

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #12 for 2023 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 3:55 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Councillors Angela Blackwood, Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt, Colin Clements, and Derrick Dunne attended along with Town Clerk Michelle Patten. Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Tom Burton was completing First Aid Training and Administrative Clerk Michelle Osmond was off sick.

Mayor Matthews welcomed Councillor Clements to the meeting and thanked Town Clerk Patten for running another successful election.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2023-3708: A.BLACKWOOD/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented with the addition of item 9. (c.) Liability Insurance to Committee Reports.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION**

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS – NOVEMBER 27, 2023**

8. (b.) Change to October 17, 2024.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2023-3709: R.BROOKS/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the minutes for the Council Meeting held on November 27, 2023 be approved as presented with the change to item 8. (b).

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2023-3710: R.BROOKS/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the minutes for the Special Meeting held on November 27, 2023 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – NOVEMBER 27, 2023**

a. **Bridge**

Councillor Dunne questioned if the Department of Transportation and Works were asked to erect caution signs for pedestrians walking on the bridge. Town Clerk Patten advised that CAO Fleming had made contact with the Department and they were going to look into it.

b. **Bait Depot Operation**

Councillor Burfitt advised that he don't feel the Town should compete with other not-for-profit organizations. Mayor Matthews advised that the Town should be careful on scheduling events at the Bait depot so as not to be in direct competition with other volunteer organizations.

c. **Affordable Housing**

Mayor Matthews advised he had discussions with a couple of possible interested builders.

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

8. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**a. Department of Health and Community Services**

Received a memo regarding the distribution of Naloxone Kits. The Department is looking for Municipalities that may be interested in becoming a naloxone distribution site. It was agreed to write a letter advising the Town would like the Department of Health and Community Services to explore other options first; such as the Dr. S. Beckley Health Care Center, or the pharmacies.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**a. Finance Committee**

Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on December 6, 2023.

MOTION 2023-3711: S.BURT/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of December 6, 2023 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Councillor Roger Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on December 6, 2023.

MOTION 2023-3712: R.BROOKS/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Development Committee report of December 6, 2023 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

c. Liability Insurance

Councillor Burfitt advised that Town Buildings are covered under the Town's insurance policy; however it does not cover someone renting them for personal use. Only Town events are covered under the insurance policy. Councillor Burfitt advised he is waiting on more information for a policy for the 50+ Club.

10. OLD BUSINESS**a. Warming Center Update**

Mayor Matthews advised that he is still actively negotiating a cost share with the Provincial Government.

11. NEW BUSINESS**a. Increase in Duck Population**

Mayor Matthews advised there is an abundance of ducks around our community, and due to several residents feeding the ducks around their properties this has created a nuisance for others. Councillor Blackwood suggested a regulation to not feed wildlife. CAO to contact the Department of Wildlife regarding the issue.

b. Update on the Former Hospital Grounds

Mayor Matthews advised he has been in contact with the Department of Environment. Inspection Division thinks this vacant land can be approved for development without major investment.

c. Dumping of Debris of the Former Partanna Building

Mayor Matthews advised that the Department of Environment will permit the Town to bury the former Partanna Building debris at Lewis Hill as long as the materials are confined to brick and mortar of the building. Certain materials would have to be disposed of at the Regional Landfill Site.

12. COUNCILLORS FORUM**a. Year End**

Deputy Mayor Burt advised that it has been a good, successful year with a lot of good work completed, and a lot prepared for the upcoming year. He also welcomed, and congratulated Councillor Clements.

b. Welcome

Councillor Burfitt welcomed Councillor Clements.

c. Merry Christmas

Councillor Brooks welcomed Councillor Clements and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

d. Food Bank and Pack the Back

Councillor Dunne advised the Food Bank and Pack the Back was a success again this year. He also welcomed Councillor Clements.

e. Welcome

Councillor Blackwood welcomed Councillor Clements. Also advised that there will be a Community Caroling Event on December 19th, at 7:30 p.m. in the area adjacent to Frazer Park.

f. Thank you

Councillor Clements thanked everyone for the warm welcome and congratulations, and he is looking forward to working with Council.

g. Thank you

Mayor Matthews thanked everyone for the good work this year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS**14. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 2023-3713: J.BURFITT/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED