

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #3 for 2019 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Executive Boardroom at the Grand Bank Municipal Center on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Councillors George Bennett, Jack Burfitt, Stan Burt and Rick Grikis attended along with Town Clerk Sheila M. Dolimount, Recreation Director Tom Burton, and Paul Herridge representing the Southern Gazette. Councillor Roger Brooks is away on business, Town Manager Wayne Bolt is away for work and Administrative Clerk Michelle Patten joined the meeting later.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2019-3113: C. WELSH/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATIONS - NIL**

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2019-3114: G. BENNETT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the minutes of the regular meeting for February 26, 2019 be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2019-3115: G. BENNETT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the minutes of the special meeting for March 8, 2019 be adopted as presented.

AYES (Grikis, Bennett & Mayor Matthews)

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – February 26, 2019**

a. **Nature Trail Application**

Councillor Grikis questioned if the application had been forwarded. Recreation Director Burton advised he met with Jody Brushett of ACOA and Trevor Bungay of the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development (ITRD) and he was advised by Jody that ACOA are not accepting application regarding trail development, instead Trevor sent him an application to be submitted under ITRD for funding. Recreation Director Burton advised that Town Manager Bolt has been speaking to the Engineers and asked them to visit the trail so they can give a cost estimate of what is required for the trail.

b. **NL Public Library**

Councillor Burt questioned if anyone had been appointed to the Library Board. Councillor Burfitt expressed an interest. Mayor Matthews officially appoints Councillor Jack Burfitt to the Grand Bank Library Board.

c. **Wharf - Phase II**

Deputy Mayor Welsh questioned if there was any response received from the Federal Minister. Councillor Burfitt advised that a meeting was held with MP Rogers and the Grand Bank Harbour Authority and MP Rogers's said there may be some monies leftover. Mayor Matthews advised a letter has gone out regarding no water and sewer connected to the building since the first phase of the wharf work has been completed.

6. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a. **NL Mosquito Project**

Received an email advising Memorial University Researchers are interested in finding out what mosquito species are in the province and are looking for individuals to collect mosquitos. Materials and instructions provided by MUN. It was agreed that an email would be sent out to see if anyone in the community would be interested in this venture.

b. **Young, Neil**

Received an email advising Mr. Young will be visiting Grand Bank in the near future and would like some information on the highlights of Grand Bank and would like to leave a small token of memorabilia. It was agreed that a package of the Town's lapel pin, pen and brochure would be forwarded to him.

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Professional Municipal Administrators (PMA)**

Received a letter of information from PMA with details of upcoming training.

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

- * Received a letter regarding the appeals process.
- * Received a letter regarding Mr. Albert Snook being appointed to serve as the Assessment Review Commissioner.

c. **Department of Municipal Affairs**

Received a letter acknowledging receipt of the 2019 Municipal Budget.

d. **Fire and Emergency Services**

Received a letter advising of training dates for 2019.

e. **RCMP**

Received a letter from Staff Sergeant Dale Foote regarding staffing. It was agreed that a meeting be set up with the RCMP and invite the Fortune Town Council.

f. **Town of Fortune**

Received a copy of the letter the Town of Fortune sent to the RCMP, Burin Detachment with regards to staffing.

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

- * Received an email – Day of action spurs increase support for ban on single use plastic bags.
- * Received an email – Building climate resilience conference – April 9th in St. John's.

h. **Newfoundland and Labrador Tourism**

Received an email newsletter.

i. **Department of Children, Senior and Social Development**

Received a copy of the email sent to the 50+ Club to advise the approval of grants.

j. **Service NL**

Received from Registry of Deeds a copy of survey for property located at Lower Water Street.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Councillor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on March 20, 2019.

MOTION 2019-3116: S. BURT/C. WELSH

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of March 20, 2019 be accepted, with the exception of item #8 to be approved under separate motion.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2019-3117: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment for Gas Tax funding in the amount of \$22,701 for Waste Water Effluent Monitoring and Sampling.

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 March 20, 2019.

MOTION 2019-3118: C. WELSH/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the Development Committee report of March 20, 2019 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

c. Meeting with the 50+ Executive

Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh presented a written report of a meeting held on March 5, 2019.

MOTION 2019-3119: R. GRIKIS/S. BURT

Motioned that Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh attend the Recreation NL Convention being held in Grand Falls-Windsor on May 23 – 26, 2019.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2019-3120: C. WELSH/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the 50+ Executive report of March 5, 2019 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Feasibility Study – Municipal Centre

Mayor Matthews advised that Town Manager Bolt and himself have had some discussion on a feasibility study with respect to a municipal center. The Mayor advised that the Town Manager had an engineer visit the building to provide some options in this regard including costs.

b. Meeting with RCMP

Dealt with previously

c. Surf Clam Letter

Mayor Matthews advised that he wrote a letter back in January to the Federal Minister concerning the surf clam quotas, however, no response has been received to

date. Some discussion took place regarding the 50 year agreement that Clearwater has signed with 14 First Nation Bands including the one from Conne River, while the Federal Minister has not made a decision on 25% of the clam quota, this agreement does show good faith and leadership on the part of Clearwater.

d. Wharf Letter

Mayor Matthews advised that he wrote a letter back in January to the Federal Minister concerning Phase II of the Wharf, however, no response has been received to date on this issue as well.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Sea Cucumber Industry

Mayor Matthews advised that Clearwater is making a major investment in the Sea Cucumber industry at the local plant. They will be creating 19 new jobs at the plant to process the product, and it will mean more activity in the Harbour from fish harvesters. The season will open around June 7, 2019.

Administrative Clerk Patten entered the meeting at this time, 4:35 p.m.

b. Johnson Appeal

Mayor Matthews advised that the Town was well prepared to present its case to the Appeal Board, however, the appeal was withdrawn before the scheduled hearing.

c. Special Meeting – Old Road Contract & Municipal Building

Mayor Matthews advised that a special meeting needs to be called to make some decisions regarding the Old Road project. The project is incomplete since 2017.

11. COUNCILLORS FORUM

a. Pursuit

Mayor Matthews advised that there is a new buyer interested in purchasing the Pursuit. He advised that should the purchase proceed all of the items in the hold of the vessel would have to be removed and carried to the waste disposal site. The Town would negotiate with Waste Management on this issue if the vessel is sold.

b. Meetings

Councillor Bennett presented two brief reports regarding meetings that he attended; the Legendary Coast and the Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

c. Heritage Advisory Committee

MOTION 2019-3121: G. BENNETT/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank send out an email informing residents that the town is in the process of setting up an Heritage Advisory Committee and if they are interested in becoming a member of the Committee to advise the Town Office.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

d. Traffic

Deputy Mayor Welsh expressed his concern regarding vehicles that are driving in the middle of the road on Main Street versus driving on their side of the road due to the potholes in the road. It was agreed this would be investigated.

e. Waste Management Meeting

Councillor Grikis advised that a meeting between the Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board and three new appointees to the Provincial Waste Management Committee has been arranged for sometime in April. Councillor Grikis noted that he will be attending this meeting.

f. Roll-Out Garbage Bins

Councillor Grikis suggested that an email needs to be sent out to remind residents that roll-out garbage bins will become mandatory on July 1, 2019.

g. Eastern Health Advisory Committee

Councillor Burt advised that he attended an Eastern Health Advisory Committee meeting and one of the issues discussed was the use of teleconferencing for appointments.

h. Plastic Bags

Councillor Burt expressed concerns over the use of plastic bags. Mayor Matthews stated that once Provincial legislation is brought down, then the Town will act in accordance to the legislation.

i. Dumpster

Councillor Burfitt expressed his concern about the mess left on the wharf from the demolition of the Seaking Building. Councillor Bennett advised that the contractor is waiting on a dumpster.

j. Theatre

Mayor Matthews commended the Theatre Board on the work put into the purchase of the Pentecostal Church, and with the full support of the Town behind the application to the GBDC he hopes the outcome will be positive.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

a. Recreation & Youth Committee

Recreation Director Burton advised that Volunteer Night is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2019.

b. Auditors

Town Clerk Dolimount advised that the Auditors will be here from April 8 – 12, 2019.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2019-3121: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED