

**Village of Grand Manan
Regular Council Meeting
Grand Manan Community Centre
March 9th, 2020**

Calling to Order

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

Attendance

Mayor Dennis Greene, Deputy Mayor Robert Moses, Councillors Mark Ingersoll, Roger Fitzsimmons, Jayne Turner, Wayne Sturgeon, Kirk Cheney, CAO Rob MacPherson, Treasurer/Asst. Clerk Alyssa Calder, Clerk/Asst. Treasurer Ami Brownlee, Recreation Director Chris Rayner, Pastor David Phillips, 7 Members of the Public, 3 GMTV Workers. Absent: Councillors Mitchell Brown, Tammy Worthen, Bonnie Morse, RCMP Member.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Pastor David Phillips.

Opening Remarks

- The month of February has past and Grand Manan is lucky again with very little snow accumulation. The weather has not been good for Fishermen with heavy winds from all directions. We must remember that March, at times, can be a mad month for snow and strong winds.
- The Grand Manan Adventure is back on her run which is a welcomed sight.
- Council wants to remind people of the dangers of COVID-19. Let's remember to wash our hands and use sanitizer and to keep your hands away from your face. Grand Manan may be off the beaten path but that does not make us immune. Let us all practice safe habits.
- Municipal Elections are in May; exercise your rights and vote for the candidates of your choice. We are here to make Grand Manan a better place to live.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

Deputy Mayor Robert Moses and Councillor Mark Ingersoll declared Conflict of Interest on Item "10.1: Grand Manan Ferry Service".

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Kirk Cheney, seconded by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon to accept the minutes of February 3rd, 2020 as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried 28-20

Additions to the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon, seconded by Councillor Roger Fitzsimmons to add "10.6: Letter from Sophia Sesplankis' Grade 10 Class Request for Donation" to the Agenda.

Motion Unanimously Carried 29-20

RCMP Report

There was no RCMP Member present for this meeting to give a report.

Old Business

Wellness Centre

Councillor Roger Fitzsimmons requested Recreation Director Chris Rayner speak about this in his report.

Ten Minute Open Session

-Laurel and Leonard Hinsdale expressed discontentment after several years of neighboring animals destroying their property. They requested the Village Council put a By-Law in place that include that the confinement of such animals to their own property.

New Business

Grand Manan Ferry Service

Moved by Councillor Jayne Turner, seconded by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon that Council request by letter a New Year's Day Ferry Crossing again for 2021.

Motion Unanimously Carried 30-20

Grand Manan Airport

Councillor Mark Ingersoll gave a general update on the conditions of the Airport and the steps being taken to improve the current situation.

Update of Dog-By Law

Council decided that the By-Law Committee would meet to review the current Dog-By Law to update to include all animals as soon as possible.

Charlotte County Cancer Society

Moved by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon, seconded by Councillor Kirk Cheney to give the donation as requested.

Motion Unanimously Carried 31-20

Passing Lane on Route 776

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses, seconded by Councillor Kirk Cheney to send a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to assess the situation and inform them of our concerns and also note that we expect the lines to be painted in May and would request a decision be made before that.

Motion Unanimously Carried 32-20

Letter from Sophia Sesplankis Grade 10 Request for Donation

Moved by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon, seconded by Councillor Kirk Cheney to accept their offer to clean a beach for \$270.00.

Motion Unanimously Carried 33-20

Committee Reports

Recreation Director's Report

Recreation Director Chris Rayner read his report for the month of February 2020 and also gave updates on the Wellness Centre.

Moved by Councillor Roger Fitzsimmons, seconded by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon that, pending on approval for funding the Wellness Centre, an information mail out be sent to the Community that would include costs associated with borrowing and operating the Wellness Centre and follow up with Public Meetings to get public input.

Motion Unanimously Carried 34-20

Approval to Pay

General Operating Fund

Moved by Councillor Kirk Cheney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses to pay the following invoices from the General Operating Fund:

GOGO Gymnastics	March Break Camp	\$ 10,350.00
Approach Navigation Systems	Annual Airport Maintenance	\$ 2,760.00
Dutchmen Contracting	Bush Hogging @ Airport	\$ 7,590.00

Motion Unanimously Carried 35-20

General Capital Fund

Moved by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon, seconded by Councillor Jayne Turner to pay the following invoice from the General Capital Fund:

Dutchmen Contracting	Outdoor Pickleball Courts	\$ 60,375.00
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Motion Unanimously Carried 36-20

Motion to Transfer

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses, seconded by Councillor Roger Fitzsimmons to Transfer \$ 60,375.00 from the Gas Tax Fund to the General Capital Fund.

Motion Unanimously Carried 37-20

Motion to Add to Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Kirk Cheney, seconded by Councillor Jayne Turner to add "14.1: Doctor's Residence – Financial" in Closed Session.

Motion Unanimously Carried 38-20

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses, seconded by Councillor Jayne Turner to move into Closed Session.

Motion Unanimously Carried 39-20

This meeting was adjourned into Closed Session at 8:28 pm.

This meeting was called back to Order at 8:42 pm.

Closed Session

Doctor's Residence – Financial

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses, seconded by Councillor Jayne Turner that the housing allowance for our Doctor's be increased from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 per month pending the new Doctor finds housing after May.

Motion Unanimously Carried 40-20

Adjournment

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

Motion Unanimously Carried 41-20

This meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Mayor: _____

Clerk: _____

Approval: _____