

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #07 for 2024 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, July 15 17, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Councillors Angela Blackwood, Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt, Derrick Dunne and Colin Clements, attended along with Town Clerk Michelle Patten, Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Tom Burton and Administrative Clerk Michelle Osmond. CAO Terry Fleming is on vacation.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2024-3780: S.BURT/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION**

Mayor Matthews welcomed Mr. Tom Cluett to the meeting.

Mr. Cluett advised that he contacted the Community Credit Union in Marystown regarding their branch opening in Grand Bank; they advised Mr. Cluett that the Town of Grand Bank has already been in contact with them.

Mr. Cluett also expressed his concerns with wind turbines being erected in the country where many cabin owners are located. He suggested using a voting system similar to Lawn.

Mayor Matthews welcomed Mrs. Rhonda Savoury to the meeting.

Mrs. Savoury, President of the Lance Aux Loup Trail Association and acting on behalf of the Association, expressed great concern with Everwind Fuels Project using the trail and nearby country, which consist of approximately 80 cabins, to erect a MET tower. Mrs. Savoury advised that she held two public meetings regarding this issue, and created a online survey with results of out of 375 votes; 335 disagreed with using the LAL trail.

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2024-3781: J.BURFITT/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the minutes for the Council Meeting held on June 17, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – JUNE 17, 2024**

a. **Metal Manu Works**

Deputy Mayor Burt asked if our outside employees had a chance to check on the potential oil tanks behind the former Metal Manu Works building. Town Clerk Patten advised she will check with the CAO and outside staff to see if anyone has had the opportunity to investigate.

b. **Nature Trail**

Councillor Dunne advised that the inspection reports look good for the trail. Mayor Matthews advised that maybe the student staff can complete the inspections.

c. **Bait Depot Update**

Councillor Brooks asked for an update on the renovations on the Bait Depot. Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Burton advised there are a couple of small jobs to complete and the building will be ready.

d. Navigation Aid - Waterfront

Councillor Burfitt advised that there was a meeting held last week here at the Town Hall with representative from the Canadian Coast Guard and a conversation on this matter is still actively ongoing.

7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**8. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION****9. COMMITTEE REPORTS****a. Finance Committee**

Deputy Mayor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on July 10, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3782: J.BURFITT/D.DUNNE

Motioned that item's #6 and #12 of the Finance report of July 10, 2024 be referred back to the Finance Committee for further review and clarification.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on July 10, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3783: S.BURT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of July 10, 2024 be approved as presented with the exception of items #6 & #12 as they are deferred back to the Finance Committee and items #7 & #8 as they require a separate motion.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3784: S. BURT/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank approve the funding Agreement from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure (Project # 17-MCW-25-00030) for Edwin Street Culvert Replacement in the amount of \$659,561.00 on a 50-50% cost sharing arrangement.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3785: S. BURT/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank accept the tender from Lean Architects in the amount of \$132,968.75 (HST incl) as the Engineering Consultant for the Town of Grand Bank Warming Center-Emergency Center (Project 17-MCW-24-00008).

Scope of Consultant work generally includes all consultant services related to the design and contract administration for an emergency new generator, relocation of an existing oil tank, and renovating the basement level of the building for accessibility. As well as preparing tender documents for a new kitchen design and providing probable construction costing for all.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Councillor Roger Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on July 10, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3786: R.BROOKS/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Development Committee report of July 10, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Accessibility Plan**

MOTION 2024-3787: C.CLEMENTS/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank accept the Accessibility Committees Recommendations for inclusion into the Official Accessibility Plan that will incorporate the requirements the Town needs to follow in the future with respect to accessibility in general.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Navigation Aid - Waterfront**

Councillor Dunne advised that he feels an email should be forwarded to residence to make them aware of what the Town has done regarding the lighthouse issues as they are only reading false information on facebook groups. Mayor Matthews advised that a letter came in just before this meeting began from MP Rogers advising that the lighthouse is still be investigated.

b. **Crimestoppers**

Mayor Matthews advised that a meeting was held at the Town Hall last week with a representative from Crime Stoppers. They asked the Town to erect information signs throughout Town to help people be aware of this avenue to report crime.

12. **COUNCILLORS FORUM**

a. **Downtown Area**

Councillor Brooks questioned if the festival flags will be erected this year on the poles. It was advised it is on the list of things to do for outside staff as they are very busy.

b. **Grand Bank/Fortune Soccer Association**

Councillor Burfitt advised he attended the season opening event for the Grand Bank/Fortune Soccer Association last week and was very impressed on how many kids are registered for the season and on a job well done by the committee. The field and building look great.

c. **Joint Council**

Deputy Mayor Burt advised he attended the Joint Council meeting last week in Marystown and he presented the concern of getting electrical inspections done here locally and there is a delay in getting work completed. They questioned if we were noting the complaints coming in and will include that as part of their submission to Service NL.

d. **Bridge**

Councillor Clements questioned if the Department of Transportation and Works will be starting work on the bridge on Grandview Blvd soon. Mayor Matthews advised they are aware of it and he will check with MHA Pike.

e. **Voyent Alert**

Councillor Blackwood suggested putting a brochure regarding Voyent Alert in resident's mail boxes to ensure the information gets to each household. Councillor Blackwood also thanked Administrative Clerk and Councillors on helping out for the 75th Anniversary of Confederation Celebrations.

f. **Stoodley Stage**

Councillor Dunne advised that Stoodley Stage is in major need of repairs.

g. Legion Room

Councillor Burfitt advised the Legion Room is now ready at the Harris House for people to visit.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

a. 75th Anniversary of Confederation Celebration

Administrative Clerk Osmond thanked Councillors who helped out at the 75th Anniversary of Confederation Celebration.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2024-3788: J.BURFITT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED