

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #7 for 2020 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held at the Grand Bank 50 Plus Club on Monday, August 31, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Councillors George Bennett, Jack Burfitt, Stan Burt and Rick Grikis attended along with Town Manager Wayne Bolt, Administrative Clerk Michelle Patten and Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Tom Burton. Councillor Roger Brooks is out of town for work and Town Clerk Sheila M. Dolimount is on holidays.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2020-3280: R. GRIKIS/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION** NONE

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS – JULY 27, 2020**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2020-3281: C.WELSH/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting for July 27, 2020 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – JULY 27, 2020**

a. **Graduation Sign**

Councillor Burt questioned if the sign that the Town purchased to place in front of John Burke High to recognize the 2020 Graduates had been found. Mayor Matthews advised that the sign has not been found and that it is disappointing to know someone would have taken it.

b. **Beavers**

Councillor Grikis questioned if anything has been done about the beavers in Grand Bank Brook. Mayor Matthews advised that a trapper has been approved by Wildlife to proceed as soon as the Salmon Season is over for safety reasons.

c. **Water Levels**

Councillor Grikis questioned if the water levels at the Fortune Dam are back up. Town Manager Bolt advised that he checked the levels this morning and the levels are up approximately 6 feet from last week.

d. **Brunette Island Display**

Councillor Grikis questioned when the Brunette Island Story Board will be done. Mayor Matthews advised the sign is completed and ready to be erected once the stand is constructed by Metal Manu Works.

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a. **Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder - NL**

**Proclamation  
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Week  
September 7 – 11, 2020**

WHEREAS: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a diagnostic term used to describe impacts on the brain and body of individuals prenatally exposed to alcohol. FASD is a lifelong disability. Individuals with FASD will experience some degree of challenges in their daily living, and need support with motor skills, physical health, learning, memory, attention, communication, emotional regulation, and social skills to reach their full potential. Each individual with FASD is unique and has areas of both strengths and challenges.

WHEREAS: fasdNL is a pan-provincial organization that educates, provides supports and resources, and raises awareness about fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) in Newfoundland and Labrador.; and

WHEREAS: FASD is held across the province to mark FASD Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS: FASD Awareness week is devoted to raising awareness of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) to improve prevention of FASD and diagnosis and support for individuals with FASD.

THEREFORE: I, Rex C. Matthews, do hereby proclaim day/week/month, as cause/issue/special occasion etc. in the Town of Grand Bank.

Signed at Grand Bank on this 31 day of August, 2020.

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Rex C. Matthews, Mayor

MOTION 2020-3282: C.WELSH/S. BURT

Motioned that the town proclaim September 7 – 11<sup>th</sup> as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Week.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**8. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

**a. Department of Municipal Affairs**

Received an email regarding documentation required for approvals to borrow.

**b. Municipal Assessment Agency**

Received a letter regarding two new Taxpayer Representatives; Mr. Gerald Thompson, Grand Falls-Windsor, and Ms. Carol Ann Smith.

**c. Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment**

Received a letter advising of the recommended acceptance of the tender submitted by Farrell's Excavating Ltd. for the 2020 Street Upgrades – 17-RNC-21-00006.

**d. Ann Miller**

Received a letter commenting on how nice the first stage of the Downtown Development looks. Also, recommending organizing a group of volunteers to help maintain the areas throughout town that need gardening, etc.

**e. Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

Received a newsletter for July 2020.

**f. Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development**

Received a copy of an email sent to "The Decade Dancers Inc" advising of their grant of \$1500.00.

**g. Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador**

- \* Received an email regarding mask wearing.
- \* Received an email regarding Protected Areas Plan for the Island.

**h. Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities**

Received an email regarding the use and storage of Alcohol-Based hand sanitizer.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Finance Committee**

Councillor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on August 27, 2020.

Item 5: After some discussion, it was agreed to consult our Lawyer before proceeding.

MOTION 2020-3283: S. BURT/C. WELSH

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of August 27, 2020 be approved with the exception of Item #5.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2020-3284: S. BURT/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank request the surplus of \$261,030.19 for the Grand Bank 2020 Street Upgrades, DMAE Project No. 17-RNC-21-00006 to continue with the extension of road upgrades on Church Street. The Town will accept any cost over-runs that may occur.

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 August 27, 2020.

MOTION 2020-3285: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Development Committee report of August 27, 2020 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**c. Heritage and Tourism Committee**

Councillor Bennett, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on August 20, 2020.

Councillor Bennett advised the Committee is recommending that trees and shrubs around Town be taken care of by summer job employees which are Government funded jobs and therefore, it wouldn't cost the Town.

Mayor Matthews thanked Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Burton and his team on a great job this year in keeping the Town clean and tidy.

MOTION 2020-3286: G. BENNETT/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Heritage and Tourism Committee report of August 20, 2020 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Meeting with RCMP**

Mayor Matthews advised a meeting will be scheduled for next week.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Street Upgrading**

Town Manager Bolt advised he had a meeting with Farrell's and Innovative NL, and the paving project is scheduled to start during the week of September 14, 2020 and should be completed in 3-4 weeks.

**b. Weather Radio Canada Transmitter Decommission**

Mayor Matthews advised that we received a letter from Weather Radio Canada regarding a transmitter. After some investigating it was determined it doesn't really impact the Town. Councillor Burfitt will check with local fishermen to see how they feel about it.

**c. Human Resources Update**

Mayor Matthews advised a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2020.

**d. Phase II Downtown Development**

MOTION 2020-3287: C. WELSH/S. BURT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank submit an application to ACOA and TCII for Phase II of the Grand Bank Downtown Re-Development.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**12. COUNCILLORS FORUM**

**a. Grand Bank Regional Theatre**

Councillor Burt commended the Grand Bank Regional Theatre on a job well done Friday night. He attended a dinner and show by Cody Harvey, written by Angela Blackwood.

**b. Grand Bank Regional Theatre**

Councillor Burfitt advised that a lot of work was done at the Theatre this year and they are really pleased with how it is coming along. He would like for the Town to write a letter of support for a food license as they intend to extend the patio and have a café. Councillor Burfitt will forward the information along to Administrative Clerk Patten when it becomes available.

**c. Maintenance**

Councillor Grikis congratulated Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Burton and his crew on a job well done this season.

**13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS**

**a. Roots of Hope Program – Eastern Health**

Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Burton advised that he has been asked by the Roots of Hope Program who are looking for a place to offer in-person presentations once again with Covid-19 restrictions in place. Councillor Burfitt advised they can use the Grand Bank Theatre building if it is held before the end of October.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 2020-3288: S. BURT/R.GRIKIS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 3:20 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED