

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #10 for 2024 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 4:06 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 2024-3809: S.BURT/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION**

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS**

11. a.) Change Water Tower to Pump House.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2024-3810: J.BURFITT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the minutes for the Council Meeting held on September 23, 2024 be approved with the change to item 11. a.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3811: S.BURT/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that the minutes for the Special Meeting held on October 8, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3812: R.BROOKS/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the minutes for the Special Meeting held on October 16, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a. **Deer Lake**

Received a letter requesting municipalities to sign a petition to the Commission for complaints for telecom services requesting reliable cell service across the island. It was agreed to sign the petition.

b. **Resident Concerns**

Received an email expressing opposition to the Burin Peninsula Wind Farm Project and requesting not only a written reply from the Council, but a public response as well. It was agreed to reply to the email advising that Council are aware of the concerns. No request have formally been forwarded to the Town from Everwind Fuels to respond to, or from the Provincial Government.

8. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**a. Municipal Assessment Agency**

Received a letter regarding an update on the Agency. Also advised the assessment services will remain at \$26.00 per parcel and tenant for 2025.

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

Deputy Mayor Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on October 16, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3813: S.BURT/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of October 16, 2024 be approved with changes to item #4. Further review of the inventory at the Bait Depot. #14. d.) Defer back to the Finance Committee for further review. Item #15. Defer back to the Finance Committee for further review on a cost if a grant is approved.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3814: S.BURT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank pay off the lease with RCAP Leasing with respect to Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) in the amount of ~ \$105,000 as the Town received approval for funding from the Fire Protection Financial Assistance Grant.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3815: S.BURT/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank accept the 2023 Audited Financial Statement as presented by the accounting company, Byron Smith Chartered Professional Accountant.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

b. Development Committee

Councillor Roger Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on October 16, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3816: R.BROOKS/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the Development Committee report of October 16, 2024 be approved with a change to item #6 - Deferred to the Finance Committee for recommendation.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

c. Theatre Report

Councillor Angela Blackwood presented a written report of an update on the Theatre.

MOTION 2024-3817 A.BLACKWOOD/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the Theatre report be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

d. Accessibility Committee

Councillor Colin Clements presented a written report of an update on the Accessibility Committee.

MOTION 2024-3818 C.CLEMENTS/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Accessibility Committee report be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

e. **Collaboration Committee**

Deputy Mayor Stan Burt presented a written report of the Terms of Reference for the Collaboration Committee.

MOTION 2024-3819 J.BURFITT/S.BURT

Motioned that The Town of Grand Bank recommends only have three (3) committee members from each Council.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Partanna Building Update**

Mayor Matthews advised there is positive feedback on the purchase of the building and hopeful that we will see some movement soon.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Deputy Mayor Burt advised that with all of the recent crime in our community we should engage in a neighbourhood watch program. It was agreed to contact Crime Stoppers and the RCMP for a meeting.

b. **Remembrance Day**

Mayor Matthews advised there are two ceremonies taking place on November 11th. One the Town is holding at the War Memorial at 11:00 a.m., the other being held at Burin Living at 2:00 p.m. He strongly encouraged Council to attend both ceremonies.

12. **COUNCILLORS FORUM**

a. **Scotiabank Building**

Mayor Matthews advised that he strongly disagrees with having any discussion or contact with Scotiabank with respect to the Town purchasing their building, and will vigorously oppose any attempt to purchase the building for a Town Hall. He feels that the building will cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars to purchase, operate, and maintain, and these funds should go into aging infrastructure such as streets, water systems, etc. The current Town Hall location at the Former Federal building provides adequate space to function very efficiently. Purchasing the former Scotiabank property will more than double what taxpayers are currently paying for office space with absolutely no benefit to anyone. Councillor Burfitt, Councillor Dunne, and Deputy Mayor Burt expressed their thoughts on the issue as well and requested to have a letter written to Scotiabank to see their intentions on the property. Further discussion would take place after their response.

b. **Bridge near Red Harbour on Highway 210**

Councillor Dunne advised the bridge near Red Harbour failed inspection, therefore will be still down to one lane of traffic for the unforeseeable future. This is a great concern to not only drivers, but especially the Ambulance and RCMP for emergencies. It was agreed to write the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding this serious situation.

c. **Interviews - Radio**

Councillor Dunne advised he felt CAO Fleming and Mayor Matthews did a great job on their radio interviews regarding the closure of Scotiabank. Councillor Dunne also advised that he didn't feel Mayor Matthews used a good choice of words in his interview regarding the recent hydraulic oil from a garbage truck in the community recently as he feels this was inappropriate representing the Town. Mayor Matthews advised that was his choice of words and he can speak how he feels.

d. Welcome Director of Operations and Facilities Manager Joe Periera

Councillor Clements welcomed Joe, as he wasn't here at the last meeting.

e. Flags

Councillor Brooks asked if the Remembrance Day Flags will be going up soon. Director of Operations and Facilities Manager Joe Periera advised that it is scheduled to go up tomorrow.

f. Grand Bank Development Corporation

Councillor Burfitt advised the Grand Bank Development Corporation is currently in the process of filling the temporary vacancy.

g. Marine Drive

Deputy Mayor Burt advised he has received complaints regarding the culvert on Marine Drive. He asked if someone could speak to the individual. CAO Fleming advised that Working Foreman has visited the home owner and also advised him that the culvert is clear.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS**a. Christmas Dinner**

Administrative Clerk Osmond advised the Christmas Dinner will take place on December 6th.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2024-3820: C.CLEMENTS/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:37 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED