

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting #06 for 2025 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, June 16, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Councillors Angela Blackwood, Roger Brooks, and Jack Burfitt, attended along with CAO Terry Fleming, Town Clerk Michelle Patten, Administrative Clerk Michelle Osmond and Director of Operations and Facilities Manager Joe Periera. Councillor Derrick Dunne is unable to attend due to a family funeral.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 2025-3904: S.BURT/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the agenda be adopted with the addition of item 11. g. – Wharf.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

3. DELEGATION

4. ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION 2025-3905: J.BURFITT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 20, 2025 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – MAY 20, 2025

a. Speed Limit

Deputy Mayor Burt asked if we have approached the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure requesting reducing the speed limit on Grandview Blvd from 60 kms to 50 kms. Mayor Matthews suggested the Town set up another meeting with the RCMP recommending they conduct random traffic stops as speed is a big concern.

7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

8. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

a. Department of Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement

Received a letter advising all Municipalities are required to have an up-to-date Emergency Management Plan in place. The Town's is already submitted.

b. John Burke High School

Received a thank you letter for the annual scholarship donation as well as the donation of the raised garden boxes.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Councillor Clements entered the meeting at this time.

Deputy Mayor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on June 12, 2025.

MOTION 2025-3906: S.BURT/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of June 16, 2025 be approved as presented with the exception of item #7 – delete and item #9 – defer for further discussion.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Councillor Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on June 12, 2025.

MOTION 2025-3907: R.BROOKS/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Development Committee report of June 12, 2025 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Collaboration Committee Letter**

In response to the Town of Fortune's letter of June 5, 2025, the Town of Grand Bank acknowledges that the issue of Physician recruitment/retention was discussed at the initial meeting of the Community Collaboration Committee on April 8, 2024 and agrees with the Town of Fortune that Physician recruitment/retention is a top priority of the Community Collaboration Committee.

The Town of Grand Bank is very supportive and active in recruiting doctors and other health care professionals for this area. The Town works very closely with NL Health Services in attracting doctors to the Health Care Clinic.

While the Town understands the intent of the Town of Fortune's endeavor, they are looking at four or five years from now before this person would graduate. There is so much that can change in those years that probably could be detrimental to their intent, such as the student may decide to change disciplines, the student may not meet the academic standards and be forced to withdraw from the program, they may want to work in an urban environment or may want to practice in a different rural community for any number of reasons, we can't foresee four to five years from now. If any of those events did happen, does any of the funding have to be repaid?

Also, it is not clear to the Town of Grand Bank if it is a graduate that decides where they get placed or is it NL Health Services, based on need. What if there are no openings at the Health Care Clinic when this individual graduates or if the status of the Health Care Clinic changes in 4 to 5 years time?

Further, upon reflection and discussion around the Council table, the Town of Grand Bank feels that a financial commitment of this nature amounts to more of a "sponsorship" and not an incentive and if the Towns wish to "sponsor" a student, then this program should be opened up to all residents of the area, with a pre-determined set of criteria to help select a successful applicant.

b. **Downtown Redevelopment Update**

CAO Fleming advised the tender bids closed on June 10th. He will follow up with ACOA on the next steps.

c. **Update on Partanna Building**

Mayor Matthews advised there might be 60/40 funding available from the Provincial Government, however he feels that is still too much money for tax payers. There has been a lot of negotiating between the Town and the Provincial Government for several months and we are waiting to hear back from MHA Pike on the latest funding request.

d. **Tourism Committee**

Councillor Burfitt advised they had a start up meeting.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **RV Parking Location**

Mayor Matthews advised there has been a lot of discussion on parking space. An email was sent out to the Town advising residents to send an email to the Town by June 6th; one email received in favour, one email received not in favour.

Town employees will clear off a parcel of land on Old Road owned by the Town and regulations/rules will be drafted for review. This will not be an RV park, just a parking space without amenities or fees.

b. Community Transportation Open House

CAO Fleming advised everyone of the open house on June 23rd from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the 50+ Club. This is part of a transportation study for accessible transportation in the Towns of Fortune and Grand Bank.

c. Climate Risk Assessment Virtual Meeting

CAO Fleming advised everyone of the virtual meeting with Tract Consulting on June 18th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. regarding the Climate Risk Assessment and Adaption Presentation.

d. Municipal Elections - Motions

MOTION 2025-3908: C.CLEMENTS/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that, for the October 2, 2025 Municipal Election and in accordance with Section 13 (2) of the Elections Act, Michelle Osmond, Administrative Clerk, be appointed as Alternate Returning Officer (ARO).

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2025-3909: A.BLACKWOOD/R.BROOKS

Motioned that, for the October 2, 2025 Municipal Election and in accordance with Section 14 (3) of the Elections Act, nomination day will be held on September 9, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Grand Bank Town Office, 2 Church Street.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2025-3910: R.BROOKS/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that, for the October 2, 2025 Municipal Election and in accordance with Section 26 (1) of the Elections Act, the advance poll be held on September 24, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the 50+ Club, 17 Riverside West, Grand Bank, NL.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2025-3911: J.BURFITT/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that, for the October 2, 2025 Municipal Election the number of votes for a recount be set at ten (10) votes as per Section 62 (1) of the Elections Act.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

e. Plebiscite on Wind Turbines

It was agreed to hold the Plebiscite during the Municipal Election, as there will be an increase in eligible voters out during the Election and will provide a more accurate vote.

f. Human Resources Update

MOTION 2025-3912: J.BURFITT/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that the Town hire Jacqueline Richardson-Brown as the Swimming Pool Aquatic Supervisor.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

g. Wharf

Councillor Burfitt advised the wharf project is scheduled to be completed by mid July.

12. COUNCILLORS FORUM

a. Bulk Garbage

Councillor Clements advised there is a lot of bulk garbage outside of Town at Lance aux Loup and Molliers intersections. Councillor Burfitt will contact Waste Management regarding cleaning the garbage up as this is outside Town boundaries. He will suggest for

them to install security cameras in the areas as it seems to be a continuing issue. CAO Fleming advised that Service NL is coming out this week to investigate the issues.

b. Traffic Lights

Councillor Brooks advised he noticed cars stopped at the traffic lights on Grandview Blvd, due to the bridge construction, are blocking off the intersections.

c. Dumpsters at Lewis Hill

Deputy Mayor Burt advised that some vehicles were waiting on the highway to access the dumpsters on Saturday as there wasn't a lot of room in the area to park and wait. With the previous location not being suitable this year, this was the only area that the Town owned that was big enough for equipment to operate safely.

d. Old Road

Deputy Mayor Burt advised there is a lot of mess on a property on Old Road that needs to be addressed.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2025-3913: C.CLEMENTS/S.BURT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:20 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED