

**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**  
**APR 24 2023**

**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 Day, Councillor Balcomb, Councillor Balemans, and Councillor Burpee in attendance.

**Regrets:** None

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

**Guests:** None

**5. Agenda Approval**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the Agenda of April 11, 2023, as presented.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

**6. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

None

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

None

**8. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

a) **Regular Council Minutes of March 27, 2023**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2023, as presented.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb

Carried

**9. Unfinished Business**

None

**10. By-Laws**

**Third readings by title and enactment of the following Town of Grand Bay-Westfield By-laws:**

a) **Administrative Penalties By-law**

**Third Reading (by title):**

By-law No. GG-007: Respecting Administrative Penalties

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adopt the Administrative Penalties By-law GG-007.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Carried

b) **Plastic Bag Reduction By-law**

**Third Reading (by title):**

By-law No. GG-009: Respecting Plastic Bag Reduction

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adopt the Plastic Bag Reduction By-law GG-009.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

c) **Noise By-law**

**Third Reading (by title):**

By-law No. GG-010: Respecting Noise

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adopt the Noise By-law GG-010.

Motioned by:

Seconded by:

Tabled

d) **Tourism Accommodation Levy By-law**

**Third Reading (by title):**

By-law No. PD-001: Respecting Tourism Accommodation Levy

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adopt the Tourism Accommodation Levy By-law PD-001.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb

Carried

e) **Civic Numbering By-law**

**Third Reading (by title):**

By-law No. PD-002: Respecting Civic Numbering

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adopt the Civic Numbering By-law PD-002.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

f) **Planning Advisory Committee By-law**

**Third Reading (by title):**

By-law No. PD-003: Respecting Planning Advisory Committee

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adopt the Planning Advisory Committee By-law PD-003.

Motioned by: Councillor Balcomb

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

g) **Sunday Shopping By-law**

**Third Reading (by title):**

By-law No. PD-005: Respecting Sunday Shopping

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adopt the Sunday Shopping By-law PD-005.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Carried

**11. New Business/Recommendations**

a) RCMP Contract Policing

**Prioritizing Municipal Input in Future RCMP Contract Policing Decisions**

**WHEREAS**, The Government of Canada has made the decision in Budget 2023 to make municipalities responsible for all retroactive costs stemming from the latest RCMP collective bargaining agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, These extraordinary one-time costs, which in some jurisdictions amount to millions of dollars, will cause significant hardship for communities and residents across the country, and were negotiated without meaningful consultation or a seat at the table for the municipalities responsible for paying the bill; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipal governments are already paying a growing share of policing costs, but unlike other orders of government, cannot run deficits to spread out the impact of these extraordinary one-time sums, and have limited revenue tools; and

**WHEREAS**, Local governments will now be forced to make difficult decisions that will impact residents, such as cutting essential services, reducing policing levels, raising property taxes significantly, and/or cancelling work on local infrastructure, at a time when Canadians' concerns about community safety and the cost of living are already rising; and

**WHEREAS**, Going forward, it is critical that municipalities be proactively engaged in any forthcoming processes related to contract policing to prevent this occurring again; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield joins the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the federal government to commit to ensuring that local governments are meaningfully consulted, fully informed, and at the table on issues related to policing costs given the municipal role in keeping our communities safe; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield conveys this support in writing to local Members of Parliament.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

**b) Intersection Review: Park Avenue and Leila Street**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield remove the stop sign on Park Avenue at the intersection of Park Avenue and Leila Street, and add new a stop sign on Leila Street before entering Park Avenue in the new Traffic By-law.

Motioned by:

Seconded by:

Tabled

**c) Appointment of Auditors**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield appoint the firm of Curry & Betts, CPA as the Town's Auditor for the fiscal year 2023.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

**d) Mayor's Monarch Pledge**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the Mayor signing the Monarch Pledge. And;  
Authorize administration to undertake the necessary work to complete the pledge. And,  
Encourage residents and local groups to continue their work to ensure the rejuvenation of the Monarch butterfly.

Motioned by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

**12. Bills for Payment**

- a) That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield authorize the April 11, 2023 bills for payment as presented in the amount for \$172,587.90.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb

Carried

**13. Consent Agenda**

- a) Fire Department Monthly Report: March 2023
- b) Building Permit Report: January 2023
- c) Building Permit Report: February 2023
- d) Building Permit Report: March 2023
- e) Local Governance Reform: Working Together for a Better Future
- f) Planning Advisory Committee (PAC): Minutes of March 20, 2023
- g) Angus Reid: Coping with Cost of Living Increase
- h) ATLANTIC Fiscal Monitor: Federal Budget (March 2023)
- i) Canada Budget 2023: FCM Analysis
- j) Junior Achievers: Thank-You letter

**End Consent Agenda**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield receive and file the consent agenda items for April 11, 2023.

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 8:04pm.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

  
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John Enns-Wind  
CAO

  
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Brittany Merrifield  
Mayor