

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #7 for 2021 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 2:02 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Councillors George Bennett, Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt, Stan Burt, and Rick Grikis attended along with Town Clerk Sheila M. Dolimount. Town Manager Wayne Bolt, Administrative Clerk Michelle Patten, and Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Tom Burton are on vacation.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2021-3398: C. WELSH/S. BURT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION** NONE

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS – JULY 26, 2021** NONE

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2021-3399: S. BURT/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting for July 26, 2021 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – JULY 26, 2021**

a. **Conditions of Properties**

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised that it would be left for the next Council as the summer season will be soon over, however he did indicate that a number of properties have already been cleaned up.

b. **Kingsway Living**

Deputy Mayor Welsh questioned if a meeting had been set up with Kingsway Living. It was agreed to write advising Council would meet with them however the tax invoice would not be discussed.

c. **Swim Pool Update**

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised that he forwarded along applications that came in regarding funding that may help towards purchasing the equipment needed for the Pool. Mayor Matthews advised the Pool didn't qualify.

d. **Tenders**

Councillor Burt questioned if the Town received any tenders for the two trucks. Town Clerk Dolimount advised that four tenders were received; one for the 2008 and three for the 2009.

e. **Staffing Issues – Eastern Health**

Councillor Grikis questioned if there was any news on staffing at the Health Care Centre. Mayor Matthews advised that emails are being sent out every week with an update of what is happening with the Health Care.

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a. **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Received an invitation to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Provincial Seamen's Museum on Sunday, September 12, 2021, remarks to begin at 2:00 p.m. Deadline to RSVP is September 3, 2021.

**b. Municipal and Provincial Affairs**

Received a memo advising of the 2021 Municipal Long Service Award application for Elected Officials. Deadline September 3, 2021. Town Clerk Dolimount advised that applications for Mayor Matthews, Deputy Mayor Welsh, Councillor Brooks and Councillor Burt were forwarded to Municipal Affairs.

**c. Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board**

The deadline for Municipalities requesting amendments or appeals to their household numbers is August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Regional Service board will be finalizing the numbers for 2022.

**d. Premier's Forum**

Received an email advising the nomination form for the 2021 Premier's Forum on Local Government is now open, the deadline for the acceptance of nominations is Friday, September 3, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

**e. Autism Society of NL**

Received some information from Paul Walsh, Chief Executive Officer on where to direct resident \ new resident should they have any questions, etc. (Details in the booklet)

**f. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder NL**

Received the following proclamation.

***Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Week  
September 6 – 10, 2021***

**WHEREAS:** Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a diagnostic term used to describe impacts on the brain and body of individuals prenatally exposed to alcohol. FASD is a lifelong disability. Individuals with FASD will experience some degree of challenges in their daily living, and need support with motor skills, physical health, learning, memory, attention, communication, emotional regulation, and social skills to reach their full potential. Each individual with FASD is unique and has areas of both strengths and challenges.

**WHEREAS:** FASDNL is a pan-provincial organization that educates, provides supports and resources, and raises awareness about fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) in Newfoundland and Labrador and Atlantic Canada.; and

**WHEREAS:** *Move for FASD* is held across the province to mark FASD Awareness Week; and

**WHEREAS:** FASD Awareness week is devoted to raising awareness of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) to improve prevention of FASD and diagnosis and support for individuals with FASD and broad public awareness helps to put FASD the 'map'; and

**THEREFORE:** I, Rex C. Matthews, do hereby proclaim day/week/month, as cause/issue/special occasion etc. in the Town of Grand Bank.

Signed at the Town of Grand Bank on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

MOTION 2021-3400: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank proclaim the week of September 6 – 10, 2021 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Week.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**8. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

**a. Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL)**

Received an email from MNL advising that the 2021 Annual Conference, Trade Show and AGM will be an in-person event in Corner Brook from November 3 – 6, 2021. They are hoping to accommodate 2 in-person registrations. Accommodations for the event are available only through the MNL Office.

**b. Speed Bumps**

Received complaints from a number of citizens advising that the speed signs are not slowing down drivers in the area of the park, citizens feel the speed bumps need to be put back in place.

MOTION 2021-3401: C. WELSH/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank put the speed bumps in place on Main Street as in previous years, with no gaps.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**c. Municipal and Provincial Affairs**

The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, and Recreation is developing an inventory of monuments and observances that may use colonizing language or celebrate people/events, without appropriate context, that perpetuate(d) racist ideologies/systemic racism. This inventory will help inform the ongoing work of the Provincial Government to ensure monuments and observances accurately and appropriately describe the peoples and cultures of the Province.

**d. Municipal Assessment Agency**

The Honourable Krista Lynn Howell, Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs, has appointed Mr. Timothy Crosbie as the new Taxpayer Representative on the Agency's Board of Directors, effective June 15, 2021

**e. RCMP**

Received the Policing Report for June Month.

**f. Newfoundland & Labrador Association of Community Living**

The NLACL is a family-oriented, non-profit advocacy association that works on behalf of persons with intellectual disabilities. They have a 30 minute information presentation that can be delivered either virtually via Zoom or in-person.

**g. MHA Paul Pike**

- \* Applications now open for Accessible Taxi Grant. Deadline is September 24, 2021.
- \* Canada Community Building Fund
- \* Press Release – Supporting Communities across NL

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

Received a copy of the permit to remove the bridge at Main Brook and replace it with a culvert.

**i. Message from the Fire Commissioner**

Received information from Derek Simmons, Fire Commissioner, regarding Fire Prevention Week 2021, it will run from October 3 – 9, 2021.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Finance Committee**

Councillor Stan Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on August 18, 2021.

MOTION 2021-3402: S. BURT/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of August 18, 2021 be approved with the addition to item 2(b) of \$500 to each school, Lake Academy and John Burke High.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2021-3403: S. BURT/C. WELSH

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank accept the Gas Tax Agreement for the years 2019–2024, inclusive.

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 August 18, 2021.

MOTION 2021-3404: C. WELSH/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the Development Committee report of August 18, 2021 be approved with addition to item 5 stating that the Town Manager investigate.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Update on Nature Trail**

Mayor Matthews advised that since the upgrades to the Nature Trail he is receiving complaints about not enough parking now. Councillor Burfitt suggested finding a way to allow a couple of people access to cross the brook from the Nature Trail. Mayor Matthews advised that no one is allowed to cross the brook on ATV's or anything else because of environmental issues and it's also a salmon river. Councillor Brooks suggested placing picnic tables near the Trail. Mayor Matthews questioned what will the town permit to use the trail? It was agreed that paddle bikes, motorized wheel chairs and strollers would be permitted. No ATV's, dirt bikes, or cars/trucks.

**b. RCMP Correspondence**

Mayor Matthews advised he has written the RCMP again regarding the closure of the RCMP Detachment in Grand Bank. Copy for councillors

**c. Tenders for Wharf Construction**

Mayor Matthews advised that the tenders for the Wharf Construction will be closing on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. Councillor Burfitt advised he spoke with MP Rogers to see when the work will start, the last project started about a month after the tender closed.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Water Supply System**

Mayor Matthews advised that there were a numbers of issues with the water supply system when changing over from Fortune. It was agreed to get the necessary information on a flushing, cleaning system for the main line when the Town as to transition.

MOTION 2021-3405: C. WELSH/G. BENNETT

Motioned the Town of Grand Bank install a system to flush the line before it goes into the pumphouse.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**b. L'Anse au Paul Road**

Mayor Matthews advised that Bennett's Construction fixed up the road at L'Anse au Paul and they did a good job with it, however, to complete the work they need a few more loads of material.

MOTION 2021-3406: R. GRIKIS/G. BENNETT

Motioned the Town of Grand Bank would partner with Bennett's Construction up to a maximum of \$2500 to finish upgrading the road at L'Anse au Paul.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**c. Damage to former Municipal Centre**

Mayor Matthews advised that there was some damage done to one of the glass doors at the rear of the former Municipal Centre, and that the RCMP was contacted to investigate. It was agreed to invoice the parents for the damages on confirmation from the RCMP who the individual was that did the damages.

**12. COUNCILLORS FORUM**

**a. Capital Works Program**

Mayor Matthews advised that funding for the Capital Works program was approved for the water line on Riverside East in the amount of \$1.2 million.

**b. Human Relations**

Mayor Matthews advised that the Town's Lawyer is now dealing with the lack of correspondence from the union regarding a Human Relations issue.

**c. Beavers**

Mayor Matthews advised that an individual who the Town uses to trap beavers has come down to Grand Bank Brook to investigate beaver activity and he was not compensated for his time and effort.

MOTION 2021-3407: C. WELSH/R. GRIKIS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank pay \$50 to the individual for each time he comes to the Town to investigate beaver activity.

ALL IN FAVOUR                      MOTION CARRIED

**d. Community Beautification**

Deputy Mayor Welsh advised that he received a lot of compliments on how beautiful and clean the Town is this year.

**e. Maintenance Workers**

MOTION 2021-3408: R. GRIKIS/C. WELSH

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank increase the rate of pay for Richard Oldford by \$0.50/hr and it will be retroactive to when he commenced work this year.

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Councillors showed their appreciation over the last four years on Council and thanked everyone for their support.

**13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 2021-3409: C. WELSH/S. BURT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 3:40 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR                      MOTION CARRIED