

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting #8 for 2018 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Executive Boardroom at the Grand Bank Municipal Center on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Councillors George Bennett, Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt, and Stan Burt attended along with Town Manager Wayne Bolt, Town Clerk (Acting) Sheila M. Dolimount, Recreation Director Tom Burton and Paul Herridge representing the Southern Gazette. Councillor Rick Grikis entered the meeting later and Town Clerk Cathy Follett was off on annual leave.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 2018-3022: J. BURFITT/S. BURT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

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

MOTION 2018-3023: C. WELSH/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the minutes of the regular meeting for June 18, 2018 be adopted with the change to item 8c. Heritage & Tourism Committee to read Councillor Bennett presented the report and not Councillor Burfitt.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**a. Heritage & Tourism Committee**

Councillor Bennett advised that the Committee will review the by-laws at their next meeting, as he was out of town.

Councillor Rick Grikis entered the meeting at this time.

b. Accumulation of Tires - Gunville

Deputy Mayor Welsh questioned if anything had been done about the tires at Gunville. Town Manager Bolt advised that Service NL visited the site and they have no issue with the tires for what they are being used for, but there are stipulations.

c. Old Road

Councillor Burt asked if there is any further update on the work on Old Road. Town Manager Bolt advised that the engineers are expecting the core sampling to be done by next week.

d. Clean Up Properties

Councillor Burt questioned, with regards to bulk items, why they weren't all picked up on Bulk Collection day. Town Manager Bolt advised that the issue is resolved and the bulk items have all been removed and the reason it wasn't all picked up is because there is a restriction of a 500lb limit for bulk collection. Councillor Burt advised that he was not aware of the weight restriction.

e. Atlantic Pursuit

Councillor Grikis stated that it doesn't seem to be any movement with regards to the Atlantic Pursuit leaving. Mayor Matthews advised that he is in contact with the owner who stated that work is still being done to get the boat moved.

f. Heather Godri

Councillor Burt questioned if the garbage had been removed from Mollier's Woods Road. Town Manager Bolt advised that most of the garbage in the area is trees and is biodegradable.

g. Richard Kelly

Councillor Burfitt questioned if the matter has been dealt with in regards to Mr. Kelly's complaint of water issues on his property. Mayor Matthews advised that this matter is being dealt with through the Town's Lawyer.

h. Salvation Army Officers

Mayor Matthews advised that the new officers are here and hopes that everyone takes the opportunity to meet them. He also stated that the Anglican Church as a new clergy member here for the summer.

6. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**a. Richard Kelly**

Received an email requesting information regarding water issues on his land.

b. Provincial Seamen's Museum

Received an invitation to attend their open house on Friday, July 27th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It was agreed to promote this event by sending it out on email and on the Town's Facebook.

c. Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industry Association

Received an email with information on new grants.

7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**a. Hon. Judy M. Foote, P.C., O.N.L.**

Received a thank you letter from Hon. Judy M. Foote for attending her Installation Ceremony as the 14th Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador.

b. NL Power

Received a letter advising they have applied to replace all current street lights with LED lighting.

c. Department of Municipal Affairs

- * Received letter announcing the new application process for Special Assistance Grants.
- * Received a letter accepting the tender submitted by Bluebird Investments Ltd., for the Municipal Garage Upgrades.

d. Memorial University

Received a thank you letter for the town's ongoing efforts to enhance and improve the awareness of our local community.

e. Wooden Boat

Received information package on the 11th Annual Wooden Boat Conference in Twillingate.

f. Rose, Elaine

Received a copy of an email from Elaine Rose advising of issues with her compost garbage being taken out of her garbage bin and not being picked up.

g. Thank you card

Received a thank you card from the Baker/Andrews family.

h. Thank you card

Received a thank you card from the United Towns Minor Hockey Association for allowing them to use our Boardroom for their monthly meetings.

i. Thank you card

Received a thank you card from the Girl Guides for taking them to Hon. Judy Foote’s Installation Ceremony.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Deputy Mayor Welsh, Committee Member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on July 12, 2018.

MOTION 2018-3024: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of July 12, 2018 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2018-3025: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Be it resolved that The Town of Grand Bank, pursuant to the *Municipalities Act, 1999*, SNL 1999, c. M-24, as amended, offer for sale, by public auction for arrears of taxes, the properties described below:

19 College Street, Grand Bank	19 Main Street, Grand Bank
65 Marine Drive, Grand Bank	2 Ralph Street, Grand Bank

Further be it resolved that the above-noted properties will be offered for sale by public auction at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, the 6th day of August, 2018, in the Tessier Room at the Grand Bank Municipal Center, Town Office, 56 Main Street, Grand Bank, Newfoundland and Labrador. These properties are being sold on an “as is, where is” basis, and the Town does not make any representations or warranties as to the condition of, or title to, the properties. The purchaser is responsible for conducting any searches he or she deems necessary. The purchaser accepts the property description the municipality has in its possession. The purchaser shall bear the costs and responsibility of obtaining his or her own survey, if required. Also that the Mayor, Town Manger and Town Clerk get together to discuss the Town putting a bid in on 19 Main Street.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2018-3026: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Be it resolved that The Town of Grand Bank, authorize the Town Clerk/Town Manager/Office Administrator/Mayor/Deputy Mayor/Councillor to borrow on behalf of the Town from the Bank of Nova Scotia from time to time by way of promissory note a sum or sums not exceeding at any one time Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) to meet until the taxes are collected, current expenditures of the Corporation for the year 2018.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Deputy Mayor Welsh, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on July 12, 2018.

MOTION 2018-3027: C. WELSH/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Development Committee report of July 12, 2018 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Downtown Re-Development Update

Town Manager Bolt advised the tenders should be ready by Friday of this week or Monday of next week to go out and hopefully within 2 weeks the bids will be in and approved.

b. Meeting with Government Ministers

Mayor Matthews advised that a request in gone into meet with Minister Andrew Parsons and Minister Jerry Byrne to discuss a number of items.

c. Storm Preparation

Mayor Matthews stated that our staff was way ahead of the game in being prepared for the tropical storm we were reported to get, but we didn't get the weather, however everything was ready to go. Council commends the Town Manager and outside staff for being well prepared. Councillor Burt inquired about using the AMEC system as suggested earlier in the year. Mayor Matthews advised it would cost \$400 a month to use the system however he did suggest it at MNL Symposium that they look into getting it for the use of all communities. It was agreed that the Town would follow up on this.

d. Municipal Garage Update

Town Manager Bolt advised that Bluebird Construction is hoping to be here the first week of August. They have materials already ordered for the project. He suggested they will be looking for local workers.

e. Nature Trail Update

Recreation Director Burton advised that the maintenance workers have worked up at the Nature Trail for 3½ days and so far they have cut out a number of areas. The next job to be worked on will be the trenching of a couple of areas. Councillor Grikis questioned what will happen to the brush that they removed, Recreation Burton advised that it is already taken care of.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Samuel J. Harris Building (Seaking Building)

Mayor Matthews advised that the Seaking Building is in a very dilapidated condition and that he contacted the Town's lawyer to get some direction on what needs to be done to the overall building. Town Manager Bolt stated that if the building comes down, we will have more room for other buildings to go up. There were some concerns with regards to the theatre portion of the building and hoping to keep that intact.

MOTION 2018-3028: J. BURFITT/G. BENNETT

Motioned that due to safety concerns for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and the high risk the building may collapse or be a hazard and cause injury to persons and damage to property in its vicinity that the Town take appropriate action to have the Seaking Building demolished with the possibility, if possible, of saving the current Theatre section, and that the demolition be carried out in a timely manner with safety being of the utmost importance.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Clearwater/Surf Clam Update

Mayor Matthews advised Town Manager Bolt and himself had a conference call last week with Clearwater and they have advised that everything is pretty quiet right now regarding the quota cuts, however, they are continuing to harvest the Surf Clams until the quota is caught, once the quota is caught then they may have to close the plants and tie up the boats.

MOTION 2018-3029: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Town write the new minister of Fisheries and Oceans asking that he review the file on the Arctic Surf Clam quota cuts and see if it can be reversed.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

c. Transfer of Federal Land re Downtown Re-Development

Town Manager Bolt advised that the Town was contact by Kristopher Viens, the Real Estate Advisor for the Real Estate Services of the Public Services and Procurement Office of the Federal Government, advising that they have two parcels of land located within the Town, in surplus, and they will be disposing of them in the near future.

MOTION 2018-3030: S. BURT/C. WELSH

Motioned that Town Manager Bolt, on behalf of the Town, proceed with the acquisition of the two parcels of land that the Federal Government has in surplus.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

d. Recreation Programming

Mayor Matthews stated he wanted to send a bouquet out to Recreation Director Burton and Town Manager Bolt for the outstanding job being done with regards to number of activities in our community. Deputy Mayor Welsh feels the numbers are down for minor soccer versus other programs. It was agreed that there may need to be more promoting required.

e. Pool Stats – 2016 versus 2018

Matthews advised that there is a lot of positive feedback coming from the pool and that the stats are showing this, for example, the number of people in public swim from 2016 to 2018 have doubled.

f. Summer Festival

Mayor Matthews advised that the Seniors Supper is starting at 6:30 p.m. on July 23, 2018 at the Lions Club and they would like everyone to come along to help serve as the Summer Festival Committee is a very small group.

g. Council/Staff BBQ

Mayor Matthews advised that the Council/Staff BBQ is planned for Thursday, July 26th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Sheila and Bob's cabin.

11. COUNCILLORS FORUM

a. Summer Festival

Councillor Bennett advised that the Summer Festival Breakfast is on August 4th and the Committee would like as much help as possible. It was agreed to send an email to all Councillors.

b. Mariners Memorial & Garden Party

Councillor Bennett advised that the Mariners Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, July 29th at 2:00 p.m. and the Annual Garden Party will be taking place on Tuesday, July 31st starting at 11:00 a.m.

c. Harbour Authority

Deputy Mayor Welsh wondered if there was any information discussed regarding the next phase of the wharf at the Harbour Authority meeting. It was advised that no information was given.

d. World Cup

Deputy Mayor Welsh suggested writing a letter to St. Pierre congratulating them on France winning the World Cup.

e. Fundraiser - Skidderpup

Councillor Burt advised that a fundraiser is being held on Saturday, July 21st to help Skidderpup raise enough money to travel to Sweden to participate in the Live at Heart concert over there.

f. Reg and the Rebels

Councillor Burt advised that Reg and the Rebels will be hosting a concert at the Partanna Auditorium on Monday, July 30th with proceeds going to the Grand Bank Theatre.

g. Pavement - Old Lions Club

Councillor Burfitt questioned who is responsible for the pavement leading into the Old Lions Club grounds and around the side the road is in very bad condition. It was agreed to have the area looked at.

h. Concrete

Councillor Burfitt received a complaint from a concerned citizen regarding the condition of the concrete wall near George's Brook. Town Manager Bolt advised that this has been passed on to the working foreman to have repaired.

i. Visitor

Councillor Burfitt advised that he spoke to a lady from British Columbia, at the airport, and she said that she visited Grand Bank and thought that Grand Bank was a very beautiful Town. However she felt that the summer employees are not well versed on the town and its history.

j. Grand Bank Regional Theatre

Councillor Burfitt expressed his gratitude to Council for the hard work that was put into having the Theatre held at the Bait Depot for this year.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2018-3031: R. GRIKIS/S. BURT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:25 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Confirmed by: Rex C. Matthews

Sheila M. Dolimount

Town Clerk (Acting)

Date: August 20, 2018