

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting #5 for 2016 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Executive Boardroom at the Grand Bank Municipal Center on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 4:10 p.m.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Councillors Roger Brooks, Stan Burt, Rick Grikis and Travis Parsons attended along with Town Manager Wayne Bolt, Town Clerk Cathy Follett and Recreation Director Tom Burton and with Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh attending the meeting via Face time. Office Administrator Dolimount was off on holidays and Councillor Bruce Warren was off sick. Also in attendance was Paul Herridge, representing the Southern Gazette.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 2016-2678: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the agenda be adopted with the additions of the Joint Council meeting on March 30th and Recreation Commission Members to New Business.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS – NIL**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2016-2679: R. GRIKIS/T. PARSONS

Motioned that the minutes of the regular meeting for March 15, 2016 be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**a. Nature Trail - Request**

Mayor Matthews questioned if there was any update on the request regarding the nature trail. Recreation Director Burton noted that the Recreation and Youth Committee haven't had an opportunity to meet but will do so in the near future.

b. MV Pursuit

Councillor Parsons requested an update on the MV Pursuit. Mayor Matthews noted that the gentleman that was interested in purchasing the vessel is ill and is no longer interested. He also noted that the Grand Bank Harbour Authority is pursuing other options.

c. Red Cross

Councillor Brooks asked if a venue has been secured for the Red Cross. Recreation Director Burton noted that there is a public meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. at the 50+ Club. It was agreed that an email would be forwarded advertising the event.

d. Summer Festival

Mayor Matthews noted that he couldn't support the extra weeks for the Summer Festival Coordinator when the outside workers were only guaranteed 15 weeks, even though the committee has a good coordinator which does good work. He also noted that the Provincial Budget comes down on Thursday which may mean additional cuts to the Town's funding. Councillor Brooks noted that the committee is lacking a lot of members and a lot of work that he would normally do will be put on the coordinator rather than the Recreation Director. There are application deadlines that have to be met now which the coordinator will complete.

e. Tax Sales

Town Clerk Follett noted that the notices have been posted on the properties.

f. RCMP

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted the issues he was referring to in the last meeting were speeding in several areas in Town, in particular Marine Drive and vehicles leaving John Burke High School. As well, the response time for the bank incident.

g. Cottage Owners

Mayor Matthews noted that this item has been outstanding for awhile and questioned if the Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board has made a decision yet. Councillor Grikis noted that the Board hasn't really discussed the matter yet. It was agreed that Councillor Grikis will continue to follow up on the matter.

h. Volunteer Night

Mayor Matthews noted that our event is at the same time as the event at the Blue Crest. Recreation Director Burton noted that when we were notified of the Blue Crest event some of our invitations were already sent out. It was agreed that arrangements would be made so some councillors can attend both events.

6. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**a. Fish, Food & Allied Workers (FFAW)**

Received an email from Robert Keenan, Project Manager of the FFAW, with a quick update on their campaign for Rural NL. Minister Tootoo announced that LIFO is being suspended pending a review and that there would be no quotas in SFA6 until the review is completed. They are asking municipalities to forward a letter of support to the Minister.

It was agreed that Mayor Matthews would review the correspondence.

b. Trinity Historical Society

Received an email from the Trinity Historical Society encouraging the town to become a member of the Eastern Regional Wellness Coalition, membership is free. Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that he is a volunteer on this committee and grants up to \$1000 are provided once per year.

It was agreed that the Town would become a member.

c. Newfoundland Power

Received the 2016 request for EnviroFest Proposals, the deadline for submissions is 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 15, 2016. The proposal criteria is; 1. Proposals should include the following: a. A detailed description of the project; b. the total estimated cost of the project; c. other partners providing additional project funding; d. How the EnviroFest grant will be used; e. Opportunities for our employees to provide hands-on support; and, f. Overall benefit to the community. 2. Projects need to demonstrate a positive impact on our environment. 3. The project must be located in Newfoundland Power's operating area. 4. A minimum of five grants of up to \$5,000 each will be awarded. 5. Include any additional information that will support your proposal. 6. Projects which can be undertaken during Environment Week, June 5 – 11, 2016, are encouraged, and, 7. Proposals can be submitted by email to community@newfoundlandpower.com or by mail.

Recreation Director Burton noted that this is the project that the Community Park received a grant from. It was agreed that a plan would be developed so that a grant request can be submitted next year.

d. Canadian Mental Health Association – NL (CMHANL)

Received an email from Beverley Hiscock Manager of Fund Development & Communication of CMHANL, of a message from Dan Goodyear, CEO of CMHANL, regarding the upcoming Mental Health Week from May 2 – 8, 2016. They would appreciate the Town's support to spread awareness for mental health by lighting up the building/land mark in green lights for Mental Health Week.

It was agreed that green spot lights would be placed on the Municipal Center and email would be forwarded to residents to raise awareness.

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

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

Received an infonote from MNL announcing Municipal Awareness Day – May 11, 2016 and Volunteer Week – April 10 to 16, 2016.

b. **Fire and Emergency Services (FES)**

- * Received a letter acknowledging receipt of the Firefighting Equipment Program application dated March 21, 2016.
- * Received a letter giving approval to allow the Grand Bank Theater to operate for the 2016 season. For this approval we will require the Fire Chief to conduct a fire and life safety inspection of the entire building and attached a letter to the Inspection Report confirming that the items listed are in place.

c. **Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce (BPCC)**

Received an email from Lisa MacLeod, Executive Director of the BPCC, advising they are hosting a supplier development session with Canada Fluorspar (NL) Inc. on April 20th.

d. **William Carr**

Received an email from William Carr expressing his pleasure upon receiving the picture and very kind letter. He is greatly honoured by this recognition and is very proud.

e. **Burin Peninsula Joint Council (BPJC)**

Received a letter from the BPJC regarding the membership fees.

f. **Grand Bank Heritage Society**

Received a letter from the Grand Bank Heritage Society advising of the upgrades to the George C. Harris House and Memorial Garden, work will commence in a few weeks and they hope to have all enhancements to the house and the garden completed by June 15, 2016 with the Harris House opening on schedule.

g. **Department of Environment & Conservation**

- * Received a letter advising that a number of municipalities in the Province continue to or are considering allowing the burning of demolition waste from derelict structures such as old or abandoned houses, barns, sheds, etc., this such practice is prohibited.
- * Received a letter of the 2015 Summer Drinking Water Quality Report.

h. **Puddle Pond Resources**

Received a letter from Victor A. French, President & COO of Puddle Pond Resources, advising that their planned exploration program for the Heritage Gold – Silver Project which is operated from their base camp at Point May is scheduled to commence around mid-May, 2016.

i. **ATIPP**

Received an email of the quarterly newsletter.

j. **NL Health**

Received an email advising of a self-management program for people living with chronic conditions. Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that this is one of the programs that the Wellness Coalition is involved with.

k. **Thank You Card**

- * Wilf and Joan Miller – 50th Anniversary.
- * The Douglas & Richardson Families

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**a. Finance Committee**

Councillor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on April 6, 2016.

Town Manager Bolt advised he spoke with Gord Murphy of the mmsb who indicated that under their surveillance program the Town would have to dedicate an individual and that individual will follow through with charges. Councilor Grikis noted he forwarded the information to the administration of Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board.

MOTION 2016-2680: S. BURT/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report for April 6, 2016 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Councillor Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on April 4, 2016.

MOTION 2016-2681: R. BROOKS/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Development Committee report of April 4, 2016 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS**a. Burin Peninsula Joint Council**

Councillor Grikis gave a report verbal report of a meeting that the Joint Council held on March 30th. The general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Berney Building in Salt Pond. Staff Sergeant Dale Foote of the RCMP and Sean Martin, Executive Director of the Municipal Assessment Agency will be giving presentations.

b. Volunteer Social

Recreation Director Burton noted that all volunteers are invited to the volunteer appreciation night social. Invites have been sent through the church bulletins and the Town's email system. Tokens of appreciation will be given out and finger foods will be provided. All councillors are asked to attend, April 14th, 6:30 p.m. at the Grand Bank Lions Center.

c. Swimming Pool

Recreation Director Burton noted that its status quo with regards to the swimming pool however the opening may be a little later due to staff availability.

