

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #15 for 2017 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Executive Boardroom at the Grand Bank Municipal Center on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 4:00 p.m..

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Councillors George Bennett, Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt, Stan Burt, and Rick Grikis attended along with Town Manager Wayne Bolt, Town Clerk Cathy Follett and Recreation Director Tom Burton. Office Administrator Sheila M. Dolimount joined the meeting later.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2017-2936: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

**3. DELEGATIONS - NIL****4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2017-2937: R. GRIKIS/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the minutes of the regular meeting for November 20, 2017 be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

At this time, Paul Herridge representing the Southern Gazette entered the meeting.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES****a. Mental Health and Addictions**

Deputy Mayor Welsh questioned if the Town could apply for funding as per item 7c of the last meeting. Mayor Matthews noted this isn't for the Town, but committees that have been established.

**b. Irving Property**

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that there were two trucks on the property this past week. Mayor Matthews noted the trucks were removing any remaining fuel.

**c. Bayview Place**

Councillor Grikis noted that the house on Bayview Place has been torn down and most of it brought to the waste disposal site.

**d. Theater Funding**

Councillor Burfitt noted the funding that the theater in Cow Head recently received and questioned if the Town could apply for funding under the same program. Mayor Matthews noted that this would be something the Grand Bank Regional Theater should apply for.

**6. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION****a. John Burke High School (JBHS)**

Received a letter from the Student Council of JBHS requesting Council's help in preparing the annual Pancake Breakfast for the Students, it is to take place on Friday, December 22. It was agreed that Town would provide pancake supplies.

**7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION****a. Service NL**

Received a copy of a letter from Stephen Menchenton, Service NL, advising that the proposed renovations to the 50 Plus Social Club is exempt from building accessibility requirements.

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

Received a letter from President Brian Peckford, PMA, advising of the importance of doing the Core Training Programs for municipal administrators.

**c. Fire & Emergency Services (FES)**

Received a copy of a permit granting permission to the Grand Bank Special Events Committee to hold an aerial display of fireworks on December 31, 2017 under the supervision of a certified fireworks supervisor.

**d. Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board (BPRSB)**

Received a letter from the BPRSB advising that the waste collection rate will not change for 2018, also the fees for industrial/commercial/institutional waste processing will remain the same, however effective January 1, 2018 all double Axle trailers delivering waste to the site will be charged the commercial tipping fee of \$90 per ton. All vehicles and trailers entering the landfill will have their license plates and weights monitored. Once a vehicle or trailer exceeds 2000lbs of waste in a given year, the vehicle or trailer owner will be charged a rate of \$90/short ton (\$99.21/metric tonne) for the remainder of the year.

**e. Nalcor Energy**

Received a copy of the Muskrat Falls Project September 2017 highlights.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS****a. Finance Committee**

Councillor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on December 6, 2017.

MOTION 2017-2938: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of December 6, 2017 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2017-2939: S. BURT/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank increase the amount spent on the Municipal Garage Extension (project # 98-2016-5754) by \$1,696.17 and increase the amount spent on the Roads upgrades - Church Street, Hickman Street and Main Street (project #98-2016-5820) by \$6,828.71.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**b. Development Committee**

Deputy Mayor Welsh, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on December 6, 2017.

MOTION 2017-2940: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Development Committee report of December 6, 2017 be accepted with the change to the recommendation of item 2 from 'b' to 'a'.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

At this time, Office Administrator Dolimount entered the meeting.

MOTION 2017- 2941: R. BROOKS/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the application for crown land for a remote cottage (152827) be recommended for approval, based on approval from Service NL.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**9. OLD BUSINESS****a. Old Road/Lee's Lane - Update**

Town Manager Bolt advised that Farrell's (paving) is on site and completing the markings for asphalt. He noted there shouldn't be any issues with connecting the driveways. The area should be paved in the next couple days.

**b. Swimming Pool - Update**

Mayor Matthews advised the majority of items have been removed from the building. Town Manager Bolt noted there is one piece of equipment that needs to be removed due to a potential fire hazard. He noted that change orders were completed on Friday and the project will be approximately \$2000 over budget but there should be a rebate from NL Power based on the lights that are removed to help offset it. Mayor Matthews noted that he would like to review the rebate to ensure we are getting everything that we are entitled to.

