

Community Centrum: Grand Bay Room – Broadcast for the Public

1. Call to Order

Mayor Merrifield called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ADOPTED
NOV 28 2022

2. Acknowledgement of Treaty Land

We respectfully acknowledge that Grand Bay-Westfield exists on the traditional Wolastoqey (WOOL-US-TOOK-WAY) land.

The lands of Wabanaki (WAH-BAH-NAH-KEE) people are recognized in a series of Peace and Friendship Treaties to establish an ongoing relationship of peace, friendship and mutual respect between equal nations.

The river that runs by our town is known as Wolastoq (WOOL-LUSS-TOOK), along which live Wolastoqiyik (WOOL-US-TOO-GWEEG) - the people of the beautiful and bountiful river.

We, the staff and elected representatives, pay respect to the elders, past and present, and descendants of this land.

3. Mayor's Comments

4. Record of Attendance

Mayor Merrifield, Deputy Mayor Toole, Councillor McIntosh Lawrence, Councillor Balcomb, and Councillor Balemans in attendance.

Regrets: Councillor Day

Staff Attendance: John Enns-Wind, James Barrington, Troy Gautreau, David Taylor, Bruce Gault, Gary Clark, Broc Belding, and Amanda Long

Regrets: Rick Adams

Guests: RCMP Sergeant Luc Samson

5. Agenda Approval

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the Agenda of November 14, 2022, as presented.

Motioned by: Councillor Balcomb

Seconded by: Councillor Balemans

Carried

6. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None

7. Public Hearings/Presentations/Delegations/Petitions

a) RCMP 1st Quarter Report

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield receive and file the information as presented.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor Balemans

Carried

b) RCMP 2nd Quarter Report

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield receive and file the information as presented.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

8. Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) **Regular Council Minutes of October 24, 2022**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2022, as presented.

Motioned by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Seconded by: Councillor Balemans

Carried

b) **Email Poll – Imperial Theatre Board of Directors, Member Reappointment**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield ratify the email poll: Imperial Theatre Board of Directors, Member Reappointment.

Motioned by: Councillor Balcomb

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Carried

9. Unfinished Business

None

10. By-Laws

None

11. New Business/Recommendations

a) General Operating Budget 2023

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield recommends to the Minister of Local Government and Local Governance Reform the following for Ministerial approval:

- The sum of \$7,644,123 be the total operating budget of the local government of Grand Bay-Westfield for the 2023 fiscal year.
- The sum of \$6,920,681 be the Warrant to the local government for the 2023 fiscal year.
- The tax rate for Ward 1 will be \$1.3501 for the 2023 fiscal year.
- The levying by the Minister of Local Government and Local Governance Reform of said amount on real property liable to taxation under the Assessment Act within the local government of Grand Bay-Westfield.

Motioned by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb

Carried

b) Sewerage Utility Budget 2023

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adopt the 2023 Sewerage Utility Budget, reflecting total revenue of \$652,869 and total expenditures of \$652,869, with the sewerage user rate of \$350 per unit, effective January 1, 2023, subject to Ministerial approval.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Carried

c) **Capital Budget 2023**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield recommends to the Minister of Local Government and Local Governance Reform the following for Ministerial approval; the 2023 Capital Budget, in the amount of \$2,498,315.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

d) **Banking Services Agreement**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield authorize the Chief Financial Officer to sign the commitment letter from the Bank of Nova Scotia dated October 31, 2022.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor Balemans

Carried

e) **Residential Pump Easement**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield authorize signing authority for registration of Easement documents as prepared by Gorman Nason Law Office for a Residential Pump Easement to be registered to 87 Shannon Road, PID 30283311.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb

Carried

f) Brilliant Labs Support Request

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield provide value-in-kind support in the form of space and associated costs to the Brilliant Labs Gamers Guild Social Inclusion Project for a period of 26 weeks, one night weekly, from November 2022 until June 2023. And,

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield be provided quarterly reports from Brilliant Labs Gamers Guild that indicate how the program and the participants are doing.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

g) Christmas Parade Road Closures

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield authorize road closures on Nerepis Road between the Route 102 "flashing lights" and Brittain Road and along Brittain Road, crossing the railway to the Bridge. To permit participation with the Westfield & District Recreation Association, Christmas Parade, starting at 2:00 p.m. from the "Four Corners" (Brittain Road and Campbell Road) on Sunday, November 20, 2022. Subject to approvals / confirmation from RCMP, DTI, Ambulance NB and the Fire-Rescue Department, to ensure continuity of emergency services.

Motioned by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Carried

12. Bills for Payment

- a) That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield authorize the November 14, 2022 bills for payment as presented in the amount for \$129,713.69.

Motioned by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb

Carried

13. Consent Agenda

- a) Bobby's Hospice – Donation Letter
- b) Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) – 2022 Lieutenant Governor Awards
- c) Thank-you Card – Marcia Mason
- d) United Way 2021 Report to Community
- e) RVCC Board Minutes April 19, 2022
- f) RVCC Board Minutes May 17, 2022
- g) RVCC 2021 AGM Minutes
- h) Canada's Core Public Infrastructure – Solid Waste & Asset Management
- i) Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Month Proclamation
- j) Local Governance Reform Update 3
- k) Memo – Environmental Trust Fund

End Consent Agenda

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield receive and file the consent agenda items for November 14, 2022.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb

Carried

14. Council Reports

15. Business Arising from Committee of the Whole

16. Adjournment

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Motioned by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Seconded by: Councillor Balemans

Carried



John Enns-Wind
CAO



Brittany Merrifield
Mayor