

MINUTES

MARCH 12th, 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, March 12th, 2013, following the notices required by the Act.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor :

Richard Keeley

Councillors :

Michel Ouellette
Arthelin Rossignol
Renaud Ouellette

Rino Long
John Bellefleur
Jean-Paul Proulx
Harry MacPhail

As well as the Deputy clerk, Lise J. Ouellette and the Administrative Support, Chantal Bolster.

PRAYER

The meeting begins with the Lord's Prayer.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Arthelin Rossignol / Harry McPhail,

2013-008 that the agenda is accepted as presented. Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Renaud Ouellette / Arthelin Rossignol,

2013-009 that the minutes from the February 12th, 2013, regular meeting and the February 18th 2013, special meetings, 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 February 11th, 18th, 25th 2013 as well as March 4th 2013.

CORRESPONDENCE

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| Invitations | 5 |
| Thanks | 3 |
| Financial aid requests | 1 |
| Aid requests (other than financial) | 2 |
| Offers of service, land or other | 2 |
| Misc. information | 7 |

Michel Ouellette / Jean-Paul Proulx,

2013-010 Move that the correspondence be accepted as presented and distributed as requested. Carried

DRINKING WATER

The potable water analysis for February were received showing « potable water » results.

John Bellefleur / Rino Long,

2013-011 that potable water tests be received and filed. Carried

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE

Mayor Keeley congratulates Chief Jean Réal Michaud on receiving the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

The PTA women's hockey team and the PTAmén's hockey team will be playing in the provincial tournament.

The Grand Falls Soccer Club's annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

New this spring – indoor Baseball at Sacré Coeur School – inscription at the CEPSC.

The 2013 tourism guide is now available.

The winter carnival was successful. Thank you to the sponsors, firemen, policemen and staff at RTC, town councillors and all of the volunteers for their devotion during that weekend.

CULTURAL SOCIETY

Sunday, March 17th at 2:00 p.m. at the Grand Falls Richelieu Auditorium: "Les Mots qui tournent" with Marie-France Comeau.

International Women's Day will be held on Saturday, March 16th, 2013 at the Polyvalente Thomas-Albert School.

STREETS

Street maintenance is done as needed including patching the potholes.

The Department is thawing and unblocking the catch basins and repairing signs damaged during winter.

REGIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION (PLANNING)

Three permits were given in February.

The Deputy Mayor informs that different meetings were held with the CAO of the Commission and also discussions were held regarding signs along the Highway.

A meeting was held regarding the municipal plan. The Deputy Mayor informs that the municipal plan needs to be revised every 5 years.

The Mayor was present at the meeting that was held on February 27th. The Town is still working to remain with the Commission.

ENVIRONMENT

The municipality of Grand Falls encourages recycling.

The Deputy Mayor informs that the reforestation program and also the rain barrel program are still available at the Town Hall.

The Deputy Mayor thanks Lise Ouellette and Michèle Gagnon and also all of the employees that are working to reduce heating and lighting cost.

WAC 2014

Various activities are organised in Town for the WAC 2014.

Let's not forget that the town of Grand Falls has received the opportunity of the international showcase.

The WAC committee is still searching for volunteers.

The WAC committee is searching for citizens who could shelter people during the WAC 2014.

WAR 1812 / WINTER CARNIVAL

The Deputy Mayor thanks the CAO and all the town's employees for welcoming the participants splendidly and thanks also Denis Boucher and his team for the winter carnival organisation.

FALLS VILLA

The Deputy Mayor encourages the public to participate in Falls Villa's winter carnival activities.

Councillor Long informs that the manor is prosecuting the contractor of the building given construction problems.

There are currently 47 names on the waiting list.

Councillor Long discusses the "PEACE" program.

GOLF

Councillor MacPhail informs that the bathrooms are being renovated at the golf club.

LIBRARY

Coming activities are mentioned and Councillor MacPhail reads the press release on the fundraising entitled "Your pennies your books".

FIRE

Firemen responded to two calls in February

Councillor Proulx informs that Mr. André Parent is the new fireman

The Town's CAO, Mr. Peter Michaud, gave an information session during the firemen's meeting in February on rescue not related to fire.

The NB Association of Fire Chiefs' conference will be held from May 24th to May 26th 2013.

FESTIVAL

The Regional Potato Festival committee is working on the 2013 program and has applied for summer students.

DOWNTOWN

The downtown committee is still waiting for a response concerning their provincial grant request for Phase II of the Downtown Revitalization project.

WATER

No water breaks in the last month and regular maintenance is being done.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councillor Long informs that Réal Nadeau, accountant for the town of Grand Falls, will be presenting the 2012 financial audit to municipal council on March 18th. A public presentation of the 2012 financial audit will be done in April or May.

Transfer of reserve capital funds

2013-012 Rino Long / John Bellefleur

That \$53,000 is transferred from the equipment reserve capital fund to the general capital fund to finance the balance of the trackless. Carried

AFMNB

The mayor attended the annual mayor's meeting that was held on the 20th and 21st of February in Fredericton.

UMNB

The Mayor attended a meeting in February where they discussed different municipal reforms.

COMMUNITY HEATH CARE

The request for a second doctor at the emergency during busiest times has been refused.

The request for a nurse practitioner might be accepted.

COUNCIL INTERVENTION

The Mayor informs that a meeting will be scheduled with the four municipalities of the region to discuss on economic development and tourism.

PUBLIC INTERVENTION - other

Éric Ouellette

Mr. Ouellette questions and complains on the lack of tourism signs insidetown limits. Requests also the Deputy Mayor's attendance at the regional tourism committee meetings. The Mayor notifies him that the municipal council is aware of the sign problem and wishes to discuss it with the four municipalities of the region before deciding.

MEDIA INTERVENTION

Daniel Goulet

Mr. Goulet questions on the golf's public meeting. Councillor MacPhail informs him that no meeting is scheduled yet. He also inquires on legal proceedings of the Falls Villa.

Acadie Nouvelle

QuestionsCouncillor Long on the condition of the Falls Villa building. Questions the Town if residential recycling will be available in the future. The Mayor informs him that it will not be available because it could harm other organisations such as "Atelier des Copains". Questions on the proposal to prohibit left turns when exiting Soucy Lane and the shopping mall access closest to Shoppers Drug Mart. The Mayor informs him that Council is still studying the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Rino Long/ Renaud Ouellette,move that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Carried

Richard Keeley, Mayor

Peter Michaud, CAO/ Clerk