

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #03 for 2024 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

Deputy Mayor Stan Burt, Councillors Angela Blackwood, Jack Burfitt, Roger Brooks, Colin Clements, and Derrick Dunne, attended along with CAO Terry Fleming, Town Clerk Michelle Patten and Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Tom Burton. Mayor Rex C. Matthews was out of Town.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2024-3738: D.DUNNE/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted with the addition of item # 11. a. – Legion Room.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION**

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS – FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

9. a. Finance Committee Report – Councillor Burfitt noted that he suggested the Town investigate the cost to purchase a new photocopier instead of the recommendation to lease, and then bring the findings back to the Finance Committee.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2024-3739: J.BURFITT/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that the minutes for the Council Meeting held on February 20, 2024 be approved with the addition of item 11. a. – Legion Room.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3740: A.BLACKWOOD/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that the minutes for the Special Council Meeting held on March 11, 2024 be approved as presented.

5 Ayes (Deputy Mayor Burt, Councillors Blackwood, Brooks, Burfitt, and Clements)
1 Nay (Councillor Dunne)

MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

a. **75th Anniversary of Confederation Event**

Deputy Mayor Burt asked if the grant was applied for. Recreation Director Burton advised that it was and we should know something on the status this week.

b. **NL Health Services**

Councillor Dunne asked if we have received an update from our meeting with NLHS. CAO Fleming advised he sent an email requesting an update but haven't heard from them. He will follow up.

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a. **Health and Community Services**

Received an email regarding the Regional Health Council Opportunities. It was noted that Ms. Ruby Dyall of Grand Bank has been appointed to the Board.

8. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Councillor Brooks, Committee Member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on March 21, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3741: R.BROOKS/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of March 21, 2024 be approved with the exception of items number 5 & 6 as both will require a separate motion.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3742: R.BROOKS/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities for Gas Tax funding in the amount of \$23,436.96 for Waste Water Effluent Monitoring and Sampling.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

Administrative Clerk Osmond entered the meeting at this time.

MOTION 2024-3743: R.BROOKS/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank purchase land at 47 Church Street at a cost of \$12,000.00 for future development.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Councillor Roger Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on March 21, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3744: R.BROOKS/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Development Committee report of March 21, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

c. Community Advisory Committee

Councillor Dunne, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on March 13, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3745: D.DUNNE/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the Community Advisory Committee report of March 13, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

d. Human Resources Committee

Councillor Brooks, Committee Member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on February 28, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3746: R.BROOKS/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Human Resources Committee report of February 28, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

10. OLD BUSINESS**a. Winterfest 2024**

Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Burton gave an update on Winterfest 2024, which ran from February 26th to March 3rd. He advised all events had a really good turn out.

b. Accessibility Committee Update

Councillor Clements presented a written report from the Accessibility Committee requesting the appointment of new members; Christy Allan and Yolanda Lee.

MOTION 2024-3747: C.CLEMENTS/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Accessibility Committee appoint Christy Allan and Yolanda Lee.

5 Ayes (Deputy Mayor Burt, Councillors Brooks, Burfitt, Clements, and Dunne)

1 Nay (Councillor Blackwood)

MOTION CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS**a. Legion Room – Harris House**

Councillor Burfitt gave an update of the Legion Room at the Harris House. He noted that the current pictures would need to be framed or adjusted to the same size to make it more presentable. It was advised to bring the total cost to the Finance Committee.

12. COUNCILLORS FORUM**a. Scotiabank**

Councillor Dunne advised that residents are concerned about the bank closure and he suggest the Town inform residents through an email of what the Town has done to date.

b. Naloxone Kits

Councillor Clements advised that Fire Department Members will be receiving training with administering Naloxone and kits are available to all members for their vehicles. Kits are also in the Fire Trucks.

c. ATV's

Councillor Brooks advised that people are still driving around crazy on ATV's and mini bikes, which has become a major safety issue. This is an agenda item for our meeting with the RCMP.

d. Energy Board

Councillor Burfitt gave an update on the Burin Peninsula Energy Board. He noted the Provincial Government makes the decision before anything is started, and the Energy Board is in place to choose the best package/benefits for the entire Burin Peninsula.

e. Congratulations

Councillor Burfitt congratulated the Recreation Commission on a wonderful Winterfest.

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

Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Burton congratulated Councillor Blackwood on a wonderful Drama Festival.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2024-3748: D.DUNNE/S.BURT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:41 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED