

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting #3 for 2016 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Executive Boardroom at the Grand Bank Municipal Center on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Councillors Stan Burt, Rick Grikis, Travis Parsons and Bruce Warren attended along with Town Manager Wayne Bolt and Town Clerk Cathy Follett, along with Paul Herridge representing the Southern Gazette. Councillor Roger Brooks was working, Office Administrator Sheila M. Dolimount was on holidays and Recreation Director Tom Burton was unable to attend.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 2016-2656: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS – NIL

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION 2016-2657: T. PARSONS/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the minutes of the regular meeting for February 8, 2016 be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. Dog Park

Councillor Burt requested an update on the dog park. Mayor Matthews noted that a petition was received and Councillor Parsons presented some information at the last meeting. It was agreed that all information be reviewed again in the spring.

6. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

a. William Carr

Received an article from Down Home Magazine on William Carr who was born in Grand Bank, a distinguished Newfoundlander who was named the first Commander of the Canadian Forces Air Command in 1975. It was agreed that a photo of the Town would be forwarded to Mr. Carr.

b. Municipalities NL

Received a newsletter – Municipal Awareness Day, May 11, 2016. It was agreed to host an open house for that afternoon so citizens can meet the councillors and staff.

c. Job Applications

Received an email from jobapplications.ca; an online job resource site for Canada, wondering if we would consider adding their link to the Town's website. It was agreed the link would be added to the Town's web site.

7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

a. Grand Bank Fire Department

Received a letter advising that probationary firefighter Samantha Strowbridge has completed her firefighter minimal standards exam.

b. Grand Bank Development Corporation

Received an advising the following motion was passed at their board meeting on February 10, 2016:

*a. **Support for Aquaculture Development in Placentia Bay** – As the Town of Grand Bank can benefit from aquaculture development in Placentia Bay in the way of employment and*

*business opportunities, it was decided by the Board, on a motion by Dolimount/Burfitt that the GBDC declare that it is in support of the aquaculture sector development being planned for Placentia Bay. **Carried.** This does not mean financial support.*

It was agreed that the Town would wait until a specific site was identified before council supported an aquaculture development. It was further agreed that the GBDC would be notified that council will discuss this matter further when more information is provided.

c. Heritage Foundation

Received an email advising the winners of the Heritage Foundation 2016 Poster Contest.

d. Nalcor Energy

Received the Muskrat Fall project December 2015 highlights and year in review.

e. Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Received an email advising of their contact information and hours of operation. There is no longer a physical address, however, the Executive Director and board members are available to meet by appointment.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Deputy Mayor Welsh, Committee member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on February 18, 2016.

MOTION 2016-2658: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report for February 18, 2016 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Councillor Warren, Committee member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on February 16, 2016.

MOTION 2016-2659: B. WARREN/C. WELSH

Motioned that the Development Committee report of February 16, 2016 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

c. Special Events

Deferred as Recreation Director was unable to attend.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Affordable Housing

Mayor Matthews noted all the plans are in place for the 10 affordable housing units to start early in the spring. These units exceed the standards from NLHC. He understands that the selection process for the tenants will be done shortly.

b. Meeting with MHA Haley

Mayor Matthews presented minutes from the meeting with MHA Haley. He highlighted some items discussed, such as the importance of leaving the Grand Bank Health Care client as status quo with no reduction in services. Other items discussed were: the Municipal Operating Grant and the Two streams of Government funding, Capital Works funding including the cost share ratio and the Town's priority list, Waste Management Strategy, Arctic surf Clam Quotas and the swimming pool upgrade project.

Councillor Warren noted that Recreation Director Burton will be forwarding the application regarding the swimming pool project.

c. Honour 100

Mayor Matthews noted a meeting was held with M & M Printing and a number of items are being prepared. Recreation Director Burton will be forwarding the information to the funding program.

d. Cottage Hospital Plaque

Mayor Matthews noted that he met with Don Reardon of Eastern Health and it was agreed that the plaque from the Old Cottage Hospital will be refurbished, and a picture obtained of the Old Cottage Hospital and both will be placed at the Grand Bank Health Care Center. It was noted that Mr. Randell Pope is going to work with Eastern Health to ensure it is professional looking.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Health Care Update

Mayor Matthews noted that he communicates regularly with Eastern Health. He advised that there is a doctor shortage for January and February. They are working hard to make sure our health care center is staffed and the doctors coming in have appropriate housing. There are 2 doctors coming soon and then hopefully the Center will be fully staffed. Retention remains a concern and it has to be determined why these doctors are leaving and what would make them come here and stay.

b. Advisory Meeting on Arctic Surf Clams

Mayor Matthews advised a teleconference was held on Friday, February 19th for 3 hours. This is a big issue and there are a lot of people that are anxious to get into this fishery but science has to ensure that it is sustainable.

c. Street Repairs

Mayor Matthews suggested that when patching cuts to our asphalt we would cut them bigger so that it is neater and tidier and doesn't result in so many bumps. This may mean that fewer areas get completed but those that do will be of better quality and smoother, rather than all these patches. It was agreed that several areas would be considered when the paving company is in the area this year.

11. COUNCILLORS FORUM

a. Smith, John - Passing

Mayor Matthews noted that the former owner of Granny's Motor Inn, John Smith, passed away. The Town Clerk was asked to sent a message of condolence on behalf of council as well as provide the link to Councillor for the obituary.

b. Seaman's Memorial

Mayor Matthews noted that the Heritage Society will be hosting the annual Seaman's Memorial on Sunday night.

c. Special Olympics

Mayor Matthews noted that a rally is planned for Justin Dodge for Thursday, February 25, 2016 at the Partanna Auditorium. Justin will be travelling for the National Winter Games in Corner Brook.

d. Clearwater Seafoods

Mayor Matthews noted there was an article in the Financial Post recently about the financial success of Clearwater.

e. **Dr. Beckley's Dinner**

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that the committee has a meeting scheduled for tonight.

f. **50+ Club**

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted the Club has a meeting scheduled for tonight. Previously they spoke about extra parking. It was agreed that this is something that council would consider later.

g. **Theater**

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted there are lots of new things planned for the coming season and thanked everyone for the great work they are doing.

h. **Partanna Auditorium**

Mayor Matthews noted that he has received concerns that the auditorium is really cold. It was agreed that the Recreation Director would check on it.

i. **Gospel Concert**

Councillor Burt noted that there is a gossip concert on Friday night at the Anglican Church.

12. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 2016-2660: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:10 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Confirmed by: _____

Town Clerk

Date: _____