

**Village of Grand Manan
Regular Council Meeting
Remote Meeting
April 14th, 2020**

Calling to Order

Mayor Dennis Greene called this meeting to Order at 7:44 pm.

Attendance

Mayor Dennis Greene, Deputy Mayor Robert Moses, Councillors Kirk Cheney, Bonnie Morse, Tammy Worthen, Wayne Sturgeon, Roger Fitzsimmons, Mark Ingersoll, Mitchell Brown, CAO Rob MacPherson, Clerk/Asst. Treasurer Ami Brownlee, Treasurer/Asst. Clerk Alyssa Calder, Recreation Director Chris Rayner, Members of the Public had access to view this meeting through a live stream.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Councillor Roger Fitzsimmons.

Opening Remarks

- Mayor Dennis Greene answered questions sent in by the Public before the meeting regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic:

1. Q: What plan do we have for this virus?

A: We are operating under the plan set by the Province of New Brunswick.

2. Q: Do we have any test kits on Grand Manan?

A: Yes we do, at the hospital,

3. Q: What if any of us feel like we have it and don't know where to go, we are not allowed on the ferry. Who pays for us to fly?

A: If you feel as though you do have it you can call 8-1-1, you can call the Grand Manan Hospital and explain your symptoms. If they feel like you should be at the hospital they will instruct you to go in and proceed with a test. Mayor Greene assumes the Province of New Brunswick would pay to have anyone flown off the island if it was required.

4. Q: Do we have any masks on the island?

A: Masks available at retail locations are pretty well used up, however homemade masks are available.

5. Q: Why were people allowed to come home this past weekend for Easter for a visit that work in a hospital away? This is not fair for others that have family away that cannot see them.

A: No one was refused travel on the ferry. We are under a state of emergency by the Province of New Brunswick and New Brunswickers cannot be stopped from travelling. All that was in place was an advisory. We advise people not to travel, the same as the Province, Premier, MLA, and the Minister of Public Safety had all advised.

6. Q: *Why are the RCMP not doing their jobs scanning the ferry? It is too late to show up after it leaves. Sitting in your car does not help keep our Island Safe from people coming and going that live away. The virus will catch up with us because there are a lot of people not following rules. We need to step up and make sure we do not allow this virus here. It only takes one person to make Grand Manan a disaster area for this virus, it could be here already.*

A: This question is something the Council has been discussing since day one. You cannot refuse inter-provincial travel to a person in New Brunswick. That is why the RCMP follow the mandate; because it is not law. The only way it would be law is if the Province entered a lock down directed by the Chief Medical Officer. A lock down would mean nobody travels anywhere. We try to encourage people to abide by the regulations and that is all that we can do.

7. Q: *What is the state of the Village of Grand Manan's Emergency preparedness? What is our Emergency Measures Plan?*

A: The current State of Emergency was implemented and is legislated by the Province of New Brunswick and is not under Grand Manan's Emergency Measures Plan. Just prior to the outbreak of the Coronavirus The Grand Manan Volunteer Fire Department had been working with EMO to update the Village Emergency Measures Plan. It is a seventeen page document that states the measures to be taken if there is a local emergency such as a natural disaster. The Plan is very concise and easy to follow. Once we have returned to a normal state, the document will be submitted for Council to review and approve. If there are any questions or changes made it can be done at that time. There has always been an emergency plan in place. This is a new format EMO has drawn up which all communities in the Province must follow.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

There were no Disclosures of Conflict of Interest.

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses, seconded by Councillor Roger Fitzsimmons to adopt the minutes of March 9th, 2020 as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried 42-20

Additions to the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Mark Ingersoll, seconded by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon to add "Woodward's Cove Breakwater" to the Agenda.

Motion Unanimously Carried 43-20

New Business

COVID-19 Update

Mayor Greene mentioned that the Updates released by the Village are the Updates that

come from the Chief Medical Health Officer and addressed the current situation in Canada and to abide by travel advisories and other advisories set in place by the Province.

Woodward's Cove Breakwater

Moved by Councillor Mark Ingersoll, seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses to send a letter and pictures to Small Craft Harbours and cc MP John Williamson regarding the deplorable condition of the Woodward's Cove Breakwater.

Motion Unanimously Carried 44-20

Committee Reports

Recreation Director's Report

Recreation Director Chris Rayner gave his report for the month of March and updated on changes made within the Recreation Department in response to COVID-19.

Approval to Pay the Following Invoices

General Operating Fund

Moved by Councillor Bonnie Morse, seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses to pay the following invoice from the General Operating Fund:

Busch Systems	Garbage/Recycle Bins	\$16,971.69
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Motion Unanimously Carried 45-20

General Capital Fund

Moved by Councilor Kirk Cheney, seconded by Councillor Mark Ingersoll to pay the following invoice from the General Capital Fund:

Simply Seamless Fence	Pickleball Courts	\$25,000.00
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Motion Unanimously Carried 46-20

Transfers Requiring a Motion

Moved by Councillor Kirk Cheney, seconded by Councillor Bonnie Morse to Transfer \$25,000.00 from the Gas Tax Fund to the General Capital Fund.

Motion Unanimously Carried 47-20

Next Meetings

Regular Council Meeting
Remote Meeting (Pending State of Emergency)
May 4th, 2020 – 7:30 pm

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Bonnie Morse, seconded by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon to adjourn.

Motion Unanimously Carried 48-20

This meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Mayor: _____

Clerk: _____

Approval: _____