

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting #11 for 2017 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Executive Boardroom at the Grand Bank Municipal Center on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 4:30 p.m..

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Councillors Roger Brooks, Stan Burt and Rick Grikis with Town Manager Wayne Bolt, Town Clerk Cathy Follett, Recreation Director Tom Burton and Office Administrator Sheila M. Dolimount. Also in attendance was Paul Herridge of the Southern Gazette. Councillor Bruce Warren was off sick and Councillor Travis Parsons joined the meeting later.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 2017-2900: R. GRIKIS/C. WELSH

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

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

MOTION 2017-2901: C. WELSH/S. BURT

Motioned that the minutes of the regular meeting for August 21, 2017 be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**a. Garbage Rollout Bins**

Councillor Grikis noted that the information on the type of bins was forwarded to Town Manager Bolt. Town Manager Bolt noted that there are several types of bins available which will all be reviewed before a decision to purchase is made.

6. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**a. Breast Cancer Society of Canada**

Received a letter asking the Town to participate in the “Dress for the Cause” again this year, the day set aside for this event is October 20, 2017. They suggested a couple of things to do, such as, a potluck lunch, a BBQ, wear the bra, challenge co-workers. Council agreed to order the bras and send out some information to our citizens via email.

a. Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry & Innovation

Received a letter regarding a Focus Group being held on Thursday, October 5, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Marystown Hotel to discuss the “Strengthening Regional Tourism Networks on the Burin Peninsula”. It was agreed that the Town Manager and Town Clerk attend.

c. Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL)

Received an email advising that the 1st Call for 2017 Resolutions, deadline for submission is September 29, 2017. It was agreed that resolutions be developed regarding AMEC weather Forecasting for Town Employees and AES payment system.

d. Burin Peninsula Voice Against Violence (BPVAV)

Received an email from Krista Foote, Executive Director, requesting that the Town partner with BPVAV and Brighter Futures in hosting the annual “Take Back the Night” Walk being held on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.. They also requested that if the weather does not permit, they would like to use the gym for their Walk. Council agreed to support and participate in the annual event.

e. Department of Fisheries and Land Resources

Received a letter from Stephen Balsom, Assistant Deputy Minister, Chief Forester, advising that National Forest Week is being celebrated across Canada from September 24 – 30, 2017, this year's theme, "Celebrating Canada's Forests: Our Stories, Our Future."

Councillor Parsons joined the meeting at this time.

f. MHA Carol Ann Haley

Received an email advising that a Public Consultation on Regional Government will be held for this region on Thursday, October 5, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Marystown Hotel. Mayor Matthews noted that he plans to attend the meeting. Our Town is doing quite well at this time and council doesn't think there is a need for our community to change too many things, other than continuing to share and possibly increase some resources.

g. Robert Parsons

Received an invitation to attend a Music and Stories event at the Provincial Seamen's Museum on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., with stories by Robert C. Parsons.

7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**a. Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment**

- * Received a letter and a copy of the signed Municipal Capital Works Program Agreement between the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment and the Town of Grand Bank for Project No. 17-MCW-18-00008.
- * Received a letter advising the approval to call tenders regarding the Municipal Capital Works Funding – Canada 150 Grand Bank Pool – HVAC and Lighting Upgrades – 17-MCW-17-00023.

b. Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development

Received an email on information on the application for the Accessible Taxi Grants Program. The Accessible Taxi Grants Program provides two grants of \$25,000 each in 2017-18 to individuals, companies or agencies that are able to commit to delivering an accessible taxi service on a 24/7 basis.

c. Professional Municipal Administrators (PMA)

Received an email advising of the schedule of upcoming training beginning in early October.

d. Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner

Received an email advising of two newest guidance pieces; Providing Reasons for Refusal of Access to an Applicant and Minimum Amount Necessary Requirement.

e. Thank you

Received a note of thank you from Angela Blackwood to outside workers who cleaned up an area of her lawn once a leak was repaired.

