

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #05 for 2025 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Councillors Angela Blackwood, Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt, and Colin Clements, attended along with CAO Terry Fleming, Town Clerk Michelle Patten, and Administrative Clerk Michelle Osmond. Director of Operations and Facilities Manager Joe Periera is sick.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2025-3896: S.BURT/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION**

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2025-3897: A.BLACKWOOD/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 22, 2025 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – APRIL 22, 2025**

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

Councillor Dunne entered the meeting at this time.

8. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

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

Received a letter advising the Town was successful in receiving funding under the Climate Readiness Initiative in the amount of \$55,967.00.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. **Finance Committee**

Deputy Mayor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on May 14, 2025.

MOTION 2025-3898: S.BURT/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of May 14, 2025 be approved as presented with the exception of item #5 for a separate motion.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2025-3899: S.BURT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank accept the tender from Farrell's Construction, in the amount of \$ 171,883.37 (including HST) for Grand Bank 2025 Street Upgrades, and the Town agrees to submit a Canada Investment Plan (CIP) application for Canada Community Building Funding approval.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. **Development Committee**

Councillor Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on May 14, 2025.

MOTION 2025-3900: R.BROOKS/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Development Committee report of May 14, 2025 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

c. **Community Advisory Committee Meeting**

Councillor Dunne, presented a written report of a meeting that was held on May 7, 2025 in Marystown. He also advised that Kim Slaney, Family Care Team Social Navigator gave an overview of an “Advanced Health Care Directive (AHCD)” and can be available for a presentation on AHCD to the community.

MOTION 2025-3901: D.DUNNE/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the Community Advisory Committee Report be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Warming Center Update**

Mayor Matthews gave an update on the Warming Center and advised the project is gone to tender and a decision will be made after that has closed.

b. **Partanna Update**

Mayor Matthews advised there are no new updates; the Town is still working to find financial assistance without using significant amounts of Town money.

c. **Downtown Redevelopment Update**

CAO Fleming advised the tender has been extended to May 21, 2025.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Heritage Homes**

Mayor Matthews expressed concerns of residents with Heritage Homes and the restrictions on them when they want to do repairs to the property. Property owners must agree to maintain the heritage character of the property including the use of historical building materials.

b. **Trailer Parking for Festival Week**

There was some discussion on land available for campers to park their trailers during festival week that would not impose on the serenity of homeowners, and their private properties. It was agreed to look at some areas, also to advise people of the Horsebrook Nature Trail in our neighbouring community.

c. **Paving – Elizabeth Ave**

Councillor Dunne left the meeting at this time.

Councillor Clements left the meeting at this time.

Mayor Matthews advised that Elizabeth Ave will be included in the 2025 paving program.

Councillor Dunne returned to the meeting at this time.

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d. **Policing - RNC**

Mayor Matthews advised that by 2030 the RNC will be policing rural areas. The Town will put together a package advising that we have a lot to offer here; such as a Provincial & Supreme Court, Detachment, and four vacant federal homes.

e. **Arrears Sale**

MOTION 2025-3902: S.BURT/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank proceed with a Arrears Sale of the following property for non-payment of taxes: 30 Church Street.

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f. **2024 External Audit**

CAO Fleming advised field work has been complete for the 2024 audit and went well.

12. **COUNCILLORS FORUM**

a. **Grandview Blvd Bridge**

Mayor Matthews advised that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure have started repairs to the bridge.

b. **Playground**

Councillor Brooks advised he noticed a lot of the trees in the Community Playground look dead. The outside maintenance staff started today and will check into it.

c. **Burin Energy Board**

Councillor Burfitt provided a brief update and advised that he attended the Burin Energy Board meeting on May 8, 2025 and will forward copies of the minutes to everyone.

d. **Speed Limit**

Deputy Mayor Burt asked if we can contact the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to request the speed limit on Grandview Blvd be lowered from 60 kms/hour to 50 kms/hour.

e. **Downtown Expo**

Councillor Dunne advised he had attended the Downtown Expo at the Glacier in Mount Pearl and was amazed at how many Towns & Communities were there marketing. He suggest Grand Bank Development Corporation having a booth to represent the Town of Grand Bank to help promote our Town.

f. **Community Gardens**

Councillor Blackwood advised that John Burke High constructed pressure treated community gardens for the Town last year out of a \$750.00 grant received by the Town. She advised that they have since learned vegetable gardens cannot be used out of pressure treated lumber and asked if John Burke High School can use them for their flower bed.

g. **Speed Signs**

Councillor Clements advised he was speaking to a member of the RCMP and advised him that there is a lot of speeding in the community, and hoping the signs will help.

13. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS**

a. **Speed Signs**

Administrative Clerk Osmond advised the Town has received a lot of positive feedback on the new speed signs. Town employees are still working to try and place them in places that work, and will rotate them around if the area isn't suitable enough or causes vehicles to travel on private property. Some people have contacted the Town Office asking for a sign to be erected on their street.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2025-3903: S.BURT/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:23 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED