

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #1 for 2022 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Grand Bank 50+ Club.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Councillors George Bennett, Angela Blackwood, Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt, and Stan Burt attended along with Town Manager Wayne Bolt, Town Clerk Sheila M. Dolimount, and Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Tom Burton. Administrative Clerk Michelle Patten is working.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA+**

MOTION 2022-3448: G. BENNETT/S. BURT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION**

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS – DECEMBER 13, 2021**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2022-3449: R. BROOKS/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the minutes for December 13, 2021 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – DECEMBER 13, 2021**

a. **Delegation**

Councillor Burt questioned if Town Staff have met regarding the property on Blackburn Road. Mayor Matthews advised that Town Manager Bolt was speaking with the couple and he advised them that due to COVID and the weather, staff is hoping to visit soon. Councillor Brooks advised that both himself and the Town Manager have been trying to visit the area, however their schedules have not permitted it.

Deputy Mayor Welsh entered the meeting at this time, 4:07 p.m.

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a. **Epilepsy Newfoundland and Labrador**

Received a proclamation to declare Purple Day March 26, 2022 as International Awareness of Epilepsy.

PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY

MARCH 26, 2022

Proclamation

Whereas *Purple Day* is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world; and,
Whereas *Purple Day* was founded by nine year old Cassidy Megan of Nova Scotia who wanted to let people know that if you have epilepsy you are not alone; and,
Whereas Epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect over 10,000 people in Newfoundland and Labrador, over 300,000 people in Canada, and 50 million people worldwide; and,
Whereas One in ten persons will have at least one seizure during his or her lifetime; and,
Whereas the public is often unable to recognize common seizure types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid; and,
Whereas *Purple Day* will be celebrated on March 26th annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy throughout the country and globally:

Therefore Be it resolved that I, Rex C Matthews, Mayor of Grand Bank, do hereby proclaim March 26th as *Purple Day* in an effort to raise the awareness and understanding of epilepsy and to support all those who live with seizures each day.

Dated this 31 day of January, 2022

MOTION 2022-3450: S. BURT/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank proclaim March 26, 2022 as Purple Day for Epilepsy.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Burin Peninsula Healthy Oceans Initiative

Received an email wanting to know if the Town would dispose of the garbage that will be collected on the beaches and waterways this summer by their organization. It was agreed that the Development Committee look into this further.

c. Public Procurement Agency

Received an email regarding procurement procedures and policies.

d. The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, and Recreation

Deadline to apply for Come Home Year Cultural Funding is January 31, 2022. Mayor Matthews advised that Town Staff have completed the application and the Town has been approved.

e. Burin Peninsula Cat Rescue

Regarding animal control/bylaw complaint. Mayor Matthews advised the Town doesn't have the legal right to enter someone's home and remove any animals.

f. The Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs

Received an email advising the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs will be providing Virtual Information Sessions on the Municipal Code of Conduct. These sessions will be held on February 22nd and February 23rd. Anyone wishing to register may contact the Town Office.

8. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

a. Eastern Health

Received an email advising that the deadline for the Community Wellness Grant is on February 1st, 2022. All applications must be received on or before that date. Deputy Mayor Welsh feels the Town should look at applying for a grant to build a Community Garden.

b. Aquaculture Association of Canada

Received a Press Release to announce that St. John's will host a World Aquaculture Event in 2022. The event will take place August 15-18, 2022.

c. Municipal Assessment Agency

Received an update on the Municipal Assessment Agency.

d. Burin Peninsula Joint Council

Received an email list of the elected Municipal Leaders.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Councillor Stan Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on January 26, 2022.

Councillor Burt left the meeting at this time, due to a conflict of interest.

MOTION 2022-3451: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that Item 1(h) be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Burt returned to the meeting at this time.

Councillor Blackwood was asked to leave the meeting at this time due to a conflict of interest.

Item 2(a) After some discussion, it was agreed this item needs to be discussed further and a letter written to the Lions Club to see if they are able to contribute to the project as well.

Councillor Blackwood returned to the meeting at this time.

MOTION 2022-3452: S. BURT/C. WELSH

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of January 26, 2022 be approved with the exception of item 1(h).

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Councillor Roger Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on January 26, 2022.

Item 2b: After some discussion, it was agreed to send out an email with regards to advising people to not feed the ducks due to the possibility of health risks. It was further agreed to talk to Wildlife about the number of ducks now in the area of Riverside West.

MOTION 2022-3453: R. BROOKS/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the Development Committee report of January 26, 2022 be approved with the exception of item 3.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2022-3454: R. BROOKS/G. BENNETT

Motioned that under the authority of Sections 16, 17, 18 and 23 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000*, the Town Council of Grand Bank approves Amendment No. 2 – 2020 to the Municipal Plan for 2012 to 2022.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2022-3455: R. BROOKS/J. BURFITT

Motioned that under the authority of Sections 16, 17, 18 and 23 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000*, the Town Council of Grand Bank approves Amendment No. 3 - 2020 to the Development Regulations for 2012 to 2022.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. Swimming Pool

Councillor Burfitt wondered if there was something Council could do to keep the pool open longer. Probably have an engineer look at the possibility of having a removable floor which would allow other people to use the facility when the pool is closed. After some discussion, it was agreed to discuss this further.

b. Dam Project Update

Town Manager Bolt advised there are four items left to be completed at the Dam. They are; NL Power, the Air Burst System, a Shed, and a compressor. After some discussion, it was also agreed to purchase a camera for the Dam area once the building is completed.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Downtown Development – Phase II

Mayor Matthews advised that Phase II is very impressive. He stated there are 7 different components to be completed during this project. Councillor Burfitt questioned if an

electrical outlet could be installed in the new light poles. After some discussion, it was agreed to investigate this further.

b. Capital Works – Plant Waterline

Town Manager Bolt advised that the design work on the plant line should be submitted this week and once approval is received from Government, tender documents will be developed.

c. Nature Trail Inspection

Mayor Matthews presented an inspection sheet for the Nature trail so that it can be inspected on a regular basis and referenced should anyone complain that something is out of place or damage is done to the Trail. Mayor Matthews also advised that a motion is needed for ACOA so we can apply for more funding to do additional work with the Nature Trail.

MOTION 2022-3456: S. BURT/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank apply for funding under the Canada Community Revitalization fund for Phase II – Nature Trail.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

12. COUNCILLORS FORUM

a. Property Owner

Mayor Matthews advised that a property owner in the community is considerably behind in their taxes, and the Town has no other option but to take legal action. After some discussion, it was agreed the Town will take legal action to get the taxes outstanding.

b. Theatre

Mayor Matthews questioned if the Theater is going to go ahead this summer. Councillor Burt advised that he is optimistic it will and that the Artistic Director is making preparations, he also advised they are in the process of installing a new heating system.

c. Proclamation

Councillor Bennett presented a proclamation.

Heritage Day/Week Proclamation 2022

WHEREAS, the third Monday in February is recognized nationally as Heritage Day; and
WHEREAS, Heritage Day and Heritage Week are a time to reflect on the achievements of past generations and to accept responsibility for protecting our heritage; and
WHEREAS, our citizens should be encouraged to celebrate Newfoundland and Labrador's uniqueness and to rejoice in our heritage and environment; and
WHEREAS, in 2022 the residents of Newfoundland and Labrador will celebrate their rich and diverse heritage.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Rex C. Matthews, on behalf of the Town of Grand Bank, do hereby proclaim Monday, February 21, 2022 as Heritage Day, and February 21-27, 2022 as Heritage Week, and call upon all citizens to celebrate the richness of our past and the promise of our future.

MOTION 2022-3457: G. BENNETT/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank proclaim February 21, 2022 as Heritage Day and February 21-27, 2022 as Heritage Week.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

d. Come Home Year

Mayor Matthews suggested the Special Events Committee should look at trying to recruit new members and this would then be the Come Home Year Committee for 2022. Councillor Burt advised that the 50+ Club is planning to do something and that the Theatre as some plans in place as well. After some discussion, it was agreed that an email should go out encouraging people to join the Special Events Committee/Come Home Year 2022.

e. Regional Government

Mayor Matthews suggested that everyone read the Regional Government Report and forward any ideas or concerns they have to the Town Office before he requests a meeting the MHA Pike.

f. Thank You

Deputy Mayor Welsh thanked staff for having workers out over the weekend to contend with the rain and water we had.

g. Conference Call

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised he attended a conference call with Dr. Haggie and Eastern Health regarding the Health Accord, they discussed recruitment and retention. The Deputy Mayor also advised that Dr. Haggie stated that there would be no cuts in health care at this time. Councillor Burfitt feels our Health Care service is very disappointing.

h. Waste Committee

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised he will forward the minutes regarding the Regional Waste Committee meeting.

i. Picture

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised that he has now received two pictures for the Town Office of the Queen and Lt Governor.

j. Ambulance

Mayor Matthews advised that there is no motion in the Town's minutes approving the Ambulance Service to be incorporated. Councillor Burfitt advised he is still trying to get a meeting scheduled.

k. Emails

Mayor Matthews advised should anyone receive an email from him asking them to do something for him to please delete it. He advised that this kind of email would not be from him.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

a. CEEP Project

Recreation Director Burton advised everyone that the CEEP Project is now completed and the bleachers are amazing.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2022-3458: R. BROOKS/S. BURT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED