

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #04 for 2024 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

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

Mayor Matthews welcomed Cpl. Gilbert Hiscock to the meeting.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2024-3749: S.BURT/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION** Cpl. Gilbert Hiscock - RCMP

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS**

12. b. Councillors Forum – Councillor Dunne noted that Fire Department members will receive training on the Naloxone kits.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2024-3750: J.BURFITT/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that the minutes for the Council Meeting held on March 27, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – MARCH 27, 2024**

a. **NL Health Services**

Councillor Dunne asked if we have received an update from our meeting with NLHS.

Councillor Brooks entered the meeting at this time

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

8. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Prime Minister's Office**

Received a letter from the Prime Minister's Office acknowledging the letter sent to him by Mayor Matthews regarding Scotiabank closure in Grand Bank. Councillor Dunne advised that he feels the Town should update residence on what the Town has done, and continue to do regarding the closure of the Scotiabank Branch. It was agreed to send out an email.

b. **Roaming Cats**

Received a letter regarding roaming cats.

c. **75th Anniversary Grant**

Received a letter advising the Town is approved for a \$2000.00 grant for the 75th anniversary celebrations.

d. **Fidelity Lodge No. 5 – Masonic Lodge**

Received a letter advising the Masonic Lodge is not in favour of the Town creating and implementing a policy to allow wedding rentals at the Town's building; the Bait Depot. Deputy Mayor Burt asked if we are writing a letter to the Masonic Lodge. Mayor Matthews advised that the Town will be in no direct conflict, as the intent is to have events that all other organizations are not doing.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Deputy Mayor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on April 24, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3751: J.BURFITT/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank allow up to \$2500.00 funding to complete the Legion Room at the Harris House.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3752: S.BURT/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of April 24, 2024 be approved with the exception of items number 5, 16 and 20 as they require a separate motion. It was noted that Councillor Dunne do not approve of the decision to not continue with item number 11. – Splash Pad.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3753: S.BURT/R.BROOKS

Be it resolved that the Town of Grand Bank (Ultimate Receipt) of Municipal Infrastructure Funding Agreement for Riverside Drive East Phase II – Fish Plant Water Main Replacement Project No. 17-GI-23-00086 hereby Delegates it Authority, allowing the CAO and/or Town Clerk to act on its behalf, including paying invoices, approving change orders and managing day-to-day operations with this Project.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3754: S.BURT/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that we the Ultimate Recipient Town of Grand Bank accept cost-shared funding as outlined in the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure project approval letter dated 9th day of November, 2023, Project number AP-MCW-23103C Project name Paving Program – Blackburn Street with a total value of \$96,876. This Council agrees to provide the Ultimate Recipient share value of \$29,281 in funding for this project and authorizes the Mayor and Town Clerk to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure on behalf of the Town of Grand Bank. The Town of Grand Bank would be responsible for any project cost overruns.

Administrative Clerk Osmond entered the meeting at this time.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3755: S.BURT/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank submit an application for funding through Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) to the Department of Industry, Energy and Technology for Phase III of the Grand Bank Downtown Re-Development Project.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Councillor Roger Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on April 24, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3756: R.BROOKS/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Development Committee report of April 24, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

c. Burin Peninsula SPCA

After much discussion on the animal issue in the community it was agreed to contact the Town's Lawyer to discuss legal action.

d. RCMP Report

There was some discussion on concerns that the Town has regarding illegal ATV activity; such as mini bikes driving recklessly and ATV users not following regulations. There was also discussion on drug issues which is a great concern for the Town. Clp. Hiscock talked briefly on the policing presence, and advise the Burin Peninsula RCMP are actively patrolling all areas and have also been foot patrolling the community.

Clp. Hiscock left the meeting at this time.

e. Collaborative Meeting

There was some discussion on the Collaborative Meeting that was held with the Town of Fortune on April 8, 2024. It was agreed to continue with the committee. Mayor Matthews advised the committee to keep CAO Fleming informed.

10. OLD BUSINESS**a. Bait Depot**

After much discussion it was agreed to have a meeting with the organizations that have concern with the Town using the Bait Depot to hold events such as weddings, and other functions to help them better understand that the Town would not hold any event that would be in conflict or is being held elsewhere.

MOTION 2024-3757: R.BROOKS/S.BURT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank proceed with the required repairs to the Bait Depot as planned.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

b. Riverside East - Plantline

Mayor Matthews advised the expected start date of the Riverside East – Plantline project is the middle of May and will be completed in approximately 8-10 weeks.

c. Warming Center Update

Mayor Matthews advised things are moving along as scheduled with the Warming Center.

d. Downtown Redevelopment

CAO Fleming advised he is in the process of submitting the application to ACOA for funding of Phase III of the Downtown Redevelopment Project.

11. NEW BUSINESS**a. Downtown Redevelopment – Phase 4**

Mayor Matthews advised he would like to start a committee for Phase 4 of the Downtown Redevelopment Project to start planning the next stage. The committee consists of: Councillor Brooks, Chairperson, Councillor Blackwood, Co-Chairperson, Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Burton, Administrative Clerk Michelle Osmond, and Special Events Chairperson Elaine Strowbridge.

b. 2024/2024 Capital Works Program

Mayor Matthews advised that the number one priority would be water/sewer upgrades, curb and gutter and pavement on Elizabeth Ave.

c. **Swimming Pool Update**

Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Burton advised there are issues with heat at the building and we are currently troubleshooting to determine the problem.

12. **COUNCILLORS FORUM**

a. **Grand Bank Lions Club**

Mayor Matthews advised that he attended Charter Night at the Lions Club on April 26th and asked Councillor Blackwood to convey to the Lions Club on how great they are doing for the Community. Councillor Dunne advised that this is why the Town would not do anything to be in conflict of organizations, such as the Lions Club, as they do such a great job.

b. **Everwind**

Mayor Matthews asked Councillor Burfitt what the Town needed to do to support the application. Councillor Burfitt advised that Everwind are waiting for approval from the Provincial Government to move forward. He also advised that the Energy Board will soon be having benefit agreements in place that will benefit all Communities around the Peninsula.

c. **Fortune/Grand Bank Ambulance**

Mayor Matthews advised that their will need to be a public notice to explain the transition to NL Health Services.

d. **Community Credit Union Branch**

Councillor Burfitt advised he had a conversation with a representative at the Community Credit Union in Marystown.

MOTION 2024-3758: J.BURFITT/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank write a letter to the Marystown Community Credit Union to ask if they would consider operating a branch in Grand Bank, or hold a meeting to discuss further.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

e. **Lighthouse**

Mayor Matthews advised the Canadian Coast Guard were in Grand Bank last week with a drone reviewing the condition of the Lighthouse, as it is owned by the Federal Government.

f. **Security Cameras**

Deputy Mayor Burt suggested the Town install security cameras on all of our facilities as there has been an increase in criminal activity.

g. **Bridge on Grandview Blvd.**

Councillor Clements asked if there was an update on the bridge repairs. Mayor Matthews advised that MHA Pike was checking into it and he will contact him for an update.

h. **Community Garden**

Councillor Blackwood asked if the Town should continue with a Community Garden as there doesn't seem to be much interest. It was agreed to defer to another time, and to see if we get approval for a grant.

i. **Mass Calling System**

Councillor Dunne advised he is please that the Town is moving forward with the Mass Calling System (Voyent Alert). This will benefit all residents, especially seniors who can get the message on a landline if they do not have a cell phone or internet.

j. Burin SPCA

Councillor Burfitt advised that the 50+ Club recently collected money and food to donate to the Burin SPCA.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2024-3759: S.BURT/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:51 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED