

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

**1. Call to Order**

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

**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 Day, Councillor Burpee and Councillor McIntosh Lawrence in attendance.

**Regrets:** None

**Staff Attendance:** John Enns-Wind, Troy Gautreau, James Barrington, Broc Belding, Gary Clark and David Taylor

**Guests:** RCMP - Acting Sgt. Jullie Rogers-Marsh and Cst. Jerome Pelletier

**ADOPTED**  
March 11, 2024

**5. Agenda Approval**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the Agenda of February 12, 2024, as presented.

Motioned by: Councillor John Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor Keri Burpee

Carried

**6. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

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

- a) RCMP: Annual Report – Acting. Sgt Jullie Rogers-Marsh

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 Balcomb

Carried

**8. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- a) **Regular Council Minutes of January 8, 2024**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2024, as presented.

Motioned by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Seconded by: Councillor Balemans

Carried

**b) Email Poll: Crane Mountain EIA Submission**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield ratify the email poll: Crane Mountain EIA Submission.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

**9. Unfinished Business**

**10. By-Laws**

**a) By-law GG-008 – Respecting Animal Control – Amendment**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the first and second reading by title of the Animal Control By-law.

**First Reading (By Title)**

By-Law GG-008 Respecting Animal Control

Motioned by: Councillor Balcomb

Seconded by: Councillor Balemans

Carried

**Second Reading (By Title)**

By-Law GG-008 Respecting Animal Control

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

**11. New Business/Recommendations**

**a) Town Office Hours**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve changing the hours that the Town Office is open from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday to 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

Motioned by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

**b) High School Graduation Banners**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the installation of the 2024 high school graduation banners, including those graduates from River Valley Middle School. And, Council encourages the Organizing Committee to apply for the annual Community Grant program in the spring.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor Balemans

Carried

**c) Dog Park Lighting**

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

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

**d) Website Privacy Policy**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the Website Privacy Policy, for immediate effect.

Motioned by: Councillor Balcomb

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Carried

e) **Alternate Planning Director**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield appoint Jamie Burke as the Town's alternate Planning Director.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence Carried

f) **Online Facility Booking System**

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

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence Carried

g) **Seniors Housing**

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

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb Carried

**12. Bills for Payment**

- a) That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield authorize the February 12, 2024 bills for payment as presented in the amount for \$414, 862.24.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence Carried

**13. Consent Agenda**

- a) Meeting Minutes – Age-Friendly Committee November 2, 2023
- b) Meeting Minutes – Age-Friendly Committee December 4, 2023
- c) Meeting Minutes – Community Vitality November 15, 2023
- d) Meeting Minutes – PAC December 4, 2023
- e) Memo – PAC Election of Officers 2024
- f) Building Report – December 2023
- g) Building Report – January 2024
- h) Fire-Rescue Department Annual Report 2023
- i) Email: Lorraine Gibson re Flex Service
- j) Flex Service Description

**End Consent Agenda**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield receive and file the consent agenda items for February 12, 2024.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole

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 8:08 p.m.

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

