**Village of Grand Manan**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Grand Manan Community Centre**

**December 5, 2011 – 7:30 pm**

**Calling to Order**

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

**Attendance**

Mayor Dennis Greene, Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox, Councillors Phil Ells Jr, Kevin Travis, Wayne Sturgeon, Maurice Green, Kirk Cheney, Stuart Green, Mark Ingersoll, CAO Rob MacPherson, Clerk Asst./Treasurer Melanie Frost, Treasurer/Asst. Clerk Alyssa Calder, 6 members of the public and 2 GMTV workers.

**Prayer**

Pastor Kirk Perry

**Opening Remarks**

**-**Mayor Green welcomed our Treasurer/Asst. Clerk, Alyssa Calder back to work from her maternity leave

**-**The first day of lobster fishing, the weather was excellent, catch was average for most fishermen but fuel and bait costs were up, making the dollar value down.

**-**There was a large turnout for the Remembrance Day service

**-**Scott Jackson, station manager for Rogers Cable, advised to Mayor Greene they have no plans to not provide cable service to Grand Manan.

**-**The Boys & Girls Club Telethon was a great success. Mayor Greene thanked all the donors, volunteers who worked the telethon and the staff of Scotiabank

**-**The Rotary Auction was also a great success

**-**The Mars Bar Mezzanine project in the arena will be completed before Christmas

**-**The arena is in full swing with skating, hockey and public skates

**-**Mayor Greene wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year

**Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

No disclosures at this time

**Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Travis, seconded by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon to adopt the minutes of November 7, 2011

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 11-142*

**Old Business**

 **Acquisition of Swallow Tail**

Moved by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon, seconded by Councillor Kirk Cheney with authorization to move forward with the agreement with Department of Fisheries and Oceans to purchase the Swallow Tail property for $1.00 with the Mayor being authorized to sign on behalf of the Village of Grand Manan

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 11-143*

**Ten Minute Open Session**

Stanley Fleet thanked the Village of Grand Manan, Mayor, Councillors and office staff for the construction of the Community Center thus improving the quality of life for the Island residents

**Correspondence**

 **Letter from Teddy Wilson**

Expressing his opinion on the Council and staff having a Christmas dinner should not come from tax payer’s money

**New Business**

 **Action Ministries Use of Castalia Hall for another Year**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox, seconded by Councillor Maurice Green approving Action Ministries continued use of Castalia Hall for another year term

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 11-144*

**Tax Receipt Issued for Arena Donation**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox, seconded by Councillor Stuart Green that donations to the Grand Manan Community Arena be funded through the Village Office with a tax receipt issued when necessary

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 11-145*

**Thank You Letter to Mars Bar Company**

Moved by Councillor Kirk Cheney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox to send a thank you letter to the Mars Bar Company for selecting Grand Manan for their commercial and funding for the mezzanine

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 11-146*

**Committee Reports**

 **Fire Department Report**

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

 **Library Report**

Councillor Wayne Sturgeon reported the past months activities from the Library

**Approval to Pay the Following Invoices:**

 **General Operating Fund**

Moved by Councillor Maurice Green, seconded by Councillor Mark Ingersoll to pay the following invoices:

Halifax Seed Company Rescue Saw $ 2,094.76

Waterfront Fabricating Flag Poles $ 2,123.45

Nova Scotia Firefighters School Training $ 4,000.00

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 11-147*

**General Capital Fund**

Moved by Councillor Mark Ingersoll, seconded by Councillor Phil Ells Jr. to pay the following invoices:

Davidson Food Equipment Canteen Equipment $14,565.70

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 11-148*

**Next Meeting**

 **Regular Council Meeting**

Grand Manan Community Centre

 January 9, 2011 @ 7:30 pm

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 11-149*

This meeting was adjourned @ 8:10 pm

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Clerk\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Approval\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_