

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #7 for 2023 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 3:57 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Councillors George Bennett, Angela Blackwood (via telephone), Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt, and Derrick Dunne attended along with Chief Administrative Officer Terry Fleming, Town Clerk (Acting) Sheila M. Dolimount, Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Tom Burton, and Administrative Clerk Michelle Osmond. Town Clerk Michelle Patten is on holidays.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2023-3654: R. BROOKS/D. DUNNE

Motioned that the agenda be adopted with an addition to Old Business d) Discretionary Fund.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION**

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS – JUNE 19, 2023**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2023-3655: G. BENNETT/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the minutes for Council Meeting of June 19, 2023 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – JUNE 19, 2023**

a. **Recognition of Lieutenant Governor Judy Foote**

Deputy Mayor Burt questioned if anything had been decided by the Town to recognize Lieutenant Governor Judy Foote. He stated that the Town of Gander just recently named a street after a former Grand Banker. CAO Fleming was asked to contact the Town of Gander to see what was involved in doing this.

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a. **Complaints**

Received two emails regarding a business on Evans Street. It was agreed to meet with the business owner to see if there are ways to improve the situation in the area.

8. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

a. **MHA Paul Pike**

Received an email regarding the Oil to Electric Incentive Program. It was agreed to send this information out on the Town's email.

b. **Burin Peninsula Joint Council**

Received an email regarding Provincial Government Seeks Proposals to Expand Cellular Service.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. **Finance Committee**

Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on July 12, 2023.

Deputy Mayor Burt left the meeting at this time as he is in a conflict.

MOTION 2023-3656: R. BROOKS/D. DUNNE

Motioned that item 2(a) of the Finance Committee report be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Burt returned to the meeting.

MOTION 2023-3657: S.BURT/A. BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of July 12, 2023 be approved with the exception of item 2(a).

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2023-3658: S. BURT/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank appoint Ms. Anna Myers (A.M. Group Ltd.) to prepare a Municipal Plan and Development Regulations for the Town under the authority of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Councillor Roger Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on July 12, 2023.

Mayor Matthews left the meeting at this time as he is in a conflict.

MOTION 2023-3659: R.BROOKS/G. BENNETT

Motioned that item 1 a to bb be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Matthews returned to the meeting.

Councillor Dunne left the meeting at this time as he is in a conflict.

MOTION 2023-3660: R.BROOKS/J. BURFITT

Motioned that item 2 a – d be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Dunne returned to the meeting.

MOTION 2023-3661: R. BROOKS/A. BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the Development Committee report of July 12, 2023 be approved with the exception of items 1 a to bb, 2 a to d and item 7. f.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2023-3662: R. BROOKS/J. BURFITT

Motioned that item 7 (f) requires further evaluation of re-routing the storm sewer in the area.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

c. Wind Energy Project

Councillor Burfitt presented a written report with an update to the Wind Energy Project.

MOTION 2023-3663: J. BURFITT/S. BURT

Motioned that the Wind Energy Project report be approved as presented.

12. COUNCILLORS FORUM

a. Cancer Support Group

Deputy Mayor Burt questioned if the Town had received an invitation to the event. Staff couldn't recall receiving one. Deputy Mayor Burt advised that he brought greetings on behalf of the Town.

b. Mural

Councillor Bennett advised that he was contacted by Ruth Piccolo; she is interested in painting a mural on the cement slab where the Seaking Building once stood. The mural would depict things that the Seaking Building was used for. It was agreed that the Town would provide the paint.

c. Bridge

Councillor Dunne questioned if a letter was forwarded to the Department of Transportation because the Minister was in the Marystown area recently and will be returning in a few weeks so he wondered if the letter was sent that the Minister might come this way. Mayor Matthews advised that the letter is in progress.

d. Flower Pots

Councillor Brooks inquired if flowers were going to be planted in the planters boxes/ flower pots around Town, some areas look bare. Mayor Matthews advised that the planter boxes/flower pots need to be replaced, many are rotten and not suitable for planting.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

a. Lighting at the Dog Park and RCMP Detachment Area

Recreation Director Burton advised that NL Power needs permission from the Town for the go ahead to install a light at the Dog Park, and a directive needs to be completed to install a light in the area of the RCMP Detachment. It was talked about purchasing solar lights for the park previously, however no decision was made on this purchase. It was suggested to install the light with the possibility of cancelling the light later.

b. Turtle – Community Park

Recreation Director Burton advised that the Turtle at the Community Park needs to be removed as it was damaged by a young individual. After some discussion, it was agreed that the family of the young individual would be responsible to pay for the removal of the turtle and a decision to be made on what other expenses they would be responsible for.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2023-3665: S. BURT/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:25 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED