

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting #11 for 2022 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Councillors George Bennett, Angela Blackwood, Roger Brooks, and Jack Burfitt attended along with Town Manager/Clerk (A) Sheila M. Dolimount, Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Tom Burton, Derrick Dunne, Marie Dunne, Matthew Dunne and Alex Dunne. Town Clerk Michelle Patten is on leave and Administrative Clerk Shelly Osmond is working.

1a. Swearing In Ceremony

Town Manager/Clerk (A) Dolimount proceeded with the swearing in ceremony of Derrick Dunne who was elected to Council at the By-election of November 17, 2022.

Marie, Matthew and Alex left the meeting at this time.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 2022-3573: G. BENNETT/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. DELEGATION

4. ERRORS AND OMISSIONS – OCTOBER 17, 2022

Councillor Blackwood advised the words “the Fire Fighters Banquet could not be rescheduled” to 12 c. Bonfire Night.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION 2022-3574: J. BURFITT/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the minutes for October 17, 2022 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – OCTOBER 17, 2022

7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

a. Dept of Municipal and Provincial Affairs

Received a letter with attached updated circular relating to the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000 – Public Hearings, Plan Registration and Appeals.

b. Government NL

Received an email regarding the Tourism Experience Enhancement Fund. Application forwarded.

c. **Burin Chamber**

Received a letter regarding a Call for Board of Directors Nominations 2022.

8. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

a. **RCMP**

Received the October Monthly Report.

b. **Burin Chamber**

Received the Quarterly Newsletter – 4th Edition.

c. **OPIC**

Received the October 2022 issue of Above Board.

d. **MHA Pike**

Received an email regarding Bill # 12 re Firefighters / Volunteer Firefighters.

e. **Burin Peninsula Waste Management**

Received a letter regarding Waste Collection Fees for 2023.

f. **Dept of Transportation and Infrastructure**

Received an email regarding the Site Specific Safety Plan 2022-2023.

g. **Aspire Communications**

Received a letter regarding Adult Literacy in Canada.

h. **Terry Fleming**

Received an email regarding BPJC Households 2023 Membership Fees.

i. **Burin Peninsula Joint Council**

- Received an email regarding the BPJC AGM 2022 Agenda.
- Received an email regarding the BPJC 2021 AGM.

j. **Department of Industry, Energy, Technology**

Received an email regarding Christopher Brenton who applied to prospect at Grand Bank Cape. **His application for trenching has been denied, however he was approved for simple prospecting only.**

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on November 16, 2022.

MOTION 2022-3575: S. BURT/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of November 16, 2022 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Councillor Roger Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on November 16, 2022.

MOTION 2022-3576: R. BROOKS/A. BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the Development Committee report be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Nature Trail Update

Mayor Matthews advised that the signs have been installed. Also there have been some issues with wash outs and Bennett's Construction will be doing the repairs this time.

b. Response to Dog Park Advertisement

Mayor Matthews advised the Town received 61 comments regarding the Dog Park (60 agreed/1 disagreed). He also advised the design work has been completed, however some changes may be made. Councillor Burfitt stated there may be issues with people parking their vehicle and shining their lights in the dog park, it may be an issue for the people living in the area of the park. He questioned if there will be lighting for the park. Mayor Matthews advised there was no lighting in the design. It was agreed that a Committee be set up to oversee the maintenance of the dog park.

c. Riverside East Project Update

Mayor Matthews advised that the paving company will be in Town tomorrow to start the prep work for laying the pavement on Riverside East. It was agreed that if the paving is being done then the Town needs assurances in place that the work would be guaranteed.

d. Christmas Parade

Mayor Matthews questioned if Fraser Park will be decorated for the Light Up. Recreation Director Burton advised there are no workers in place to date under the CEEP Program, he may get confirmation tomorrow if the workers are approved and can start working Wednesday.

e. Christmas Dinner

Mayor Matthews advised that the Town Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday, December 9, 2022 at the Masonic Hall for 6:00 p.m.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. CAO Position Update

Mayor Matthews advised that the interview process has been completed by the Consultants and as soon as he hears from them with their results he will forward them along to Council.

b. Collective Agreement Negotiations

Mayor Matthews advised Union negotiations will be starting soon and the negotiations will be for the Town and the Recreation Commission.

c. Budget 2023 Meeting

Mayor Matthews advised the meeting for the 2023 Budget will be held on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

d. 2023 Committees Update

Mayor Matthews advised he will reformulate the Committees over the Christmas break and present it to Council in the New Year.

12. COUNCILLORS FORUM

a. Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board (BPEAB)

Deputy Mayor Burt presented a motion to appoint Councillor Jack Burfitt to the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board.

Motion 2022-3577: S. BURT/D. DUNNE

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank appoint Councillor Jack Burfitt as the Town's representative to the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board, and that Councillor Burfitt would be the Town's representative, when required by the Town, at any meetings, conferences, discussions, events, etc., dealing with the Green Hydrogen Green Ammonia Windmill Project that is slated for development on the Burin Peninsula.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Congratulations/Welcome

Councillors congratulated and welcome newly elected Councillor Derrick Dunne to his first meeting.

c. Come From Aways

Mayor Matthews asked Councillor Blackwood if she would think about putting together something for the new residents to our Town.

d. RCMP

Councillor Bennett stated his need to have the RCMP stationed here in the community as well.

e. Town's Website

Councillor Burfitt advised that the Town's website needs to be updated. Town Manager/Clerk (A) Dolimount advised staff will investigate this and have it updated.

f. Hickman Street

Councillor Burfitt questioned if anything was heard back from NL Power regarding the power supply to the Hickman Street area. Town Manager/Clerk (A) Dolimount advised that she will be speaking with NL Power in the near future and will find out if there is anything new.

g. Pursuit

Councillor Burfitt advised that tenders have been received regarding the Pursuit and things are moving forward.

h. MNL Convention

Deputy Mayor Burt advised that Councillor Burfitt and himself attended the MNL Convention and it was very informative. A copy of their report will be forwarded to Councillors.

i. Events

Deputy Mayor Burt congratulated Councillor Blackwood on the wonderful job she did for the International Students. Mayor Matthews also thanked Councillor Blackwood on the great work she did at the Volunteer Social and the Remembrance Day Service.

j. Thank You

Councillor Dunne thanked everyone for the warm welcome he received and hopes he can provide meaningful advice to Council during his term.

k. Concerns

Councillor Dunne advised that while he was campaigning he heard from a number of seniors that they don't get any messages or information from the Town because they don't have a computer or internet. He questioned if we could get a phone system in place like the school board uses. Councillor Dunne was asked to investigate this further.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

a. Legion

Recreation Director Burton advised that he is still working on finding a place for the Legion memorabilia. He advised that if the memorabilia was placed at the Seaman's Museum then the Rooms would take ownership of it, it was agreed the Town would not go that way. Recreation Director Burton was asked to continue investigating.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2022-3578: J. BURFITT/A. BLACKWOOD

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