

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #02 for 2024 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 3:54 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Councillors Angela Blackwood, Jack Burfitt, Colin Clements, and Derrick Dunne attended along with CAO Terry Fleming, and Town Clerk Michelle Patten. Councillor Roger Brooks was working.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2024-3725: S.BURT/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the agenda be adopted with the addition of item # 9. e. – Burin Peninsula Community Action Committee Health Care.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION**

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS – JANUARY 22, 2024**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2024-3726: D.DUNNE/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that the minutes for the Council Meeting held on January 22, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3727: S.BURT/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the minutes for the Special Council Meeting held on February 16, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – JANUARY 22, 2024**

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Tom Burton entered the meeting at this time.

8. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Department of Transportation and Infrastructure**

Received an update to the Procurement Thresholds.

b. **Email**

Received an email from Town of Harbour Grace regarding a resolution they put forth at the MNL Convention in October 2023 regarding Dilapidated Buildings.

c. **Letter from Prime Minister Trudeau**

Received a letter from Prime Minister Trudeau acknowledging the letter written by Mayor Matthews regarding the closure of the Scotiabank Branch in Grand Bank.

d. **Town of Fortune**

Received a letter requesting a meeting with the Town to discuss possible service sharing options between both communities. It was suggested that we put forth a committee of Council to arrange a meeting with the Town of Fortune to discuss further.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. **Finance Committee**

Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on February 16, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3728: S.BURT/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of February 16, 2024 be approved with the exception of item number 1.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Burt left the meeting at this time.

Councillor Blackwood left the meeting at this time.

Mayor Matthews asked Councillors Dunne and Clements to stay in the meeting as he didn't feel they were in conflict, and we needed a quorum to vote, Town Clerk Patten agreed.

Councillor Jack Burfitt, Committee Member, presented item number 1 of the written report of a meeting the Committee held on February 16, 2024. (Deputy Mayor Burt stepped out of the Finance Meeting for item number 1 as well and Councillor Blackwood was working).

MOTION 2024-3729: J.BURFITT/D.DUNNE

Motioned that item number 1 of the Finance Committee report of February 16, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Burt returned to the meeting at this time.

Councillor Blackwood returned to the meeting at this time.

Administrative Clerk Michelle Osmond entered the meeting at this time.

b. Development Committee

Councillor Jack Burfitt, Committee Member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on February 16, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3730: J.BURFITT/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Development Committee report of February 16, 2024 be approved with the exception of items number 6 & 7. Items number 6 & 7 to be deferred to the next meeting.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

c. Accessibility Planning Committee

Councillor Clements, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on January 26, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3731: C.CLEMENTS/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the Accessibility Planning Committee report of January 26, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

d. Heritage Society Report

Councillor Clements gave a report on the Heritage Society.

MOTION 2024-3732: C.CLEMENTS/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Heritage Society report be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

e. Burin Peninsula Community Action Committee – Health Care

Deputy Mayor Burt gave a report on a meeting he attended on February 7, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3733: S.BURT/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Burin Peninsula Community Action Committee report be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

10. OLD BUSINESS**a. 75th Anniversary of Confederation Event**

Mayor Matthews gave a brief update. After some discussion it was agreed to apply for the Government Grant of \$2000.00 and to start planning the event.

11. NEW BUSINESS**a. Assessment Review Commissioner - Appointment**

MOTION 2024-3734: J.BURFITT/S.BURT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank appoint Mr. Randell Pope as the Assessment Review Commissioner for the year 2024.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Winter Fest 2024

Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Burton gave an update on the upcoming Winter Fest 2024. Schedule of events are taking place from February 26th to March 3rd. There are a lot of events there for everyone. Mayor Matthews thanked the committee on a job well done.

12. COUNCILLORS FORUM**a. Meeting with Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services**

Councillor Dunne questioned if there were any updates on a meeting that was held with representatives with Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services. He advised that we need an update from them.

b. Snow Clearing

Councillor Dunne advised that the Town's outside staff have done a great job on snow clearing.

c. Naloxone Program

Councillor Blackwood inquired where the Naloxone Kits are distributed from in Grand Bank. Councillor Dunne advised they can be picked up at the Health Care Center. Councillor Dunne will get further information for Council on where these kits are available.

d. Fire Department Windrow

Councillor Clements thanked Council for approving the snow clearing of windrow for the Fire Department members who wish to avail of it.

e. Congratulations

Councillor Burfitt congratulated Councillor Clements on a good job so far.

f. Thank you

Deputy Mayor Burt thanked the Fire Department for their assistance last week in rescuing the crew members from the Cape Cordell Fishing Vessel, it shows how proper training and equipment is very important for events like these. Also, wanted to thank the Fire Department members who assisted in traffic control during the event held at the Grand Bank Regional Theatre on Saturday evening.

g. Thank you

Mayor Matthews thanked the Fire Department for a job well done rescuing the crew members of the Cape Cordell Fishing Vessel. Also, thanked the outside workers on the snow clearing; he hasn't received any complaints from residents so that is great.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2024-3735: D.DUNNE/S.BURT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:43 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED