

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting # 6 for 2023 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 3:56 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Councillors George Bennett, Angela Blackwood, Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt, and Derrick Dunne attended along with Chief Administrative Officer Terry Fleming, Town Clerk Michelle Patten, and Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Tom Burton.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2023-3642: G.BENNETT/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the agenda be adopted with the addition of items 9. d. – Harris House and 10. c. – Bridge sidewalk and to remove item 11. b. to defer to the Finance Committee for further review.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Administrative Clerk Michelle Osmond entered the meeting at this time.
Councillor Derrick Dunne left the meeting at this time due to work commitments.

3. **DELEGATION**

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS – MAY 15, 2023**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2023-3643: J.BURFITT/S.BURT

Motioned that the minutes for Council Meeting of May 15, 2023 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – MAY 15, 2023**

a. **Recognition of Lieutenant Governor Judy Foote**

After some discussion on the uncertainty of the end of the Lieutenant Governors term, it was agreed to continue to come up with an idea to recognize the Lieutenant Governor.

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

8. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

a. **EverWind NL**

Received a letter regarding their proposed 2023 Meteorological Tower Campaign for the Burin Peninsula.

b. Department of Environment and Climate Change

Received an email regarding permit requirements associated with work in and near waterbodies.

c. Municipal Assessment Agency

1. Received a letter advising the deadline to apply for the 2023 Clar Simmons Scholarship is August 25, 2023.
2. Received a letter regarding the Assessment Roll for Tax Year 2024.

d. Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs

Received an email regarding the amendments to the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000.

e. Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs

Received a letter advising there is an increase to the Municipal Operating Grant (MOG). Municipal and Inuit Community Governments that receive MOGs will see an increase in their 2023 MOG of approximately 13.6%.

f. Terra Nova Hydrogen Inc.

Received an update regarding the Terra Nova Wind Energy to Hydrogen's Project.

g. NL Health Services

Received an update on the NL Health Services. This new service combines the four regional health authorities into one. Deputy Mayor Burt advised that more updates will be forthcoming.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on June 13, 2023.

MOTION 2023-3644: S.BURT/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of June 13, 2023 be approved with the exception of item number 15.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2023-3645: S.BURT/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank accept the lowest tender from Nortech Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$151,827.49 (includes HST) for Grand Bank 2023 Street Upgrades, and that the Town submit a Capital Investment Plan (CIP) application for Gas Tax funding approval to cover the Street Upgrades.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Derrick Dunne returned to the meeting at this time.

b. Development Committee

Councillor Roger Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on June 13, 2023.

Deputy Mayor Stan Burt left the meeting at this time for the approval of item #1.
Deputy Mayor Stan Burt returned to the meeting at this time.

MOTION 2023-3646: R.BROOKS/G.BENNETT

Motioned that the Development Committee report of June 13, 2023 be approved with the exception of item 2.b.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

c. Recreation Committee Report

Councillor Bennett presented a verbal update on the Recreation Committee.

MOTION 2023-3647: G.BENNETT/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the report be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

d. Harris House

Councillor Bennett, Committee Liaison, presented a report of a meeting regarding holding the Legion Items in the building.

MOTION 2023-3648: G.BENNETT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the Harris House report be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. Downtown Development

Mayor Matthews advised that a copy of the next phase of the Downtown Development Project will be displayed at the Town Office, and emailed to residents for their review. CAO Fleming advised things are progressing; however the wall under Water Street needs another inspection, and another report from Engineers. A site visit is scheduled for this Thursday.

b. Dog Park

Mayor Matthews commended the committee on a good job getting the dog park constructed so quickly. Councillor Dunne advised that the construction phase is complete but the committee is still working on minor additions to the park.

A grand opening will be planned when the park is completely ready to open.

c. Bridge Sidewalk on Grandview Blvd.

Councillor Dunne advised that the bridge on Grandview Blvd is in very bad condition, and a safety concern for residents walking it daily. It was agreed to write a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure again for their review.

MOTION 2023-3649: D.DUNNE/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the Town make strong representation to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to have repairs done to the bridge on Grandview Blvd for safety concerns.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Capital Works Application

Mayor Matthews advised that the Town will have Innovative NL review different projects to determine the priorities for our Capital Works Application for 2024-2025.

The Town moved into a privileged meeting to discuss Human Relations issues at which time Deputy Mayor Stan Burt left the meeting at 5:16 p.m. due to conflict of interest.

MOTION 2023-3650: J.BURFITT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the Town move into a privileged meeting to discuss Human Relations issues.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2023-3651: J.BURFITT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the Town adjourn the privileged meeting and return to the regular meeting of council.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Stan Burt returned to the meeting at this time.

b. Swimming Pool Operation

MOTION 2023-3652: G.BENNETT/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank hire Juanita Rose as aquatic supervisor for a maximum of ten (10) weeks under the Union Contract Agreement rate of \$23.37 plus 4% vacation pay per hour plus a retention bonus of \$1,689.00 for this season only. It was also agreed to hire Luke Burt to perform other duties while shadowing Juanita Rose to be able to see how to mix chemicals, etc. to see what is needed to operate the pool.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

12. **COUNCILLORS FORUM**

a. **Medical Student**

Councillor Dunne advised that Fortune resident, Kiana Stacey has been accepted into Medical School. Councillor Dunne questioned if the Town could do anything to help entice Ms. Stacey to return to the community when she completes Medical School.

b. **Theatre**

Councillor Blackwood advised that the Theatre is preparing to open for the 2023 season; they are currently in the rehearsal stage and she encourages everyone to attend the plays. The Opening Gala will take place on July 8, 2023.

c. **80th Anniversary of the Town**

Councillor Blackwood advised that the Town's 80th Anniversary Celebrations are taking place on July 26, 2023 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Lions Club.

d. **Dog Park**

Councillor Bennett commended the Dog Park Committee on a job well done.

e. **Flags**

Councillor Brooks questioned when the flags will be placed on the lamps for festival week, etc. Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Burton advised that this is on the Working Foreman's things to do list.

f. **Community Health Action Committee**

Deputy Mayor Burt gave an update on the Community Health Action Committee.

g. **Burin-Grand Bank Liberal District Association**

Deputy Mayor Burt advised he attended the dinner with Premier Furey and MHA Pike on June 15, 2023 at the Grand Bank Lions Club along with Councillor Burfitt. Both advised they had good discussion on many topics with both Premier Furey and MHA Pike.

h. **Dog Park**

Deputy Mayor Burt commended the Dog Park Committee on a job well done.

i. **Signage**

Councillor Dunne questioned if it were possible to have a sign on the Former Federal Building to advise people of the Town Hall's location.

13. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS**

a. **Canada Day**

Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Burton advised that Canada Day/Memorial Day will take place on Saturday, July 1st.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2023-3653: D.DUNNE/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED