

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting #6 for 2016 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held in the Executive Boardroom at the Grand Bank Municipal Center on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 4:05 p.m.

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 2016-2684: R. BROOKS/B. WARREN

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS – NIL

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION 2016-2685: T. PARSONS/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the minutes of the regular meeting for April 11, 2016 be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. MV Pursuit

Councillor Grikis asked if there was an update on the MV Pursuit. Mayor Matthews noted that he was in contact with a gentleman from Baie Verte who has shown some interest and will hopefully be visiting Grand Bank this week. Councillor Warren advised that the Harbour Authorities lawyer and the Sherriff are going to try and amend the court order so that the vessel can be sold rather than having to go through another public auction.

b. Special Events

Councillor Grikis asked if the application deadlines have been met. Councillor Brooks noted that the coordinator started working today and is completing some more applications. Mayor Matthews noted that, where possible, it would be great to see more local bands involved. Councillor Brooks noted that this has been discussed.

c. Cottage Owners

Councillor Brooks asked if the rates for garbage collection for cottages in our planning area have been straightened out. Mayor Matthews noted that to his knowledge it has, with full time residents being charged. Mayor Matthews noted that this matter should be discussed fully before any fees are implemented by the Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board.

d. RCMP

Town Manager Bolt noted that he spoke with Corporal Williams and a meeting with them will have to be deferred as some members are being deployed to Fort McMurray to assist with the devastating situation.

e. Admiral's Cove

Councillor Grikis noted that he viewed the Admiral's Cove area and while you can't look directly out the ocean he felt it is necessary for the material to remain there. Town Manager Bolt noted that the building up of the material started a number of years ago to stop rocks from coming across the road due to the wave action.

f. Municipal Center

Mayor Matthews noted that the discovery for the damages to the municipal center roof has been scheduled for July 18th and 19th. The location hasn't yet been determined.

g. COR Certification

Mayor Matthews asked if there was anything further regarding our employees requiring COR Certification to be able to obtain salt and sand from the Department of Transportation and Works. Town Manager Bolt advised that several MHA's are aware of but no other information has been made available to date.

6. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**a. Abbie's Garden B & B**

Received a request from Bruce Dennis, owner of Abbie's Garden B & B, for a monetary donation or provide a prize to aid in the fundraising efforts for their *Come Pick a Daffodil* event from May 9th - 29th, 2016 with proceeds going to the Canadian Cancer Society – NL Division. The closing celebration will take place on May 29th from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

It was agreed that the Town would donate some bags remaining from Come Home Year and we would send out an email advising residents of the event.

7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**a. Fire and Emergency Services (FES)**

Received a copy of a permit from FES for Fire Chief Tony Snook to install a Red Light & Siren on his private vehicle and to use same during response to emergency calls only.

b. Wooden Boat Museum NL

Received a letter and newsletter from Wooden Boat Museum NL advising of upcoming events throughout the year.

c. Muskrat Falls

Received an email from Kathleen Simms of the Muskrat Falls February 2016 monthly project report.

d. Department of Municipal Affairs (MA)

Received a letter from MA regarding the introduction of a new accountability measures in addition to the prior requirements of annual budgets and annual audited Public Sector Accounting Board compliant financial statements.

e. Cecilia Dodge

Received an email from Cecilia Dodge advising that Justin Dodge has been chosen to Team Canada Special Olympics Team to compete in Austria March 14 – 25, 2017.

It was agreed that a letter of congratulations would be forwarded to Justin.

f. Thank you

Chesley & Mary Cluett – 50th Anniversary

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

Councillor Grikis, Committee member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on May 4, 2016.

MOTION 2016-2686: R. GRIKIS/B. WARREN

Motioned that the Finance Committee report for May 4, 2016 be accepted as presented.

MOTION 2016-2687: R. GRIKIS/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs for Gas Tax Funding in the amount of \$43,473.36 for Paving on Main Street, Hickman Street and Church Street. Further moved that Provincial Paving Ltd. be award the contract to complete this work.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2016-2688: B. WARREN/T. PARSONS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank donate a sum of \$1,000 to assist the people of Fort McMurray and surrounding communities following the devastating wildfires that have forced people to leave their homes and caused significant destruction to property. Further moved that the Town of Grand Bank launch an appeal within the community so citizens can donate to help and support the people of Fort McMurray.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

It was agreed that an email would be forwarded to residents advising of the appeal.

b. Development Committee

Councillor Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on May 4, 2016.

MOTION 2016-2689: B. WARREN/C. WELSH

Motioned that the Development Committee report of May 4, 2016 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

c. Regional Water Committee

Councillor Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on April 18, 2016.

MOTION 2016-2690: R. BROOKS/B. WARREN

Motioned that the Regional Water Committee report of April 18, 2016 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

d. Grand Bank/Fortune Ambulance Committee

Councillor Grikis, Committee Chairperson, presented written reports of meetings the Committee held on November 2, 2015 and on February 15, 2016.

At this time, Office Administrator Dolimount entered the meeting.

