

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #01 for 2024 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 3:53 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Councillors Angela Blackwood, Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt, Colin Clements, and Derrick Dunne attended along with Town Clerk Michelle Patten. Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Tom Burton was off on Annual Leave.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2024-3714: A.BLACKWOOD/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION**

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS – DECEMBER 11, 2023**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2024-3715: S.BURT/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that the minutes for the Council Meeting held on December 11, 2023 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – DECEMBER 11, 2023**

a. **Bait Depot Operation**

Councillor Burfitt asked if a policy was made yet for the use of the Bait Depot. Mayor Matthews advised that it is in the process.

b. **Ducks**

Councillor Blackwood asked if contact was made with the Department of Wildlife. CAO Fleming advised the Department cannot physically remove the ducks, and it is suggested to strongly encourage residents to avoid feeding them.

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

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a. **Grand Bank Volunteer Fire Department**

Received a letter advising of the 2024 executive members. They are as follows: Fire Chief, Tony Snook; Deputy Chief, Corey Perry; Secretary/Treasurer, Steven Burt; Team Captains; Michael Cumben, Wayne Bolt, Colin Clements, and Lenard Osbourne.

b. **Thank You Card**

Received a thank you card from Mr. & Mrs. Allan Stoodley for the invitation to the Christmas Dinner.

c. **Thank You Notice**

Received a thank you letter from the Ladies Exercise Group of Grand Bank for the donation of the TV.

d. **Ducks**

Received an email from a resident suggesting the Town consider creating a designated area for people to feed the ducks, to help eliminate the ducks from roaming around the community searching for food.

**e. Bell**

Received a letter advising a new area code, 879, will be introduced to the area starting February 17, 2024. All other numbers will not be affected.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS****a. Finance Committee**

Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on January 16, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3716: S.BURT/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of January 16, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR                      MOTION CARRIED

Administrative Clerk Michelle Osmond entered the meeting at this time.

**b. Development Committee**

Councillor Roger Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on January 16, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3717: R.BROOKS/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank adopt a permit system and regulations for private firework display.

3 Ayes (Burfitt, Brooks, Clements)      4 Nays (Blackwood, Burt, Dunne, Matthews)

MOTION DEFEATED

MOTION 2024-3718: R.BROOKS/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Development Committee report of January 16, 2024 be approved with the exception of item #7.

ALL IN FAVOUR                      MOTION CARRIED

**c. Appointment of Recreation Commission Members**

Councillor Burfitt presented a written report from the Grand Bank Recreation Commission requesting the appointment of new members; Travis Parsons, Emily Stoodley, and Debbie Meade.

MOTION 2024-3719: J.BURFITT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that Grand Bank Recreation Commission Report be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR                      MOTION CARRIED

**d. Community Youth Network Report**

Councillor Blackwood gave a report on the Community Youth Network.

MOTION 2024-3720: A.BLACKWOOD/J.BURFITT

Motioned that Community Youth Network report be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR                      MOTION CARRIED

**e. Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board**

Councillor Burfitt gave a report on the public meeting that was held in Marystown on Saturday, January 13, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3721: J.BURFITT/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board report be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Warming Center Update**

Mayor Matthews gave a brief update on the Warming Center.

**b. Scotiabank Update**

Mayor Matthews advised that the Town has done everything possible to date and sent letters, etc. to try and change the decision by Scotiabank to close the branch in Grand Bank.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Council Committees 2024/25**

Mayor Matthews updated the Standing Committees of Council for 2024/25.

**b. Demolition of Buildings Process**

Mayor Matthews advised we need to develop a better process for the demolition of deteriorating buildings/properties since current contract prices are rather expensive.

**12. COUNCILLORS FORUM**

**a. ATV's on Town Streets**

Councillor Brooks advised that ATV's are still very much a problem on our streets. Users are not following regulations.

**b. Harbour Authority**

Councillor Burfitt advised the Grand Bank Harbour Authority has a good committee, and a good relationship with Small Craft Harbours.

**c. Congratulations**

Mayor, Councillors and Staff congratulated Councillor Dunne on receiving an Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal in St. John's.

**d. Health Care Update**

Councillor Dunne gave a brief update on the staffing at the Dr. S. Beckley Health Care Center in Grand Bank. He advised things look positive here.

**13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS**

**a. Video Conference System**

CAO Fleming advised the video conference equipment is now installed and ready to use in the Council Chambers.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 2024-3722: R.BROOKS/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED