**Village of Grand Manan
Regular Council Meeting
Grand Manan Community Centre
March 6th, 2017**

**Calling to Order**Mayor Dennis Greene called this meeting to Order at 7:30 pm.

**Attendance**Mayor Dennis Greene, Deputy Mayor Robert Moses, Councillors Mitchell Brown, Mark Ingersoll, Roger Fitzsimmons, Jayne Turner, Wayne Sturgeon, Kirk Cheney, CAO Rob MacPherson, Treasurer/Asst. Clerk Alyssa Calder, Clerk/Asst. Treasurer Ami Brownlee, RCMP Constable Matthew Paynter, Pastor Steven Brown, 9 Members of the Public and 3 GMTV workers.
Absent: Councillors Bonnie Morse, Tammy Worthen and Recreation Director Chris Rayner.

**Prayer**Prayer was offered by Pastor Steven Brown.

**Opening Remarks**- Mayor Greene addressed the arrival of the Property Tax Bills. The tax increase was $0.01 per $100.00; however, property assessments also increased.
- February was difficult month weather wise. Mayor Greene commented that he has been Highway Supervisor for 34 years and has never seen so much snow accumulate in three days. We can now look forward to spring weather which will be here in no time.
- When looking at events unfolding in other parts of the world, we should be very thankful to live in a place like Grand Manan and a part of Canada. We live in a great country and community.
- Go-Go Gymnastics is in the Community Centre Gym this week for a March Break Day Camp. People are encouraged to stop in and have a look at what they do.
- The Doctor who was expected to arrive two weeks ago is no longer coming. This puts quite a strain on current hospital staff. Councillor Turner, Deputy Mayor Moses, CAO MacPherson and Mayor Greene will be attending a meeting in Fredericton on March 15th with Minister Boudreau (Minister of Health), MLA Rick Doucet, and Dr. Howlett from Horizon Health. Discussions will be regarding Doctors on Grand Manan and having their salaries comparable to on-call doctors on the mainland. The Village has arranged housing for a new Doctor whenever one is able to come to Grand Manan.
- Curl for Cancer was held this past weekend at the Curling Club. All money collected will remain in Charlotte County. Grand Manan raised around $9,000.00. Thank you to everyone who participated and especially to Dickie Morgan. He is one of the organizers and one of the primary fundraisers.

**Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**There were no Disclosures of Conflict of Interest

**Adoption of Minutes**Moved by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses to adopt the Minutes of February 6th, 2017.

*Motion Unanimously Carried 17-17*

**Additions to the Agenda**There were no additions to the Agenda.

**RCMP Report**Constable Matthew Paynter gave the RCMP report for February 2017.

**Ten Minute Open Session**- Joel Cookaddressed a need for the Methadone Program on Grand Manan to assist recovering addicts. He shared his personal recovery experience with Council and explained the various difficulties and expenses faced by those who are seeking assistance in recovery on the island.

-Susan Price spoke in support of Joel Cook’s concerns, also sharing a personal story of a family member’s recovery with the help of the Methadone Program. She stated that recent changes in prescription drug laws in Nova Scotia have left many people in need of recovery support from programs, such as the Methadone Program, in order to carry on their lives normally. She has concerns that similar laws will be implemented in New Brunswick. Without a Methadone Program, Grand Manan may find itself in the same situation as many communities in Nova Scotia.

**New Business
Grand Manan Music Festival Request for Donation**Moved by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon, seconded by Councillor Mark Ingersoll to grant a $200.00 donation to the Grand Manan Music Festival.

*Motion Unanimously Carried 17-18*

**Committee Reports
Finance Committee Report**Councillor Kirk Cheney reported to Council financing options available for the proposed Wellness Centre. A public meeting and a community mail out will be required towards the end of April to decide whether or not to move forward with the project.

**Approval to Pay
General Operating Fund**Moved by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses, seconded by Councillor Kirk Cheney to pay the following invoice from the General Operating Fund:
Beers Neal LLP Year End Audit $11,500.00

*Motion Unanimously Carried 17-19*

**Next Meetings**Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 3rd 2017
Grand Manan Community Centre -7:30 pm

**Adjournment**Moved by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses, seconded by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon to adjourn.

*Motion Unanimously Carried 17-20*

This meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

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

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

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