

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #11 for 2024 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 4:02 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

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

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2024-3821: J.BURFITT/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the agenda be adopted with the addition of item 10. c. Edwin Street Culvert Replacement.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION**

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS**

12. a.) Add: 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.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2024-3822: D.DUNNE/C.CLEMENTS

Motioned that the minutes for the Privileged Meeting held on October 21, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3823: A.BLACKWOOD/J.BURFITT

Motioned that the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 21, 2024 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – OCTOBER 21, 2024**

a. **Grand Bank Development Corporation (GBDC)**

Councillor Brooks questioned if the GBDC in Grand Bank has hired anyone for their vacant position. Councillor Burfitt advised they have hired Ms. Nadine Lundrigan, of Burin, for a six (6) month term.

b. **Bridge**

Councillor Dunne questioned if a letter was sent to the Minister of Transportation and Works regarding the condition of the Bridge on Highway 210. CAO Fleming advised it was asked to be brought to the Joint Council Committee to be brought forward on behalf of all Towns on the Peninsula. Councillor Dunne advised he would still like a letter to be forwarded on behalf of the Town and copy the MHA and MP.

c. **Remembrance Day Service**

Councillor Dunne advised he felt the Remembrance Day Service went great and it was a beautiful day.

d. **Cell Phone Coverage**

Councillor Burfitt advised a resolution was passed during the MNL Conference in Gander last week to lobby the Government and carriers to review the cell phone coverage around the province as this is a major safety concern.

**7. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION****a. Resident Concern**

Received an email advising of water issues. After some discussion on environmental changes, location of the issue, it was agreed to have the Outside Forman investigate the area again.

**8. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION****a. Municipal and Provincial Affairs**

Received a letter advising that due to the 2025 municipal general election falling on the same day as the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, the date of the municipal general election has been deferred to October 2, 2025.

**b. Canada Post**

Received a letter advising they have been piloting the installation of ATMs in certain post offices.

**c. Department of Transportation and Infrastructure**

Received a letter advising the Department of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada has announced the launch of the \$1 billion Direct Delivery Stream of the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund. Deadline is March 31, 2025.

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

Councillor Roger Brooks, Committee Member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on November 13, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3824: R.BROOKS/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of November 13, 2024 be approved with deferring item #2 back to the Finance Committee for further review, exception of item #3 for a separate motion, and item #10. c. for a separate motion.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3825: J.BURFITT/D.DUNNE

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank purchase a telescope at approximately \$5,000.00 for Bennett's Hill Lookout as part of tourism to be erected on the wood landing next to the information sign.

4 Ayes (Councillors Brooks, Burfitt, Clements, and Dunne) 2 Nay (Mayor Matthews, Councillor Blackwood)

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2024-3826: R.BROOKS/A.BLACKWOOD

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 Jack Burfitt, Committee Member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on November 13, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3827: J.BURFITT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the Development Committee report of November 13, 2024 be approved with deferring item #5 to the next meeting.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**c. Collaboration Committee**

Councillor Jack Burfitt, Committee Member, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on November 5, 2024.

MOTION 2024-3828: J.BURFITT/A.BLACKWOOD

Motioned that the Collaboration Committee report of November 5, 2024 be approved with deferring item #1 to the Finance Committee.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**d. MNL Convention Update**

Councillor Jack Burfitt presented a written report of the Convention held in Gander, from November 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. Deputy Mayor Burt and Councillor Burfitt attended the convention and advised it was very informative.

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

CAO Fleming advised everything is still proceeding as planned. An email will be sent out to residents when more information is available on the project.

**b. Warming Centre**

MOTION 2024-3829: R.BROOKS/R.C.MATTHEWS

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank upgrade the electrical panel at the Salvation Army Citadel to allow for conversion from oil furnace to an electrical system at a cost of approximately \$15,000.00 plus HST.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

**c. Edwin Street**

CAO Fleming advised that Meridian Engineering have been awarded the contract. They recommend the culvert be replaced immediately for safety reasons. Meridian will issue a tender for the installation of the culvert this year with a tender for the road work to be done in the spring of 2025.

**11. NEW BUSINESS****a. Election - Mayor**

Councillor Dunne advised that he is not planning on running for the Mayor's seat in the next election; however a couple of residents have asked him why there is a separate election for Mayor. Mayor Matthews advised that if someone wants to become the Mayor they will go out and work for that position, and shouldn't be worried about defeat. It is the residents right to choose their mayor, not just Councillors. Councillor Burfitt advised he rather leave it as is at this time, Deputy Mayor Burt advised we can always discuss further at a later time.

**12. COUNCILLORS FORUM****a. Remembrance Day Service**

Mayor Matthews congratulated Director of Operations and Facilities Manager Periera on arranging a successful 1<sup>st</sup> Remembrance Day Service and thank you to Deputy Mayor Burt to filling in his place during the ceremony and today for the meeting. Mayor Matthews also congratulated Councillor Dunne on receiving recognition for the Governor General Award Exemplary Service in EMS.

Mayor Matthews left the meeting at this time.

**b. Equipment at the Harris House**

Deputy Mayor Burt advised he received a call from the Chairperson of the Heritage Society advising any equipment that belongs to the Heritage Society must stay in the building unless permission is granted to use it from the committee.

**c. Budget**

Deputy Mayor Burt advised a budget meeting will be held next week when everyone can be in attendance. CAO Fleming advised he will send out the information for review this week.

**d. ATV's**

Councillor Clements advised ATV's and Dirtbikes are constantly driving around on town streets and at high speeds.

**e. Remembrance Day Service**

Councillor Blackwood congratulated everyone on a great Remembrance Day Service. She also advised that there will be a Christmas show at the Grand Bank Theatre on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

**f. Remembrance Day Service**

Councillor Dunne questioned if a portion of the streets can be closed off next year so traffic doesn't interfere in the Service. This is something that will be checked out for next year.

**g. Remembrance Day Service**

Councillor Brooks advised the Service went great and the weather was nice. Also, advised that maybe the grocery store can ask the delivery trucks to offload on the other side of the building in the future on this day as it causes a lot of noise.

**h. Bait Depot**

Deputy Mayor advised the area around the Bait Depot is dark. Town Clerk Patten advised a street light is ordered, just waiting on NL Power to install. Deputy Mayor also thanked everyone for their support today while he chaired the council meeting and thank you to everyone involved on a great Remembrance Day Service.

**13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS****a. Security Cameras**

Director of Operations and Facilities Manage Periera advised cameras will be placed on the Bait Depot.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 2024-3830: J.BURFITT/R.BROOKS

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED