

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting #1 for 2017 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Executive Boardroom at the Grand Bank Municipal Center on Monday, January 16, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Councillors Roger Brooks, Stan Burt, Rick Grikis, Travis Parsons and Bruce Warren attended along with Town Manager Wayne Bolt and Town Clerk Cathy Follett. Also in attendance was Paul Herridge, representing the Southern Gazette. Office Administrator Sheila Dolimount and Recreation Director Tom Burton joined the meeting later.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 2017-2788: S. BURT/C. WELSH

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

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

MOTION 2017-2789: T. PARSONS/S. BURT

Motioned that the minutes of the regular meeting for December 05, 2016 be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**a. JB Foote Building**

Councillor Parsons noted that he has spoken to a gentleman that is interested in meeting with council regarding this building. It was agreed that Councillor Parsons would arrange the meeting for February 3.

6. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**a. Legendary Coasts of Eastern NL**

Received an email advising they are holding a session at the Fortune Fire Hall on Thursday, February 16, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for discussion to explore the tourism development in our region. Deadline to register is February 13th and the cost of registration is \$10.00 per person. Deputy Mayor Welsh and Councillor Parsons agreed to attend.

At this time, Recreation Director Burton entered the meeting.

7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**a. Grand Bank Fire Department**

Received a letter advising of the executive committee for 2017.

b. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Received a letter and membership renewal information for 2017-2018.

c. Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association

Received a letter regarding the “Recycle My Cell” program. They are encouraging municipalities to host a drop-off location or local service district. Once registered, you will be provided with promotional material and pre-paid shipping labels for collection boxes free of charge.

d. Muskrat Falls Project

Received October 2016 Highlights.

e. Department of Municipal Affairs

- * Received a letter advising the request to engage SNC Lavalin to provide prime consulting services for the Swimming Pool Upgrade has been approved.
- * Received a letter advising the Provincial Government will be offering eligible municipalities the opportunity to acquire leases for Crown lands under a new policy with the objective of promoting economic activity within the province.

f. Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

- * Received an email asking members to participate in a twice-yearly business confidence survey.
- * Received an email regarding the “Economic Blueprint for NL” Initiative.

g. Burin Peninsula Joint Council

Received a letter encouraging municipalities to enter into the Canadian Cancer Society’s Relay for Life in June 2017.

h. Canadian Red Cross

Received an information package/update on how the town’s donation has helped victims of the Fort McMurray fire.

i. The Watchdog

Received January 2017 issue.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Councillor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the committee held on January 11, 2017.

MOTION 2017-2790: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of January 11, 2017 be accepted as presented

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2017-2791: S. BURT/B. WARREN

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs for Gas Tax funding in the amount of \$97,756 for Swimming Pool Upgrades (\$26,836), Wastewater Effluent Monitoring and Sampling (\$22,620) and Roads Upgrading for Water Street, Hickman Street, Blackburn Road & Hyde Street (\$48,300).

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2017-2792: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank enter into a tax agreement with Bellcore for the affordable housing units.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Deputy Mayor Welsh, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the committee held on January 11, 2017.

MOTION 2017-2793: C. WELSH/B. WARREN

Motioned that the Development Committee report of January 11, 2017 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS**a. Swimming Pool Update**

Recreation Director Burton noted the majority of the pool has been freshly painted with new colours and work is continuing on flooring, doors and railing. Town Manager Bolt advised the engineer was here on Thursday and will be providing a quote on the HAVAC program. As well, the PCA has been signed. It will take approximately 8-10 weeks for the installation.

b. Capital Works 2017 Update

Town Manager Bolt advised design work should be received for the Old Road area in the near future and noted that the sewer will be rerouted and a new culvert will be installed in the brook coming down through Hatcher Place. As well, Stoodley Place will also be started by the end of May.

c. War Memorial Update

Mayor Matthews noted that several positive comments have been received on the drawing. He noted that this is an ongoing project over the next couple of years.

d. Atlantic Pursuit

Mayor Matthews asked Councillor Warren to provide an update on the Atlantic Pursuit. Councillor Warren advised that the vessel has been sold as of January 11, 2017 and should be moved by the end of next month.

e. Wharf Update

Mayor Matthews noted that work has commenced on the upgrades for the wharf and the Town Manager will be working with the project manager of DFO to provide updates to our citizens. It was also noted they are looking for workers.

10. NEW BUSINESS**a. Tax Recovery Plan - 2016**

MOTION 2017-2794: R. GRIKIS/T. PARSONS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank's Tax Collection and Recovery Plan for 2016 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

At this time, Office Administrator Dolimount entered the meeting.

b. Summer Festival Coordinator

It was agreed that the Summer Festival Coordinator would received 15 weeks employment at \$16.50 hour, for 40 hours a week for 2017

c. MNL Regional Government Survey

Mayor Mathews noted that he reviewed the survey and recommends that council not complete it at this time. Council agreed, and that it would stay independent as much as possible for as long as possible.

d. Downtown Redevelopment Consultation

Mayor Matthews noted that the first consultation will be held this coming Thursday, January 19, 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall. Citizens will be encouraged to attend.

e. Winter Carnival 2017

Recreation Director Burton noted the Winter Carnival is scheduled for January 30 to February 5. The schedule should be out early next week.

11. COUNCILLORS FORUM**a. Snow Clearing**

Mayor Matthews noted that the United Church Minister complimented Council on clearing the roads in to the Salvation Army and United Church Cemeteries when there is a funeral.

b. Michelle Tessier

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that Michelle Terrier has been named as the inaugural commanding officer of HMCS MARGARET BROOKE, the RCN's second Arctic Offshore Patrol Vessel. It was agreed that a letter of congratulations would be written to Michelle.

c. John Patten

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised that John Patten will be inducted into the 2017 Junior Achievement of Newfoundland and Labrador Hall of Fame on May 18, 2017 he is the President of Browning Harvey Inc. It was agreed that a letter of congratulations would be written to John.

d. Grand Bank Development Corporation

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that the Corporation received an award this year from the Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. It was agreed that a letter of congratulations would be written to the Corporation.

e. Santa Clause Parade

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that although the Parade was well organized it still was missing something. It was noted that neither the Town nor the Recreation Commission participated. Mayor Matthews noted that discussions have commenced on doing something different for 2017 and it has been suggested that the parade and the Light Up would be held together.

f. Light Up

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that the Town of Clarendville has a large light on one of the hills and questioned if the Town could place a light on Bennett`s Hill. As well, they place lights on some of the NL Power poles around Town. It was agreed that this would be considered.

g. Speed Bumps

Deputy Mayor Welsh suggested that the Town should consider installing speed bumps around the community park. It was agreed that this would be considered.

h. Snow Clearing

Councillor Burt noted that some streets were in poor condition after a recent snowfall. Town Manager Bolt noted that he was aware of the matter and he advised the snow plow operate and the matter was corrected.

i. Summer Festival

Councillor Burt questioned if a final financial report was available for the 2016 Summer Festival. It was agreed that Recreation Director Burton would have the report available for the next finance committee meeting.

j. Grand Bank Regional Theater

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that the Theater was ranked #2 by Matthew Barrett of Experience NL in his online blog of 10 of the places to go in Newfoundland.

As well, Mahalia Legge of Garnish, an actress last season at the Theater, received second place in the inaugural event of Newfound Talent contest of Music NL Week 2016.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS**a. Burin Chamber of Commerce**

Office Administration Dolimount advised that the Chamber's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 7:00 PM at Hotel Marystown. The Guest Speaker will be Vic French, President and CEO of Puddle Pond Resources Inc. and tickets are \$40 each. Councillors were asked to advise the Office Administrator if they are interested in attending.

b. Grand Bank Harbour Authority

Mayor Matthews advised that an invitation was received to attend the Harbour Authority's annual dinner on January 28. Councillors were asked to advise the Office Administrator if they are interested in attending.

c. Grand Bank Regional Theater

MOTION 2017-2795: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that a letter be forwarded to Fire and Emergency Services requesting an extension so the Theater can use a section of the Samuel J. Harris Building for the 2017 season.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2017-2796: S. BURT/C. WELSH

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:05 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Confirmed by: Clayton Welsh, Deputy Mayor

Cathy Follett

Town Clerk

Date: February 13, 2017