**Village of Grand Manan**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Grand Manan Community Centre**

**February 7, 2011 – 7:30 pm**

**Calling to Order:**

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

**Attendance:**

Mayor Dennis Greene, Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox, Councillors Wayne Sturgeon, Kevin Travis, Mark Ingersoll, Kirk Cheney, Stuart Green, Sherman Ross, Chief Administrative Officer Rob MacPherson, Clerk/Asst. Treasurer Melanie Frost, Corporal Gerald Bigger, 3 Members of the Public and 2 GMTV Workers

**Prayer:**

Prayer was offered by Deputy Mayor Wilcox

**Opening Remarks:**

- Mayor Greene acknowledged the harsh winter weather Grand Manan has endured over the past month.

- The activities at the arena have been on going with much success and great attendance.

- Mayor Greene on behalf of the Council thanked the arena volunteers for their hard work.

- Comments from residents who had negative feelings about the arena now after seeing the activities and the children, young adults and seniors enjoying themselves are now very positive about the facility.

- Mayor Greene has had requests from the TV audience to ask Council members not to click pens during the Council meeting, and to please speak into the microphones with a loud and clear voice.

- Mayor Greene thanked Larry Small on the great job constructing the new Council tables.

- Mayor Greene also mentioned that the Council Chambers is not only used for Council meetings, but is used by the public and other groups to hold meetings.

- Mayor Greene commented that there has been some problems at the arena with water, heat and ice since the opening January 1, 2011, and asks that people have patience as this is a learning experience for everyone and the problems will soon be overcome.

**Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:**

No disclosures at this time

**Adoption of Minutes:**

Moved by Councillor Travis, seconded by Councillor Ingersoll to adopt the minutes of January 10, 2011 as circulated

Motion Unanimously Carried 11-16

**Additions to Agenda:**

Moved by Councillor Sturgeon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wilcox that an additional item, sale of Village property at the Whistle be added to the Agenda for the Closed Session

Motion Unanimously Carried 11-17

**RCMP Report:**

Corporal Gerald Bigger read the RCMP Report

**Old Business:**

**Open Session**

CAO MacPherson reports to Council the interpretation of Council participation in Open Session, i.e. whether Council can respond at the time of presentation. CAO MacPherson’s opinion is that the spirit of the By-Law is to prevent a response during the Open Session. CAO MacPherson found it interesting that our Council is one of the few that have Open Session as part of the Agenda. If residents, in other communities want to address Council they will first submit it in writing and ask to be placed on the Agenda, also must state the subject they wish to discuss.

**Define a Storm:**

Moved by Councillor Travis, seconded by Councillor Cheney to refer definition of a storm to the Property Committee

Motion Unanimously Carried 11-18

**Open Session:**

Sharon Greenlaw addressed her concerns too many items being discussed in Closed Session. She would like to see fewer items under Closed Session.

**Correspondence:**

**Letter of Thanks from Charlotte County Dial A Ride**

A letter of thanks was received from Charlotte County Dial A Ride thanking the Council for their donation of $1000.00

**Letter from Enterprise Charlotte**

Inviting the Village of Grand Manan to provide names for consideration by the Enterprise Charlotte Nominations Committee as it moves forward with the 2011-2012 nominating process for board positions with Enterprise Charlotte.

**Letter of Thanks from the Grand Manan Animal Welfare League**

A letter of thanks from the Grand Manan Animal Welfare League thanking the Council for their donation of $2000.00

**New Business**

**Grand Manan Library Board**

Moved by Councillor Sturgeon, seconded by Councillor Cheney approval for Ramona Card to fill a vacant position on the Library Board

Motion Unanimously Carried 11-19

**Old Forklift (Daewoo)**

Moved by Councillor Stuart Green, seconded by Councillor Travis to declare the Village Daewoo Forklift surplus and to sell via public tender

Motion Unanimously Carried 11-20

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire Department Report:**

Mayor Dennis Green reported to Council the past months activities of the Fire Department

**Arena Report:**

Councillor Sturgeon and Councillor Cheney reported to Council the new arena continues to be well used by residents of all ages. The operation of the facility by dedicated volunteers is very gratifying

**Charlotte County Regional Tourism Association Report:**

Councillor Cheney reported to Council

**Approval to Pay the Following Invoices:**

**General Operation Fund:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wilcox, seconded by Councillor Travis to pay the following invoices:

Joel Hansen Law Office Airport Lease $ 1590.08

U.M.N.B Membership Fee $ 2400.00

Manan Waste Management Snow Removal January 2011 $ 3096.20

Motion Unanimously Carried 11-21

**General Capital Fund:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wilcox, seconded by Councillor Stuart Green to pay the following invoices:

Fitzgerald & Snow Billing No. 5 $125429.13

Source One Supplies Scrubber Rental $ 1504.43

Motion Unanimously Carried 11-22

Moved by Councillor Travis, seconded by Councillor Ingersoll that we move into Closed Session

Motion Unanimously Carried 11-23

This meeting adjourned into Closed Session at 8:04 p.m.

This meeting was called back to order at 8:27 p.m.

**Closed Session:**

**Physicians House Rental**

Moved by Councillor Stuart Green, seconded by Councillor Kevin Travis to offer Dr. Aliabadi the physician’s house rental after the departure of the present Doctors

Motion Unanimously Carried 11-24

**Whistle Road Barn Rental**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wilcox, seconded by Councillor Ingersoll that Council deny the request by Mr. Stephen Bass to rent the barn on the property owned by the Village to enable him to conduct his dulse business for the upcoming summer. The Village uses the building for storage and close proximity to the adjacent Doctor’s residence are the reasons for denying the request

Motion Unanimously Carried 11-25

**Land at the Whistle**

Moved by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Ingersoll to accept offer to purchase lot 11.1 Whistle Road with conditions as noted on the offer to purchase

Motion Unanimously Carried 11-26

**Next Meeting**

**Regular Council Meeting**

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March 7, 2011 – 7:30 pm

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Councillor Sturgeon, seconded by Councillor Travis

Motion Unanimously Carried 11-27

This meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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

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

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