advising of Staffing Changes at the Tendering and Contracts Division of Transportation and Infrastructure.

c. Legendary Coast

Received an email advising us of the new location of the SPM visitor centre opening at 14 Bayview Street, Fortune.

d. MAA

Received a Memo regarding the 2023 Assessment Roll.

e. RCMP

Received the May 2022 Monthly Report Burin Peninsula.

f. Paul Pike, MHA

Received an email regarding the Community Transportation Program.

g. Peter McDonald

Received an email regarding general information about the Child Care Capacity.

h. CareGivers NL- Burin

Received an email regarding Volunteer Opportunities.

i. Burin Peninsula Ground Search and Rescue

Received a Thank –you letter for recent donation to their volunteer group.

j. Heather Pittman of AET

Regarding a research paper on Home Flood Protection Program.

k. MUN

Received a Thank- you letter for supporting the 2022 Eastern Stream – Resident Workshop.

l. Thank you

Received a Thank you card from the family of the Late Bill Rose for the donation in his memory.

m. Grand Bank Volunteer Fire Dept

Received a letter confirming the probationary fire fighters has passed their minimal standards exam.

n. Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board

Received a letter regarding Collection Support with Delinquent Accounts.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Councillor Stan Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on June 14, 2022.

MOTION 2022-3521: S. BURT/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of June 14, 2022 be approved with the addition of \$500.00 to item #5.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2022-3522: S. BURT/G.BENNETT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank accept funding from Atlantic Canada Opportunities under the Canada Community Revitalization Fund, project # 218812, in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the Nature Trail – Phase II.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2022-3523: S. BURT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank give approval to Innovative NL to call tenders for project # 218812 – Nature Trail for the construction of phase II from the Gazebo to Lanse au Paul Highway.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Councillor George Bennett, Committee Member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on June 14, 2022.

MOTION 2022-3524: G.BENNETT/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the Development Committee report be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

c. Heritage and Tourism Committee

Councillor George Bennett, Committee Member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on June 14, 2022.

MOTION 2022-3525: G.BENNETT/S.BURT

Motioned that the Heritage and Tourism report be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

d. Recreation and Youth Committee

Councillor Angela Blackwood, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on June 13, 2022.

MOTION 2022-3526: A.BLACKWOOD/S.BURT

Motioned that the Recreation and Youth report be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

e. Waste Management Report

A written report was presented of a meeting the Committee held on May 18, 2022.

MOTION 2022-3527: A.BLACKWOOD/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the Waste Management Report be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Downtown Development

Mayor Matthews advised things are proceeding quickly. Acting Town Manager Dolimount advised there has been a couple of minor changes to the parking lot at Warren's Store and a wheelchair ramp will be added.

b. Paving Program

Mayor Matthews advised the paving of the Soccer Field parking lot and the Softball field parking lot will begin soon.

c. Swimming Pool

Mayor Matthews advised we will proceed to open the pool as scheduled, and have the leak found and hopefully repaired after the swimming pool is closed for the season.

d. ATV Regulations

Mayor Matthews advised that there are people using ATV's throughout the Town and not following the Town's regulations. It was agreed to erect post in a couple of areas to stop the ATV's from going through. Councillor Blackwood asked if we can erect a bigger sign near the Cape stating "No ATV's".

e. MMSB Grant

Recreation/Operations/Maintance Director Burton advised we have received a \$2000.00 grant which will be used to clean up some areas around the waterfront.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bait Depot Usage

Mayor Matthews advised that the Special Events Committee are having difficulty securing events from other groups and organizations for the Come Home Year/Summer Festival therefore, it is suggested that for this year the committee go ahead and plan events to be held at the Bait Depot.

b. Street Light

Mayor Matthews suggested the Town contact NL Power to get a street light installed at the far end of Old Road as there has never been one there before and it is very dark.

c. Volunteer Award

Mayor Matthews advised of a Volunteer Award the Town created in honour of the former Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh. This award will be added to the annual volunteer night. Councillor Blackwood suggested setting up a contest for the award design, which can then be printed on a glass plaque to be presented to the recipient. All Councillors were fully in support of the volunteer award for the former Deputy Mayor Welsh.

d. Town's Audit

Mayor Matthews advised the Town's Financial Statement needs to be submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs by June 30, 2022 in order to receive our Gas Tax Funding and the Municipal Operating Grant. This year our Financial Statements are not yet available due to the Auditors waiting on the Grand Bank/Fortune Ambulance's Audit to be completed, therefore the Town's is also delayed. Mayor Matthews suggested the Town submit the draft copies to the Department of Municipal Affairs with a letter advising why our original statements aren't available.

e. Summer Meeting Hours

The Town Clerk suggested the regular meetings of council be held at 2:00 p.m. for the months of July and August as Councillor Blackwood is out of school for the summer and available.

The Town moved into a privileged meeting to discuss Human Relations issues at which time Acting Town Manager Sheila M. Dolimount left the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

MOTION 2022-3528: R. BROOKS/G.BENNETT

Motioned that the Town move into a privileged meeting to discuss Human Relations issues.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2022-3529: S.BURT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that Town adjourn the privileged meeting and return to the regular meeting of council.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

At this time, Acting Town Manager Sheila M. Dolimount returned to the meeting.

12. COUNCILLORS FORUM

a. Bulk Items

Councillor Blackwood questioned if the Town has a policy for residents on placing refrigerators/freezers at the their curb for bulk garbage as she has concerns of children getting inside them playing hide and seek, etc. Mayor Matthews agreed to check into the policies with the Waste Management Board and have something done up to advise residence to remove the doors before placing these items out for pickup.

b. Garbage

Mayor Matthews advised the Town found the person responsible for dumping garbage at the back of the Town's garage and a letter has been forwarded with a deadline to clean up the garbage as well as a fine.

c. Heritage Society

Councillor Bennett advised the Heritage Society has a new executive and also, they have new windows ordered for the Harris House.

d. Signs at the Nature Trail

Councillor Brooks questioned if the signs were ready for the Nature Trail. Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Burton advised the signs are on order and some adjustments will be made to have them erected when they arrive.

e. Street Lights on Church Street

Councillor Burt advised the lights were not on in the downtown area by the funeral home. Mayor Matthews advised there may have been a sensor out at that time as it was more than one. We will continue to monitor the lights.

f. Road behind Shoppers Drug Mart

Councillor Burt advised that a resident approached him inquiring who owns the property behind Shoppers Drug Mart as he is concerned for the safety there as many big vehicles using the roadway. It was agreed to investigate who owns the property.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2022-3530: R.BROOKS/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:36 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED