

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #6 for 2019 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Council Chambers at the former Federal Building on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 4:10 p.m.

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

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2019-3147: R. GRIKIS/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted with the deferral of 10(a) under New Business and add 10(g) New Town Hall Feasibility Study to New Business.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATIONS - NIL**

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2019-3148: J. BURFITT/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting for May 27, 2019 be adopted, as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

a. **Swimming Pool Update**

Councillor Grikis advised that the name of the Health Inspector is Nathan Matthews and not Mason Matthews.

Administrative Clerk Patten entered the meeting at this time, 4:20 p.m.

6. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a. **Newfoundland and Labrador College of Family Physicians**

Received a letter regarding the "My NL Family Doctor Award". The deadline to submit nominations is August 2, 2019. It was agreed that Councillors contact the Town Office if they wish to nominate someone.

b. **Heart & Stroke Foundation**

Received a letter regarding the Mayor's March for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Council decided not to participate this year given all the other fundraising activity in the community at this time.

c. **Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

Received a letter regarding the sale of the Marystown Shipyard. It was agreed that a letter of support would be forwarded to the Chamber expressing the Town's views.

d. **Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

Received an email advising the NL Government is considering increasing the provincial minimum wage to \$15.00 and would like feedback. Council decided to request the Chamber to look at all aspects of this issue since there are many points to consider.

e. **Town of Winterland**

Received an email regarding bus zone issues. Wondering if other communities had the same issues. It was agreed the Town would write advising of its experience with similar school bus stops in our area.

**f. Town of Fortune**

Received an invitation to attend a Regional Round Table on June 27, 2019. Deputy Mayor Welsh, Councillors Burfitt & Grikis advised they would attend.

**7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

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

- \* Received an email –NOIA Advocacy to change Bill C-69.
- \* Received an email – New Minister of Municipal Affairs.
- \* Received an email – Municipal associations call on Federal Government to expedite access to cannabis revenue.
- \* Received an email – CAN, municipal government organizations sign five year deal.

**b. Town of Marystown**

Received an invitation from the Marystown YMCA to attend an official announcement on becoming LEED Gold Certified. The announcement will take place on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. It was agreed that if anyone wished to attend they may do so.

**c. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)**

Received an email advising the federal government pledged to eliminate single-use plastics.

**d. Department of Municipal Affairs**

Received a letter advising the Clean Water Wastewater Fund completion date has been extended to March 31, 2019.

**e. Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation**

Received a thank you letter for supporting the 2019 Charity Hockey Fundraiser.

**f. Muskrat Falls**

Received highlights for the month of March 2019.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Finance Committee**

Councillor Rick Grikis, Committee Member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on June 19, 2019.

MOTION 2019-3149: R. GRIKIS/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of June 19, 2019 be accepted with the deferral of item 1(e) and item 7.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2019-3150: R. GRIKIS/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank sign the Gas Tax Agreement for the years 2019–2024, inclusive.

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 June 19, 2019.

MOTION 2019-3151: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Development Committee report of June 19, 2019 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Samuel J. Harris Building (Sampling)**

Mayor Matthews advised that there were four (4) bids received for the tender to take samples from the Samuel J. Harris Building. The bids ranged from \$4197.50 to \$7656.72 with the lowest bid being received from Bennett's Construction. It was agreed by all in attendance that the bid by Bennett's Construction would be accepted.

b. **Town Asphalt Repairs**

Mayor Matthews advised that eight (8) loads of asphalt have been put out around Town with a lot more to come and would take approximately 2 more weeks before completion.

c. **Meeting re: Old Road**

Mayor Matthews advised a meeting was held with Bennett's Construction to discuss the ongoing Old Road issue and an agreement has been concluded to bring the project to a final conclusion. The Mayor advised that the work has begun and should be completed next week. He advised once completed and final approval is given by SNC Lavalin, payment will be forwarded to the Company.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Meeting with the Community Youth Network**

Deferred for the Finance Committee to discuss.

b. **Motion for Gas Tax Funding**

Mayor Matthews advised that three (3) tenders were received for the road upgrading and paving of areas around Town as per Council's previous discussion.