**c. MV Pursuit - Update**

Mayor Matthews noted it was thought there was a deal completed for the MV Pursuit to go to Honduras, however the country is now in chaos due to the recent election. Councillor Bennett noted that the crew went back to St. Johns this weekend and hopefully the issues will get straightened out this week so the transfer of the vessel can get back on track.

**d. Light Up and Parade 2017**

Recreation Director Burton noted that the new procedure with the Light up and Parade for 2017 was a success. He does have some notes of items that may need to be changed and improved on for next year. It was noted that there was a great turnout. Mayor Matthews noted that the Town has to do its part with the parade. The Mayor thanked Sheila for taking the lead to have a float in the parade this year on behalf of the Town. Councillor Burfitt questioned why the 2 Towns don't hold a joint parade. Councillor Bennett noted that one of the main reasons was due to floats being destroyed traveling over the highway.

**e. Canada 150 Skating Party**

Mayor Matthews noted about 250 people attended the skating party yesterday. It went over very well. Mayor Matthews expressed his displeasure that our community didn't get a Canada 150 Skate grant.

**10. NEW BUSINESS****a. Capital Works Improvement to Municipal Garage**

Mayor Matthews noted that it is anticipated that the tenders will go out in the spring. Town Manager Bolt noted that PCA has been signed with the engineers and they have started gathering some information on the building. Councillor Grikis asked if there were going to be any energy efficient items in the building so that grants could be applied for. Town Manager Bolt noted that the lighting has been upgraded previously however there may be a number of items that can be reviewed. Councillor Burfitt noted that in the future solar is going to be something to consider.

**b. Provincial Review and Consultations of Municipalities Act**

Mayor Matthews noted that there are a lot of issues that need to be reviewed in the current Municipalities Act. It is anticipated that the new Act will provide more local authority and autonomy. It was agreed that the Town Manager and the Town Clerk would follow up with MNL, PMA and Town solicitor to obtain their views on the revision.

**c. Meeting with MP**

Mayor Matthews noted when council reconvenes in the new year we will arrange a meeting with the MP.

**11. COUNCILLORS FORUM****a. Canada 150**

Mayor Matthews thanked staff and councillors for the support of the activities that were planned throughout the year with the Canada 150 celebrations.

**b. Former MP Judy Foote**

Council agreed that something would be arranged for former MP Judy Foote.

**c. West Street**

Councillor Brooks noted he received concerns with the amount of water that was pooling on West Street. Town Manager Bolt noted that the manhole needs to be lowered and that it is on the work list for the spring.

**d. Ambulance Dinner**

Councillor Burfitt noted that he responded to the email from the individual that got uninvited to the dinner. He advised the individual that he is one of the Town's representatives on the Committee and he would check into the matter. Mayor Matthews noted that it's the committee that invites people.

**e. Nature Trail**

Councillor Burfitt suggested that a committee be set up to assist with the ongoing concerns of the nature trail as there are some safety issues that need to be addressed. Mayor Matthews noted that this should be done through the Recreation Commission. It was agreed that Deputy Mayor Welsh will bring it up at the next meeting.

**f. GBDC**

Councillor Burfitt noted that Ms. Renee Johnson attended her first meeting and two new members will be recruited in the near future.

**g. Harbour Authority**

Councillor Burfitt noted that the Harbour Authority has several concerns that they requested he bring to council. The Authority would like to discuss the plans the town has for the land that is between the Harbour Authority office and the Samuel J. Harris (Seaking) Building. As well, they would like signage placed on or near the Samuel J. Harris (Seaking) Building cautioning of the potential hazards. He was also asked to advise council that the Authority will not be pursuing the Saint Pierre Ferry.

**h. Plastic Bags**

Councillor Burt noted that council should start to think of some of the issues around the use and banning of plastic bags. Mayor Matthews noted that there would have to be an alternate plan put place for the stores.

**12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS****a. Arena**

Recreation Director Burton noted that the dasher board has been installed at the arena.

**b. Pool**

Town Manager Bolt noted that the work at the swimming pool is to be completed by the end of January and the commission will be mid February.

Councillors and Staff wished each other Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 2017-2942: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Confirmed by: Rex C. Matthews

Cathy Follett

Town Clerk

Date: January 15, 2018