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

Councillor Stan Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on September 6, 2017.

MOTION 2017-2902: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of September 6, 2017 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2017-2903: S. BURT/C. WELSH

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank's 2016 Audited Financial Statements be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2017-2904: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank forward the 2016 and 2017 annual grant in the amount of \$1,500 per year, pending a written request, from the Grand Bank Harbour Authority.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Deputy Mayor Welsh, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on September 6, 2017.

MOTION 2017-2905: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Development Committee report of September 6, 2017 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Old Road/Lee's Lane - Update

Town Manager Bolt advised that everything is going according to schedule. The area will be paved this year, pending any unforeseen circumstances.

b. Municipal Garage - Update

Mayor Matthews advised funding has been received for the municipal garage upgrade. Town Manager Bolt advised that Municipal Affairs has approved SNC Lavalin as the Town's engineers for the project.

c. Tax Sales - Update

Town Clerk Follett noted that the tax sales for five (5) properties are scheduled for October 5, 2017 at 12:30 p.m.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Swimming Pool Tender

Mayor Matthews advised that three (3) tenders were received for the HVAC and Lighting Upgrades for the Swimming Pool. Two tenders were disqualified due to incorrect bid bonds.

MOTION 2017-2906: R. GRIKIS/C. WELSH

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank accept the tender from Summit Plumbing and Heating Ltd. in the amount of \$176,742.39 for the Grand Bank Pool HVAC and Lighting upgrades as recommended by SNC Lavalin.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Town's Proposal for Arctic Surf Claims

Mayor Matthews advised that he wrote letters, was talking to the Premier, our MP, and our MHA regarding the decision around increasing the Arctic Surf Claim licenses. He noted that the Town is automatically eliminated as the new license, will be for indigenous people. Mayor Matthews noted that a meeting is set with the Federal Minister of Fisheries this Wednesday in St. John's so that the Town's case can be put forward.

c. Regional Government Consultations

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

d. Round Table - Update

Mayor Matthews noted Deputy Mayor Welsh and Town Manager Bolt attended the Round Table meeting last week in Winterland. Deputy Mayor Welsh advised that Minister Joyce attended the meeting as he was in the area due to the Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board Site opening. He noted that each town had an opportunity to bring up concerns. The concerns that were raised by our town was the issues with AES payments, capital works projects - find out early, and crown land problems. Other Town's issues included fire department (rescue vehicles), land development, chlorine concerns, the road condition between St. Lawrence and Lawn, and concerns with sea walls. He also noted that he felt it was a productive meeting.

11. COUNCILLORS FORUM

a. Application to Operato a Business

MOTION 2017-2907: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that an ad be placed in the Southern Gazette, at the applicants expense, noting the proposed use, a funeral home, at 13 Church Street is a discretionary use. Further moved that the application be approved pending no objections or concerns being raised and pending approval from Service NL.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Soft Ball Tournament

Councillor Burt noted that to his knowledge a softball tournament is being organized for the end of September and wondered if the field was in good shape. It was agreed that Recreation Director Burton would clarify the matter with the principal of John Burke High and have the field prepared.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

a. Inaugural Sitting

Office Administrator Dolimount reminded councillors of the invitation to the Supreme Court tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

b. Downtown Redevelopment

Town Manager Bolt advised that the Town's application for the Downtown Redevelopment is being reviewed and a response should be received by the end of this month.

c. New Dump Truck with Salt Spreader

Town Manager Bolt advised that the new dump truck with a salt/sand spreader arrived today and was paid for from the Town's reserves.

MOTION 2017-2908: R. BROOKS/T. PARSONS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank sell its 1994 dump truck by way of tender.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2017-2909: R. BROOKS/T. PARSONS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Confirmed by: Rex C. Matthews

Cathy Follett
Town Clerk

Date: October 10, 2017