Councillor Parsons noted he spoke with MP Foote during the announcement for the Heritage Funding and she noted that she wasn't aware the Town had an application submitted until that morning when Jody Brushett from ACOA advised her. He noted that he is unsure of the protocol of the submission of applications but felt that our MP and MHA should be copied on all the applications that are submitted as it his understanding that it is their job to assist with securing funding.

Mayor Matthews noted that it is important for the Town to be able to speak directly with our MP when it is required and not have to go through her staff.

Town Manager Bolt advised that that it is his understanding that the application for the pool will be reviewed during the next round of funding and will hopefully be successful.

d. Meeting with RCMP

It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with the RCMP at their earliest convenience.

e. Reservoir

Town Manager Bolt advised that work has commenced on the dam. BAE Newplan's engineer, Keith Bartlett, will be here tomorrow and has permits in place that were needed. It is anticipated that the work will be completed by first week of May. Town Manager will provide a copy of the schedule to councillors.

f. Paving

Town Manager Bolt advised that he is expecting a call in the next week from the paving company to advise when the plant will be opening

g. Courtney Street

Town Manager Bolt advised that work started today so the area can be ready for asphalt.

h. Stoodley Place

Town Manager Bolt advised that BAE Newplan's engineer Keith Bartlett will be doing the design work for Stoodley Place while he is here this week. He also advised that there is a new permit fee structure in place and the Town has to pay \$400 for all water and sewer work projects.

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that it is his understanding that there were several small projects that we were going to have the engineer view during his visit.

i. Capital Works

Mayor Matthews noted that council may have to take another look at its financial contribution to Lee's Lane and Old Road if the Provincial Government changes its formula.

Town Manager Bolt noted that it is very difficult to get water and sewer across the river on Old Road and may result in substantial costs.

Town Manager Bolt showed council a drawing of a potential development. It was noted that council would need to see a business plan along with engineering drawings before the development is considered.

j. Water Meeting

Town Manager Bolt noted that the Town of Fortune has requested that the Water Committee meet soon. It was agreed to hold the meeting when Councillor Brook's schedule permits.

10. NEW BUSINESS**a. Recreation Commission Members**

Recreation Director Burton noted that the commission has reviewed their constitution as it is very dated. One of the items that is being considered is changing the number of members from nine (9) to a minimum of seven (7), and maximum of twelve (12). The Committee is also recommending accepting three new members.

MOTION 2016-2682: R. BROOKS/C. WELSH

Motioned that the Town accept the Recreation Commission's recommendation and appoint Kathryn Grandy, Rhonda Savoury and Elaine Strowbridge to the Commission.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Municipal Center

Councillor Grikis questioned if we have heard anything about the Municipal Center roof. Mayor Matthews noted that it was his understanding that there was to be a discovery in April however we haven't heard anything to date.

c. Grand Bank Regional Theater

Councillor Burt noted that the Theater will operate for 2016 and things are progressing.

11. COUNCILLORS FORUM**a. Admiral's Cove**

Councillor Parsons noted that there is a lot of fill dumped in the area and people can't park there now to watch the waves. Town Manager Bolt noted that the Town put material there to prevent rocks from coming in over onto the road and to prevent the area from becoming washed out. Town Manager Bolt was asked to view the area to see if anything can be altered so a look out area can be accommodated.

b. United Towns Minor Hockey

Councillor Brooks congratulated all Untied Town's minor hockey teams on a successful Easter tournament. Councillor Burt noted that some teams won medals.

c. 50+ Club

Councillor Burt noted that today the 50+ Club has 72 paid members. They plan to forward a proposal to Council in the near future. Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that there is possibly an opportunity to avail of some funding through the New Horizons Program.

d. Honour 100

Mayor Matthews noted that the Committee has put some good things together which now need to be refined. It is hoped that some items may be in place before July 1.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS**a. Ice Control Materials**

Town Manager Bolt noted that he recently received an email advising that before anyone can enter into the Department of Transportation and Works property to pick up Ice Control Materials, they must be COR Certified. He questioned this new policy as it would mean that the Town workers may have to be absent from work for a week while they complete the required course in St. John's. He noted that he has contacted the MHA regarding this matter.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2016-2683: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Confirmed by: _____

Town Clerk

Date: _____