

**Village of Grand Manan
Regular Council Meeting
Remote Meeting
May 4th, 2020**

Calling to Order

Mayor Dennis Greene called this Meeting to Order at 7:35 pm.

Attendance

Mayor Dennis Greene, Deputy Mayor Robert Moses, Councillors Kirk Cheney, Bonnie Morse, Tammy Worthen, Wayne Sturgeon, Roger Fitzsimmons, Mark Ingersoll, CAO Rob MacPherson, Clerk/Asst. Treasurer Ami Brownlee, Treasurer/Asst. Clerk Alyssa Calder, Recreation Director Chris Rayner, Members of the Public had access to view this meeting through a live stream.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon.

Opening Remarks

- As of today, the Province has gone 16 days with no new cases of COVID-19. There was 118 confirmed cases and they have all recovered.
- We hear a lot of questioning as to why the Province has not opened up; the regulations that the Province had brought in were very strict and hard to accept at the beginning of the Coronavirus Pandemic, but when we look at the results that we have today we must remember this is where they have come from. If we can just remain patient and live with these restrictions, the pandemic is not over with yet. It will probably return in the fall. If we can try to live by the restrictions, we can try to keep it at 0 cases.
- In regards to the Ferry, Mayor Greene has had some discussions with Greg Ryder and ferry traffic is increasing. On one recent trip the passenger count was 50 passengers and the limit is 60 due to social distancing restrictions. The Government of Canada is asking all travelers to have a face covering large enough to cover their mouth and nose during travel on passenger vessels and ferries. If the number of cases increases, this may become compulsory. Having a face covering is an important additional measure that all passengers can take to protect those around them. Passengers are encouraged to wear a face covering whenever possible, especially in those situations where physical distancing guidelines cannot be met. Passengers should confirm that they have acceptable face coverings in their possession otherwise boarding of the vessel could be denied. Passengers are also reminded to practice good hygiene, washing hands, and sneezing into sleeve or tissue.
- Service New Brunswick, locally referred to as the Revenue Office, will be opening one day a week (Thursday's) beginning on May the 7th by appointment only.
- The Graduate Banners look great, Council was willing to make a donation if the funding was not available. Credit goes to the 100 Women Who Care for raising the amount needed in a very short time.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

- There were no Disclosures of Conflict of Interest at this time, however, after additions Deputy Mayor Robert Moses Declared Conflict of Interest on item: "7.2: Correspondence – Letter to Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission"

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Councillor Kirk Cheney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses to adopt the Minutes of April 14th, 2020.

Motion Unanimously Carried 49-20

Additions to the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Kirk Cheney, seconded by Councillor Roger Fitzsimmons to add the letters from Council’s Information Package under Correspondence.

Motion Unanimously Carried 50-20

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses, seconded by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon to add the following invoice to the Agenda under 10.1: General Operating Fund:

“Beers Neal PC	Final Year End Bill	\$ 5,750.00”
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Motion Unanimously Carried 51-20

Correspondence

Letter to Council from Local Tourism Operators

Deputy Mayor Robert Moses read a letter of request to Council from a group of Local Tourism Operators to offer a property tax relief due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Municipality does not have the ability to offer a tax rebate as the warrant is issued by the Provincial Government. The Province has programs and extensions in place for such hardships and the group is encouraged to contact the appropriate departments.

Letter to Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission

Mayor Dennis Greene read the letter addressed to the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission in support of Bell’s application to the Commission.

Letter to the Federal Government: Destruction of the Woodward’s Cove Wharf

Moved by Councillor Mark Ingersoll, seconded by Councillor Roger Fitzsimmons to re-send this letter to the original recipients and send a copy to the Federal Department of Environment and to M.P. Dominique LeBlanc in one week if there is no response.

Motion Carried 52-20

*Yes Votes: Deputy Mayor Robert Moses,
Councillors Kirk Cheney, Tammy Worthen,
Wayne Sturgeon, Roger Fitzsimmons, Mark Ingersoll.*

No Votes: Councillor Bonnie Morse

Letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure: Grand Manan Ferry Trips

Mayor Dennis Greene read the letter sent to The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure in regards to New Year's Day Crossing and the Grand Manan Adventure's refit period. Councillor Roger Fitzsimmons volunteered to fill the vacancy on the Transportation Committee.

Letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure: Traffic on Route 776

Mayor Dennis Greene read the letter to DTI in regards to the broken line on Route 776 in front of the Community Centre. Mayor Dennis Greene reminded Council that many people in the department are currently working out of office and offered to look into the matter, and the speed limit reduction in Grand Harbour, during his discussions with the Department.

New Business

Council Resignations

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses, seconded by Councillor Kirk Cheney to accept the resignations of Councillor Jayne Turner and Councillor Mitchell Brown.

Motion Unanimously Carried 53-20

Moved by Councillor Bonnie Morse, seconded by Councillor Kirk Cheney to send a letter to Jayne Turner and Mitchell Brown thanking them for their service on Council and wishing them well.

Motion Unanimously Carried 54-20

Five Year Capital Investment Plan

Moved by Councillor Kirk Cheney, seconded by Councillor Bonnie Morse "that the amended document entitled *Village of Grand Manan Five-Year Capital Investment Plan for the GTF Administrative Agreement 2019-2023* be adopted.

Motion Unanimously Carried 55-20

Bursary Committee

Deputy Mayor Robert Moses, Councillor Wayne Sturgeon and Councillor Tammy Worthen will sit on the Bursary Committee and have a decision made for the June's Meeting.

Donation to the Canadian Red Cross – Stronger Together Nova Scotia Fund

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses, seconded by Councillor Roger Fitzsimmons to donate \$10,000.00 to The Stronger Together Nova Scotia Fund.

Motion Unanimously Carried 56-20

Committee Reports

Recreation Director's Report

Recreation Director Chris Rayner read his report for April 2020.

Approval to Pay

General Operating Fund

Moved by Councillor Bonnie Morse, seconded by Councillor Roger Fitzsimmons to pay the following invoice from the General Operating Fund:

Beers Neal PC Final Year End Bill \$ 5,700.00

Motion Unanimously Carried 57-20

Next Meeting

Regular Council Meeting
Location Pending State of Emergency Status
June 1st, 2020 – 7:30 pm

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Bonnie Morse, seconded by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon to adjourn.

Motion Unanimously Carried 58-20

This meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Mayor: _____

Clerk: _____

Approval: _____

