

Community Centrum: Grand Bay Room – Broadcast for the Public

1. Call to Order

Mayor Merrifield called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVED

September 8, 2025

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 Balcomb, Councillor Balemans, Councillor Burpee, and Councillor McIntosh Lawrence in attendance.

Regrets: Councillor Day

Staff Attendance: John Enns-Wind, Mohak Anand (summer student), James Barrington, Broc Belding, Chris Crabbe, Bruce Gault, Troy Gautreau.

5. Agenda Approval

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the Agenda of August 11, 2025, 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) Post Secondary Bursary Presentation and New selection for the NBCC Bursary
 - a. Noah Pilkington
 - b. Re-Draw for the NBCC Bursary – Chloe Johnson
- b) CUPE Local #2404 Collective Agreement Signing

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the CUPE Local #2404 Collective Agreement.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

- c) Budget Survey Presentation

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

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

8. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a) Regular Council Minutes of July 14, 2025

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2025 as presented.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

- b) Email Poll: Development Officer Recruitment

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield ratify the email poll: Development Officer Recruitment.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb

Carried

c) Email Poll: Active Transportation Plan Contract

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield ratify the email poll: Active Transportation Plan Contract

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

9. Unfinished Business

None

10. By-Laws

None

11. New Business/Recommendations

a) Reserve Transfer

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield authorize the following transfer:

1. \$610,000 transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the General Revenue Capital Reserve Fund.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

b) River Valley Drive Intersection Review

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield receive and file the report and consider the need for traffic impact studies during the fall for implementation in 2026.

Motioned by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

c) Keel Construction Excavation Permit 2025

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve blasting as per condition No. 3 on the existing 2025 EXCAVATION PERMIT, FOR LANDS IDENTIFIED BY PID Nos. 00093088, 00227546, 00227595, 30042899, with the following additional conditions for blasting to include:

- i. copy of Certificate of Insurance and Blaster's License to be provided to the Town prior to the Scheduled Blast;
- ii. require 72-hour advance notice of the scheduled time of blasting to surrounding property owners by the Operator to a radius of 600 m from the blast site (Including residents on Birchee Drive, Timberlee Manor Drive and Hillandale Drive), and between Civic Nos. 79-227 Nerepis Road, complete with provision for all necessary Pre-Blast surveys and seismic recording;
- iii. Operator to provide a minimum of 72-hour notice of the scheduled time of blasting to the Town (including Council), WorksafeNB; RCMP, AmbulanceNB, Grand Bay-Westfield Fire & Rescue Department, NB Power (Transmission Lines) and ELG (Department of Environment & Local Government), prior to a scheduled Blast;
- iv. blasting be limited to weekdays, excluding statutory holidays, in the month of July or August;
 - v. restricted to clear sky conditions;
 - vi. provide pre-blast audible warnings;
 - vii. handling & use of Explosives by qualified powder man and in compliance with the Occupational Health & Safety Act and Regulations; and
- viii. Blasting Report by the Operator to be provided to Town after the blast including Measurements of: Concussions, not to exceed 128 decibels; and Vibrations not to exceed 1.25 cm/s.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb

Carried

d) NB Southern Railway Decibel Levels

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield receive and file the report.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor Balemans

Carried

e) Provincial Municipal Highway Partnership Program

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield Request approval from DTI to replace the already approved project Route 177 (Nerepis Road), civic 250, culvert replacement with the following 3 new projects under the Road Ahead plan for 2026 to now to include the following under the same funding allotment from DTI:

1. Culvert Replacement design for 561 Nerepis Road.
2. Shoulder stabilization across from 696 Nerepis Road.
3. Asphalt Resurfacing, Myles Terrace north to Inglewood Drive.

Motioned by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Carried

f) Menahquesk Wabanaki Traditional Powwow

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield sponsor the 2025 Menahquesk Wabanaki Traditional Powwow for \$2,500.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

g) Communications Quarterly Report

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the Communications Quarterly Report as of August 1, 2025.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

h) Flavors 5km Race Route

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay–Westfield approve the race route.

Motioned by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb

Carried

i) **ConnexionWorks**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield authorize the CAO to sign the MOU with ConnexionWorks.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

12. Bills for Payment

- a) That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield authorize the August 11, 2025 bills for payment as presented in the amount for \$590,232.77.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

13. Consent Agenda

- a) Monthly Animal Control Report - July
- b) RSSF Changes
- c) Local Government Statistics 2025
- d) Strategic Plan Q2 Report
- e) UMN2025 - Annual Conference and AGM - Council Need to know
- f) Thank You Card – Blanchard Family
- g) Thank You Card – YMCA Southwestern NB 2024 Annual Report
- h) Invite – United Way Campaign Kickoff
- i) GNB Advisory – Wildfires

End Consent Agenda

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield receive and file the consent agenda items for August 11, 2025.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

14. Council Reports

15. Business Arising from Committee of the Whole

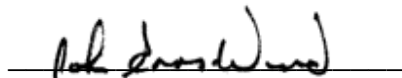
16. Adjournment

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried



John Enns-Wind
CAO



Brittany Merrifield
Mayor