

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #7 for 2019 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Council Chambers at the former Federal Building on Monday, July 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Councillors Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt, and Stan Burt attended along with Town Manager Wayne Bolt, Administrative Clerk Michelle Patten, and Recreation Director Tom Burton. Councillor George Bennett is off for medical leave, Councillor Rick Grikis and Town Clerk Sheila M. Dolimount is on vacation.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2019-3155: S. BURT/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATIONS - NIL**

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2019-3156: C. WELSH/S. BURT

Motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting for June 25, 2019 be accepted as presented with the addition of Councillor Stan Burt being absent during the last meeting due to a medical appointment in St. John's.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

a. **Community Youth Network**

Councillor Burfitt questioned if there are any updates from the meeting with the Community Youth Network. Mayor Matthews advised he spoke to MHA Carol Anne Haley regarding funding from the Provincial Government, however no decision on extra funding has been made to date. Mayor Matthews also advised that everything appears to be working well at John Burke High School and their office. Councillor Brooks advised the only problem is the hangout portion as there is not enough space for those kids for a hangout room at John Burke High School.

b. **Seaking Building**

Deputy Mayor Welsh questioned if there are any results back on the Samuel Harris Building. Mayor Matthews advised no official results received yet but hopefully very soon. He was speaking to Bennett's and they said so far the testing seems to be good.

c. **Heritage Committee**

Councillor Burfitt advised the new committee members for the Heritage Committee are inquiring about a meeting. It was agreed Councillor Burfitt and the Administrative Clerk would arrange a meeting to be held with the new members.

6. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a. **Eastern Health**

Received an email advising of funding opportunities. - Mayor Matthews questioned Recreation Director Burton about if the CYN had applied and also questioned if the 50+ Club could avail of this. Recreation Director Burton advised that there was not enough time to complete the application as they were just starting their programs and was very busy.

b. **Grand Bank Heritage Society**

Received an invitation to attend their Annual Mariners' Memorial Service on Sunday, July 28, 2019.

c. **Eastern Health**

Received an email regarding the Roots of Hope Program, which is a multi-site, community lead program that aims to reduce the impacts of suicide in communities.

**d. Parking**

Received a request from hatch003 to use one of the parking spots next to her building during the winter months, which was normally done each year. Town Manager Bolt advised we will send a letter suggesting she could park across the street. Parking on the town's parking lot would impede snow clearing operations, and could damage their vehicle and reduce parking spaces.

**7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

**a. SNC - Lavalin**

- \* Received a letter advising the tender for the Downtown/Waterfront Redevelopment for the Landscaping has been rewarded to Bennett's Construction Ltd.
- \* Received a letter advising the tender for the Downtown/Waterfront Redevelopment for the Civil/Electrical has been rewarded to Welcon Construction Ltd.

**b. Department of Municipal Affairs**

- \* Received a letter advising there are no objections to the issuance of a liquor license for the Grand Bank Regional Theatre.
- \* Received an email regarding the launch of public consultations – Provincial solid waste management strategy review.
- \* Received a letter advising the request for financial assistance towards the provincial firefighting equipment fire protection has been declined due to all funds for the fiscal year has been allocated.

**c. Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

Received the quarterly newsletter. (Copy on file)

**d. Business Development Corporation**

Received a letter advising they are seeking volunteer board members.

**e. Eastern Health**

Received an email regarding the summer recreation programs and events.

**f. Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL)**

Received an email regarding the Emergency management exemplary service awards nominations.

**g. Muskrat Falls**

Received the highlights for April 2019.

**h. John Burke High School**

Received a certificate of appreciation for participating in their breakfast program.

**i. Thank you**

Received a thank you card from the Cancer Survivors Day 2019 Committee.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Finance Committee**

Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Committee member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on July 11, 2019.

Mayor Matthews left the meeting at 10:16 a.m. due to conflict of interest, Item 1(e). Deputy Mayor Welsh took the Mayor's seat.

MOTION 2019-3157: C. WELSH/S. BURT

Motioned that item 1 of the Finance Committee report of July 11, 2019 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Matthews returned to the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

MOTION 2019-3158: S. BURT/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of July 11, 2019 be accepted with the deferral of item 7 to the next council meeting, and item 1 (e) was accepted previously.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2019-3159: C. WELSH/S. BURT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank sign the Borrowing Resolution from Scotiabank.

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 July 11, 2019.

MOTION 2019-3160: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Development Committee report of July 11, 2019 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Downtown Redevelopment Project**

Mayor Matthews advised that two tenders have been awarded. Welcon was awarded the tender for the Civil/Electrical and Bennett's Construction Ltd. was awarded the tender for Landscaping. Town Manager Bolt advised work should be starting anytime within the next two weeks and finished by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Deputy Mayor Welsh felt the sooner the project starts, it will be positive for the community. Mayor Matthews said that everything is a go, tenders awarded and waiting for companies to start.

**b. Paving Program**

Town Manager Bolt advised that the outside staff has spread 240 tones of asphalt out around Town to complete the water break areas and also had areas of pavement that was taken up.

**c. Roundtable Discussions**

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised he attended the Roundtable Discussion in Fortune on June 27, 2019, which was arranged by Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL). Lots of good discussions took place, such as the honorarium and how MNL will approach the Government to try to make it tax free again as it affects council members, especially those who are retired. Regional Government is still on the radar, more so for smaller communities. MNL Convention was also discussed regarding spouses who attend. Waste Management - seems to be working well, but if we have to transfer to Robin Hood, major cost, etc., would cause problems. MNL advised that they will approach Government and try to get more training sessions on the Burin Peninsula.

**d. Sampling – Seaking Building**

Mayor Matthews advised samples went to St. John's and then Halifax some preliminary results indicated the samples appear to be within the acceptable ranges. Soon as official results are back then a meeting will be arranged with waste management regarding the disposal of the debris.

**e. Old Road Update**

Mayor Matthews advised that Old Road is to acceptable standards, and the contractor did a good job on paving the street.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. 2018 Audit**

Mayor Matthews advised the Town's 2018 audit was in full compliance with the scope of work. One issue is with the Ambulance Committee audit. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the Grand Bank/Fortune Ambulance Committee.

Town Manager Bolt advised the Town's audit is really good.

MOTION 2019-3161: S. BURT/C. WELSH

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank accept the 2018 Audited Financial Statement as presented by the accounting company.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**b. Infrastructure Obstruction – New Wharf**

Mayor Matthews advised that Small Craft Harbours is now refusing to pay for the work the Town had to complete on the Town's sewer systems. The Town's lawyer will send a letter to Small Craft Harbours regarding the expenses owing the Town, for the work the Town had to do. Deputy Mayor Welsh thought we wouldn't pay anything for that project.

**11. COUNCILLORS FORUM**

**a. Atlantic Pursuit**

Deputy Mayor Welsh asked Councillor Burfitt if there were any updates on the Pursuit. Councillor Burfitt advised the person who purchased the boat should be back in town next week.

**b. Newfoundland Power**

Councillor Brooks questioned if Newfoundland Power is changing to LED? Mayor Matthews advised they are changing all lights to LED, however, the Town will not save any money from this transaction.

**c. Clean up**

Councillor Burt advised he felt that with tourism season upon us, the first entrance into Town and some areas/properties leading into Town are very messy and need to be cleaned up.

**d. Gas Tax**

Town Manager Bolt advised that Gas Tax money was approved for what was requested. Provincial Paving is back in town today.

**e. Water Supply**

Mayor Matthews advised that there will be an announcement soon regarding funding for Dam Upgrades and Intake System. This will provide better quality water during the times the Town has to transition from the Fortune Water Supply System.

**f. Convention**

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised we should book rooms now for convention.

**12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 2019-3162: C. WELSH/S. BURT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 11:21 a.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED