

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #13 for 2017 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Executive Boardroom at the Grand Bank Municipal Center on Monday, October 30, 2017 at 4:00 p.m..

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Councillors George Bennett, Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt (via facetime), Stan Burt, with Town Manager Wayne Bolt, Town Clerk Cathy Follett and Recreation Director Tom Burton. Also in attendance was Paul Herridge of the Southern Gazette. Councillor Rick Grikis and Office Administrator Sheila M. Dolimount was out of Town.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2017-2918: S. BURT/C. WELSH

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

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

MOTION 2017-2919: G. BENNETT/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the minutes of the regular meeting for October 10, 2017 be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - NIL****6. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION****a. Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board (BPRSB)**

Received a letter from BPRSB regarding the nomination of a new Board member to the Board from Council. Nominations close on Thursday, November 2, 2017.

MOTION 2017-2920: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank appoint Councillor Rick Grikis as the Town's representative to the Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

**b. Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre (BPHCC)**

Received an email from BPHCC advising they are in the process of creating a brochure to present to Physicians upon recruitment as well as any recruitment forums Memorial University holds. They are requesting a meeting with Council to discuss what we see as our "best kept secrets" for our Town. It was agreed that, if required, Town Clerk Follett would arrange a meeting.

**c. Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry & Innovation (TCII)**

Received an email from Jeff Pittman, Economic Development Officer of TCII, advising that the Burin Peninsula Joint Council is working with Memorial University to establish a retreat for Faculty of Medicine students in 2018. They are looking for information to put in a package for the student participants to review in learning about the region. It was agreed that Mayor Matthews and staff would put together an information package.

**7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION****a. Municipal Assessment Agency (MAA)**

Received a copy of the 2016-17 Annual Report from MAA.

**b. MADD Burin Peninsula**

Received an email inviting the Town to participate in the recruiting drive for volunteers.

**c. Service NL**

Received a letter from Dolores Harvey, Program Coordinator, BizPal, giving an overview of the BizPal Service.

**d. Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL)**

Received an email from MNL regarding information for the 2017 Convention.

**e. Nalcor Energy**

Received a copy of the Muskrat Falls Project Newsletter - August 2017 highlights.

**f. Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner (OIPC)**

Received a copy of the Above Board Newsletter for October 2017.

**g. Janeway Foundation**

Received an information card from the Janeway Foundation advising of all the equipment purchased from the generous donations they have received each year.

**h. mmsb**

Received information on the 2017 Community Waste Diversion Fund. This is a funding program for communities interested in pursuing ideas to reduce, reuse or recycle solid waste.

**i. Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board**

Minutes for the general board meeting of June 21, 2017.

**j. Grand Bank Fire Department**

Minutes for the general meeting of September 13, 2017.

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

Councillor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on October 26, 2017.

Councillor Bennett declared a conflict of interest regarding item 5 of the finance committee report.

MOTION 2017-2921: S. BURT/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of October 26, 2017 be accepted with the exception of item 5.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2017-2922: S. BURT/R. BROOKS

Motion that item 5 of the Finance Committee report be accepted as presented.

5 Ayes (Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Brooks, Burfitt, Burt)

1 Abstained (Bennett)

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2017-2923: S. BURT/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank purchase a dasher board advertisement at the Fortune Arena at a cost of \$500.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**b. Development Committee**

Deputy Mayor Welsh, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on October 26, 2017.

MOTION 2017-2924: C. WELSH/S. BURT

Motioned that the Development Committee report of October 26, 2017 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**c. Recreation & Youth Committee**

Deputy Mayor Welsh, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on October 12, 2017.

MOTION 2017-2925: C. WELSH/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the Recreation & Youth Committee report of October 12, 2017 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. 50+ Club - Update**

Mayor Matthews advised that the renovations at the Club are progressing. Recreation Director Burton advised that the electricians are now finished. He noted that the plumbing is close to completion, and the flooring is being installed. Councillor Burfitt noted his concern with the type of flooring being used in the entrance as it may be slippery. Recreation Director Burton noted that the flooring being used is recommended for washrooms and it has a rubberized backing. It was agreed that Recreation Director Burton would recommend purchasing a runner and/or mat. It is anticipated that the building will be open in the next couple of weeks.

**b. Property Tax Sales**

Mayor Matthews advised that Tax Sales were completed last week. Town Clerk Follett advised that documents have now been provided to the new owners of the three (3) properties. It was noted that council should put in place a minimum for any future properties.

**c. 2017-18 Municipal Capital Works Application**

Mayor Matthews advised that the Town's application for funding for the intake to the municipal dam was rejected. It was noted that new applications will be submitted in November of this year and this project will be listed as the Town's first priority. Mayor Matthews noted that this project is of utmost importance to our community, in light of the emergency with the low water supply in the Town of Fortune a few weeks ago. Town Manager Bolt noted that the Town is now back on the Town of Fortune's water supply.

**d. Delegation to St. John's**

Mayor Matthews advised there are a number of issues that need to be brought to the attention of cabinet and hopefully meetings can be arranged for later this fall.

**e. Town Paving/Old Road**

Mayor Matthews noted that all the paving for the Town for 2017 is now complete. Town Manager Bolt noted that the contractor is planning to have the curb in place on Old Road this week and then asphalt will be completed. The project is on time and within budget.

**10. NEW BUSINESS****a. Retirement Social for Former Councillor Bruce Warren**

Mayor Matthews noted that a retirement social is planned for former Councillor Warren for his 35 years of service. The social will be held on November 8, 3:00 p.m. at the Wellness Center.

**b. MNL Convention – Corner Brook**

Mayor Matthews noted he reviewed the resolutions and there was one that he gathered information on regarding independent manager for capital project. He noted that this would be of benefit for projects that are greater than \$5 million and as long as it's optional and not mandatory for communities. He also noted that Regional Government is a major issue that will be discussed and he will put forth the Town's view against it.

**c. Eastern Health Board Meeting**

Mayor Matthews noted he has been invited to speak at the meeting. He has several points that he will be bringing up to the Board. Especially, consultation services being available here on the Peninsula rather than for individuals having to travel to St. John's.

**d. Tentative Council Meeting Dates (and Committee Dates)**

Mayor Matthews noted that tentative council meeting dates and committee dates have been distributed.

**e. Meeting - Fire Department**

Mayor Matthews noted that a meeting has been arrange with the Fire Department Executive for Monday, November 6 at 3:00 p.m.. Councillors are invited to attend.

**f. Meeting - Business**

Mayor Matthews noted that a meeting has been arranged with GBDC and the Harbour Authority for 9:00 a.m., this Wednesday. Councillors are asked to attend.

**g. Municipal Center**

It was agreed that the Town Manager would write the Town's solicitor and request that the outstanding matter with the roof be settled as soon as possible or proceed to court.

**h. MV Pursuit**

Mayor Matthews noted that there are some new developments with the vessel and hopefully there will be some movement within the near future.

**i. Arctic Surf Claim Quota**

Mayor Matthews noted that he did an interview with NTV News regarding the 25% of the quota being expropriated. The interview will air on NTV on Tuesday evening.

**11. COUNCILLORS FORUM****a. Water Pressure**

Councillor Burfitt noted that he received several concerns regarding low water pressure on Mable Dorothy Blvd. Town Manager Bolt advised that the volume in the water tank has been increased by four (4) feet which would increase the pressure in the Town by 2 PSI. He noted that the level can't be increased too much or too fast because it may cause leaks and problems with hot water boilers, etc. He also noted that the low water pressure could be the result of a number of issues, including half inch lines, more than one property on a line, filters on the line or a type of shut off in the homes which corrodes over time.

**b. Wharf**

Councillor Burfitt requested an update on the wharf. Mayor Matthews noted that the project is on budget and on time. The work is due to be completed by March 31, 2018.

**c. Meeting with John Norman**

Councillor Bennett advised he has a meeting arranged for when he goes to the MNL Convention in Corner Brook.

**d. Intersection at Church Street & Water Street**

Deputy Mayor Welsh has received several concerns regarding cars not taking the turn properly. It was noted that this is part of the proposed development for the downtown development.

**e. Concerns and Issues during Election**

Deputy Mayor Welsh forwarded concerns that he received during the election to the Town Manager. Mayor Matthews noted the concerns were reviewed and most of the items have been addressed.

**f. Speed Bumps**

Deputy Mayor Welsh suggested looking at removable speed bumps in the 2018 Budget.

**g. Property Reassessment**

Deputy Mayor Welsh raised some questions regarding supplementary assessments. It was agreed that the Municipal Assessment Agency would be invited to give a presentation to council.

**h. RCMP Coverage**

Councillor Brooks noted there have been several incidents recently where the RCMP haven't responded. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with the RCMP.

**12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS****a. Swimming Pool**

Town Manager Bolt advised that work on the swimming pool will be starting on November 3, 2017.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 2017-2926: R. BROOKS/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Confirmed by: Rex C. Matthews

Cathy Follett

Town Clerk

Date: November 20, 2017