

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #01 for 2025 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, January 20, 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, Colin Clements, and Derrick Dunne attended along with CAO Terry Fleming, Town Clerk Michelle Patten, and Director of Operations and Facilities Manager Joe Periera.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2025-3849: J.BURFITT/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION**

A. **ELIZABETH BURT**

Mrs. Burt presented a structure report of the Harris House and advised council that the building is in desperate need of repairs to continue to operate and preserve the Heritage Status.

B. **COREY FOOTE**

Mr. Foote strongly expressed his concerns that the development of wind towers will have on the environment/country. He advised the density of this project will be massive, and destroy the country for tranquility, cottages, hunting, fishing, berry picking, etc.

Elizabeth Burt, Bruce Burt and Corey Foote left the meeting at this time.

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2025-3850: S.BURT/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 16, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – DECEMBER 16, 2024**

a. **Department of Highways Snow Clearing**

Deputy Mayor Burt asked for an update. CAO Fleming advised that he spoke to a couple of employees and was advised that nothing has changed with their fleet or operations. Mayor Matthews asked CAO Fleming to follow up on this information with MHA Pike to confirm.

b. **Bait Depot**

Councillor Dunne asked for an update on the heating issues at the Bait Depot. Director of Operations and Facilities Manager Periera advised that one set of fans have been left going to keep the heat circulating and there are a couple of regular heaters that can be left on as well.

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**8. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**a. **Grand Bank Volunteer Fire Department**

Received an email advising of the 2025 executive positions.

b. **Municipal Assessment Agency**

Received an update on the Municipal Assessment Agency.

c. **The Salvation Army**

Received a thank you letter for the donation to the Christmas Kettle Campaign.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**a. **Finance Committee**

Deputy Mayor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on January 15, 2025.

MOTION 2025-3851: S.BURT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of January 15, 2025 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

Administrative Clerk Osmond entered the meeting at this time.

b. **Development Committee**

Councillor Jack Burfitt, Committee Member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on January 15, 2025.

MOTION 2025-3852: J.BURFITT/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Development Committee report of January 15, 2025 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

10. **OLD BUSINESS**a. **Demolition of Partanna Building**

Mayor Matthews advised that he met with Minister Loveless regarding the issues with Partanna's demolition and a plan is being implanted to continue as planned. It was agreed to send a mass email advising residents that the Town is continuing to work on resolving the issues and also asking everyone to stay clear of the property as it is dangerous.

b. **Installation of a Culvert – Edwin Street**

Mayor Matthews advised that Wally Drakes Construction Company completed the culvert replacement in just four days and done a great job. Pavement will be completed in the Spring.

c. **Police Survey**

It was advised that there has been a good response with the survey and so far it seems a lot of people have completed it.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**a. **Fire Department Constitution (Amendment)**

It was agreed to include members from outside the community. If someone applies to the Department from Fortune they should be required to sign a contract for an amount of time, as there is a cost for uniforms, bunker gear, etc. Also agreed we should not accept current members of the Fortune Fire Department.

b. Everwind Meetings

Councillor Burfitt advised he attended a meeting with the Energy Board on January 16, 2025 and gave an update regarding the status and phases of the proposed developments as well as an update on the benefit agreement that each community will receive from the project. There will be a meeting for Mayors around the peninsula on January 30, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Marystown hotel. Councillor Burfitt encourages council to attend.

c. Cottages in Lance Aux Loup (Street Numbers)

It was agreed to ask the Regional Service Board if they have an identifier to help locate owners of properties outside the municipal boundary to help ambulance drivers, police and the fire department.

12. COUNCILLORS FORUM**a. Everwind Project**

Deputy Mayor Burt thanked Councillor Burfitt for the good report on the Everwind project.

b. Theatre Board

Deputy Mayor Burt advised he have applied to join the Theatre Board again as a Director.

c. Sidewalks

Councillor Dunne thanked Director of Operations and Facilities Manager Periera on getting the sidewalks cleaned up from the overgrown sods.

d. Solar Lights

Councillor Clements asked if we could place solar lights at the Community Park.

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

Administrative Clerk Osmond congratulated Councillor Blackwood and the performers at the Grand Bank Theatre on a job well done at their Christmas show in December.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2025-3853: S.BURT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:39 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED