

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #4 for 2019 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Executive Boardroom at the Grand Bank Municipal Center on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh (via FaceTime), Councillors George Bennett, Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt (via FaceTime), Stan Burt and Rick Grikis attended along with Town Manager Wayne Bolt, Town Clerk Sheila M. Dolimount, Recreation Director Tom Burton, and Paul Herridge representing the Southern Gazette. Administrative Clerk Michelle Patten joined the meeting later.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2019-3127: R. GRIKIS/S. BURT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATIONS - NIL**

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2019-3128: G. BENNETT/C. WELSH

Motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting for March 25, 2019 be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2019-3129: R. GRIKIS/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the minutes of the Special Meeting for April 9, 2019 be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR (Grikis, Bennett, Brooks & Matthews) MOTION CARRIED

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – MARCH 25, 2019**

a. **Heritage Advisory Committee**

Councillor Bennett advised that there were five (5) names received expressing interest to sit on the Heritage Advisory Committee.

b. **RCMP Meeting**

Councillor Grikis questioned if a meeting had been set up with the RCMP? Town Clerk Dolimount advised that no meeting has been set to-date, a further request will be made to the RCMP with respect to arranging this meeting.

c. **Plastic Bags**

Mayor Matthews advised that once legislation is in place regarding the use of plastic bags, then the Town will act in accordance with the legislation.

6. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a. **Day of Mourning**

Received an invitation from the St. Lawrence Historical Advisory Committee to attend their National Day of Mourning Service on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas Aquinas Church, St. Lawrence. It was agreed that if anyone from Council would like to attend they are welcome to participate in this service.

b. **NL Power**

Received an email advising the Take Charge of Your Town is accepting proposals until Thursday, April 18, 2019. Recreation Director Burton was asked to review the application to see if the Town could benefit from this initiative.

c. **True Blue**

Received an email advising April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and they would like for the Town to sign their proclamation as follows:

***Whereas:** Children are the foundation for a prosperous and innovative society, and the foundation for a child's growth and development is established when every community in Newfoundland and Labrador take responsibility for creating healthy environments where our children can thrive;*

***Whereas:** All children deserve to have a safe, stable, nurturing home and community to foster their healthy growth and development;*

***Whereas:** Child abuse and neglect is an important societal concern that may affect the long term health and well being of not only children, but also the adults they become;*

***Whereas:** Child abuse and neglect impacts our entire society and our society's future;*

***Whereas:** Child abuse prevention is a shared responsibility and finding solutions requires the involvement and collaboration of citizens, organizations and government entities throughout Newfoundland & Labrador;*

***Whereas:** this month, we emphasize the importance of understanding the devastating problem of child abuse and neglect, and commit to learn more about the behavioral and physical signs of possible abuse.*

Therefore: I _____ do hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in _____ and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.

MOTION 2019-3130: S. BURT/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank proclaim the month of April 2019 to be Child Abuse Prevent Month.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

d. **Professional Municipal Administrators (PMA)**

Received an email regarding the long service recognition form for 2019, the Municipal Administrator Award and the Convention Inventive Program. Town Clerk Dolimount advised that the forms have been completed for the Long Service Awards.

e. **Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)**

Received an email advising May 6-12, 2019 is proclaimed as Mental Health Week 2019. They would like the Town to sign the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION, MENTAL HEALTH WEEK, 2019

WHEREAS, CMHA Mental Health Week promotes mental health awareness through education campaigns, activities and events held across Newfoundland and Labrador and offers practical ways to maintain and improve mental health and support recovery from mental health problems and illnesses

WHEREAS, the Canadian Mental Health Association encourages everyone to Get Loud for mental health – to speak up and take action to improve mental health for all Canadians

WHEREAS, increased awareness and understanding of mental health will promote the use of mental health services and supports and ensure Canadians with mental health problems and illnesses are afforded the opportunity to recover

WHEREAS, the Canadian Mental Health Association actively supports and encourages good mental health in all aspects of our lives, during CMHA Mental Health Week and throughout the year

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Rex Matthews, Town of Grand Bank, hereby proclaim the week of May 6 - 12, 2019, as CMHA MENTAL HEALTH WEEK. I encourage all citizens to join me and #GetLoud about what mental health really is.

MOTION 2019-3131: R. GRIKIS/C. WELSH

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank proclaim May 6 – 12, 2019 as Mental Health Week 2019.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

f. Volunteer Hall of Fame

Received an emailing advising the nomination deadline for the volunteer hall of fame is May 31, 2019. Recreation Director Burton was asked to review the application to see if the Town should take part.

g. Bait Depot Rental

Received an email requesting the use of the Bait Depot for a wedding on Saturday, August 17, 2019. After some discussion, it was agreed not to rent out the Bait Depot for events or activities that could be hosted at other venues such as the Lions Club, Masonic, Theatre, etc.

h. ATIPP

Received an email advising of Staff and Council ATIPP Training dates, deadline to respond is April 19, 2019.

i. NL Chapter of the Canadian Transplant Association

Received an email advising April 21 – 27, 2019 is National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week and would like the Town to sign their proclamation:

PROCLAMATION – “National Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness Week”

The Canadian Transplant Association (CTA) was created in 1987 to raise awareness about organ donation and celebrate the success of transplants in saving lives. Members of the CTA consist of transplant recipients, athletes and volunteers dedicated to promoting organ and tissue transplants, and providing support networks to donors and recipients.

Whereas, last year in Canada, there were 4500 Canadians awaiting a lifesaving organ transplant; and

Whereas, 75 people could receive tissue from one donor; and

Whereas, one organ and tissue donor can save up to eight lives and enhance as many as 75.

Now Therefore, on behalf of the community of Grand Bank does hereby proclaim April 21 – 27, 2019 to be **Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week**.

MOTION 2019-3132: G. BENNETT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank proclaim April 21 – 27, 2019 to be “Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week”.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

a. Department of Municipal Affairs & Environment (MAE)

Received an email advising of the Spring 2019 Municipal Training Circular.

b. Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL)

Received an email advising Premier Ball announces \$129 million for Municipal Infrastructure.

c. M.I.L.E.S. Program Community Tour

Received an email advising of the “Going Miles Youth Conference”. These workshops are 1 to 3 days in length and cover topics such as Cyber Bullying, Drugs and Alcohol, Suicide Prevention, Youth Empowerment, Self Esteem, Career and Youth Business Development, etc.

d. Environment Protection Act

Received an email advising the Provincial Government introduced amendments to the Environment Protection Act that government says will allow them to draft regulations to ban retail plastic bags.

e. Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.

Received a letter regarding the process for the allocation of the fourth Arctic surf clam license in response to the Mayor’s correspondence on this issue to the DFO Minister.

f. Heritage NL

* Received an email advising Heritage NL has released its “Adaptive Reuse Tool Kit”, which contains information for those interested in finding new uses for historic structures.

* Received an email advising Heritage NL recommends that municipalities adopt policies to support the recycling of demolished buildings.

g. Dynamic Air Shelters

Received an email advising of their updated Dynamic Management Team. Mayor Matthews advised he wrote to Kay congratulating her on her promotion and on a job well done.

h. Legendary Coasts

Received a copy of the Coastal Chronicles announcing upcoming events.

i. Better Boating

Received an email advising of a Better Boating Safe Boat Training course. You can receive free safe boating tips or acquire a Pleasure Craft Operator Card commonly referred to as a boating license for a one-time online fee of \$28.99, the course is recognized by Transport Canada.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Councillor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on April 10, 2019.

MOTION 2019-3133: S. BURT/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of April 10, 2019 be accepted, as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on April 10, 2019.

MOTION 2019-3134: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Development Committee report of April 10, 2019 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Hours of Operation**

Mayor Matthews advised that for the last four months Office Staff have been doing an experiment by closing the main office during the lunch hour, 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m., and have not received any complaints about the office being closed during that time.

MOTION 2019-3135: R. GRIKIS/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the new office hours for the Town Office will be from 8:30 am to 12:00 Noon, closed from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. and reopen at 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Administrative Clerk Patten entered the meeting at this time, 4:30 p.m.

b. **Staff Training**

Mayor Matthews advised that there will be training taking place for Staff on the delivery of documents and will be completed by the town's solicitor. All councillors in favour of this approach.

c. **30th Anniversary - Staff**

Mayor Matthews advised and congratulated Town Manager Bolt and Town Clerk Dolimount on celebrating 30 years of service in Municipal Government, and the Town will look at doing something for both employees during the Christmas Dinner.

11. **COUNCILLORS FORUM**

a. **Heritage Advisory Committee**

Councillor Bennett presented the list of names of who expressed interest in sitting on the Heritage Advisory Committee. They are: Jack Grandy, Ruby Dyall, Cora Matthews, George Cornish and Chris Barnes.

MOTION 2019-3136: G. BENNETT/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Heritage/Tourism Committee accept the five names that were offered for the Heritage Advisory Committee.

b. **Blue Crest Volunteer Social**

Councillor Bennett advised that he attended the Volunteer Social and was advised that all the funds have been raised to purchase the new van.

c. **Fire Department**

Councillor Grikis advised that he attended the annual monthly Fire Department meeting and while there he spoke with the some of the Fargo Committee members and they wanted to set up a meeting as soon as possible to discuss the Fargo Fire truck. It was agreed that Councillor Grikis would take the lead in arranging this meeting.

d. **Seamen's Memorial**

Councillor Grikis advised that he attended the Annual Seamen's Memorial service over the weekend and he expressed the regrets of Mayor Matthews and Deputy Mayor Welsh.

e. **Soccer Hall of Fame**

Councillor Brooks expressed his gratitude to everyone for their support for the induction of his father, Clarence Brooks, into the Soccer Hall of Fame last week.

f. Thank You

Mayor and Councillors thanked Town Manager Bolt and Town Clerk Dolimount for their 30 years of service as employees of the Town of Grand Bank.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2019-3137: R. GRIKIS/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED