

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #08 for 2024 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 4:05 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Councillors Angela Blackwood, Roger Brooks, Colin Clements and Derrick Dunne, attended along with CAO Terry Fleming, Town Clerk Michelle Patten, Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Tom Burton and Administrative Clerk Michelle Osmond. Councillor Jack Burfitt was on holidays.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2024-3789: A.BLACKWOOD/S.BURT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION**

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2024-3790: R.BROOKS/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that the minutes for the Council Meeting held on July 15, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – JULY 15, 2024**

a. **Nature Trail**

Deputy Mayor Burt advised staff that the rose bushes need to be trimmed on the Nature Trail. Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Burton advised that the Nature Trail is on the list of things to do for tomorrow for the outside maintenance employees.

b. **Voyent Alert**

Councillor Brooks asked for an update on Voyent Alert. The Office is still taking names and people are still signing up.

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a. **Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard**

Received a letter requesting a meeting regarding the Grand Bank Lighthouse. Mayor Matthews advised that a meeting will be arranged.

b. **Town of Fortune**

Received a letter requesting a meeting with the Collaborating Committee. Committee to arrange a meeting.

8. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Community Credit Union**

Received a letter advising they have completed an assessment of the economic climate of Grand Bank and surrounding areas, and after much discussion at their board meetings, they have determined there is not sufficient long term economic viability in the area to support opening a new branch or installing ATM machines. The Town will forward an email out to residents advising of the Credit Unions decision.

b. **Department of Transportation and Infrastructure**

Received a letter regarding the new intake dates for Federal Government Programs.

c. **RCMP**

Received the monthly report for May and June 2024.

**d. Municipal Assessment Agency**

Received an update on the Board.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS****a. Finance Committee**

Deputy Mayor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on August 21, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3791: S.BURT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of August 21, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR                      MOTION CARRIED

**b. Development Committee**

Councillor Roger Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on August 21, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3792: R.BROOKS/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Development Committee report of August 21, 2024 be approved as presented.

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**10. OLD BUSINESS****a. Swimming Pool**

Mayor Matthews advised there were a lot of closures this year. The Swimming Pool is a very old facility and need major upgrades and renovations. It was agreed to search for Government funding.

**b. Pumphouse**

It was agreed that the Pump house needs upgrades; the pipes are very old and need to be assessed as well as the Water tower.

**11. NEW BUSINESS****a. Human Resources Committee**

Deputy Mayor Burt and CAO Fleming left the meeting at this time.

MOTION 2024-3793: A.BLACKWOOD/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank offer the position of Director of Operations and Facilities Management to Joseph Periera at Step I of the salary scale.

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Deputy Mayor and CAO Fleming returned to the meeting at this time.

**12. COUNCILLORS FORUM****a. Tom Burton**

Mayor Matthews advised that this is Tom Burton's last council meeting as Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director with the Town of Grand Bank. Mayor Matthews thanked him on behalf of the Town for a great job, and all of his devotion to the Community and his position over the last 22 years.

**b. Tom Burton**

Deputy Mayor Burt, Councillors and staff thanked Tom on his dedicated service to the Town and wished him well on his retirement.

**c. Security Cameras**

Councillor Clements questioned if the security cameras are still accessible on the Community Park as there has been some issues there recently involving children.

**d. Riverside East Plantline**

Councillor Dunne asked if the cement will be left on the side of the brook from the construction completed on Riverside East. CAO Fleming advised that it will be left there as extra support to the wall.

**13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS****a. Thank you**

Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Burton thanked the Town of Grand Bank for giving him the opportunity to work for the Town for the past 22 years.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 2024-3794: C.CLEMENTS/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED