**Village of Grand Manan
Regular Council Meeting
Grand Manan Community Centre
October 2nd, 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 Kirk Cheney, Bonnie Morse, Wayne Sturgeon, Jayne Turner, Roger Fitzsimmons, Mitchell Brown, CAO Rob MacPherson, Clerk/Asst. Treasurer Ami Brownlee, Treasurer/Asst. Clerk Alyssa Calder, Recreation Director Chris Rayner, Pastor Karl Ingersoll, Acting RCMP Corporal Matthew Paynter, 5 Members of the Public, 2 GMTV Workers.
Absent: Councillors Mark Ingersoll, Tammy Worthen

**Prayer**Prayer was offered by Pastor Karl Ingersoll.

**Opening Remarks**- The Southern Head Lighthouse has been a topic of conversation recently. Mayor Greene explained that he had began calling the Federal Government regarding the deteriorating state of the lighthouse every year for the last 12 years, only to be told there was no funding available for repairs. The Village offered to take over both the Southern Head and Whistle Road Lighthouses, providing they were in good condition. Southern Head had mold and asbestos issues. It was initially decided to demolish the entire light station, then later to demolish only the sections that contained mold and asbestos while leaving the tower standing along with an upgrade to siding and visibility striping.
- Village Council is not having much luck acquiring funding from the Government for the proposed Wellness Centre and Airport Upgrades. It is very discouraging that the Government seems to always be finding ways not to complete these projects. Council is trying very hard to get both projects accomplished.
- Roads are in desperate need of improvements. Financing for the Village would be very expensive with the tax freeze the federal government has put on the property assessment. As always, Council will do the best they can with what recourse available.

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

**Adoption of Minutes**Moved by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses, seconded by Councillor Kirk Cheney to adopt the Minutes of September 11th, 2017 as circulated.

*Motion Unanimously Carried 17-73*

**Additions to the Agenda**Moved by Councillor Bonnie Morse, seconded by Councillor Roger Fitzsimmons to add the following items to the Agenda:
*1. 12.1: Approval to Pay from the General Operating Fund
 Home Hardware Rink Repairs $ 2,691.19
2. 10.5: Padding and Paving of Roads
3. 13.1: Closed Session – Personnel*

*Motion Unanimously Carried 17-74*

**RCMP Report**Acting Corporal Matthew Paynter read the RCMP Report for the month of September 2017.

**Old Business
Direct Deposit**Moved by Councillor Bonnie Morse, seconded by Councillor Mitchell Brown to try direct deposit for payroll cheques for 6 months and to re-evaluate after the 6 months, assess to see how it is working.

*Motion Unanimously Carried 17-75*

**Ten Minute Open Session**No one spoke at this time.

**New Business
Five Year Plan**Moved by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon, seconded by Councillor Jayne Turner to submit the Five Year Priority List as issued.

*Motion Unanimously Carried 17-76*

 **Castalia Park Upgrades**Councillor Roger Fitzsimmons updated Council on the work and progress the 100 Women Who Care, other volunteers and donors in the community are putting into upgrading the Castalia Park.

 **High Speed Internet**Moved by Councillor Bonnie Morse, seconded by Councillor Jayne Turner that Council approach the Regional Service Commission to look at high speed internet for Grand Manan, Deer Island and Campobello as part of the NB Power Cable Project, and also that we invite Bell to come to address Council on the internet issues on the Island and the possibility of upgrades in the future.

*Motion Unanimously Carried 17-77*

 **Rural Lynx Update**Deputy Mayor Moses gave Council an update on the Rural Lynx Project and presented Council with statistics from the first week of operations.

 **Padding and Paving of Roads**Moved by Councillor Bonnie Morse, seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses to contribute up to $60,000 to do paving and repairs of the Hill Road, Dock Road, Cedar Street and the Bancroft Road.

*Motion Unanimously Carried 17-78*

**Committee Reports
Recreation Director’s Report**Recreation Director Chris Rayner read his report for September 2017.

**Approval to Pay
General Operating Fund**Moved by Councillor Bonnie Morse, seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses to pay the following invoices from the General Operating Fund:
Gray Bar Arena Lighting $19,939.56
MicMac Fire & Safety Fire Dept. Voice $ 2,183.85
 Enhancement Units & Brackets
Home Hardware Rink Repairs $ 2,691.19

*Motion Unanimously Carried 17-79*

Moved by Councillor Bonnie Morse, seconded by Councillor Kirk Cheney to move into Closed Session.

*Motion Unanimously Carried 17-80*

This meeting was adjourned into Closed Session at 8:36 pm.

This meeting was called back to Order at 8:47 pm.

**Closed Session
Personnel**Moved by Deputy Mayor Robert Moses, seconded by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon that Council give approval to the Personnel Committee to select the most fit candidate for the Temporary Clerk position at the salary range decided on.

**Next Meetings**Regular Council Meeting
Grand Manan Community Centre
Monday, November 6th 2017 – 7:30 pm

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

*Motion Unanimously Carried 17-81*

This meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

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

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

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