

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting #3 for 2018 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Executive Boardroom at the Grand Bank Municipal Center on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews (via telephone), Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Councillors George Bennett, Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt, Stan Burt and Rick Grikis attended along with Town Clerk Cathy Follett, Recreation Director Tom Burton and Paul Herridge representing the Southern Gazette. Office Administrator Sheila M. Dolimount joined the meeting later and Town Manager Wayne Bolt was off sick.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 2018-2961: G. BENNETT/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the agenda be adopted with the addition of a moment of silence.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

Councillors stood for a moment of silence in recognition of Former Councillor/Deputy Mayor Bruce Warren who recently passed away.

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

MOTION 2018-2962: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the minutes of the regular meeting for February 12, 2018 be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**a. Municipal Center Break In**

Councillor Grikis questioned if there was an update on the break in. Town Clerk Follett advised that the RCMP is continuing to follow leads and nothing more can be said at this time.

b. MV Pursuit

Councillor Bennett advised that the ship was balsted today and approval was obtained for the cars that were being taken. As well, arrangements have been requested for a pilot boat for possibly later this week. He noted that he asked that he be advised when the pilot boat leaves St. John's.

c. Grand Bank Regional Theater

Mayor Matthews questioned if an update has been received regarding approval from the Fire Commissioners Office regarding operations of the Theater in the Samuel J. Harris Building for this year. Town Clerk Follett advised that the Town Manager has followed up with an email to the Fire Commissioners Office however a response hasn't been received. Deputy Mayor Welsh advised that the fire extinguishers were inspected today.

6. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**a. Canadian Mental Health Association**

Received a letter stating that 2018 marks 100 years of mental health community services provided by Canadian Mental Health Association. There are four events scheduled throughout the year, they are hoping our community will participate in one or more of the events.

- Mental Health Week – May 6th to 12th. Our goal is to light up in green (mental health awareness color) buildings or landmarks in your area throughout the week.
- Ride Don't Hide – June 24th. This is a national event with details through this link <http://ridedonthide.com/>
- Community Swim for Mental Health – Middle of August. Details here <http://cmhanl.ca/what-we-do/tickle-swim-mental-health/>

- Painting a Picture for Mental Health – September. 100 painting canvases will be sold for \$1,000/each. Each canvas will be painted and used to make a large art installation which we plan to have permanently displayed in St. John's.

It was agreed that information would be obtained regarding the Ride Don't Hide and the Community Swim so that an event or events can be organized.

7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

a. M.H.A. Carol Anne Haley

Received a copy of a letter from MHA Haley expressing her concerns over the cuts to the Arctic Surf Clam quota as announced by Minister LeBlanc.

b. Ches Crosbie

Received a copy of a press release issued by Ches Crosbie, PC Leadership Candidate, expressing the wrong doings to Grand Bank Workers regarding the cuts to the Arctic Surf Clam quotas.

c. Municipal Assessment Agency Inc. (MAA)

Received a memo from the MAA giving an update on the Municipal Assessment Agency and some of the issues addressed by the Board throughout the year.

d. Government Purchasing Agency

Received a memo from the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer advising that the Public Procurement Act received Royal Assent on December 14, 2016 and on February 22, 2018, the Public Procurement Regulations were published in the NL Gazette. The Act is to replace the Public Tender Act, Government Purchasing Agency Act and Intergovernmental Joint Purchasing Act and the new framework will guide procurement by all public bodies in NL, including your own.

e. Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce (BPCC)

Received an email from the BPCC with a link to the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce in which they have posted some insight to the 2018 Federal Budget.

f. Crime Stoppers NL 2018

Received an email from Crime Stoppers NL 2018 calling for nominations for the years Police and Peace Officer of the Year awards. Deadline is March 21, 2018.

g. Department of Children, Seniors & Social Development (DCSSD)

Received an email from Minister Lisa Dempster, DCSSD, approving funding under the Community Healthy Living fund in the amount of \$5000 for upgrades to the Grand Bank 50+ Club.

h. Ben Stacey

Received an email from Ben Stacey expressing his concern over the number of walkers walking the roads at night with nothing fluorescing them, causing it to become a dangerous issue.

i. Nalcor Energy

Received an email from Nalcor Energy of the Muskrat Falls Project highlights for the month of December 2017.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Councillor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on March 6, 2018.

MOTION 2018-2963: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of March 6, 2018 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2018-2964: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank approve the submission of an application by Information Brokerage Ltd. (IBL) to Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (TCII) in the amount of \$365,000 for upgrades to RAMS, on behalf of the Town of Grand Bank. Whereas the Town of Grand Bank is one of the five towns using the RAMS Program.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Councillor Brooks, Committee Member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on March 6, 2018.

MOTION 2018-2965: G. BENNETT/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Development Committee report of March 6, 2018 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

c. Grand Bank/Fortune Ambulance Committee

Councillor Burfitt presented minutes of a meeting the Committee held on January 24, 2018.

Councillor Burfitt noted that the issue of snow clearing hasn't been resolved. He hopes that this will be done at the next meeting.

MOTION 2018-2966: J. BURFITT/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Grand Bank/Fortune Ambulance Committee meeting minutes of January 24, 2018 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

d. Heritage and Tourism Committee

Councillor Bennett presented minutes of a meeting the Committee held on March 1, 2018.

MOTION 2018-2967: G. BENNETT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Heritage and Tourism Committee meeting minutes of March 1, 2018 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

e. Recreation and Youth Committee

Councillor Bennett presented minutes of a meeting the Committee held on March 1, 2018.

MOTION 2018-2968: G. BENNETT/ R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Recreation and Youth Committee meeting minutes of March 1, 2018 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

It was noted that April 19 has been confirmed as the date for the Volunteer Night Social and the 50+ Club are not interested in doing the soup and sandwiches for the event.

At this time, Office Administrator Dolimount entered the meeting.

9. OLD BUSINESS**a. Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board**

Councillor Grikis presented a written report of a meeting that was held with the Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board on February 21, 2018.

MOTION 2018-2969: R. GRIKIS/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board meeting minutes of February 21, 2018 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

b. Swimming Pool Update

Recreation Director Burton provided an update on the Swimming Pool Project. He noted things are progressing and a lot of repairs have been completed. He anticipates that the Pool will be open the first week of June this year.

Mayor Matthews suggested that, if needed, the outside workers would be made available so that the work can be completed and the pool opened on schedule.

c. MNL Regional Meeting - Update

Deputy Mayor Welsh presented a verbal report of the MNL Regional Meeting that he recently attended. It was agreed that the report would be copied for all councillors.

MOTION 2018-2970: R. MATTHEWS/S. BURT

Motioned that the MNL Regional Meeting Report be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS**a. Dynamic Air Meeting - Update**

Town Clerk Follett advised that members of council met with Kay Riggs, Renita Dominaux and John Stratton of Dynamic Air last week. The group provided an update regarding the proposed permanent structure for Centennial Park. It was agreed that they would advise the Town Manager prior to the end of June if the project will go ahead this year so that plans can be made for upgrading the water and sewer in the lane off of Evans Street. The group was briefed on the Downtown Development project and discussed the entrance to Centennial Park.

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that it was a very positive meeting.

b. Arctic Surf Clam Quota

Mayor Matthews noted that this has become, and continues to be, a major national issue. He noted that the Province doesn't agree with the decision and noted the process is flawed. It is a major setback for our community and our region and that Clearwater will have to make some adjustments if the quota stays as is. Mayor Matthews thanked the press for the good job they did on the story.

Deputy Mayor Welsh thanked Mayor Matthews for his hard work and dedication on this matter.

11. COUNCILLORS FORUM**a. Janitorial Services**

Councillor Burfitt asked if there was an update on the janitorial services for the Municipal Center. Town Clerk Follett advised that the current janitors have agreed to continue until the end of this month and a new advertisement will be finalized tomorrow.

b. Wharf

Councillor Burfitt advised that the work on the wharf is behind schedule however he has been advised that the contractor is doing top notch work.

c. Grand Bank Development Corporation

Councillor Burfitt noted that the two (2) new members have attended two (2) meetings to date. He also noted that the MOU has been signed and returned to CBDC.

d. Former Councillor Warren

Councillor Burfitt suggested that a plaque be placed at the entrance in tribute to former Councillor Warren. Council agreed that they would look at doing something in recognition of Councillor Warren's dedication to the Town.

Mayor Matthews thanked council for the moment of silence in recognition of former Councillor Warren. He noted that he dedicated many years, not only to council but, to recreation groups and community groups in our town and he will certainly be missed. It was noted that a meal was provided for the immediate family and agreed that council should do something in recognition of his many years of service.

e. Municipal Center

Councillor Burfitt suggested placing a sign in/out sheet on the front counter that would be used after hours for outside groups using the building. He noted this would insure that council would know the last person leaving the building. Mayor Matthews noted that a similar system is already available as those using the building sign out/in when they obtain a key from the main office. It was noted that the main door is difficult to close and everyone using the building will be advised to ensure the door is locked and closed when they leave.

f. Clean Up of Animals

Councillor Bennett questioned if there is anything the Town can do to encourage owners to clean up after their pets. It was agreed that an email will be forwarded.

g. Mental Health and Addictions Meeting

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that he attended a meeting today which provided an update on what is happening in the communities now regarding mental health. He noted that the wait list is down to zero. Staff is very positive and feel the changes to the services are excellent.

Town Clerk Follett advised that it has been brought to her attention that there is only one psychiatrist in Burin and services aren't available when he is away.

h. Anglican Church

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that Rev. Neil Buffett, Anglican Church Minister in Fortune, is leaving to go to Catalina.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS - NIL**13. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 2017-2971: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

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: April 16, 2018