MOTION 2016-2691: R. GRIKIS/T. PARSONS

Motioned that the Grand Bank/Fortune Ambulance Committee reports of November 2, 2015 and February 15, 2016 be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Municipal Awareness Day

Mayor Matthews reminded councillors that there will be an open house at the municipal center on Wednesday, May 11 for 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. in observance of Municipal Awareness Day.

b. Reservoir

Town Manager Bolt noted there is currently a lot of water in the dam. The engineers will be doing an analysis of the work that has been completed and it will be revisited after the report is completed.

c. Capital Works 2015 - Paving

Town Manager Bolt advised that Provincial Paving Ltd. is planning to open its asphalt plant around May 24 and a few weeks after this date they should be in Grand Bank to start preparing our streets for paving. He also noted that the curb is being installed on Courtney Street so that it is ready when the paving company arrives.

d. Swimming Pool - Update

Town Clerk Follett advised the chemicals are being put in the pool today and the heaters will be turned on tomorrow. The water has to heat up before testing can be completed which may take three (3) weeks.

e. Educational Changes

This item was moved to new business.

f. Dumpsters

Mayor Matthews noted that the recent bulk item drop off was very successful. The location was ideal and the area was prepared the day before which made traffic flow smooth. It is anticipated that there will be 3 to 4 dumpster bulk collection throughout the year. Town Manager Bolt advised he forwarded several photos to the Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board. It was agreed that in the next email people will be reminded to cover debris when it is being transported. It was noted that there are several issues with debris at the Molliers site. It was agreed that the BPRSB be written and asked that this area be cleaned up.

10. NEW BUSINESS**a. Grand Bank Health Care Center**

Mayor Matthews noted that councillors were copied on a letter he forwarded to MHA Haley regarding the cuts to the Health Care Center. A response hasn't been received to date.

b. Grand Bank Supreme Court

Mayor Matthews noted that councillors were copied on a letter he forwarded to MHA Haley regarding the cuts to the Supreme Court. A response hasn't been received to date.

Supreme Court matters may be handled now through the Clarendville office but this hasn't been confirmed. Mayor Matthews noted that there was a good turnout for the demonstration at the court house and it was covered on the NTV news.

c. Educational Changes

Mayor Matthews noted that there are several changes being made at Lake Academy including bigger classroom size, fewer teachers, multi grades and the library will be removed.

d. Meeting with Clearwater

Mayor Matthews noted that there is a meeting set up for early July with Clearwater officials.

e. Meeting with Local Plant Union

Mayor Matthews noted that he thought it was a good idea to arrange a meeting with the local plant union as it has been awhile since council has met with them. Council agreed a meeting should be arranged.

f. Plans for Grand Bank Harbour

Mayor Matthews noted that the matter of the MV Pursuit was discussed earlier.

g. Sweeper – Pilot Project

Town Manager Bolt noted that the new sweeper attachment works well for parking lots, intersections and small lanes however it does have to be modified so that debris is diverted downward in front of the broom. It will also reduce the number of hours that the big sweeper is needed. The street sweeper will be in town tomorrow for the remainder of the week.

h. Seasonal Recreational Employee

Mayor Matthews noted that the seasonal recreation employee started work today so the swings will be put up and the grass will be kept cut.

MOTION 2016-2692: T. PARSON/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the seasonal recreation employee, Ian Follett, be paid \$16.50 per hour plus 4% vacation pay for 20 weeks.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTIN CARRIED

11. COUNCILLORS FORUM**a. Stop Signs**

Mayor Matthews noted that the stop sign at the intersections at Grand Beach has been moved out from their previous location. This could be very dangerous especially on a foggy night. It was agreed that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and Works to ask them to view the area and to see if modifications can be made.

b. Committees

Mayor Matthews noted he would like to make some minor changes to a couple of committees. It was agreed that Councillor Warren would become the designate on the Grand Bank Harbour Authority and Councillor Brooks would be the alternate. As well, Councillor Parsons would be added to the Development Committee.

c. Fund Raiser for Fort McMurray

Mayor Matthews noted that some local bands are trying to organize a concert in aid of Fort McMurray and they may be looking for a venue if the arena is not available. It was agreed that if necessary, the event could be organized at the Bait Depot in conjunction with the Special Events Committee.

d. Affordable Housing

Councillor Brooks noted it was great to see the preliminary work being done for the affordable houses at the old hospital site. Mayor Matthews noted that hopefully the 10 units of approximately 900 sq ft each will be ready to be occupied this fall.

e. Community Youth Network

Councillor Parsons noted that the Community Youth Network is involved in a cultural youth exchange with students from Toronto. 15 students and 3 supervisors will be visiting the Town from June 23rd to 30th and the CYN would like to have permission to use the Bait Depot for a screech in event (without alcohol) and permission for the visitors to stay at the youth center. He has spoken with Recreation Director Burton regarding the sleeping arrangements and appropriate rooms have been located. Council agreed that Councillor Parsons would coordinate the event with Recreation Director Burton. It was also agreed that come home year bags would be provided for all the visitors.

f. Volunteer Night

Councillor Grikis thanked staff for organizing the volunteer night social and also to all those volunteers that attended.

g. Award – Paul Herridge

Deputy Mayor Welsh congratulated Paul on receiving the award from Newspapers Atlantic, for his outstanding news photo.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

a. Barbeque

Office Administrator Dolimount suggested that councillors review their calendar so that a council staff barbeque can be planned for the end of June.

b. Union - Thank You

Office Administrator Dolimount noted that the union was wondering if a luncheon will be organized in appreciation of the contract signing. Mayor Matthews noted that he will discuss the matter with the Town Manager.

c. Litter Collection

MOTION 2016-2693: T. PARSONS/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that groups would be compensated \$3.00 for each bag of litter collected and the finance committee would review prior to payment being forwarded.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2016-2694: R. GRIKIS/R. BROOKS

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

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Confirmed by: Rex C. Matthews

Cathy Follett
Town Clerk

Date: May 30, 2016