**Village of Grand Manan**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Grand Manan Community Centre**

**September 12, 2011**

**Calling to Order:**

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

**Attendance:**

Mayor Dennis Greene, Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox, Councillors Wayne Sturgeon, Kevin Travis, Maurice Green, Stuart Green, Sherman Ross, Phil Ells Jr. Chief Administrative Officer Rob MacPherson, Clerk/Asst. Treasurer Melanie Frost, Cst. Dave St. Laurent, 3 members of the public and 2 GMTV workers

**Prayer:**

Prayer was offered by Pastor Jeff Benson

**Opening Remarks**

* Mayor Greene commented on the Maiden Voyage of the Grand Manan Adventure and how everyone was looking forward to the trip. Mayor Greene explained how the invitations for the Maiden Voyage were distributed. He also commented the Grand Manan Adventure was on its way to dry dock and hopefully all of the problems will be resolved.
* Mayor Greene addressed the motorized wheel chairs/scooter on the road. These vehicles travel opposing the traffic which gives the operator a better view of what is coming.
* Mayor Greene addressed dogs running at large and/or not on a leash. This matter is becoming a problem. People will be liable for a fine so please be considerate of others and keep your dog on leash when not on your property.
* Mayor Greene also commented on the litter on the Island and asked residents to please be more responsible and keep our Island clean
* Mayor Greene commented on anonymous letters being written with various concerns will not be addressed unless it is signed.
* Mayor Greene and Council extended condolences to the Shepherd and Gaskill family for their loss
* Mayor Greene talked to Scott Jackson from Rogers about the poor quality and sound on cable 10 for the Island. Mr. Jackson assured Mayor Greene they are working on the problem.
* Mayor Greene thanked David Olgive for the picture and CD of the Grand Manan Adventure Maiden Voyage.

**Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

Councillor Phil Ells Jr. declared conflict of Interest on Agenda item 13.2, Closed Session, Airport Lease

**Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wilcox to adopt minutes of August 8, 2011

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 11-114*

**RCMP**

Constable Dave St. Laurent read the RCMP Report

**Old Business**

 **Partial Release of Holdback Phase 1 of Community Centre**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox, seconded by Councillor Maurice Green to issue payment to Fitzgerald and Snow in the amount of $134,347.53 from the MRIF Account #33993022971-17

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 11-115*

**New Business**

 **Amended By-law 27-00**

Deputy Mayor gave First and Second Reading of the Amended By-law 27-00. By-law (4)(B): Members of Council attending more than thirty (30) meetings over and above regular Council Meetings will be compensated on a pro-rated basis from funds remaining in the annual budget for this purpose to a maximum of Fifty (50) dollars per meeting.

**Change of Liquor Store to an Agency Store**

Mayor Dennis Greene read a letter from Premier Alward in response to the comment cards regarding the closure of the NB Liquor Store to an Agency Store. Premier Alward explained the decision to change the local store to an Agency outlet

**Arena Construction/Mars**

Moved by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon and seconded by Councillor Kevin Travis to accept Mars offer to build a mezzanine in the Grand Manan Community Arena

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 11-116*

**Committee Reports**

 **Fire Department Report**

Councillor Phil Ells Jr reported to Council the past month activities of the Fire Department

**Approval to Pay the Following Invoices**

 **General Capital Fund**

Moved by Councillor Maurice Green, seconded by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon to pay the following invoice

Beers Neal LLP Gas Tax Audit $2090.50

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 11-117*

Moved by Councillor Maurice Green, seconded by Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox to move into closed session

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 11-118*

This meeting was adjourned into Closed Session @ 8:01 pm

This meeting was called back to order @ 9:10 pm

**Closed Session**

 **Contracts for the Business Centre and North Head Hall**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Travis, seconded by Deputy Mayor Peter Wilcox to table decision until further information is obtained

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 11-119*

**Airport Lease**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Travis, seconded by Councillor Maurice Green to counter offer Atlantic Charters

*Motion Carried 11-120*

*Yes Votes: Deputy Mayor Wilcox, Councillors Stuart Green, Sherman Ross, Kevin Travis, Maurice Green*

*No Votes: Councillor Wayne Sturgeon*

**Next Meeting**

 **Regular Council Meeting**

Grand Manan Community Centre

 October 3, 2011 – 7:30 pm

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Wayne Sturgeon

 *Motion Unanimously Carried 11-121*

This meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm

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

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

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