

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
JUN 12 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:

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

Guests: Envision Saint John Heather Libby and Jillian MacKinnon, Veterans Peace Park Cory Ryan

5. Agenda Approval

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the Agenda of May 23, 2023, as presented.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb

Carried

6. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None

7. Public Hearings/Presentations/Delegations/Petitions

a) **Envision Saint John: The Regional Growth Agency Year in Review**

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

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

b) **Veterans Peace Park Update**

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 May 8, 2023**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 8, 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) **Debenture: Loader & Trackless**

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield Council authorize the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer to sign the Commitment Letter from Scotiabank authorizing additional short-term borrowing of up to \$553,000.

Motioned by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb

Carried

b) Keel Blasting

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve blasting as per condition No. 3 on the existing **2023 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 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 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, 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 under Occupational Health & Safety Act and Regulations
- 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

c) Trail Development: Majestic Road to Brandy Point Road

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield direct administration to investigate the feasibility of a trail connecting Brandy Point Road to Majestic Road.

Motioned by: Councillor Balcomb

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

d) FCM Resolution: Establishing an Urgent Intergovernmental Platform on Mental Health

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the Establishing an Urgent Intergovernmental Platform on Mental Health resolution and that it be forwarded to the FCM AGM resolution process on May 27, 2023.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

e) FCM Resolution: New Growth Framework for Canadian Municipalities

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the New Growth Framework for Canadian Municipalities resolution and that it be forwarded to the FCM AGM resolution process on May 27, 2023.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

f) FCM Resolution: Urgent Action Needed to Address the Crisis of Homelessness

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the Urgent Action Needed to Address the Crisis of Homelessness resolution and that it be forwarded to the FCM AGM resolution process on May 27, 2023.

Motioned by: Councillor Balcomb

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

g) Education Programming Changes

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield:

- Request Superintendent Derek O'Brien attend Council's June 12th meeting to help parents and Council understand the decision and communicate the Town's position on the decision. And,
- Support the School Task Force and the River Valley Home and School Committee's efforts to rescind the changes as described and work towards a sustainable model for the delivery of French Immersion programming. And,
- Encourage the Ministry of Education to consult with municipalities regarding significant operational changes affecting communities, and
- Encourage the Ministry of Education to develop policies guiding Superintendents when making significant operational changes affecting municipalities.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried

12. Bills for Payment

- a) That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield authorize the May 23, 2023 bills for payment as presented in the amount for \$166,640.51.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor Balemans

Carried

13. Consent Agenda

- a) Town of Grand Bay-Westfield Organizational Chart 2023
- b) RCMP Engagement Presentation
- c) RCMP Priority Setting Exercise
- d) RCMP Annual Report 2021
- e) YSJ Annual Report 2022
- f) Minister Hogan re: School Transportation Data
- g) Minister Allain re: LGR Expenses
- h) Fire Department Monthly Report: April 2023
- i) Minister Austin re: RCMP Retroactive Pay
- j) GB-W LGR Costs Incurred to Date
- k) Mayor's Monarch Pledge Newsletter – May 2023

End Consent Agenda

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield receive and file the consent agenda items for May 23, 2023.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor Balemans

Carried

14. Council Reports

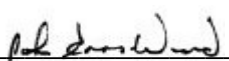
15. Business Arising from Committee of the Whole

16. Adjournment

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole



John Enns-Wind
CAO



Brittany Merrifield
Mayor