

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting #2 for 2022 of the Grand Bank Town Council was held on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Grand Bank 50+ Club.

Mayor Rex C. Matthews (via telephone), Deputy Mayor Clayton Welsh, Councillors George Bennett, Angela Blackwood, Roger Brooks, Jack Burfitt, and Stan Burt attended along with Town Manager Wayne Bolt, Recreation/Operations/Maintenance Director Tom Burton and Administrative Clerk Michelle Patten. Town Clerk Sheila Dolimount is on holidays.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION 2022-3459: G. BENNETT/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

3. **DELEGATION**

4. **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS – FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION 2022-3460: J. BURFITT/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the minutes for February 7, 2022 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

a. **Delegation**

Councillor Blackwood questioned if the property on Blackburn Road was sold. Councillor Brooks advised that it is.

b. **The Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs**

Councillor Blackwood advised that she attended the Virtual Information Sessions on the Municipal Code of Conduct and within the next 3-6 months it will be mandatory for all Councillors and Staff to attend.

c. **Capital Works – Plant Waterline**

Town Manager Bolt advised the drawings have been submitted to Government, waiting on their approval.

d. **Downtown Development – Phase II**

Councillor Bennett questioned if Phase II will affect the plant waterline. Town Manager Bolt advised that it shouldn't.

e. **Dam Project Update**

Councillor Burt questioned if there were any updates on the Dam. Mayor Matthews advised that we have gone over the amount provided by Government and will need to finish the project from the Town's money.

MOTION 2022-3461: J. BURFITT/S.BURT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank pay the remaining cost of approximately \$40,000.00 to complete the Dam Project.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

7. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a. **Eastern Health**

Received an email regarding the Community Health Initiative Fund. Recreation Director Burton advised he has applied for this.

b. The Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs

- * Received a letter regarding the Joint Working Group on Regionalization Reports and Recommendations.
- * Received a letter regarding Municipal Come Home Year Celebration Grant. We have received the \$2000.00 grant.

c. The Lymphedema Association of NL

- * Received an email noting that March 6 is World Lymphedema Day

**Proclamation
World Lymphedema Day
March 6, 2022**

Whereas, lymphedema is a chronic and debilitating disease, characterized by an accumulation of lymphatic fluid that causes swelling of the arms, legs or other areas of the body and which can cause disfigurement, disabilities, discomfort, pain and distress and impair quality of life;

Whereas, patients with lymphedema may struggle with pain and swelling, may have recurring severe infection cause by lymphedema, and may experience financial and psychological strains due to the difficulties of managing their disease;

Whereas, while there are cases of primary lymphedema that are inherited, most cases are secondary that developed as a result of trauma, infection, surgery, radiation therapy or removal of lymph nodes, including cancer treatment;

Whereas, gaps in research, education and effective treatments exist, and more knowledge about lymphedema is needed to achieve timely diagnosis, management and care and to develop more effective treatments;

Whereas, lymphedema is estimated to affect 2.8% of the population, or 14,600 people in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador;

Whereas, the Lymphedema Association of Newfoundland and Labrador is a registered charity, dedicated to ensuring all lymphedema patients have access to information, support and treatment, thereby promoting healthy and hopeful living with lymphedema;

Whereas, March 6 of each year is internationally recognized as *World Lymphedema Day* to raise awareness about this disease and the treatment options available;

Therefore, I, Clayton Welsh, Deputy Mayor of the Town of Grand Bank, do hereby proclaim March 6, 2022 be observed as *World Lymphedema Day* in Grand Bank.

MOTION 2022-3462: S. BURT/G. BENNETT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank proclaim March 6, 2022 as World Lymphedema day.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

8. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

a. Office of Peter Julian, MP

Received an email requesting the endorsement of Bill C-229 - Banning Symbols of Hate Act.

b. The Department of Tourism, Culture, and Recreation

Received a copy of a letter that was sent to the Grand Bank Heritage Society advising they were approved for the Physical Activity and Healthy Eating Grant of \$990.00.

c. The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

Received a letter regarding the Adoption of NFPA 2020 and of Electrical Design Considerations.

d. **MMSB**

MMSB is announcing a new initiative to shed light on waste management in the province. A zoom meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Deputy Mayor Welsh advised he will attend.

e. **Cancer Care Foundation**

Received an email informing of the Foundations name change.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. **Finance Committee**

Councillor Stan Burt, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on February 23, 2022.

MOTION 2022-3463: S. BURT/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Finance Committee report of February 23, 2022 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2022-3464: S. BURT/G. BENNETT

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 \$21,565.95 for Waste Water Effluent Monitoring and Sampling.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

b. **Development Committee**

Councillor Roger Brooks, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on February 23, 2022.

MOTION 2022-3465: R. BROOKS/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the Development Committee report of February 23, 2022 be approved as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

c. **Come Home Year Committee**

Councillor George Bennett, Committee Chairperson, presented a written report of a meeting the Committee held on February 22, 2022. After some discussion regarding the location of the events and the recruitment of volunteers, a decision was made to hold a meeting between the Come Home Year Committee, Recreation Director Burton and Town Manager Bolt.

MOTION 2022-3466: G. BENNETT/S. BURT

Motioned that the Come Home Year Committee report be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

d. **Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board**

Deputy Mayor Welsh, Director, presented a written report of a meeting the Board held on January 19, 2022.

MOTION 2022-3467: J. BURFITT/R. BROOKS

Motioned that the Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board be accepted as presented.

ALL IN FAVOUR MOTION CARRIED

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. Swimming Pool

Councillor Burfitt questioned if any information was retrieved regarding a removable floor. Mayor Matthews advised we would need to engage in a structural engineer to assess the cost and if it is possible. Also, we have to keep in mind the cost of heating the building year round. Town Manager Bolt also advised that Bennett's are going to investigate the leak in the pool area in early Spring.

MOTION 2022-3468: J. BURFITT/S. BURT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank engage in a structural engineer to determine if it is possible and the cost to construct a floor over the pool so it can be utilized 12 months of the year.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. COUNCILLORS FORUM

a. Emails

Councillor Blackwood expressed concern over an email she forwarded to the Town to go out on our mass email system. Town Manager Bolt advised we usually try to condense emails as much as possible to just include key points. Deputy Mayor Welsh suggested forwarding the revised email to the committee before we send it out on the Town's email system.

b. Meeting Dates

Councillor Blackwood requested Council Meetings be changed from the last Monday of each month to the third Monday.

MOTION 2022-3469: J. BURFITT/S. BURT

Motioned that the Town of Grand Bank change the monthly meetings from the last Monday of each month to the third.

AYES (Bennett, Blackwood, Brooks, Burfitt, Burt, Welsh) NAYS (Matthews)
MOTION CARRIED

c. Lewis Hills

Councillor Burfitt advised he was asked by a resident for permission to take windfall wood at Lewis Hills. Town Manager Bolt will contact the Department of Forestry for their recommendation.

d. Ice Rink

Councillor Burfitt advised there is funding available for ice rinks. Recreation Director Burton advised he made several calls on the ice rinks. There is a lot of work to develop, construct, maintain, and would require volunteers to monitor it 24/7 to ensure the ice surface is suitable, etc. Councillor Blackwood suggested sending out an email to see if there are people willing to dedicate their time to volunteer.

e. Fire Truck

Councillor Brooks questioned if the Fire Truck will be put inside again. Town Manager Bolt advised the truck will be moved inside soon, she was left out due to the CEEP project and work being done inside.

f. Gardens

Councillor Brooks questioned if there are any grants for raised gardens. Recreation Director Burton was asked to check on applications for funding. Maybe the Town can partner with other groups such as the Community Youth Network, 50+ Club, etc. to develop, construct, and maintain these gardens.

g. Recruiting Volunteers

Councillor Burt suggested that maybe the Town could look into a tax credit to people who volunteer in the Community, with the exclusion of Council members. Deputy Mayor said, this is a good idea, but Council would be in conflict.

h. RCMP Detachment

Councillor Burfitt questioned if the RCMP Detachment would be safe for a Town Hall as they are still using it. Mayor Matthews advised it is his understanding another business has inquired about the building and we wouldn't compete with another business.

i. Town of St. Lawrence

Mayor Matthews suggested that the Town would write a letter to the Mayor of St. Lawrence to advise them that our Town will support them in any way we can. The news of the closure of the CFI Mine is devastating for St. Lawrence and the Region.

j. Human Resources

Mayor Matthews advised job opportunities have been posted for outside positions. Nothing official yet from the Town Manager and Town Clerk on their retirement.

k. Loader

Councillors Brooks questioned when the new Loader would arrive? Town Manager Bolt advised, possibly by the middle of March.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

a. Funding

Recreation Director Burton advised the Town has received funding for the Municipal Come Home Year Celebrations Grant 2022 in the amount of \$2000.00, the Community Come Home Year MMSB Clean-up Project 2022 in the amount of \$2000.00, and the Active NL Fund has been applied for from the Town.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2022-3470: S. BURT/J. BURFITT

Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

MOTION CARRIED