

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #9 for 2020 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held at the Council Chambers in the Former Federal Building on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Councillors George Bennett, Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt, Stan Burt and Rick Grikis 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 2020-3300: J. BURFITT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION** NONE

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 28, 2020** NONE

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2020-3301: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting for September 28, 2020 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

a. **Main Street Youth Centre Inc.**

Councillor Burfitt advised that the Theatre building has been offered to CYN for a place to use, they would be responsible for the light bill. He indicated they were not interested in the building at this time.

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

Councillor Grikis questioned if anyone was attending the 2020 MNL Virtual Conference. Mayor Matthews advised that no one expressed an interest to participate on-line.

c. **Posts**

Councillor Grikis questioned if the posts had been removed from 37 Main Street. Town Manager Bolt advised that they were removed.

d. **2021 Capital Works**

Councillor Burfitt advised that he had been speaking with an individual, who explained to him that the reason for waterline breaks is because the Town is using Sand/Class A around the pipes where they should be using rocks. Town Manager Bolt advised that by using rocks you are allowing the pipes to move and rub against the rocks, which would gradually wear a hole in the pipe. Good bedding (sand) is to be used around all water lines in accordance with engineering specifications.

e. **Forward & Tibbo**

Deputy Mayor Welsh questioned if the process has been started for the sale of land on Water Street. Mayor Matthews advised that this will proceed in the spring, according to the Town's policy as it relates to the tax sales if properties that are significantly in arrears to the Town over an extended period of time.

f. **2020 Roads Upgrading**

Councillor Grikis questioned if the Town would be getting the full amount of money that was announced for the Roads Upgrading by the Federal/Provincial Government. Mayor Matthews advised the Town has been approved for the extra funding, however, the Town had to re-tender for the extra paving which was awarded to Nortech Construction, who is completing a job on the Northern Peninsula. It was felt that the project would not begin

until the spring since the weather is getting colder and the deadline for laying asphalt has passed.

g. Trail

Councillor Grikis questioned why the Town has not received funding for the Trails yet. Mayor Matthews noted that he was advised by a trusted source that the Provincial Government had spent the money that was allotted for Trails, on schools and health care as part of the Covid-19 measures.

h. Ambulance Service

Councillor Burfitt advised it would be best to wait awhile to have the meeting with the Ambulance Services as things are moving forward.

7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

a. Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities

Received a news release advising the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities announced funding to support community arenas and pools throughout the province. The funding was approved through a Special Assistance Grant program to provide a one-time grant of up to \$10,000.00 for municipalities. Mayor Matthews advised that the application has been completed and forwarded.

b. NAPE

Received an email regarding Contract negotiations. It was agreed to have the negotiations started before Christmas. Town Manager Bolt was asked to try and arrange it for November.

8. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

a. Student

Received two petitions from students at John Burke High School regarding a youth centre.

b. Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

- * Received a letter advising of the deadline for asphalt this year.
- * Received a letter with a list of Regional Contacts.
- * Received a letter advising approval has been given to proceed with a public tender call for the Municipal Dam Analysis and Upgrades – 17-GI-20-00081.

c. ACOA

Received an email from ACOA advising receipt of our application for Phase II of the Downtown Redevelopment for financial assistance.

d. Burin Peninsula Joint Council

Received an email – Information for Municipalities and Local Service Districts.

e. Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL)

- * News Release - 2020 Virtual Conference.
- * News Release – 2020 Virtual Conference Agenda.
- * News Release – Municipalities hopeful provincial budget holds the line on municipal funding.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Councillor Stan Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on October 22, 2020.

MOTION 2020-3302: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of October 22, 2020 be approved

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2020-3203: S. BURT/C. WELSH

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank forward applications for the following projects for funding under the 2021-2022 Municipal Capital Works Program:

1. Plant Line Replacement - Riverside East: Replacement of a 400m section of 14" Plant Water Line. Replacement of Asphalt and Storm Sewer. \$1,217,664.90.
2. Paving Program: Elizabeth Avenue – Harry English's to Blue Crest Cottages, Elizabeth Avenue – Pleasant Street to Blackburn Road, Blackburn Road – Ralph Street to Water Street, Riverside West – Stephen Peach's to Harry English's - \$822,430.09.
3. Grand Bank Trail: Trail Upgrades. \$404,369.67
4. Marine Drive: Water, Sewer, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer, and Asphalt, 29 Marine Drive to the intersection of Old Road/Marine Drive. \$1,219,544.64
5. Edwin Street: Culvert Replacement, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer, and Asphalt. \$468,607.39

Further moved that, should the Town of Grand Bank secure funding for either or all of these projects, the Town's share will be financed through its own reserves.

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 October 22, 2020.

MOTION 2020-3304: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Development Committee report of October 22, 2020 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. Dam Upgrade Update

Town Manager Bolt advised the tenders for the Dam Upgrades and Analysis closed with no tenders received. They are re-tendering with a closing date of Nov 9, 2020.

b. Roads Upgrade Project – Part 2

Discussed previously.

c. Water Shut-offs

Mayor Matthews advised that Staff are progressing along with shut offs, however due to other jobs needing attention, it takes some time for the shut offs to be completed.

d. Meeting with Consultants re Town Hall

Mayor Matthews advised there will be a conference call arranged for all Councillors, who are available, for next week with the Consultants, regarding the new Town Hall.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Appointment of Solicitor

Mayor Matthews advised that Town Manager Bolt and himself met with Cindy Picco, Solicitor with MacBeath & Associates. He advised that he asked her a number of questions concerning her work with municipal government and was pleased with her response. Cindy has some experience with municipal issues and has done work for the Towns of Burin and Marystown and would put more focus on municipal issues. The Mayor stated that he feels

Cindy would be the best option for the Town as she is accessible and works on the Peninsula.

MOTION 2020-3305: C. WELSH/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank appoint Cindy Picco as its Town Solicitor.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Municipal Capital Works 2021-2022

Discussed previously.

c. Remembrance Day

Mayor Matthews advised that the Remembrance Day celebrations have been cancelled by Legion Command for this year. Deputy Mayor Welsh questioned if anyone had seen what the Running Group is doing for Remembrance Day. He stated they are running 11kms, wherein they will place signs of Veterans along the route. The signs would be purchased by the group if anyone would like to have one. Mayor Matthews advised, he will try to contact Legion Command to see if they have any masks available. The Recreation & Youth Committee was asked to see what the community could do to show support for the Veterans.

d. Bonfire Night

Mayor Matthews asked Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Burton what he would suggest regarding Bonfire Night. After some discussion, it was agreed that Bonfire Night would be cancelled for this year.

12. COUNCILLORS FORUM

a. Crown Lands

Councillor Grikis suggested arranging a meeting with representatives of Crown Lands concerning the condition of land at Grouse. He stated that he was in the area last week and the mess that is around there is outrageous. He provided pictures of the area. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Crown Lands expressing our concerns over the mess in the area.

b. Street Light

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised that he received a complaint regarding the light on the pumphouse, he questioned if the light on the pumphouse could be tipped or redirected. Town Manager Bolt advised that the light is stationary and cannot be tipped or redirected.

c. MUN/MNL

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised of students available through MUN for Co-op positions. Town Manager Bolt advised this is not suitable for the Town.

d. Christmas Social

Deputy Mayor Welsh questioned what the Town can do to replace the Christmas Social that is normally celebrated each year. After some discussion, it was agreed that everyone would come up with suggestions for the next meeting.

e. Legendary Coast

Councillor Bennett advised he will be attending the Annual General Meeting of Legendary Coast this week via Zoom.

f. Clearwater

Councillor Burfitt advised that the Theatre received a \$20,000 donation from Clearwater Seafoods towards the roof repairs.

g. Harbour Authority

Councillor Burfitt advised that the Harbour Authority will be installing a new floating dock in conjunction with Small Craft Harbours. The cost will be split 50/50.

h. Dam

Councillor Burt advised that there was a child out in the middle of the dam by the intake earlier in the week. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Town Manager investigate the area and install fencing if necessary.

i. Paving

Councillor Burt questioned the ridge that is in the new asphalt near Main Street Mini Mart. Town Manager Bolt advised that he spoke George Rose, with Innovative NL Engineering, and they stated that is the way it is suppose to be to create the crown so that water can run off.

j. Kingsway

Councillor Burt questioned if the Town had received anything back from Kingsway regarding the tax agreement. Town Clerk Dolimount advised that nothing had been received to date.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

a. Water Meeting

Town Manager Bolt advised that the Town of Fortune has requested a meeting of the Water Committee. Town Manager Bolt was asked to arrange the meeting and let Councillors know.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2020-3306: G. BENNETT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 3:20 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

