

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #2 for 2016 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Executive Boardroom at the Grand Bank Municipal Center on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

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

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2016-2645: T. PARSONS/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATIONS – NIL**

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2016-2646: R. GRIKIS/T. PARSONS

Motioned that the minutes of the regular meeting for January 18, 2016 be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

a. **Contact Ruth Evans**

Councillor Parsons noted that he has spoken to Ms. Evans and she is willing to touch up the mural if Council will supply the paint. It was agreed that the paint would be supplied to Ms. Evans in the late spring.

b. **Email regarding Bullying at Park**

Councillor Parsons noted that he has an email prepared. It was agreed that the email would be sent when the park re-opens in the spring.

The rules and regulations will also be reviewed when the park re-opens.

c. **Letter for Derrick Dunne**

Councillor Grikis noted that during the Ambulance Christmas dinner, both he and the Mayor congratulated Mr. Dunne on being elected as Vice president to the Ambulance Association.

6. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a. **William Carr**

Received a copy of a story regarding the life and career of Grand Bank native, William Carr. It was agreed that the information would be copied for all councillors and brought forward to the next council meeting.

b. **Heritage Foundation**

Received an email from the Heritage Foundation NL advising that Monday, February 15, 2016 is National Heritage Day. This year's theme is "Distinctive Destinations: Experience Historic Places".

MOTION 2016-2647: C. WELSH/T. PARSONS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank proclaim February 15, 2016 as Heritage Day.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

Heritage Day Proclamation 2016

WHEREAS, the third Monday in February is recognized provincially as Heritage Day; and

WHEREAS, Heritage Day is a time to reflect on the achievements of past generations and to accept responsibility for protecting our heritage; and

WHEREAS, our citizens should be encouraged to celebrate Newfoundland and Labrador's uniqueness and to rejoice in their heritage and environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the residents of Newfoundland and Labrador will celebrate their rich and diverse heritage.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Rex C. Matthews, on behalf of the Town of Grand Bank, do hereby proclaim Monday, February 15, 2016 as Heritage Day, and call upon all citizens to celebrate the richness of our past and the promise of our future.

c. Health & Fitness

Received an email from Kayla Dominix, Fitness Coach, looking to put off a seminar/boot camp session in Grand Bank. She lost 140 lbs and would like to share her story, give hope to people who may not realize it's out there. Along with the seminar, she would like to put off a boot camp session to show others what they can achieve in their own home without taking up too much time. She is looking for a place to host the event. They would like it if the Town would sponsor them and allow them to use the gym. The event would take up to a maximum of 50 people and they would be charged a \$25 fee per person.

It was agreed that Recreation Director Burton would contact Ms. Dominix and try and work something out for the gym or another room.

d. Town of Baine Harbour

Received an email from the Town of Baine Harbour concerning complaints they received regarding the method of ice control on the Burin Peninsula Highway. As they understand it, ice control is currently being done with a sand/salt mixture which comprises mostly sand. In times of extreme ice conditions this mixture is not melting the ice in a timely manner, causing very hazardous driving conditions. They firmly believe that the use of salt only is the best solution to this problem. If our town has similar concerns, they would like a reply to this email as soon as possible so they can move forward with getting action by the Provincial Government to address this problem.

It was noted that council thought the roads were pretty good so far this year.

7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

a. George Bennett

Received a letter of resignation from Mr. George Bennett from the Special Events Committee, after 25 years of serving on the Committee. It was agreed that a letter be forwarded to Mr. Bennett thanking him for his many years of service to the committee.

b. John Burke High School

Received a letter from the Student Council of John Burke High School, thanking Council and Staff for preparing the pancakes for the pancake breakfast on December 22, 2015.

c. Grand Bank Fire Department

Received a letter from Fire Chief Tony Snook confirming that probationary firefighter Lindsay Randell has completed the firefighter minimal standards exam.

d. Fire & Emergency Services - NL

Received a letter from Derek Simmons, Director of Fire Services/Fire Commissioner, advising of Fire and Emergency Services training School being for Spring 2016.

e. Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL)

Received an email from the President regarding the first public engagement session for the Government Renewal Initiative. The public session for this region is Monday, February 8th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in Marystown. It was noted that this event was cancelled due to the pending weather.

f. Dept. of Business, Tourism, Culture & Rural Development

Received a letter from Denis Sullivan, Regional Director – Eastern Region, advising that the town's application for funding under the Regional Development (Grant) Fund (RDF) was reviewed. The Committee's ruling stated that the application was declined as municipal swimming pools are primarily community recreation facilities and, as such, not eligible for RDF funding.

g. Newfoundland & Labrador Housing

Received a letter from Paul Abbott, Regional Director – Eastern Region, NLHC, explaining why they have placed #25 Jamieson Avenue up for sale. They advised that many factors are considered when decisions are made regarding the sale of NLHC properties. NLHC policy dictates that the following must be considered; current and past wait list information for the area, cost of required repairs to the unit, the length of time the unit has been vacant (must be vacant for more than six months), the number of qualified applicants on file, plus many other considerations. The property has been vacant for approximately 2 ½ years and the estimated cost to repair the unit and make ready for occupancy is \$125,000.

h. Property Tax Inquiry

Received an email from Paul Rideout regarding his property taxes for 2016.

i. Dog Park

Received an email expressing their support for a dog park in the community.

j. Municipal Assessment Agency (MAA)

Received an email from MAA advising of the latest dates for the 2016 Quarterly Supplementary Assessments.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Deputy Mayor Welsh, Committee member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on February 2, 2016.

MOTION 2016-2648: C. WELSH/

Motioned that the Town purchase two table clothes with the Town's logo and name at a cost of \$200 each. These will be used at Town events.

The motion was lost due to the lack of a seconder.

MOTION 2016-2649: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report for February 2, 2016 be accepted with the exception of item 10.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2016-2650: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank proceed with a tax sale of the property located at 52 Grand View Boulevard and the property located at 3 Rose Place.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Deputy Mayor Welsh, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on February 2, 2016.

MOTION 2016-2651: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Development Committee report of February 2, 2016 be accepted with the change to item number 3, change the date to May 30, 2016.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

At this time Office Administrator Dolimount entered the meeting.

c. Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board

Councillor Grikis presented a written report of a meeting the Board held on Oct. 28, 2015.

MOTION 2016-2652: R. GRIKIS/C. WELSH

Motioned that the Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board minutes of October 28, 2015 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Provincial & Federal Issues

Mayor Matthews noted a broad number of issues have been compiled for discussion with our MP and MHA. It was agreed that they would be copied for all councillors.

b. Water & Sewer Program

Mayor Matthews noted a draft was reviewed with the Town's solicitor and copied for all councillors. Council agreed with the concept and that the matter be investigated further.

c. Winter Carnival 2016

Mayor Matthews noted that most of events were successful but some numbers were down due to the weather. Recreation Director Burton noted that the Commission will be reviewing the events for winter carnival 2017 and will consult with groups before making any decisions. It is hoped that the events the Commission hosts will be more recreation focused and less food focused and other groups in the community will continue to host food events.

Councillors thanked Recreation Director Burton and the Recreation Commission for the great job in putting off this year's winter carnival. Thank you as well to all those who got out and participated.

d. Meeting with GBDC Executive Director

Deputy Mayor Welsh gave a verbal report on the meeting some members of council held with the Executive Director, Conrad Collier. The Deputy noted several areas that the GBDC will be continuing to focus on.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Meeting with MHA Haley

Mayor Matthews advised a meeting has been arranged with MHA Haley for Wednesday, February 10th at 10 am. Four or five issues have been selected for discussion so that she can speak to them when the budget is being prepared to ensure that it is fair to rural Newfoundland. It was agreed that councillors would be forwarded the agenda.

b. Meeting with Town Solicitor

Mayor Matthews noted that he and the Town Manager met with the Town's solicitor on January 20th. The Municipal Center was the main issue. Mr. MacBeath noted that a discovery will be held in the spring of this year and then it will be decided if the matter will proceed to court. The Town Manager, Town Clerk and Recreation Director will probably provide evidence. Another item discussed was the claim that council recently received. It was concluded that it wasn't the town's responsibility and that the contractor will make the necessary repairs.

c. Tax Collection Policy

Mayor Matthews noted that this item was only discussed with the solicitor. He noted that there are very few properties that staff have to visit to turn off the water for non-payment of taxes. However the policy needs to be streamlined so property owners don't have to be verbally advised that their water is going off.

11. COUNCILLORS FORUM

a. Social - Salvation Army

Mayor Matthews noted that during the winter carnival the Recreation Commission asked the Salvation Army to host a social after the hymn sing.

MOTION 2016-2653: R. BROOKS/T. PARSONS

Motioned that the Town donate \$250 to the Salvation Army for the hosting of the hymn sing social during winter carnival 2016.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. MV Pursuit

Councillor Warren advised that the Pursuit will be auctioned off on March 14th, 2016. Currently they are aware of one person that is interested and if they are successful, they have advised that the vessel will be moved from the harbor by April 30th of this year. The minimum starting bid was sent by the lawyer.

c. Special Olympics

Councillor Brooks noted that Justin Dodge was selected to go to Corner Brook. Office Administrator Dolimount advised that we received an email which will be forwarded this week regarding the send off rally on February 25th from the Partanna Auditorium.

d. Heavy Equipment Operator Course

Councillor Brooks noted that the Town's newest employee, Corey Snook, recently finished his heavy equipment operator course at Keyin College. Council offered congratulations.

e. Special Events

Councillor Brooks noted that a meeting is planned for tomorrow night.

f. Water Pressure

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that he has received several concerns regarding the water pressure on Grand View Boulevard. Town Manager Bolt was asked to have the items placed on the outside work list for the spring.

g. Tribute to T. Alex Hickman

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that he and Mayor Matthews attended a tribute at the Provincial Court in Grand Bank today. They listened to the tribute that was held in St. John's.

h. Grand Bank Regional Theater

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that there is a sale pending on the property owned by the Theater on Jamieson Avenue. Council will realize approximately \$2000 in taxes for 2016 and the coming years.

MOTION 2016-2654: R. GRIKIS/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Town donate \$2000 to the Grand Bank Regional Theater providing that the house on Jamieson Avenue is sold and all property taxes are paid in full.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

i. Surveillance Camera's

Councillor Grikis suggested that the Town consider installing surveillance camera's around the Municipal Center due to the recent damage to the Chris Forsey Playground. Mayor Matthews noted that the RCMP is investigating the incident.

j. Next Regular Meeting

It was agreed that the next regular meeting would be held on February 22, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2016-2655: R. GRIKIS/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Confirmed by: _____

Town Clerk

Date: _____