**Village of Grand Manan**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Grand Manan Community Centre**

**December 3, 2012**

**Calling to Order**

Mayor Dennis Greene called this meeting to order @ 7:30 pm

**Attendance**

Mayor Dennis Greene, Deputy Mayor Robert Moses, Councillors Jane Cary, Bonnie Morse, Kirk Cheney, Pete Sesplankis, Jayne Turner, Mark Ingersoll and Phil Ells Jr, CAO Rob MacPherson, Clerk/Asst. Treasurer Melanie Frost, Treasurer/Asst. Clerk Alyssa Calder, Constable Joe Roy, 7 members of the public and 2 GMTV workers

**Prayer**

Prayer was offered by Pastor Kirk Perry

**Opening Remarks**

* Dr. Dapena was awarded the Diamond Jubilee Medal in Fredericton, he was represented by a family member
* The Boys & Girls Club held another successful telethon. The Village Council would like to remind people to Honour their Pledges and thank the people who volunteered their time to help make this a success
* The Annual Tree Lighting was well attended despite the cold weather. Thank you to the people for coming out to this event and also thank you to our Village staff Melanie, Alyssa and Councillor Jane Cary for hosting this event
* The Christmas Market was a great success with approximately 70 vendors
* We are entering into the Christmas Season with Christmas Parties and visits with friends. We as a Council are asking people who have been celebrating this season to not drink and drive, please arrange for a Designated Driver.
* Mayor Greene and Council would like to wish everyone a joyous Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

**Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

None at this time

**Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Phil Ells Jr, seconded by Councillor Kirk Cheney to adopt the minutes of November 5, 2012

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 12-157*

**Additions to the Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Phil Ells Jr, seconded by Councillor Bonnie Morse to add to the Agenda Gas Tax Audit, 8.4 Old Business, Park Place Carpentry Invoice, 13 Approval to Pay the Following Invoices and Public Bus Service, 10.2 Correspondence

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 12-158*

Moved by Councillor Bonnie Morse, seconded by Councillor Jane Cary to add to the Agenda, Community Funding Announcement, 10.3 Correspondence

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 12-159*

**RCMP Report**

Constable Joe Roy read the RCMP report

**Old Business**

 **Letter from Anzonette Brown**

Mayor Greene read a letter from Anzonette Brown requesting enforcement of by-laws and acts on property

Moved by Councillor Jane Cary, seconded by Councillor Pete Sesplankis to request the Province to investigate the fire damaged property identified as Ronnie Brown’s property lot adjacent to 489 Route 776, for safety issues

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 12-160*

 **Four Year Strategic Plan**

Moved by Councillor Bonnie Morse, seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses for Council to have comments in on the Four Year Strategic Plan by Friday December 15, 2012 to go to publication both in a mail out and publication with the St. Croix Courier, Quoddy Tides and Island Times with the Mayor adding “Seasons Greetings” in the preamble to the public

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 12-161*

**Regionalization**

Mayor Greene updated Council on Regionalization, to date unable to determine any benefit to Grand Manan. A short list of applicants for Executive Director has been developed, the position to be filled by January 1, 2013.

**Gas Tax Agreement**

Moved by Jayne Turner, seconded by Jane Cary that the document entitled Municipality of the Village of Grand Manan Four Year Capital Investment Plan (2010-2013) be adopted

*Motion Unanimously Carried 12-162*

**Correspondence**

 **Letter from Claude Williams, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure**

Mayor Greene read letter in response to Council’s correspondence regarding an increase of the summer schedule for the Grand Manan ferry service. Claude Williams, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure stated in his letter the Province is unable to grant Council’s request to extend the supplemental crossing season by two weeks at the beginning and conclusion of the summer season

**Letter from Larry Lack and Lee Ann Ward Regarding Public Transportation System in Charlotte County**

Mayor Greene read the letter wanting to make Charlotte County residents aware of the communications with our MLA’s regarding the need to have public bus transportation in Charlotte County

**Community Funding Agreement**

Council discussed the significant increase in the policing costs for the Village of Grand Manan. Council is requesting an explanation on the increase. CAO to provide this information to Council at a future Council Meeting

**New Business**

 **Charlotte Coastal Region Tourism Association**

 Ron Beckwith and Carol Baker from the Charlotte County Region Tourism Association made a presentation to Council explaining the benefits of the Association for Grand Manan. A request to maintain the 3K annual surplus from the Village funds

**Letter to Supply and Services, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure**

Moved by Councillor Mark Ingersoll, seconded by Councillor Pete Sesplankis to send a letter to the Province requesting the former Provincial Liquor store, 582 Route 776, to be used for the monthly Provincial Court sitting

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 12-163*

**Boys & Girls Club Telethon Donation**

Mayor Dennis Greene presented Pete Sesplanks, CEO of the Grand Manan Boys & Girls Club with a telethon donation cheque in the amount of $1000.00

**Christmas Dinner**

Moved by Councillor Jane Cary, seconded by Councillor Pete Sesplankis for Council and staff to have a Christmas Dinner and New Year’s Levee

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 12-164*

**Committee Reports**

 **Fire Department Report**

Councillor Phil Ells Jr reported to Council the past months activities of the Fire Department

**Arena Report**

Councillor Kirk Cheney reported to Council the successful activities of the arena for the past few weeks

**Library Report**

Councillor Pete Sesplankis reported to Council the past months activities at the library

**Approval to Pay the Following Invoices**

 **General Operating Fund:**

Moved by Councillor Phil Ells Jr, seconded by Councillor Jayne Turner to pay all listed invoices

MicMac Fire Bunker Gear $2,435.15

Dakin’s Contracting C&D Site $4,440.90

Island Truck Repair Trailer repair/registration $2,735.87

Park Place Arena fire exit $3,554.80

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 12-165*

Moved by Councillor Bonnie Morse, seconded by Councillor Jane Cary to move into Closed Session

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 12-166*

This meeting adjourned into Closed Session @ 8:47pm

This meeting was called back to order @ 9:05pm

**Closed Session**

 **Invoice from K &M Allen Ltd.**

Moved by Councillor Phil Ells Jr, seconded by Councillor Pete Sesplankis request the CAO contact K & M Allen Ltd to advise Council believes the issue is between the parties mentioned and does not involve the Village of Grand Manan

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 12-167*

 **Transfer Station Trucking Tender**

Moved by Councillor Jayne Turner, seconded by Councillor Jane Cary the Transfer Station Trucking Tender be awarded to Dutchmen Construction Ltd

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 12-168*

**Transfer Station Hiring**

Council agrees the Transfer Station hiring interviews will be conducted by the Personnel Committee and the candidates’ names will be given to Council for approval before the New Year

**Next Meeting**

 **Regular Council Meeting**

Grand Manan Community Centre

 January 7, 2013 – 7:30 pm

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Bonnie Morse, seconded by Councillor Mark Ingersoll to adjourn

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 12-169*

This meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm

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