

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #6 for 2020 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held at the Grand Bank 50 Plus Club on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Councillors George Bennett, Jack Burfitt, Roger Brooks, 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 2020-3269: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION** NONE

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS – JUNE 29, 2020**

11. b. Councillor Burfitt advised that he is unable to take charge of the repairs to the Christmas lights as indicated.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2020-3270: J. BURFITT/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting for June 29, 2020 be approved with the deletion of the sentence “It was agreed that Councillor Burfitt arrange to have the lights looked at for repair”.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2020-3271: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the minutes of Privileged Meeting #1 for July 16, 2020 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2020-3272: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the minutes of Privileged Meeting #2 for July 16, 2020 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – JUNE 29**

a. **Concerned Citizens**

Councillor Burt questioned what came out of the meeting with the individuals. Mayor Matthews advised it was a good meeting however they were disappointed they were not contacted before the trees were cut. Mayor Matthews advised them that the Town didn't have any contact information previously whereas now they have provided the information and it's placed on their file. Councillor Burfitt advised that there are still some issues in that area regarding the trees. It was agreed to write a letter to the individuals advising there is still an issue.

b. **Hogweed Plant**

Councillor Grikis questioned if anything had been done about the hogweed plants. Recreation Director Burton advised that he investigated this matter and the best way to dispose of the plant. He advised that this is not the right time of the year to remove the plant.

c. **Beavers**

Councillor Bennett questioned if anything has been done about the beavers in Grand Bank Brook. Town Manager Bolt advised that he has contacted the Wildlife Office and that he heard back from this today with permission to engage a trapper.

d. RCMP

Councillor Grikis questioned if the Town had heard from the RCMP regarding a meeting. Mayor Matthews advised that the Town Clerk has written them requesting a meeting. Town Clerk Dolimount advised nothing has been received to date.

7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

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a. Municipal Assessment Agency (MAA)

Received an update on the Municipal Assessment Agency with a list of the Board of Directors for 2020.

b. Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment

Received a letter thanking the Town for assistance in the collection of drinking water samples during Covid 19. As of Alert Level 2, the Department staff will be visiting the community to take samples again.

c. Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Received the 2020 Quarterly Newsletters.

d. Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment

Received a letter that Innovative Engineering and Project Management has submitted a draft copy in the amount of \$56,728.48 (HST included) for project number 17-RNC-21-00006 and it has been reviewed and recommended by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

e. Department of Transportation and Works

Received a letter regarding the condition of the bridge on Grandview Blvd. The bridge will be monitored but right now is structurally safe.

f. Trio

Received a year in review for 2019.

g. Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board

Received a memo regarding the deadline for any amendments and appeals to the household numbers.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

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

Item 4(b): After some discussion, it was agreed to insure the Municipal Centre (Partanna Building) for \$100,000 and the contents be insured for \$25,000.

MOTION 2020-3273: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of July 22, 2020 be accepted with the addition of information in Item 4(b).

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, 2020.

MOTION 2020-3274: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Development Committee report of July 22, 2020 be accepted with the exception of item 2(m).

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Welsh, Councillors Burt & Burfitt left the meeting as they were in a conflict.

MOTION 2020-3275: R. GRIKIS/R. BROOKS

Motioned that item 2(m) of the Development Committee report be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Welsh, Councillors Burt & Burfitt returned to the meeting.

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. Downtown Redevelopment Phase I Final Report

Mayor Matthews thanked Town Manager Bolt for all he has done in having to deal with five (5) different contractors during the completion of Phase I of the Downtown Redevelopment. He commended him on a job well done. Town Manager Bolt advised that Phase I is 99% completed, work left to do involves laying a few sods and installing lines on the parking lots.

b. Gas Tax Funding – Roads Report

Town Manager Bolt advised that the areas that were outlined for paving are completed for 2020.

c. Meeting with RCMP re ATVs

Mayor Matthews advised that a request has been forwarded for a meeting. It was agreed that more than ATVs need to be discussed.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Second Phase of Downtown Redevelopment Application

Mayor Matthews advised that the application for the second phase of the Downtown Redevelopment is in process. Town Manager Bolt advised a meeting has been scheduled for July 30th at 1:00 p.m. It was agreed to write a ACOA - Jody and ITT – Trevor thanking them for all their help on this project.

b. Fleet Replacement

Mayor Matthews advised that about 3 years ago the Town approved the purchase a new vehicle for the Town, since that time another vehicle as started to deteriorate and needs to be replaced.

MOTION 2020-3276: C. WELSH/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the Town purchase a second vehicle through the CPA in 2020.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

c. Tender Call for Street Upgrades

Mayor Matthews advised that a tender for Street Upgrades has been called. The tender closes on August 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. It was agreed everyone will be notified of who is awarded the tender.

d. Grand Bank/Fortune Ambulance

Councillor Burfitt advised that the audit came in to the Ambulance Service and he asked a number of questions. It was questioned why the co-chairs are not signing off on the financial statement for the Service and the Mayors are. It was agreed there were no issues with the Co-Chairs signing off, and it was further agreed that a meeting be scheduled between the two councils.

12. COUNCILLORS FORUM

a. Co-ordinator – Special Events

Mayor Matthews advised that if the pandemic had not happened, Joan Caines would have been working with the Town now, however, since she is not working her EI will be running out soon. It was agreed Council would look into this.

b. Grievance

Mayor Matthews advised that the Town received a grievance from the Union. It was agreed the Town would respond to the grievance.

c. Picnic tables

Councillor Bennett advised he spoke with Recreation Director Burton about placing some picnic tables in the grassy area near the 50+ club.

d. Water Levels

Councillor Grikis questioned the water level of the dam in Fortune. Town Clerk Dolimount advised that she spoke with Chris Caines, Work Superintendent for the Town of Fortune, and he advised that the main dam is full and the second dam is down by 2½ feet but as a depth of approximately 18 feet.

e. Brunette Island Display

Councillor Grikis questioned when the Brunette Island Display will be put in place. Recreation Director Burton advised that the Graphic Designer is on holidays and once he is back the display should be completed.

f. Sign

Deputy Mayor Welsh thanked staff for having the sign for the Graduates completed and erected.

g. Pictures

Deputy Mayor Welsh commended people who have been taking pictures of Grand Bank and putting them on Facebook.

h. Congratulations

Councillor Burt congratulated the Graduates on a year well done.

i. I-Pads

Councillor Burt suggested that Council should look at purchasing iPads for the Councillors to use for meetings. It was agreed that the Finance Committee look at this during the budget process for 2021.

j. Pursuit

Councillor Burfitt advised that talks are still on-going regarding the Pursuit.

k. Theatre

Councillor Burfitt advised that the Theatre is hosting two (2) ladies nights however, they are keeping in line with the Covid-19 regulations.

l. Letter re weeds

Deputy Mayor Welsh questioned the letter received from a citizen who would like to volunteer to remove weeds in areas owned by the Town. It was agreed Councillor Bennett would speak to the Heritage Society and Recreation Director Burton would speak to her on behalf of the Town.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2020-3277: R. BROOKS/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 3:35 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED