

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #12 for 2024 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, December 16, 2024 at 3:50 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

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

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2024-3839: S.BURT/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted with the addition of item 11. e.) Paramedics.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION**

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2024-3840: J.BURFITT/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 18, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3841: J.BURFITT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the minutes for the Special Meeting of Council held on November 26, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3842: A.BLACKWOOD/S.BURT

Motioned that the minutes for the Special Meeting of Council held on December 4, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

a. **Bait Depot**

Councillor Burfitt advised that the Bait Depot building has been found to be very cold during recent events. We will investigate ways to keep the heat circulating better through the mini splits and fans.

b. **Remembrance Day Service**

Deputy Mayor Burt asked if we could have chairs available next year during the service. Director of Operations and Facilities Manager Joe Periera will arrange this for next year. Chairs can be placed on the section of the streets that will be closed to vehicle traffic.

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a. **Volunteer Fire Department**

Received a letter requesting approval to interview the only applicant received, who is living approximately 5 kms from the Community. It was agreed to proceed with the interview.

8. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

a. **RCMP**

Received the monthly statistics reports for October and November 2024.

b. Email – Regarding EverWind Fuels Proposal for the Burin Peninsula

Received an email from a former resident advising she has done extensive research on the EverWind Fuels Project, including a thorough examination of the company's Environment Assessment and concluded that the project is a boondoggle in the making for several reasons; that were listed in great detail.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Derrick Dunne entered the meeting at this time.

Deputy Mayor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on December 10, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3843: S.BURT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of December 10, 2024 be approved with the exception of item #6 for a separate motion, and item #10 for a separate motion.

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MOTION 2024-3844: S.BURT/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank enter into an Agreement with Innovative Engineering for the Engineering scope of the Downtown Development Phase III Project.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3845: S.BURT/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank accept the tender from Armtec, in the amount of \$128,535.58 for the Edwin Street Culvert Replacement materials.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Councillor Roger Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on December 10, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3846: R.BROOKS/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Development Committee report of December 10, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

c. Human Resources Committee

Councillor Roger Brooks, Committee Member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on December 10, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3847: R.BROOKS/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the Human Resources Committee report of December 10, 2024 be approved as presented.

Councillor Clements left the meeting at this time.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

10. OLD BUSINESS**a. Partanna Building Update**

Mayor Matthews advised council that work on the demolition of the Partanna had begun; however, OH & S had issued a Stop Work Order based on an anonymous call to them with complaints. The Town will follow up with OH & S and comply with their direction, and also test materials to ensure everything is in full compliance with Government Regulations. Given the situation council agreed to invest the necessary funds to get this project back on track and provide much needed housing for our citizens.

b. Joint Town Community Council

Deputy Mayor Burt gave an update regarding the bridge near Red Harbour. He advised that representation was made to the Provincial Government and some suggestions were put forward to keep that area safe.

11. NEW BUSINESS**a. Towns and Local Service District Act (TLSDA)**

CAO Fleming gave a brief update on the new act which comes in effect January 1, 2025 and replaces the Municipalities Act. Training is mandatory for everyone.

Administrative Clerk Osmond entered the meeting at this time.

b. EverWind Protest

Mayor Matthews advised he was informed that there was a planned protest to be held in Grand Bank in front of the MHA's office. He has since been informed that it has been postponed.

c. Edwin Street Culvert

MOTION 2024-3848: S.BURT/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank accept the tender from Wally Drake Trucking Ltd. in the amount of \$204,409.05 for the Edwin Street Culvert Replacement.

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d. Christmas Breakfast

Mayor Matthews reminded everyone of the Christmas Breakfast on Friday, December 21st at 10:00 a.m. at the Bait Depot.

e. Paramedics

Councillor Blackwood advised that she understood NL Services doesn't require paramedics to reside at the base while on shift and questioned if there was anything the Municipality can do about that. Councillor Dunne advised that anyone on a 24 hour shift aren't required to be at the base for more than three hours as per the collective agreement, however anyone on a 12 hour shift stay at the base. Mayor Matthews advised this is an agreement between NL Health Services and their union, nothing the Town can get involved with. Councillor Burfitt advised he has concerns on the current response times through the calling system. Deputy Mayor Burt suggested forwarding these concerns to the Joint Council.

12. COUNCILLORS FORUM**a. Merry Christmas**

Councillors and Staff wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

b. Department of Highways Snow Clearing

Councillor Dunne advised he heard there have been some issues with their snow clearing and wondering why they do not have operators out earlier in a storm/icy conditions. CAO Fleming to investigate.

c. Christmas Caroling

Councillor Blackwood reminded everyone of the Christmas Caroling hosted by the Lions Club on Tuesday, December 17th.

d. Thank you

Mayor Matthews and Deputy Mayor Burt thanked everyone for the hard work all year.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS**a. Congratulations**

Administrative Clerk Osmond congratulated CAO Fleming on welcoming his 3rd grandbaby today and congratulations to Councillor Dunne on his soon to be daughter-in-law.

b. Thank you

CAO Fleming thanked council for their support over the year; it has been a busy year and a lot of good things happening in the community coming up in 2025.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2024-3848: R.BROOKS/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED