

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #10 for 2019 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Council Chambers at the former Federal Building on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 3:45 p.m.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Councillors George Bennett, Roger Brooks, Stan Burt, and Rick Grikis attended along with, Town Clerk Sheila M. Dolimount, and Recreation Director Tom Burton. Councillor Jack Burfitt is out of town due to medical reasons, Town Manager Wayne Bolt is on vacation and Administrative Clerk Michelle Patten is working.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2019-3184: S. BURT/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATIONS - NIL**

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2019-3185: R. GRIKIS/C. WELSH

Motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting for September 25, 2019 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2019-3186: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the minutes of the Special Meeting #4 for September 30, 2019 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2019-3187: G. BENNETT/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the minutes of the Special Meeting #5 for October 2, 2019 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - SEPT 23, 2019**

a. **Pursuit**

Councillor Brooks stated that he brought up the matter of the Pursuit so that the reporter could put it out there that it is not Council's issue. Mayor Matthews advised that an email will be sent out clarifying the Town's position on the Pursuit at an appropriate time.

b. **Scrapped Vehicles**

Councillor Grikis questioned if the scrapped vehicles have been removed. Town Clerk Dolimount advised that most of the vehicles have been removed. It was also stated that if anyone sees any scrapped vehicles to let the Town Clerk know.

c. **Feasibility Study – Town Hall**

Councillor Burt inquired if there is any progress being made on the feasibility study for the Town Hall. Mayor Matthews advised that tenders have closed, however, they will need to be revised since the tendered prices were far above the approved amount. Further, there were components of the tender call that are not required at this stage and this should reduce the cost.

6. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a. **Eastern Health**

Received an invitation to participate in a community focus group to discuss improvements to Mental Health Service on the Burin Peninsula. Deputy Mayor Welsh advised that only two people turned up for the discussion.

b. **Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

Received an invitation to their first Business Mixer on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at the Marystown Hotel & Convention Centre. Councillor Brooks advised that this event was cancelled.

c. **The Harris Centre – Memorial University**

Received an invitation to attend the Burin Peninsula Thriving Regions Workshop on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 2:00 p.m. at Fortune. Councillor Brooks advised that the workshop was cancelled in Fortune however still going ahead in Marystown. Town Clerk Dolimount was asked to forward the email to Councillors.

d. **Avalon Employment Inc.**

Received a request to proclaim October as National Disability Employment Month.

*Proclamation*  
**Disability Employment Awareness Month**  
**October, 2019**

*WHEREAS: National Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM), in October, is the time for acknowledging and celebrating the workplace contributions of people in our community who have a disability, and business successes and benefits stemming from hiring with a focus on diversity and inclusivity; and*

*WHEREAS: DEAM is also the time to acknowledge that there is still more opportunity to keep raising awareness that it's critical for all businesses to review their recruitment process. There is a vast "hidden" talent pool of highly educated and skilled people who are still too often overlooked. For example, the Statistics Canada 2017 Canadian Survey on Disability showed overall the employment rate of adults who have a disability is 59%, compared to 80% for those without a disability. Other recent research has shown 71% of businesses haven't hired staff who have a disability because they're unaware of the job skills of people in this hidden talent pool; and*

*WHEREAS: Throughout Disability Employment Awareness Month, Mentor Ability, through the Canadian Association for Supported Employment, will be promoting and celebrating the successes and benefit of inclusive hiring practices right across the country through a social media campaign, and local events with organizations throughout the city; and*

*WHEREAS: the promotion and celebration of the workplace accomplishments of people across our city who have a disability, adds strength to the call for more businesses to become more aware of the benefit of inclusive employment, and to move towards increased employment opportunities for skilled people from the disability talent pool; and*

*THEREFORE: I, Mayor Rex C. Matthews, do hereby proclaim October 2019, as cause/issue/special occasion, etc. in Grand Bank.*

MOTION 2019-3188: C. WELSH/S. BURT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank proclaim October as Disability Employment Awareness Month.

ALL IN FAVOUR                      MOTION CARRIED

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment**

Received a letter of approval for the Community Enhancement Employment Program # 17-CEEP-20-130 in the amount of \$16,544.60. Recreation Director Burton will manage this program.

b. **Municipal Assessment Agency (MAA)**

\* Received the Annual Report for 2018-19.

\* Received an update on the Municipal Assessment Agency.

**c. Department of Municipal Affairs**

\* Received a copy of a letter of permission to Clearwater Seafoods Ltd, for wharf repairs.

\* Received a letter advising the applications for infrastructure funding (Municipal Capital Works Program and Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program) is set to close October 25, 2019.

**d. CBDC**

Received an invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting at the Marystown Hotel & Convention Centre on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

**e. Grand Bank Fire Department**

Received a copy of minutes of June 12, 2019.

**f. Community Sector Council NL**

Received an email regarding the Regional Skills Facilitator Pilot Program. They are seeking expressions of interest to help identify regions where they may collaborate with local groups to hire Regional Skills Facilitators.

**g. Thank you**

Received a thank you card from the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation for donation.

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

Received an email with 2019 Nominations Update – MNL Board of Directors.

**i. College of the North Atlantic**

Received an invitation to the Public Post–Secondary Education Review at the Burin Campus on Thursday, October 24, 2019 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**j. TRIO Benefits**

Received an email advising the provincial government has confirmed that TRIO's benefit programs are compliant with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Finance Committee**

Councillor Stan Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on October 15, 2019.

It was agreed to increase the donation for item 4a from \$100 to \$200.

MOTION 2019-3189: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of October 15, 2019 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**b. Development Committee**

Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on October 15, 2019.

MOTION 2019-3190: C. WELSH/S. BURT

Motioned that the Development Committee report of October 15, 2019 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2019-3191: C. WELSH/S. BURT

Motioned to approve a Development application received from bakee002 to complete an extension and roof repairs subject to approval from Service NL.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**c. Recreation & Youth Committee**

Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on October 1, 2019.

MOTION 2019-3192: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Recreation & Youth Committee report of October 1, 2019 be accepted as presented.

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**9. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Downtown Redevelopment Update**

Mayor Matthews advised that an email was sent out updating citizens of the Downtown Redevelopment project. Councillors stated they received a lot of good comments back regarding the email.

**b. “Dress for the Cause” Campaign**

Recreation Director Burton advised that there will be a walk taking place on Friday, October 25, 2019 at the Community Park from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and that posters and emails have gone out. Town Clerk Dolimount was asked to send out the information on Facebook.

**c. CEEP Project**

Recreation Director Burton advised that the Town received funding in the amount of \$16,544.60 for the CEEP Project. He also advised that the Town has already received four applications however not one qualifies because of the specification required from Service Canada.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Delegation to St. John’s**

Mayor Matthews advised that the delegation went to St. John's on October 16, 2019 to meet with Minister Bragg of Municipal Affairs and Environment, MHA Carol Ann Haley and other government department officials and they had a productive meeting. The Town had a number of issues to discuss; 1. Samuel J. Harris Building (Seaking Building), 2. Dam Repairs – Capital Works Program, 3. Province’s Asphalt Program, 4. Protected Wastershed Area, and 5. Old Cottage Hospital Grounds.

**b. Dam Project**

Discuss previously in the meeting under item 10 a.

**c. Christmas Dinner**

Town Clerk Dolimount advised that the Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday, December 6, 2019 at the Masonic Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**11. COUNCILLORS FORUM**

**a. Women in Business Annual Fall Fair**

Mayor Matthews advised that he is unable to attend and asked if anyone would be available to attend in his place. Deputy Mayor Welsh agreed to go in his place.

**b. RCMP Meeting**

Mayor Matthews advised that a request has been forwarded to the new Staff Sergeant requesting a meeting for Thursday, October 24, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.

**c. Thank You**

- \* Councillor Bennett thanked everyone for their support over the past 5 - 6 months.
- \* Councillor Burt also thanked everyone for their support during the illness of his wife, Minnie.

**d. Bennett's Construction**

Councillor Brooks commented on the great job that Bennett's Construction has done to their property on Marine Drive.

**e. Development Downtown**

Deputy Mayor Welsh suggested having a new mural painted at some location within the Town depicting a scene that reflects on our past history. He also mentioned a number of tourism opportunities that should be considered by the Heritage and Tourism Committee.

**12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 2019-3193: G. BENNETT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED