

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting #2 for 2017 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Executive Boardroom at the Grand Bank Municipal Center on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 2017-2797: S. BURT/T. PARSONS

Motioned that the agenda be adopted with the additions to new business of the meeting with Mr. John Norman and the 2016 census.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS – NIL**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2017-2798: B. WARREN/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the minutes of the regular meeting for January 16, 2017 be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**a. MV Atlantic Pursuit**

Councillor Warren noted that the purchaser of the vessel is waiting for their visa's to be approved and then will be coming to Town to move the vessel.

6. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**a. Grand Bank Volunteer Fire Department**

Received a letter advising that Samantha Strowbridge has completed her probationary period with the Department. Fire Chief Snook recommends that she be accepted as a full member of the Grand Bank Fire Department.

MOTION 2017-2799: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that Samantha Strowbridge be appointed as a full time fire fighter.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

b. Anglican Church of Canada

Received an invitation for April 28 – 30, 2017 to the 2017 Synod being held by the parishes of Fortune-Lamaline and Grand Bank. On Friday, April 28th a Service of Holy Eucharist will take place beginning at 7:00 p.m. at St. Alban's Church, Grand Bank, followed by the official opening of Synod. Mayor Matthews advised he will be attending.

c. St. Lawrence Historical Advisory Committee

Received an invitation from the Town of St. Lawrence and the St. Lawrence Historical Advisory Committee for Mayor Matthews or a representative to attend the 75th Anniversary of the USS Truxtun and USS Pollux Disaster Memorial events to be held on Saturday, February 18, 2017. Councillor Warren agreed to attend.

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Grand Bank Fire Department**

Received a letter from Fire Chief Tony Snook advising that the probationary firefighters Tim Organ and Michael Cumben have completed their firefighter minimal standards exam.

b. **MHA Carol Anne Haley**

Received a copy of a letter that MHA Haley forwarded to Hon. Dr. John Haggie, Minister of Health and Community Services, thanking him for the investment of over \$600,000 for the three hospitals in her district. Also, the reinstatement of the 24 hour x-ray services be returned to the Dr. S. Beckley Health Centre and the US Memorial Hospital at St. Lawrence.

c. **Department of Municipal Affairs**

- * Received a letter advising that they are in receipt of the Town's 2017 Budget and once it is reviewed they will notify the Town with regards to any outcomes of this process.
- * Received a letter advising that there were no material deficiencies identified in the 2017 Budget.
- * Received a copy of the schedule for Training and Professional Development Opportunities or 2017.

d. **Fire and Emergency Service - NL**

Received a letter from Tony Rose, Fire Protection Officer, requesting an update of the report from SNC Lavalin and the Town's plan to address the issues that were previously identified and discussed in relation to the Grand Bank Theatre.

e. **Fisheries and Oceans Canada**

Received a letter advising that on December 22, 2016, the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard confirmed the 2017 Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for the arctic surf clam fishery. As part of that notice, it was communicated that submissions made under the 2015 Expression of Interest process for access to the fishery would be returned to applicants.

f. **Department of Environment & Climate Change**

Received a letter advising of the Operator of the Year Award 2017.

g. **Muskrat Falls Project**

Received the November 2016 Highlights.

h. **Canadian Postmasters & Assistants Association (CPAA)**

Received a letter from the CPAA looking for support to bring back the postal bank to rural areas. A letter of support can be forwarded to MP Judy Foote.

i. **MP Peter Van Loan**

Received a letter Official Opposition Critic MP Peter Van Loan for Canadian Heritage and National Historic Sites requesting support of Bill C-323. Copy received by all Councillors.

j. **Janeway Foundation**

Received a copy of the 2017 Janeway Foundation Events to help raise funds for equipment required for the Janeway.

k. **Breast Cancer Society of Canada**

Received a note of thank you from the Breast Cancer Society for the donation from the Town in Dress for the Cause.

l. Office of the Premier

Received a letter from Premier Dwight Ball and Minister Eddie Joyce advising that additional information on recent legislative amendments affecting firefighters has been completed.

m. Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board

Received a copy of the minutes from October 26, 2016. Copied for all Councillors. Councillor Grikis advised the letters were addressed and they approved the Town's request regarding the bins and a letter should be forth coming.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**a. Finance Committee**

Councillor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the committee held on January 31, 2017.

MOTION 2017-2800: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of January 31, 2017 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2017-2801: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank appoint Albert Snook as the Assessment Review Commissioner for the 2017 tax year with the following rates: \$300 base fee, \$200 for the first day of appeal court, \$100 for each additional day and \$100 for any additional papers that need to be signed, where in a day constitutes eight (8) hours.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2017-2802: S. BURT/T. PARSONS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank enter into a contribution agreement for funding in the amount of \$37,625 (ACOA-\$28,219, BTCRD-\$9,406) under the Business Development Program to engage consulting expertise to assist with the completion of a municipal downtown and waterfront development plan that will identify ways of showcasing the many heritage assets of the community.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2017- 2803: S. BURT/B. WARREN

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank accept the lowest tender from Royal Freight Liner for a salt truck providing the tender is in compliance with all specs and all references are verified.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Deputy Mayor Welsh, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the committee held on January 31, 2017.

MOTION 2017-2804: B. WARREN/T. PARSONS

Motioned that the Development Committee report of January 31, 2017 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS**a. Winter Carnival Update - Recreation Director Burton**

Recreation Director Burton noted that the Commission will be meeting Wednesday to discuss the 2017 Carnival. He noted that he felt the Carnival went well but would like to see more participation from other groups. Councillor Parsons noted the events the Community Youth Network sponsored were well attended.

10. NEW BUSINESS**a. New Clam Licenses**

Mayor Matthews noted that all the proposals have been returned to the applicants as there is no indication of when or if there will be another licence permitted. There has to be a great deal more science conducted on the resource first. Currently there is no increase to the total allowable catch (TLC) and all of the current TLC is being caught by Clearwater.

b. Clearwater Investments

Mayor Matthews noted that he spoke to Clearwater in December regarding their plans to invest in Grand Bank and Glace Bay plants. He noted that the news release state that there will be a \$2 million investment in Glace Bay and they will be operating year round. The Company will also be investing \$3.6 mil in Grand Bank to increase the grading and processing operation. Grand Bank will continue to be their main center of processing for their company. There will also be a new vessel coming on stream in the fall and they will be expanding their markets.

c. Downtown/Waterfront Redevelopment

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted that the second consultation will be held at the Fire Hall this Thursday at 7:00 p.m..

Office Administrator Dolimount entered the meeting at this time.

d. Meeting with John Norman

Councillor Parsons provided a written summary of the meeting that was held with Mr. Norman. He noted that there are some interesting things that Bonavista is doing and some things that our town should look into. Mr. Norman suggested that a delegation should visit Bonavista and see for themselves what has been done. It was agreed that Councillor Parsons would contact Mr. Norman to begin working on a possible date for a delegation to visit. It was also noted that the Grand Bank Development Corporation should be invited to attend.

e. 2016 Census

Mayor Matthews noted that the 2016 census has been released. Our population, like many other towns in rural Newfoundland had declined and our population is aging. He noted that with the decline in population it brings in to question about public services in the community and if offices will be relocated. It was noted that we have to find ways to entice people to move into our community.

11. COUNCILLORS FORUM**a. Fire Department**

Councillor Grikis noted Melvin Cox has retired from the fire department and Stephen Peach has been accepted.

b. Wharf

Councillor Warren noted the contractor for the wharf work met with the Harbour Authority last week and provided an update. He noted that things are progressing quicker than thought which is very good. The Harbour Authority has received several requests from a local company regarding off loading. It was agreed that the Town would meet with the Harbour Authority to discuss these requests.

c. Fortune Highway

Councillor Parsons referred to the recent announcement regarding realigning of the Fortune Highway. Mayor Matthews noted he felt more clarification is needed on this matter as council asked that the highway be re-located not realigned. It was agreed that Mayor Matthews would contact MHA Haley and ask that council be provided the details along with who will be completing the work, will it be tendered out or will it be completed by the Department of Transportation.

d. Winter Carnival

Councillors thanked the Recreation Director and the Commission on a very well organized winter carnival. Mayor Matthews noted that some more outside activities are needed for younger people. Recreation Director Burton thanked staff and council for helping out.

e. Snow Clearing

Councillor Burt noted that the street don't seem to be cleared as good as they should be when we have snow.

f. Seaman's Memorial Service

Deputy Mayor Welsh noted the service will be held this Sunday evening at the United Church.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS**a. Summer Festival**

Recreation Director Burton noted that the Committee needs some direction for planning the 2017 summer festival as to where the activities can be located.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2017-2805: S. BURT/C. WELSH

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

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Confirmed by: Clayton Welsh, Deputy Mayor

Cathy Fosslett

Town Clerk

Date: March 13, 2017