

**Community Centrum: Grand Bay Room – Broadcast for the Public**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**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, Troy Gautreau, David Taylor, Bruce Gault, Gary Clark, Broc Belding, and Nicole Kelly

**5. Agenda Approval**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the Agenda of January 8, 2024, as presented.

Motioned by: Councillor Balcomb

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

**6. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

None

**ADOPTED**  
February 12, 2024

**7. Public Hearings/Presentations/Delegations/Petitions**

None

**8. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

a) **Regular Council Minutes of December 11, 2023**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2023, as presented.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

**9. Unfinished Business**

None

**10. By-Laws**

None

**11. New Business/Recommendations**

a) Annual Bonding

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield receive and file the Annual Bonding - Town Employees of January 8, 2024.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb

Carried

b) Planning Director Appointment

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield appoint Frank Flanagan, RPP, as a Planning Consultant to fulfill the role of the Town's Planning Director, under authority of Section 10(1)(b) of the Community Planning Act.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

c) Mandate Letters

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield accept and refer the Mandate Letters to be used as part of the CAO and Leadership Team's performance evaluations.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Carried

d) Year End 2023

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

Motioned by: Councillor Balcomb

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

e) Incentives Program

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield repeal the incentive program of November 14, 2019 effective January 8, 2024.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

f) Communications Plan

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the Communications Plan, for immediate effect.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb

Carried

**12. Bills for Payment**

- a) That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield authorize the January 8, 2024 bills for payment as presented in the amount for \$676,770.21.

Motioned by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

**13. Consent Agenda**

- a) Letter – Drydocking of the MV Madeleine II
- b) Letter – Communities in Bloom
- c) Letter – Rainbow Registered
- d) Letter – UMNB Member Update
- e) Letter – Minister of Public Safety re policing boundaries
- f) Letter – Nature Trust NB
- g) Minutes – RVCC September 19, 2023
- h) Minutes – RVCC October 17, 2023
- i) Monthly Report – Fire Rescue Department November 2023
- j) Monthly Report – Fire Rescue Department December 2023
- k) Junior Achievers

**End Consent Agenda**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield receive and file the consent agenda items for January 8, 2024.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb

Carried

**14. Council Reports**

**15. Business Arising from Committee of the Whole**

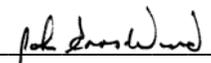
**16. Adjournment**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Carried

  
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John Enns-Wind  
CAO

  
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Brittany Merrifield  
Mayor