

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #3 for 2021 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 2:02 p.m. at the 50+ Club.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Councillors Jack Burfitt, Stan Burt and Rick Grikis attended along with Town Clerk Sheila M. Dolimount, and Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Tom Burton. Councillor George Bennett was off for medical reasons and Town Manager Wayne Bolt was off for personal reasons. Administrative Clerk Michelle Patten was working at the Town Office.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2021-3347: C. WELSH/S. BURT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted with addition to New Business: (e) Concrete Wall opposite Scotiabank, (f) Theatre, and Old Business: (c) Dam Upgrade.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION** NONE

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS – MARCH 22, 2021** NONE

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2021-3348: R. GRIKIS/S. BURT

Motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting for March 22, 2021 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – MARCH 22, 2021**

a. **Nature Trail – Design and Tender**

Deputy Mayor Welsh inquired about what the latest update is on tender for Nature Trail. Recreation Director Burton advised they are waiting on Council for wording on the signage. It was agreed that Councillors review the information handed out and comment back to staff by Wednesday, April 28, 2021 if they had any issues with the proposed signage.

b. **Special Request Lighting**

Councillor Grikis inquired as to any update on the proposed lighting for Special Occasions to light up the outside of the building. Mayor Matthews advised Recreation Director Burton is still working on this matter.

c. **Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador**

Councillor Grikis advised that he is interested in attending the 2020 AGM/Municipal Symposium for May 6 – 8, 2021. Town Clerk Dolimount was asked to forward the agenda and resolution information to everyone.

d. **Digital Government and Service NL**

Councillor Grikis advised he spoke with the Department's office again and he stated it will be a number of weeks before anyone will be available to do a visit to this area for water sampling, etc.

e. **Community Youth Network (CYN)**

Deputy Mayor Welsh inquired if the Mayor was still working with CYN. Mayor Matthews advised that he is waiting on another meeting with a proposed developer of property in the community before sharing information with the CYN re: a location for their programs and services.

f. **Property – Oceanview Street**

Deputy Mayor Welsh suggested Council give permission to Mayor Matthews and Town Manager Bolt to negotiate with the property owners for the purchase of this property to widen the street. Council concurred with this suggestion.

**g. Clean Up of Private Property**

Councillor Burt questioned if the letter had been forwarded to the property owner. Mayor Matthews advised the letter has been completed and is ready to be hand delivered this week.

**h. Court Case**

Councillor Burfitt questioned if the Town contacted the Lawyer to seek any reimbursement. Mayor Matthews advised there was no point to seek reimbursement since during the legal process there were misunderstandings by both parties on relevant legislation.

**i. Markers**

Councillor Grikis questioned if the markers were purchased for the Fortune Dam. Town Clerk Dolimount advised that this was the decision of the Town of Fortune to get the markers and put them in place.

**j. Heritage Society**

Councillor Burfitt questioned if Mayor Matthews had spoken with the Chair of the Heritage Society. Mayor Matthews advised that he had spoken with the Chair and feels it's more a difference of opinions on a number of issues rather than administrative or operational issues. Councillor Brooks questioned if there was going to be any work done to the Harris House this year. Mayor Matthews advised he understood that there was some work scheduled to be undertaken this year.

**k. Meeting with Clearwater Seafoods**

Mayor Matthews advised that he was speaking with Clearwater Seafoods regarding a tax agreement between the Company and the Town and the Company requested sometime in June for a meeting when one of their officials will be in Grand Bank. It was agreed that June would be fine.

**l. Gas Tax**

Mayor Matthews advised that the Town has been notified that Gas Tax funding will double for 2021.

**7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

**a. Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador**

Received the following proclamation from the Miles for Smiles Foundation to declare April:

***Whereas:** Children are the foundation for a prosperous and innovative society, and the foundation for a child's growth and development is established when the community takes responsibility for creating healthy environments where our children can thrive;*

***Whereas:** All children deserve to have a safe, stable, nurturing home and community to foster their healthy growth and development;*

***Whereas:** Child abuse and neglect is an important societal concern that may affect the long-term health and well being of not only children, but also the adults they become;*

***Whereas:** Child abuse and neglect impacts our entire society and our society's future;*

***Whereas:** Child abuse prevention is a shared responsibility and finding solutions requires the involvement and collaboration of citizens, organizations and government entities;*

***Whereas:** this month, we emphasize the importance of understanding the devastating problem of child abuse and neglect, and commit to learn more about the behavioral and physical signs of possible abuse.*

*Therefore, I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in \_\_\_\_\_ and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.*

MOTION 2021-3349: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank proclaim April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**b. Sharon's Nook and Tea Room**

Received a letter requesting use of the parking lot adjacent to their business for outdoor seating during the summer months.

MOTION 2021-3350: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank approve the use of a portion of the parking lot for outdoor seating, similar to last year's arrangement.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**8. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

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

- \* Received a letter advising the 2021 General Election will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Received a letter regarding the election of Mayor.

**b. Rose, Juanita**

Received a letter from Ms. Juanita Rose regarding her resignation as Life Guard/Manager of the Grand Bank Swimming Pool. It was agreed that Recreation Director Burton arrange a social to celebrate her years of service with the Town.

**c. Eastern Health**

- \* Received an email advising there will be a virtual presentation, "Alcohol Use and Suicide Prevention", taking place on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
- \* Received the Community Mental Health Fund Application 2021.
- \* Received an email regarding a 2 day ASIST Workshop July 29 – 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

Received a nomination form for President and Vice President.

**e. RCMP**

Received an email regarding an ATV information sheet, outlining the legal requirements for ATV operators in the Province.

**f. Municipal Assessment Agency**

Received a letter confirming Mr. Randell Pope will serve as the Assessment Review Commissioner for the Town of Grand Bank.

**g. Department of Transportation and Infrastructure**

- \* Received a letter related to the Municipal Infrastructure Projects.
- \* Received a letter regarding the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program.

**h. Department of Justice and Public Safety**

Received a letter informing that St. John Ambulance has received Health Canada funding to provide nasal naloxone training and distribution nationally.

**i. Eastern Director**

Received a letter from Keith Keating advising he is running for the Eastern Director position with Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Finance Committee**

Councillor Stan Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on April 21, 2021.

Item 3a. After some discussion, it was agreed to not install the speed bumps and just post the speed sign.

MOTION 2021-3351: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of April 21, 2021 be approved

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MOTION 2021-3352: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank accept the tender from Nortech Construction, in the amount of \$137,075.40 plus HST \$20,561.31 for a total of \$157,636.71 for Paving of the list of streets as outlined in the Tender Call which closed on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2021-3353: S. BURT/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Municipal Affairs for Gas Tax Funding in the amount of \$157,636.71 for Street Upgrading in the Town of Grand Bank. The list of the streets being upgraded is outlined in the Tender Call which closed on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. Further moved that Nortech Construction be award the contract to complete this work.

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 April 21, 2021.

MOTION 2021-3354: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Development Committee report of April 21, 2021 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**c. Swimming Pool Report**

Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh presented a written report of a meeting held on April 16, 2021 for the Swimming Pool.

MOTION 2021-3355: C. WELSH/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Grand Bank Swimming would not offer lessons this year due to public health measures.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2021-3356: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Swimming Pool report of April 16, 2021 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. ATV Regulations**

MOTION 2021-3357: C. WELSH/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the amendments be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**b. Dam Upgrades**

Mayor Matthews advised that there have been 4 divers working at the Dam. He also advised that there have been some challenges but work is still progressing.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Visa/Debit Machine**

Mayor Matthews advised that the visa/debit information provided by the Chase Company needs to be reviewed by the Finance Committee and look at the full scope of what it would cost the Town to provide this service. Councillor Burfitt advised that the theatre uses a device call “the Square” that they purchased at Best Buy. Town Clerk Dolimount was asked to check this device out.

b. **Tax Sale**

MOTION 2021-3358: J. BURFITT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank proceed with the sale of the following properties for non-payment of taxes:

- 22 College Street, Grand Bank
- 26 West Street, Grand Bank

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c. **Clean up of Private Residential Properties**

MOTION 2021-3359: C. WELSH/S. BURT

Motioned that Council delegate authority to the Town Manager, or in the absence of the Town Manager, to the Town Clerk, to issue an order of Council for the clean-up of private residential properties within the municipality in accordance with section 404 of the *Municipalities Act*.

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Recreation Director Burton left the meeting at this time, 3:20 p.m.

d. **Forward and Tibbo – Transfer of Land**

Deferred to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

e. **Wall Opposite Bank**

Councillor Burfitt suggested that the Town should look at removing the concrete wall opposite the Bank and replace it with some other material for the next budget. It was agreed that Town Manager Bolt would contact the engineers for an estimate for the 2022.

f. **Theatre**

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised that the Theatre has now brought forward new Policies and Procedure guidelines and he is now a liaison to the Board with no voting privileges. He also advised that the President is Jack Burfitt, VP Dan Piccolo, Secretary Marcia Penwell and the Treasurer is Stan Burt. He wanted to commend the Board on the excellent job they are doing. Councillor Burfitt advised that the Heritage Society will have their office at the Theatre soon. Councillor Burfitt was asked to provide a list of the Theatre Board to Council.

12. **COUNCILLORS FORUM**

a. **RCMP**

Deputy Mayor Welsh questioned should Council be meeting with MHA Paul Pike to put pressure on government regarding the removal of the RCMP here in Town. It was agreed that the Town write a letter expressing their concerns and disappointment over the removal of the RCMP in the community.

b. **Property**

Councillor Brooks advised that there are kids entering the property at 22 College Street at all hours of the night. It was agreed the Town would write the property owner advising this is happening, with a copy to the RCMP.

**c. Fundraiser**

Councillor Burfitt advised that he wanted to thank Councillor Brooks for donating the 50/50 fundraiser at Foodland to the Theatre. He stated this would help towards the purchase of mini splits for the building.

**d. Gas Shortage**

Councillor Burt questioned the shortage of gas for the whole area last week. Mayor Matthews advised that this had a lot to do with the tanker blockage in the Suez Canal, and that the gas shortages were felt all over the province, other parts of the country, and continent.

**e. Beautification**

Councillor Burt questioned who would be taking care of the maintenance of the trees and plants that were planted last year. He advised that he has spoken with Ann Miller who stated that she would be interested in helping out. Mayor Matthews suggested some of the work could be written into the JCP project. It was agreed that Recreation Director Burton review the letter received from Ms. Miller last year and to check into what can be done for the project. This has to be done in consultation with the Heritage Committee.

**13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 2021-3360: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 3:55 p.m.