MOTION 2019-3152: R. GRIKIS/J. BURFITT

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 \$179,577.68 for Roads Upgrading for streets around Grand Bank. A list of the streets (areas) as outlined in the Tender which closed June 21, 2019.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

c. **Meeting with the RCMP**

Mayor Matthews advised that a meeting was held with the RCMP on June 13<sup>th</sup>, Staff Sergeant Dale Foote and Sergeant Lee Lush. The Mayor advised that Sgt. Foote is moving and Sgt. Lush will be filling the position temporarily. Mayor Matthews advised that questions were asked to the RCMP with regards to officer's homes being sold and the detachment office being closed. The RCMP advised they have no knowledge of this happening. They advised there is no change in staff but some have moved and their positions haven't been filled to-date and some are on holidays. Mayor Matthews advised it was a good meeting. Other issues included speeding in the Town, community statistics, RCMP visibility and ATV use.

d. **Nature Trail/Marine Hike Update**

Recreation Director Burton advised that on Wednesday he walked the trail with three engineers, they took pictures and are planning on sending up a drone to take 3D shots of the trail. The engineers thought the Town had an excellent trail. He also advised that the engineers would submit the application on behalf of the Town once all the information has been gathered. Recreation Director Burton was asked to identify what is needed and in what areas work needed to be done for the trail. Mayor Matthews questioned why other areas in NL have gotten funding from ACOA to do work on their trails and the Town has been told that there is no funding for this work. Town Clerk Dolimount was asked to arrange a meeting with Jody Brushett of ACOA.

e. **Canada Day/Memorial Day**

Recreation Director Burton advised that the Canada Day/Memorial Day celebrations will start at 11:00 a.m. at the war memorial, however if inclement weather it will take place at the United Church. He also advised that if the weather is good there will be things taking place in the community park for the family, such as; a BBQ, cake, bouncy castle.

f. **Asphalt Repairs 2019**

Discussed previously in the meeting.

g. **New Town Hall Feasibility Study**

Mayor Matthews advised that funding has been approved for a feasibility study to be completed for a new Town Hall and public consultations will be arranged. Councillor Burfitt offered the Theatre for the site to hold the public consultation.

MOTION 2019-3153: R. GRIKIS/R. BROOKS

BE IT RESOLVED to accept cost-shared funding as outlined in the Municipal Affairs and Environment project approval letter dated June 10, 2019 to complete the New Town Hall Feasibility Study, Project Number 17-MCW-20-00010 for \$57,500. The Town of Grand Bank agrees to provide \$20,857.00 in funding for this project and authorizes the Mayor and Town Clerk to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment on behalf of Grand Bank.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

11. **COUNCILLORS FORUM**

a. **Downtown Redevelopment**

Mayor Matthews advised that the tenders closed today for Phase I of the Downtown Redevelopment.

b. **Heritage Advisory Committee**

Councillor Bennett questioned if either Councillor Burfitt or Councillor Brooks could chair a meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee while he is unable to attend. Councillor Burfitt advised that he would fill in.

c. **Swimming Pool Opening**

Councillor Burfitt questioned when the swimming pool is opening. Recreation Director Burton advised they are hoping to have it open by Friday of this week.

d. **Road**

Councillor Burfitt questioned if the town could put a post in the middle of the road to the wharf entrance near the former Grand Bank Lumber Building. HE was informed to put the request in writing from the Harbour Authority.

e. **Meeting**

Councillor Burfitt advised that the Grand Bank Harbour Authority have requested a meeting with MP Rogers regarding the completion of the wharf. He also advised that the owner of the Pursuit is coming to Town within the next two weeks and once he arrives he has 45 days to have the vessel removed.

f. **Mowing**

Councillor Grikis thanked the maintenance workers on a job well done in keeping the grass mowed throughout the community and at the parks and sports facilities.

12. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS**

a. **Invitation - Theatre**

Town Clerk Dolimount advised that an invitation was received from the Theatre inviting Council and Staff to their Gala Night on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 2019-3154: R. GRIKIS/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:10 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED