

Community Centrum: Grand Bay Room – Broadcast for the Public

1. Call to Order

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

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, Councillor Balemans, and Councillor Burpee in attendance.

Regrets: Councillor Day

Staff Attendance: John Enns-Wind, James Barrington, Bruce Gault, Christopher Crabbe, Broc Belding and Troy Gautreau

5. Agenda Approval

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the Agenda of May 12, 2025, as presented.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

APPROVED
June 9, 2025

6. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

7. Public Hearings/Presentations/Delegations/Petitions

a) Climate Change Action Plan (Corporate Energy Plan): GEMTEC,
Jihad El Zamer

- 1) That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield authorize the CAO to enter into an agreement with GEMTEC to complete the Town's Climate Adaptation Plan, including storm water management per the ETF 2025-26 application for \$53,000 plus HST.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

- 2) That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adopt the Corporate Energy Action Plan.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb

Carried

8. Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) Regular Council Minutes of April 14, 2025

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

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

9. Unfinished Business

10. By-Laws

a) Animal Control By-Law

1st Reading Animal Control By-Law Amendment

That Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the amended Animal Control By-law.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb Carried

2nd Reading Animal Control By-Law Amendment

That Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the amended Animal Control By-law.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor Balemans Carried

11. New Business/Recommendations

a) GNB Assessment Freeze

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield direct the Mayor to write to the Premier indicating that this initiative is counterproductive to achieving GNB's goal of affordability.

Motioned by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole Carried

b) Membership Policy

That Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the amended Membership Policy.

Motioned by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb Carried

c) Vendor Engagement & Speaking Policy

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the Vendor Events and Speaker Engagement Policy.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

***Tabled at the request of Councillor Balcomb until additional information has been provided by administration**

d) Backhoe Replacement

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the purchase of a new backhoe for the Public Works Department for a cost of approximately \$250,000 plus HST.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb Carried

e) Financial Report: Q1 General Revenue

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield receive and file the General Revenue 2025 First Quarter Financial Report, as presented

Motioned by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee Carried

f) Financial Report: Q1 Sewerage

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield receive and file the Sewer Revenue 2025 First Quarter Financial Report. as presented.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb Carried

g) Council Composition & Ward Boundaries Change

That Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield maintain the current Ward boundaries and Council composition.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

h) CTRL Multimodal Transportation Study

That Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the Community Transportation Research Lab Proposal for Multimodal Transportation study, and authorize the CAO to proceed with the agreement.

Motioned by: Councillor Balcomb

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Carried

i) Veterans' Commemorative Crosswalk

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield authorize the CAO to install a Legion commemorative crosswalk at the corner of Woolastook Drive and River Valley Drive just south of the veteran's peace park with up to \$3,000 to be used from Council Discretion.

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 May 12, 2025 bills for payment as presented in the amount for \$ 587,482.61.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Carried

13. Consent Agenda

- a) Animal Control Report – April
- b) Building Report – April
- c) Fire Rescue Department Report – February
- d) Fire Rescue Department Report – March
- e) Fire Rescue Department Report – April
- f) New Brunswick Police Association – Crime Prevention Guide
- g) Fact Sheet – NB Power 2025 Residential Billing
- h) FCM – Key Messages
- i) FCM – Stronger Together

End Consent Agenda

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield receive and file the consent agenda items for May 12, 2025.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

14. Council Reports

15. Business Arising from Committee of the Whole

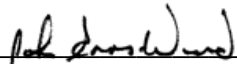
16. Adjournment

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Carried



John Enns-Wind
CAO



Brittany Merrifield
Mayor