

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting #11 for 2016 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Executive Boardroom at the Grand Bank Municipal Center on Monday, August 22, 2016 at 4:05 p.m.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh (via facetime), Councillors Roger Brooks, Stan Burt, Rick Grikis and Bruce Warren, attended along with Town Manager Wayne Bolt and Town Clerk Cathy Follett. Also in attendance was Paul Herridge, representing the Southern Gazette. Councillor Travis Parsons, Recreation Director Tom Burton and Office Administrator Sheila Dolimount were on holidays.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 2016-2736: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the agenda be adopted with the addition of Animal Control regarding cats to new business.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS – NIL

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION 2016-2737: S. BURT/B. WARREN

Motioned that the minutes of the regular meeting for August 1, 2016 be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. M. V. Pursuit

Councillor Grikis requested an update on the vessel. Mayor Matthews noted that to his knowledge there is nothing new to report and that it is his understanding that the Harbour Authority are working on new initiatives.

b. Mistywave Crescent

Mayor Matthews noted that the plot of the land is almost completed and the Town Manager and Town Clerk will be meeting with the surveyor this week. Council will hopefully then be able to dispose of the land.

c. Citadel Road

Mayor Matthews noted that the Town Clerk will have the documents signed next week so Council can move forward with this property.

d. 2016 Capital Works

Councillor Burt requested an update on the 2016 Capital Works funding. Mayor Matthews noted that the request has been forwarded to Ottawa however confirmation hasn't been received that the change Council requested will be honoured. It was agreed that Town Manager Bolt would follow up on the matter.

e. Service NL

Councillor Grikis noted that the files and furniture were moved from the Grand Bank office this week and the office is now closed. Mayor Matthews noted that he wrote MHA Haley on this matter, but don't expect any changes will be made.

6. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

a. Service NL

Received an email from Matt Glover, Environmental Health Officer, requesting to place a private water sample mini fridge inside the Municipal Center so residents can drop off their water samples once a week.

Mayor Matthews noted that the Town can't provide a secure area for the fridge and felt this would mean more work for our staff. Council agreed the best place for the fridge would be at the Health Care Center. It was agreed Councillor Grikis would advise Service NL of Council's decision.

b. Grand Bank Heritage Society/Mariners' Memorial

Received a letter requesting the Town erect a 4' x 8' promotional highway sign within the boundaries of the Town. They have sent in their application to Government for approval. Council agreed to erect the sign based on approval from Service NL. The location would be discussed with the Town Manager.

c. Concerned Citizen

Received an email regarding vacant homes on Bayview Place and Burt's Lane. Mayor Matthews noted that both the homes in question are vacant. One owner is in the retirement center and the other home is very complex with regard to ownership. It was agreed that the Town Manager meet with the Fire Chief, NL Power and Department of Health representatives regarding one of the vacant properties and provide a report for the next meeting.

d. Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

Received an email advising the final call for 2016 resolutions is August 26, 2016.

e. Heritage Riders Riding Club

Received a letter advising they will be riding the boot on Saturday, August 27th and will be in Grand Bank at approximately 12:00 noon. They are requesting the use of the wharf and the Bait Depot for washrooms as in previous year for Johanna's Ride. Also, they would like provision of tea, coffee and bottled water. Councillors Grikis and Warren noted they are both available to attend and take care of the event.

7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

a. Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs

- * Received the revised project status report template.
- * Received the Municipal Budget Circular 2017, Submission Form and Training Registration form for 2017.

b. Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

Received a letter advising that the letter which was sent on July 22, 2016 regarding the Premier's Forum on Local Government was received. It also outlined the reason the Premier's Forum is planned differently this year.

c. Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

- * Received a Notice of Motion for the 2016 MNL Annual General Meeting.
- * Received an email advising the deadline for board nominations closes Friday, Sept. 9th.

d. Municipal Assessment Agency Inc.

Received a Municipal Assessment Agency Update.

e. Department of Transportation and Works

Received a letter advising they have received the Town's request to relocate the stop sign at Grand Beach further back from the intersection. It was assessed by the Department and it will be moved further from the travel lane.

f. Department of Transportation and Works

Received a copy of a letter sent from Ms. Carol Anne Haley, MHA, regarding the embankment erosion of a section of highway along route 220 between Fortune and Grand Bank.

g. **Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

Received new guidance documents.

h. **Lower Churchill Project**

Received highlights for June 2016.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. **Finance Committee**

Councillor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a list of invoices for payment.

MOTION 2016-2738: S. BURT/B. WARREN

Motioned that the invoices for payment to August 18, 2016 be accepted as presents.

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MOTION 2016-2739: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the verbal committee report regarding the meeting attended by Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Town Manager Wayne Bolt and Town Clerk Cathy Follett with Clearwater on July 7, 2016 in St. John's, NL be accepted, and that the Town of Grand Bank would extend the tax agreement with Clearwater as per the discussion at today's meeting.

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b. **Development Committee**

Deputy Mayor Welsh, Committee member, presented a list of permits for approval.

MOTION 2016-2740: R. BROOKS/C. WELSH

Motioned that the permits for approval be accepted as presented.

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9. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **MNL Convention 2016**

Mayor Matthews noted that he plans to attend this year's convention and asked who else would like to attend. Deputy Mayor Welsh indicated he would like to attend.

b. **Summer Festival 2016**

Mayor Matthews thanked those members that worked so hard with the summer festival over the years and with the 2016 festival. He noted that he is hoping to receive a positive response from the Lions Club with regards to the hosting of the seniors fish supper. It was agreed in the near future council would meet with the Summer Festival Committee and discuss the events.

c. **Pool Closure August 25, 2016**

Mayor Matthews noted the pool will be closing for the season on August 25. It has been an average year.

d. **Capital Works 2015**

Mayor Matthews noted all the paving under the Capital Works 2015 program is completed and everything has been cleaned up.

10. NEW BUSINESS**a. Transition of Sobeys to Foodland**

Mayor Matthews noted that as of September 1, 2016, Sobeys Grand Bank will be changed to Foodland. This appears to be a positive thing as things will be added to the store and it will have its own flyer. As well, there won't be any loss of jobs.

b. Monitoring of Water Levels

Mayor Matthews noted Working Foreman Harris did some minor repairs to the dam so that more water was contained. Currently there isn't an issue with the water levels at either the Grand Bank or Fortune dams.

c. Disclosure for Municipal Center Roof

Mayor Matthews noted that himself, the Town Clerk and the Recreation Director met with the Town's solicitor and the insurance company representative. Town Manager Bolt will be meeting with them in the near future.

d. Update on Funding for Swimming Pool

Mayor Matthews noted that the application for funding for the swimming pool upgrades is in the Ottawa office, it is going through the system, no issues so far.

e. Animal Control Regarding Cats

Mayor Matthews noted that a lot of cats have been captured by the Town which is costing the Town a lot of money. It was agreed that Council needs to take a good look at the current strategy and policies.

11. COUNCILLORS FORUM**a. Dr. Beckley Dinner**

Mayor Matthews noted that the dinner honouring Dr. Beckley is scheduled for 7:00 pm, Friday, August 26, 2016. It was noted that many councillors and staff will be in attendance.

b. Special Events

Councillor Burt congratulated the Special Events committees on a job well done with this year's festival. He noted things appeared to run rather smoothly.

c. Theater - Finale

Councillor Burt noted that the season finale is scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 2016. It was noted that it appears the Theater is doing quite well this year.

d. Garage Extension

Councillor Grikis noted that the garage extension is coming along good, great work.

e. Barbeque at Blue Crest

Councillor Grikis noted that the Town sponsored barbeque at the Blue Crest last Friday was well attended even though it rained near the end.

f. Grand Bank Memorial Library

Councillor Grikis noted that he understands that the Library had to be closed for a week this past month due to a staffing issue. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would follow up on the matter.

g. Barbeque

MOTION 2016-2741: B. WARREN/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank purchase a propane barbeque, like the one the Blue Crest has, from Costco.

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h. Fortune Arena

Mayor Matthews noted that he attended the funding announcement on Friday past that will see a new floor for the arena in 2017.

i. Dedication - Trail

Mayor Matthews noted that he attended the dedication of the bench along the Town's nature trail for Donnie Deveau. It was very well attended.

j. Promotion

Mayor Matthews noted he will be interviewed by NTV this week to promote Grand Bank as a great place to live.

k. Grand Bank Harbour Development

Mayor Matthews noted a meeting is planned for this coming Wednesday with officials from ACOA.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS - NIL

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2016-2742: B. WARREN/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

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MOTION CARRIED

Confirmed by: *Rex C. Matthews* *Cathy Follett*

Town Clerk

Date: September 12, 2016