

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #02 for 2025 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, February 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews, Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Councillors Angela Blackwood, Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt, and Colin Clements attended along with Town Clerk Michelle Patten, and Director of Operations and Facilities Manager Joe Periera. CAO Terry Fleming was on vacation.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2025-3854: J.BURFITT/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION**

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2025-3855: S.BURT/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 20, 2025 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – JANUARY 20, 2025**

Councillor Derrick Dunne entered the meeting at this time.

a. **Department of Highways Snow Clearing**

Deputy Mayor Burt asked if there was an update on snow clearing. Mayor Matthews advised that he spoke to someone at the Department of Transportation in St. John's and was told there were no changes to the operations.

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

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a. **Newfoundlanders Against Wind Energy**

Received a signed petition "Petition Against Proposed On-Offshore Wind, Solar, Hydrogen, and Ammonia Energy Projects on the Burin Peninsula. The petition was received on February 13, 2025 during a protest at 2 Church Street. The petition was presented to Council during the meeting.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. **Finance Committee**

Deputy Mayor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on February 13, 2025.

MOTION 2025-3856: S.BURT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of February 13, 2025 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. **Development Committee**

Councillor Jack Burfitt, Committee Member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on February 13, 2025.

Administrative Clerk Osmond entered the meeting at this time.

MOTION 2025-3857: J.BURFITT/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Development Committee report of February 13, 2025 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Warming Center - Update**

Mayor Matthews advised that there have been changes made to the original estimate to try and cut some cost. Once the Town goes to tender we will have a better idea of the amount the project will cost and can make a decision then. Councillor Dunne asked if the appliances were included in the estimate; Mayor Matthews advised that they were not.

b. **Partanna Building - Update**

Mayor Matthews advised there are daily conversations on finding an acceptable solution to the situation with the Partanna Building. However, it has been a challenge navigating a way forward with so many government officials and private operators that the Town has to deal with on a daily basis.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Plebiscite**

Mayor Matthews suggested holding a plebiscite regarding the Burin Peninsula Everwind Green Fuels – Wind Turbine Project during the regular election on October 2, 2025. This will have a higher percentage of voters out to achieve a more accurate result.

b. **Recreation Commission – Board Members**

Director of Operations and Facilities Manager Periera left the meeting at this time.

Mayor Matthews advised that the Recreation Commission has submitted a request to accept three applicants to the committee (volunteering members). Director of Operations and Facilities Manager Periera's partner was one of the applicants. It was agreed to check with the Town's Lawyer for legal advice before making a decision.

Director of Operations and Facilities Manager Periera returned to the meeting at this time.

c. **Assessment Review Commissioner Appointment**

MOTION 2025-3858: J.BURFITT/S.BURT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank appoint Mr. Randell Pope as the Assessment Review Commissioner for the year 2025.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

d. **Canadian Union of Postal Workers**

Received a letter regarding the Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post. It was agreed to not adopt a resolution at this time but wait to see how the process unfolds.

e. **Collaboration Committee Update**

Received a copy of the minutes of February 10, 2025.

12. **COUNCILLORS FORUM**

a. **Winterfest**

Councillor Burfitt hoped for a great winterfest as in previous years.

b. **Snowclearing**

Councillor Dunne and Councillor Clements thanked the outside staff for doing a great job clearing the streets again this year.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2025-3859: S.BURT/C/CLEMENTS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:14 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED