

MINUTES

AUGUST 13TH, 2013

GRAND FALLS

MEETING

A regular meeting of the Grand Falls Municipal Council was held in the council room at the Grand Falls Town Hall at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 13th, 2013, following the notices required by the Act.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor:

Richard Keeley

Councillors:

Jacques Lafrance

John Bellefleur

Arthelin Rossignol

Renaud Ouellette

Jean-Paul Proulx

Harry MacPhail

As well as the CAO-Clerk Peter Michaud and the Deputy Clerk, Lise J. Ouellette.

PRAYER

The meeting begins with the Lord's Prayer.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

John Bellefleur / Jacques Lafrance,

that the agenda is accepted with the addition of motions at Section 9 for canteen services at the CEPSC and an interpretation centre. Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Rino Long / Arthelin Rossignol,

2013-57 that the minutes from the meetings on June 18 and 24 as well as July 9 and 22 2013, which copies were distributed to Council members, are adopted as received. Carried

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Deputy Clerk proceeds with the reading of the closed meeting items from meetings held on July 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2013.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations	8
Thanks	8
Complaints	0
Financial aid requests	4
Aid requests (other than financial)	1
Misc. information	6
Answer to a request	1

The CAO informs the public of the invitation by Trans-Canada Pipeline to an information session on August 20 at the CEPSC from 4 to 8 p.m.

Harry MacPhail / Renaud Ouellette,

2013-058 Move that the correspondence be accepted as presented and distributed as requested. Carried

DRINKING WATER

The potable water analyses for July were received showing « potable water » results.

John Bellefleur /Arthelin Rossignol,

2013-059 that potable water tests be received and filed. Carried

INTERVENTIONS BY THE PUBLIC – motions and new business

Mayor Keeley explains the proposed motions. No questions or comments are received from the public.

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE

The Police Force plans to buy two cruisers this year.
The Chief reminds people not to leave pets in cars in hot weather.

STREETS

There are no problems to report. Employees are fixing lawns and doing general maintenance.
Council thanks the property owners who maintain the town portion of their lawns and encourages them to continue.

ENVIRONMENT

Gilles Lagacé is clearing dead trees and will continue tree and bush trimming on municipal land.

REGIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION – planning

65 permits were granted for the region, a total value of 1.6 million. A variance will be discussed for a Grand Falls resident at the next meeting of the variance committee.

WAC 2014

The meeting between Grand Falls, Frenchville (ME) and Témiscouata-sur-le-lac (Qc) will take place in September.
People are encouraged to decorate their properties for the WAC.

FINANCE

Responsible of accounts

Renaud Ouellette / Jean-Paul Proulx,

2013-060 That Rino Laforge is appointed responsible for the business accounts number 392365 and 392431 with Desjardins. Carried

Financing request

Renaud Ouellette / Harry MacPhail,

2013-061 That the town of Grand Falls request to the Capital Borrowing Board the authorisation to borrow the amount of \$800,000 maximum for a maximum of 20 years, distributed as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Planning service	\$207,000	20 years
Interim financing	\$533,000	2 years

Carried

Mayor Keeley explains the projects included in this request such as the interpretation centre, the Ron Turcotte monument and funds to complete the tourism revitalisation project.

COGERNO

Citizens are reminded not to throw glass, plastic bags from stores or Styrofoam in the recycling bins.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

Summer programs are ending.
The ice will be ready on September 3rd.
1868 people visited the centres in July which is about the same as July 2012.
The Malabeam centre will be decorated for Acadian Day on August 15th. Everyone is invited to visit.
People are invited to the “Tintamarre” that will be held on August 15th at 5:30 p.m. starting at the fire station.

Interpretation centre – Malabeam centre

Harry MacPhail / Arthelin Rossignol,

2013-062 that the tender received from Groupe GID in the amount of \$198,700 plus tax be accepted for their services in order to set up an interpretation centre at the Malabeam tourism centre. Carried

Canteen – CEPSC

John Bellefleur / Renaud Ouellette,

2013-063 that the tender received from Michelle Michaud in the amount of \$1,050 plus tax per month for four (4) years is accepted for the management of the canteen at the E. & P. Sénéchal Center. Carried

Other tender received from Richard Long at \$685.

The municipality is trying a new management model for the canteen in an effort to maximize the center’s efficiency.

GOLF

Activities are mentioned. Participation continues to be good notwithstanding the rain. Council congratulates Red Ouellette for his third hole-in-one this year.

LIBRARY

The reading club counted 225 participants this year and has surpassed its’ 3,000 book objective.
Activities at the library are mentioned.

FESTIVAL

A group participated in the Foire Brayonne parade with the float.
A financial statement is yet to come.

FIRE

There were no major fires in July.
Firefighters are inspecting the trucks and the boat.

DOWNTOWN

The band Never Too Late will play at the bandstand on August 25th starting at 3 p.m.
Picket fences and lawn will be installed in front of vacant lots downtown. This is a joint project of the downtown corporation and the town.

The downtown wishes to thank Council for the garbage bins, benches and the work done on the sidewalk in front of Conik.
Student projects are ending soon. Thanks to the Province for these projects and to the RTC for lawn maintenance.

WATER

Water main flushing will continue for a few more days.

COUNCIL INTERVENTIONGerry “Red” Ouellette – Hall of Fame

Mayor Keeley congratulates Mr. Ouellette who has been named to the provincial hall of fame for a fourth time. A congratulations letter will be sent.

Cost sharing – sports

A letter has been sent to Saint-André and the director of LSD’s regarding the proposition that they contribute the amount of 3¢ for sports infrastructure. Council is waiting for their decision before considering implementing a user fee. The Mayor notes that this amount is a symbolic contribution and that it does not make up the difference between the costs and the revenues generated. All should be in place for 2015.

Municipal plan – objection hearing

The meeting to hear objections to the new plan will be on September 10th. Mayor Keeley explains the proposed approach concerning constructions in unstable zones. A stability report will be required for major constructions in these zones.

Tintamarre – Dégelis

Councillor Bellefleur will take part in the Tintamarre in Dégelis on August 16th.

INTERVENTIONS BY THE PUBLIC - otherGhislain Langlais

Mr. Langlais expresses frustration concerning a matter that is not being resolved and requests help from the municipality.

Nicole Levesque

Mrs. Levesque complains concerning the ban on loitering on the Boulevard. Mayor Keeley explains the complaints received and the nature of the park that is considered transitional. This is not a space to be used as ones back or front yard. Mutual collaboration and respect

are requested. Mrs. Levesque requests that the Town install ashtrays along the Boulevard. Council will consider the request.

Jean-Yves Roy

Mr. Roy requests a copy of the regulations that authorise the Town to ban loitering and requests clarifications on the Town's expectations. Mayor Keeley explains again the Town's requirements. The municipality is attempting to address the situation with a soft approach. This approach will change if necessary. Council considers it its responsibility to ensure people's safety and the situation on Broadway is dangerous, especially for the children who often play on the boulevards.

INTERVENTIONS BY THE MEDIA

Acadie Nouvelle

The journalist requests the sales figures for the canteen. He asks if renting it will bring in more or less funds. The CAO will check for the requested information.

Cost sharing – the region affected is the same as that of the minor hockey and includes LSD's, Saint-André and a part of New Denmark.

Brunswick News

The contract for the canteen rental begins next September.

Police cruiser – the new vehicles will replace two older ones. The cost will be approximately \$30,000 each.

The location of the Ron Turcotte Monument is not official yet.

The journalist asks if there is a building code that regulates handicapped access. He is informed that there is and that there is a case before the RSC presently.

ADJOURNMENT

Jean-Paul Proulx / Renaud Ouellette, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Carried

Richard Keeley
Mayor

Lise J. Ouellette
Deputy Clerk