

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #6 for 2021 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

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

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2021-3389: C. WELSH/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION** NONE

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS – JUNE 28, 2021**

6. c. Deputy Mayor Welsh advised that he has contacted Bennett's Construction Ltd. to do the work.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2021-3390: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting for June 28, 2021 be approved with the change in item 6. c. of the sentence "Deputy Mayor Welsh advised he contacted Bennett's Construction Ltd. to do the work as a favour."

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2021-3391: G. BENNETT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the minutes of the Special Meeting for July 22, 2021 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – JUNE 28, 2021**

a. **Conditions of Properties**

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised he will add this to the next Development meeting for Councillors to identify properties that need cleaning up.

b. **Speedbumps**

Deputy Mayor Welsh asked if the letters regarding the speed bumps were new ones or

c. **Staycation**

Deputy Mayor questioned if Joanie has been hired back on yet. Mayor Matthews advised she was and would be asked to update appropriate information on the Town.

d. **RCMP Shortage**

Councillor Burt advised Cst. Hiscock won't be leaving Town now until September. Mayor Matthews asked Administrative Clerk Patten to reschedule the luncheon with Cst. Hiscock and his family for a later date if that works for them.

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a. **Kingsway Living**

Received email correspondence from Andrew Lane. It was agreed to write Mr. Lane a letter advising him to contact the Town if he plans on expanding his business, and that municipal taxes for 2021 are in accordance with the invoice from the Town which are due and payable by September 30, 2021.

b. **Autism NL**

Received a letter from Paul Walsh from Autism NL, hoping to meet with Council while he is in Town on July 29, 2021. The purpose is to introduce himself and discuss how the Town and his organization can work together to assist folks in Grand Bank. It was agreed to see who will be available to meet.

c. **Municipal Assessment Agency**

Received a memo from Sean G. Martin, Executive Director/CEO announcing his retirement from Public Service on July 7, 2021.

d. **MHA Paul Pike**

* Applications available for Community Enhancement Employment Program. The deadline for receipt of applications is July 30, 2021. Recreation Director Burton advised our applications are almost completed.

* Applications now open for Age- Friendly Newfoundland and Labrador Communities Program. Deadline is September 30. Recreation Director Burton to speak to the 50+ Club to see if they will be submitting an application that would be of benefit to them.

* Tourism and Hospitality Support Program. Application Deadline is Sept 30, 2021. It was agreed to forward the information to Councillor Bennett for the Heritage

e. **MP Churence Rogers**

Received a letter regarding Canada Community Revitalization Fund. Councillor Burfitt advised the Grand Bank Theatre are waiting to hear back from their application.

8. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Municipal and Provincial Affairs**

Supplementary Circular to Municipalities regarding Safe Elections.

b. **Speed Bumps**

Received two emails of support in putting the speed bumps back on Main Street. After some discussion it was agreed to continue monitoring the area for now as it was felt that we haven't had enough time to make a decision on putting them back given the increased signage for the area including the electronic speed sign now in place.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. **Finance Committee**

Councillor Stan Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on July 22, 2021.

MOTION 2021-3392: S. BURT/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of July 22, 2021 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2021-3393: S. BURT/C. WELSH

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank accept the 2020 Audited Financial Statement as presented by the accounting company, Byron Smith Chartered Professional Accountant.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2021-3394: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

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 22, 2021.

Item #4: After some discussion, it was agreed that due to Policy #16 and Policy #69 the request to have the driveway repaired is denied.

Item #7: After some discussion, it was agreed that the grass cutting by the outside maintenance employees be consistent with what is on their list.

MOTION 2021-3395: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Development Committee report of July 22, 2021 be approved with the exception of item 4.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. Swim Pool Update

Recreation Director Burton advised the swimming pool is up and running, however, the attendance is low. After some discussion it was agreed to send out an email to remind people that the pool is open. It was also discussed that a portable ramp/step being added to the pool will help people gain access to the water. Recreation Director Burton advised that the cost of such type of ramp would be approximately \$12,000.00. Mayor Matthews asked Recreation Director Burton if we can apply for this under the Age-Friendly Grant. Recreation Director Burton will find out. Councillor Burt questioned if the pool can remain open until September. Town Manager Bolt advised that it can't due to staff being students and they will be returning to school.

b. Partanna Update

The building is in very bad condition with mold growth continuing. Mayor Matthews advised that the business person who had expressed some interest in starting a business in the Partanna School had thoroughly inspected the facility, and decided not to proceed with the venture due to the building being in such dilapidated condition caused by leaks, mold and serious deterioration.

c. RCMP Building

Councillor Burfitt questioned the status of the building. Mayor Matthews advised that he is writing another letter to the RCMP on this issue and will await a further response from the RCMP.

d. Tenders re 2008 and 2009 Pick-up Trucks

Mayor Matthews advised that two pick-up trucks should be placed on tender.

MOTION 2021-3396: R. GRIKIS/S. BURT

Motioned that the 2008 and 2009 Pick-up Trucks go on tender.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Nature Trail Development Update

Mayor Matthews questioned if there will be a draining system. Town Manager Bolt advised that there are areas that will be trenched to allow for proper drainage. Councillor Burfitt advised he wants the best job that can be done to the trail.

b. Staffing Issues – Dr. S. Beckley Health Care Centre

Mayor Matthews advised there is a meeting scheduled with Eastern Health Officials regarding staffing issues on August 3, 2021. He also advised that there are three doctors leaving our community as of August 6, 2021, however, while Eastern Health are actively trying to recruit more Doctors, virtual visits will be available. Mayor Matthews asked Administrative Clerk to forward an email to councillors to see who can attend the meeting.

12. COUNCILLORS FORUM

a. Wharf

Mayor Matthews advised the access road to the wharf next to the former Grand Bank Lumber Building will need to be upgraded with a guardrail and some asphalt to accommodate more vehicular traffic in preparation for major construction work on the wharf.

b. Staff

Councillor Grikis thanked the inside and outside staff for a great job and wished everyone a safe time on their holidays.

c. Email Communication

Mayor Matthews asked if everyone was okay with email communication in the case of any situation that may arise and we need a quick response. All councillors agreed to this process.

d. Property

Councillor Bennett advised that scaffolding has been erected on a property on West Street for months and not being used.

e. Mariners' Memorial

Councillor Bennett advised that the Garden Party will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Recreation Director Burton asked for the dates of the Garden Party, etc. so that his workers can be prepared to provide chairs, tables, etc.

f. Tourist

Councillor Bennett advised that he spoke to some tourist around town and they said this is one of the cleanest and tidiest towns they have seen.

g. Sidewalk

Councillor Bennett advised that the sidewalk in front of the Masonic Lodge is hard to use due to a slope in the concrete.

h. Minutes

Councillor Burfitt advised that he had a citizen question him on why the council minutes are late being uploaded to the Town's Website. The minutes of a previous meeting cannot be uploaded to the website until they are approved in a council meeting, so it do take at least a month before they are uploaded.

i. Fire Department

Councillor Burt acknowledged the Grand Bank and Fortune Fire Departments on a job well done in controlling the fire last week. Mayor Matthews advised that he wrote both Departments.

j. Harbour Authority

Deputy Mayor Welsh commended the Harbour Authority for getting a Capital Works Project for major wharf repairs/replacement.

k. Fire Department

Deputy Mayor Welsh commended the Fire Departments for controlling the fire last week and job well done to ensure everyone was safe.

l. Special Events

Deputy Mayor Welsh questioned if there will be any special events this year. Mayor Matthews advised there are things in the works but it will be on a small scale.

m. Bait Depot

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised he feels that the next council should see how the Bait Depot can be more utilized.

n. Lieutenant Governor Judy M. Foote

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised that the town don't have a photo of the Lieutenant Governor. Mayor Matthews asked the Deputy Mayor to see if he can get a photo.

Councillor Burfitt left the meeting at this time.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2021-3397: R. GRIKIS/S. BURT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 3:37 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED