**Village of Grand Manan**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Grand Manan Community Centre**

**August 8, 2011**

**Calling to Order:**

Mayor Greene called this meeting to order @ 7:32 pm

**Attendance:**

Mayor Dennis Greene, Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox, Councillors, Kirk Cheney, Sherman Ross, Stuart Green, Mark Ingersoll, Wayne Sturgeon, Phil Ells Jr., Chief Administrative Officer Rob MacPherson, Clerk/Asst. Treasurer Melanie Frost, Cst Dave St. Laurent, Cst Keith McLeod, 4 members of the public and 2 GMTV workers.

**Prayer:**

Prayer was offered by Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox

**Opening Remarks**

* Mayor Greene commented on the reason Mayor and Council was not at the Grand Manan Nursing Home meeting with Minister Stultz as they were not notified.
* Mayor Greene thanked Sheldon Frost for his hard work on the successful bluegrass festival held in early July.
* Mayor Greene also thanked the participants and the organizers of the Rotary Festival being a great event.
* Mayor Greene asked that residents of Grand Manan please keep our beautiful Island litter free.
* Mayor Greene addressed the dog by-law: all dogs should be on a leash when not on the owner’s property.
* The Grand Manan Adventure maiden voyage will depart Black’s Harbour at 11:00 am on August 11, 2011 and arrive at Grand Manan at 12:30 pm. The welcoming celebration will be held at 12:50 pm with tours of the Grand Manan Adventure at 1:15 pm. The Grand Manan Adventure’s regular schedule will depart Grand Manan at 3:30 pm. Mayor Greene invited residents out to welcome the Grand Manan Adventure

**Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

No Disclosures at this time

**Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox to amend minutes of July 13, 2011 and adopt the minutes of July 4, 2011 and July 13, 2011 with the correction

*Motion Unanimously Carried 11-101*

**RCMP**

Constable Dave St. Laurent read the RCMP Report

**Old Business**

**Transfer for Holdback Payment to Fitzgerald and Snow**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wilcox, seconded by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon to transfer $150,000.00 from Scotiabank line of credit to the General Capital Fund to pay Fitzgerald and Snow

*Motion Unanimously Carried 11-102*

**Acadian Sea Plants Request for Hay and Sheep Island Harvest**

Moved by Councillor Sherman Ross, seconded by Councillor Stuart Green to support the Grand Manan Fishermen Association’s decision to decline the request as they feel the area may be a bench if scientific studies be needed

*Motion Unanimously Carried 11-103*

**Correspondence**

**Letter from NB Liquor**

Mayor Dennis Greene read letter from Daniel Allain, President & CEO of NB Liquor, thanking Mayor and Council for sharing their concerns with closing the corporate store and establishing and agency store on Grand Manan. Mr. Allain advised the decision has been made to continue with the Request for Proposal process to establish an Agency Store and subsequently close the corporate store on the Island.

**Letter from the Grand Manan Boys & Girls Club**

Mayor Dennis Greene read letter from Pete Sesplankis, ED of the Boys and Girls Club addressing the concerns of the picture and sound quality with cable 10. Rogers conducted tests and learned the quality of the broadcast was with the signal once it left the complex.

**New Business**

**Liquor Sales Hours**

Moved by Councillor Kirk Cheney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox to investigate and get information for the possibility of a by-law to regulate retail hours.

*Motion Defeated 11-104*

*Yes Votes: Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox, Councillors Kirk Cheney, Sherman Ross*

*No Votes: Councillors Wayne Sturgeon, Phil Ells Jr., Stuart Green, Mark Ingersoll*

**Department of Transportation 5 Year Plan**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox, seconded by Councillor Mark Ingersoll to move the date ahead by one year for each function on the 5 year plan

*Motion Unanimously Carried 11-105*

**Dog Control**

Mayor Greene addressed his comments on dog control in his opening remarks

**Plebiscite Question**

Moved by Councillor Mark Ingersoll, seconded by Councillor Phil Ells Jr., whereas the Government of New Brunswick has stated a commitment to remove the fares from the Grand Manan ferry service, and

Whereas no independent expert studies have been conducted to determine impact on the ferry system or Island economy of removal of the ferry fares, and

Whereas the people of Grand Manan are very divided in opinion as to the benefits to the ferry system of removing the fares,

Be it resolved that before the Government implement the removal of fares, the matter be referred to the people of Grand Manan in a ballot question to be included at the time of voting in the municipal election, and

Be it further resolved that the Government undertake independent expert studies into the feasibility of removal of ferry fares and anticipated impact on ferry service and Grand Manan economy and provide the people of Grand Manan with the results of these studies well in advance of the municipal election, and

Be it further resolved that the wording of the ballot question be approved by both the government and the Transportation Committee of Council, and

Be it further resolved that if agreement cannot be reached on wording the ballot question, the wording be referred to the independent, third party conducting the study to finalize

*Motion Carried 11-106*

*Yes votes: Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox, Councillors, Mark Ingersoll, Kirk Cheney, Stuart Green, Phil Ells Jr. and Wayne Sturgeon*

*No votes: Councillor Sherman Ross*

**Grand Manan Library Upgrade Photocopier**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wilcox, seconded by Councillor Stuart Green to table discussion until further information is received from the library

*Motion Unanimously Carried 11-107*

**Committee Reports**

**Fire Department Report**

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

**Approval to Pay the Following Invoices:**

**General Capital Fund**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox, seconded by Councillor Mark Ingersoll to pay the following invoices:

Fundy Engineering Energy Measures NH Hall & $ 2231.75

Business Center

Fundy Engineering Energy Audit Community $ 4915.50

Centre

*Motion Unanimously Carried 11-108*

**General Operating Fund**

Moved by Councillor Mark Ingersoll, seconded by Councillor Phil Ells Jr.

Four Season Sports Ltd. Street line painting $20125.55

*Motion Unanimously Carried 11-109*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox, seconded by Councillor Mark Ingersoll to move into closed session

*Motion Unanimously Carried 11-110*

This meeting was adjourned into Closed Session @ 8:37 pm

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

**Closed Session**

**Contracts for North Head Hall and Business Centre**

Moved by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox to reject all the bids for the North Head Hall and Business Centre

*Motion Unanimously Carried 11-111*

Moved by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon, seconded by Councillor Mark Ingersoll to retender for the North Head Hall and Business Centre

*Motion Carried 11-112*

*Yes votes: Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox, Councillors Kirk Cheney, Stuart Green, Mark Ingersoll, Wayne Sturgeon, Phil Ells Jr.*

*No votes: Councillor Sherman Ross*

**Next Meeting**

**Regular Council Meeting**

Grand Manan Community Centre

September 12, 2011 @ 7:30 pm

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon, seconded by Councillor Mark Ingersoll

*Motion Unanimously Carried 11-113*

This meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm

Mayor:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Clerk:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Approval:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_