

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

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, September 8, 2015, following the notices required by law.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor:

Richard Keeley

Councillors:

Rino Long

Michel Ouellette

Jean-Paul Proulx

Arthelin Rossignol

Harry MacPhail

Jacques Lafrance

Renaud Ouellette

John Bellefleur

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest is mentioned by councillors.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Council observes a moment of silence before the start of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Arthelin Rossignol / Jean-Paul Proulx,

That the agenda is accepted as presented. Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Renaud Ouellette / Rino Long,

2015-069 that the minutes from the August 11, 2015 meeting, which copies were distributed to council members, are adopted as received. Carried

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Deputy Clerk proceeds with the reading of items discussed during the closed meetings held on August 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations	4
Thanks	2
Complaints	0
Request for financial support	0
Request for support (other than financial)	1
Offer of services, land or other	0
Misc. information (GNB, federal, other)	5
Response to a municipal enquiry	1

Arthelin Rossignol / Harry MacPhail,

2015-070 that the correspondence is accepted and distributed as requested. Carried

DRINKING WATER

The potable water analyses for August 2015 were received showing « potable water » results.

John Bellefleur / Arthelin Rossignol,

2015-071 that potable water tests be received and filed. Carried

INTERVENTIONS BY THE PUBLIC – motions and new business

Mayor Keeley explains the proposed motions and New Business and opens the floor to comments.

Guy Boucher

Mr. Boucher objects to the fact that his tender for skate sharpening was not chosen. He asks for a valid reason, in writing.

Mayor Keeley explains the evaluation that took place on price, knowledge and customer service as well as the recommendations received from the selection committee. A letter will be sent to Mr. Boucher explaining this.

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE

The Police Department reminds everyone to keep car and house doors locked. Please use caution while on the roads as kids are returning to school and the potato harvest has begun.

Citizens are reminded that there is construction on Madawaska Road. Everyone's cooperation would be appreciated.

Councillor Lafrance thanks those who participated to the meeting concerning the courthouse and emergency care closure. The closure of the courthouse will affect the Downtown's economy and the Police Department's budget.

Administrative policies

Jacques Lafrance / Arthelin Rossignol,

2015-072 That the policy entitled *Victims of domestic violence*, implemented on 08 09 2015 is adopted as proposed. Carried

Jacques Lafrance / Renaud Ouellette,

2015-073 That the policy entitled “ *Internal policies and procedures for files involving the Intox EC / IR II, roadside screening device and Radar* , dated 07 06 2012, is adopted as proposed. Carried

Jacques Lafrance / Michel Ouellette,

2015-074 That the policy entitled *Internal policies on exhibits and / or found property*, dated 08 19 2015, is adopted as proposed. Carried

Mad-Vic ATV Club – ATV trail

Jacques Lafrance / John Bellefleur,

- 2015-075 That Town Council has no objection to the Mad-Vic ATV Club's request for authorisation from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to use certain provincially designated highways for the approximate distances as follows: Route 108 (296 meters), Route 130 (1 km), Route 255 (690 meters), Route 218 (3.9 km), Ennishone Road (7.5 km) and Ouellette Road (1.2 km).
Carried**

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

Registrations are open for winter activities. All registrations will take place at the CEPSC.
The Cataracte baseball team has won the league championship.
The Sports Hall of Fame ceremony will take place on September 19th.
Tickets for the Beer Fest on October 17th are on sale.

Skate sharpening and equipment repair – tender

Michel "Rocky" Ouellette / Harry MacPhail,

- 2015-076 After evaluation of the required criteria, the tender received from Stephane Gionet for skate sharpening and equipment repair 2015 to 2019 is accepted.
Carried**

STREETS

Employees continue to maintain streets as required and are completing 2015 projects.
People using Madawaska Road are asked to be patient while the road is under construction.

PLANNING

A variance for an accessory building in front of a property was refused.
26 permits were granted in August for a total value of \$358,232.

ENVIRONMENT

The Town will continue applying for funds to change all its outdoor lighting to LED.
Tree planting and trimming continues and the reforestation program is still available.
The Committee continues to study more efficient ways to heat the town garage. A decision should be reached in the near future.

GOLF

We continue to receive compliments on the state of the golf course.
Three tournaments are planned in September.
The club championship was held at the end of August. The season is drawing to a close.

FIRE

Two calls were answered in August in addition to some mutual aid and accident response.
The smoke detector inspection campaign will start September 28th.
A special mass for first responders will be held at the Ste-Anne church on September 27th.
The Grand Falls Fire Department will host the provincial opening of Fire Prevention Week 2015 on October 3rd. Everyone is welcome.
Paul Boudreau is the new Fire Marshall.

WATER

Employees are maintaining the system as needed.
Aqua Data is currently flushing the system.

Four water main breaks were repaired at different locations and a new service was installed on Belanger Street.

SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

A BBQ on Broadway is planned in the near future.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Thank you to everyone who was present at the HES committee meeting concerning the possible closure of the emergency service at the hospital. It is very important that people get involved.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Sophie Marceau – probation period

Rino Long / Renaud Ouellette,

- 2015-077 **Considering that Sophie Marceau has completed the required six month probation period with success, that her position become an Administrative Support level I permanent part-time position until further notice by Town Council. Carried**

Purchasing policy – amendment

Rino Long / John Bellefleur,

- 2015-078 **That amendment #1 to the Purchasing Policy 2004-02 (R4) is adopted as received. Carried**

Borrowing Board – capital budget

Rino Long / Jacques Lafrance,

- 2015-079 **That the amount of \$137,000 within the Transportation Department be transferred from paving to the purchase of a backhoe, for a term of 10 years, per resolution 2014-028 dated May 5th, 2014 and heard by the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board on June 10th, 2014 (OIC no. 14-0034). Carried**

Financing request

Rino Long / Harry MacPhail,

- 2015-080 **It is resolved that the Clerk, Treasurer or Mayor be authorized to issue and sell to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation a Municipality of Grand Falls debenture in the principal amount of \$542,000 on such terms and conditions as are recommended by the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation, and be it resolved that the Municipality of Grand Falls agrees to issue post-dated cheques payable to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation as and when they are requested in payment of principal and interest charges on the above debenture. Carried**

COUNCIL INTERVENTION

Réjean Rioux – congratulations

Council congratulates Gilbert M. Rioux & Fils Ltée for winning an important recycling contract.

PUBLIC INTERVENTIONS

Bernard Beaulieu – flyer distribution

Mr. Beaulieu questions if he should continue to deliver sales door to door. Mayor Keeley explains that door to door delivery continues but improvements are needed.

Mario Martin –user fee

Mr. Martin questions if the user fees apply to all groups. It is explained that certain groups pay prime time rates and that these groups do not pay the user fee. Temporary or short term lessees also do not pay the user fee.

Figure skating – user fee

A request to postpone the user fee is submitted to Council. Groups such as LSD's need more time to get organized.

Mayor Keeley reiterates that the fee will be reimbursed if a community comes to an agreement with the Town. The Mayor demonstrates a portion of the newspaper articles where the user fee has been mentioned since 2013. Much work has been done on this subject and the fee will not be postponed.

Mayor Keeley points out that the town invests 1.2 million dollars in sports, leisure and its youth. However, 50% of users come from outside town boundaries.

MEDIA INTERVENTION

Madeleine Leclerc asks for details on the mass for first responders.

Daniel Goulet requests details on hockey registration. Registration is open until September 18th.

He also questions the different prices received for skate sharpening. The price offered by Mr. Boucher is \$450 / month and Mr. Gionet, \$350 / month.

ADJOURNMENT

Arthelin Rossignol /Jacques Lafrance, that the meeting is adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Carried

Richard Keeley
Mayor

Lise J. Ouellette
Deputy Clerk