

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting #5 for 2021 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 2021-3369: S. BURT/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted with the addition to 11. New Business: c. Administrative Clerk.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. DELEGATION NONE

4. ERRORS AND OMISSIONS – MAY 25, 2021

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION 2021-3370: C. WELSH/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting for May 25, 2021 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – MAY 25, 2021

a. Outside Maintenance

Councillor Burfitt questioned why the maintenance staff is using the gas weed eaters versus using a lawnmower when mowing a big area. Recreation Director Burton stated that the maintenance staff said it's much easier to use the weed-eater versus a mower.

b. 50th Anniversary Gifts

Councillor Burfitt questioned if the gifts were given out. Town Clerk Dolimount advised the individuals have been contacted to come in to get them.

c. Flag

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised that after speaking with Town Manager Bolt and Recreation Director Burton about using Town staff to help fix the flag pole and the difficulty it will be to fix the flag pole, the Deputy Mayor has contacted Bennett's Construction to do the work.

d. Property – George Street

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised that the Development Committee will go around to identify the properties that needs to be cleaned up before the next Development Meeting.

e. Mice

Councillor Burt questioned if anything was being done about the mice on Cemetery Road. Town Manager Bolt advised that it is the homeowner's responsibility to get rid of mice on their property. It was agreed that the Town would write the property owner in the area to have the property fixed up or demolished.

7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

a. Eastern Health

Received an email with a list of groups/organizations, and funding opportunities that may be of interest to the Town. It was agreed that Deputy Mayor Welsh and Recreation Director Burton look at this.

Councillor Grikis entered the meeting at this time, 2:15 p.m.

b. Nature Trail

Received an email from a resident regarding the Nature Trail and Marine Hike. She suggested both trails need signage. Mayor Matthews advised that the signage is being taken care of.

c. Shannon Stubbs, MP Lakeland

Received a letter regarding Bill C-21, which is a bill that makes changes to the Criminal Code and the Firearms Act, and targets law abiding firearms owners.

d. Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture

Received a letter advising the Department is in the process of developing a new Five-Year Operating Plan (2022-2026) for Forest Management Zone 02. This plan identified the location of domestic cutting areas. They ask that the Town review their request and reply to their request by June 30, 2021. Town Manager Bolt to investigate this.

8. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

a. Grand Bank Volunteer Fire Department

Received a letter advising the following new members have passed their probationary period; Jessica Bolt, Mike Warren, Evan Matthews, and Clark Rideout.

b. Municipal Assessment Agency

Received a letter advising they have completed the valuation for the 2022 Tax Year. The values are based on the market value as of January 1, 2021.

c. Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Received a letter of thanks for the correspondence dated April 30, 2021 expressing concerns with the RCMP presence in the Town of Grand Bank. The letter ensured the Town will continue to see police presence with regular patrols and a planned Community Policing Office in Grand Bank.

d. Grand Bank Heritage Society

Received an email thanking the Town for helping them relocate their office space to the Harris House.

e. Roebathan McKay Marshall

Received a letter from former resident, Mitchell D. King advising that he is available for legal services. Agree to write him

f. Paul Pike, MHA

Received Budget Highlights 2021.

g. Department of Justice and Public Safety

Received a letter regarding the Nasal Naloxone Training and Distribution Program.

h. Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs

Received an email regarding the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings – \$1.5 billion federal fund.

i. Trio

Received a letter advising Tony Pollard has been acclaimed as President of NLMEB, Inc. (Operating as TRIO Benefits).

j. Speed Bumps in Town

Received a request from two residents to put the speed bumps back on Main Street, next to the Community Park.

k. Paving on Crowley's Lane

Received a request from a resident to pave Crowley's Lane.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Councillor Clayton Welsh, Committee member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on June 23, 2021.

Item 7: Councillor Burt questioned if the Town of Fortune will be donating.

MOTION 2021-3371: J. BURFITT/S. BURT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank would contribute \$25 toward the shirts for each individual.

AYES (Bennett, Burfitt, Burt, Welsh) NAYS (Matthews/Grikis) CARRIED

MOTION 2021-3372: C. WELSH/S. BURT

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of June 23, 2021 be approved with the deletion of #7.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2021-3373: C. WELSH/S. BURT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank purchase three parcels of property on Farmer's Hill from Garry Grandy at a cost of \$3000, for the purpose of preserving the Nature Trail.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2021-3374: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank purchase a parcel of property on Farmer's Hill from Terry Grandy and Margot Rideout at a cost of \$700, for the purpose of preserving the Nature Trail.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2021-3375: C. WELSH/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank accept the tender bid from Bennett's Construction in the amount of \$179,336.75 to do upgrades to the Nature Trail.

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 June 23, 2021.

Councillor Grikis left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

MOTION 2021-3376: C. WELSH/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank approve the permit application for housn001, with the approval from all government departments.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Grikis returned to the meeting.

MOTION 2021-3377: C. WELSH/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the Development Committee report of June 23, 2021 be approved as amended.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

c. **Recreation & Youth Committee**

Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on June 18, 2021 to make plans for Canada Day.

MOTION 2021-3378: C. WELSH/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the Recreation & Youth Committee report of June 18, 2021 be approved with the change from gifts to water.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Dam Update**

Town Manager Bolt advised that the water should not have to be turned off anymore. The Johnson screen is now in place and being used. He stated a valve needs to be installed and other safety/structural items. Mayor Matthews questioned should we need to return to our system is that good to go. Town Manager Bolt advised that everything is in place. Councillor Grikis questioned if the markers are in place at Fortune Dam. Town Manager Bolt advised not that we are aware of.

b. **Nature Trail Update**

Town Manager Bolt advised that work should begin by July 12, 2021 on the Nature Trail. Councillor Burfitt questioned if you will still be able to see the dam/brook from the new section of the Trail. Recreation Director Burton advised that once the shrubs are cut down you will be able to see the dam/brook.

c. **Speed Bumps**

Mayor Matthews advised that the speed will be reduced to 25kms and that Town Manager Bolt is putting up speed signs to that effect. He feels the speed signs are good and he would like to give it a try without the speed bumps. Deputy Mayor Welsh feels speed bumps are safer but feels the speed sign needs to be moved to face up the road versus facing down the road. Councillor Burfitt feels we should give it a chance with the reduced speed to 25kms and look at purchasing another sign in the next budget. Councillor Bennett advised that he hung around the area and felt a lot of people are slowing down at first and speeding up by the time they get to the end of the park. Councillor Burt agrees with the sign, however we should move closer to the park. Councillor Grikis also feels the sign should be moved.

d. **Swim Pool Update**

Recreation Director Burton advised that the Pool Staff are all recertified and they are hoping the pool will be ready to open on Monday, July 5, 2021. Councillor Grikis advised that he spoke to Fred Davis to see what is required to be open, he said that there was no need to do water samplings. Recreation Director Burton is waiting to hear from Terry Babcock. Recreation Director Burton also advised that all COVID regulations need to be followed.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Municipal Election

MOTION 2021-3379: C. WELSH/S. BURT

Motioned that, for the September 28, 2021 municipal election and in accordance with Section 13 (2) of the Elections Act, Michelle Patten, Administrative Clerk, be appointed as Alternative Returning Officer (ARO).

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2021-3380: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that, for the September 28, 2021 municipal election and in accordance with Section 14 (3) of the Elections Act, nomination day will be held on September 7, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Grand Bank Town Office, 2 Church Street.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2021-3381: C. WELSH/J. BURFITT

Motioned that, for the September 28, 2021 municipal election and in accordance with Section 26 (1) of the Elections Act, the advance poll be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the 50+ Club, 17 Riverside West, Grand Bank, NL.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2021-3382: C. WELSH/G. BENNETT

Motioned that, for the September 28, 2021 municipal election the number of votes for a recount be set at ten (10) votes as per Section 62 (1) of the Elections Act.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2021-3383: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that, for the September 28, 2021 municipal election the Town of Grand Bank would not participate in the mail-in voting process.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

b. Special Events

Mayor Matthews advised that Joan Caines, Special Events coordinator needs to get back to work in an effort to do something towards the Festival.

MOTION 2021-3384: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank rehire Joan Caines for a period of three weeks to start putting something in place.

c. Administrative Clerk

MOTION 2021-3385: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank accept the salary scale and as of July 1, 2021 the Administrative Clerk will start at Step II.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

12. COUNCILLORS FORUM

a. Visit of Lieutenant Governor

Mayor Matthews advised that Lieutenant Governor Judy Foote will be visiting the Town on Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

b. Asphalt

Councillor Bennett was wondering if crush stone will be placed around the sides of the roads where the new asphalt is down. Town Manager Bolt advised that there will be crush stone placed in all areas necessary around the new asphalt.

c. Downtown Redevelopment

Councillor Burfitt questioned if there is any information on the next phase of the Downtown Redevelopment. Town Manager Bolt advised that there is no decision to date.

d. Sidewalk – Buffett Building

Councillor Burfitt questioned if anything is going to be done with the sidewalk in front of the Buffett Building during phase II of the Downtown Redevelopment. Town Manager Bolt advised that this is not in phase II.

e. RCMP Shortage

Councillor Burt wondered if the Town had anything planned for the last RCMP officer in our Town. It was agreed the Town would do something however Councillor Burt is to let staff know when they are leaving.

f. Thank you

Councillor Burt thanked Deputy Mayor Welsh for covering for him at the Finance Meeting and Councillor Grikis thanked Staff for the good work they do.

g. Rev Sharon

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised that Rev. Sharon is also leaving this year and the Town should do something for her. It was agreed that some members of Council would take her out and some members would take the RCMP Officer out.

h. Staycation

Deputy Mayor Welsh feels that the Town is missing out on not advertising on the Staycation site and should look at having someone to check into it. It was suggested getting Joan Caines involved when she comes back to work.

i. Grass

Councillor Burfitt questioned what can be done with the grass at Elmer Fox's property. Councillor Bennett advised that there is a care taker in place. It was agreed the Town would contact that person to advise them the grass needs to be tended too.

j. Civic Holiday

It was agreed to designate Monday, August 2, 2021 for the civic holiday.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2021-3386: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 4:05 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED