

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014, following the notices required by law.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor:

Richard Keeley

Councillors:

John Bellefleur  
Jean-Paul Proulx  
Renaud Ouellette

Harry MacPhail  
Michel Ouellette  
Jacques Lafrance

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

**Jean-Paul Proulx / Michel Ouellette,**

**that the agenda is accepted as received. Carried**

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

**Michel Ouellette / Harry MacPhail,**

**2014-075 that the minutes from the October 14, 2014 meeting, 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 October 6, 14, 20 and 27, 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations	5
Thanks	2
Complaints	0
Request for financial support	3
Request for support (other than financial)	1
Offer of services, land or other	0
Misc. information (GNB, federal, other)	3
Response to a municipal enquiry	2

NB Power: Information session "Be prepared" will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall tomorrow.  
The public is invited

**Renaud Ouellette / Jean-Paul Proulx,**

**2014-076      that the correspondence is accepted as presented and distributed as requested. Carried**

DRINKING WATER

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

**John Bellefleur / Michel Ouellette,**

**2014-077      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

Council specifies that police officers are responsible for calling the Public Works Department when the roads are icy or snow covered.

The Police Force reminds drivers to be careful when parking along the roads. Vehicles that block traffic will be towed.

No incidents were reported on Halloween.

A stop sign was moved from Ouellette Street to Caldwell Street at the intersection of the two streets.

Police will be vigilant during the Holidays.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

Past and future activities at the CEPSC are mentioned.

The Department is closing the 2014 tourist season and preparing for 2015.

The RTC is working on new tourism signs.

The Caroline Savoie concert, offered by the Société culturelle régionale Les Chutes, was moved to November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

PLANNING

A total of 29 permits with a total value of \$290,517 were given in October.

No subdivision or other was discussed.

The Town has finalized arrangements to offer its own land planning service.

Hiring

**Renaud Ouellette / Michel Ouellette,**

**2014-078      That Éric Gagnon is hired as Municipal Planning Officer / GIS Specialist for the Grand Falls Land Use Planning Department with salary and benefits as negotiated. Carried**

**Renaud Ouellette / Harry MacPhail,**

**2014-079      That Cyr Lebel is hired as Building Inspector for the Grand Falls Land Use Planning Department with salary and benefits as negotiated. Carried**

Mayor Keeley explains the procedure to hire these employees and the circumstances that led the Town to offer its own services. He specifies that in 2015 Grand Falls would have paid \$265,000 of the \$1,000,000 RSC budget for land use planning. Grand Falls remains open to meet the Province to discuss revisions to the contribution formula.

He explains that Mr. Gagnon and Mr. Lebel were appointed without a public job posting as they already work for Grand Falls, under contract with the RSC. They have the expertise and the seniority necessary to fill the vacancies.

726, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**Renaud Ouellette / Jean-Paul Proulx,**

- 2014-080 That the two unsightly premises files at 726, 4th Avenue be closed given that the property has been cleaned to Town Council's satisfaction. Carried**

#### ENVIRONMENT

The lights in the middle of the Broadway Boulevard will be changed to LED before the end of March 2015. This work follows our Green Plan initiatives and will settle the lack of electrical power in that location.

Thanks to the Public Works Department who has installed fences along the Tobique Road and Main Street to protect the new trees that were planted there this year.

#### CONGRÈS MONDIAL ACADIEN 2014

The volunteers who worked for the CMA are invited to a special evening on Friday at Ville Dégelis starting at 4:30 p.m.

#### FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

After ten months of operation, revenues are at 85% and expenses at 87%.

The Finance and Administration Committee will meet tomorrow to discuss the 2015 budget and other items.

A surplus is expected in the water and sewer services budget.

#### Policy 2014-03

**Renaud Ouellette / Michel Ouellette,**

- 2014-081 That Council adopts policy 2014-03 named Information Management Policy as presented. Carried**

#### Christmas turkey

**Renaud Ouellette / John Bellefleur,**

- 2014-082 That Town Council accepts the price received from Atlantic Super Store in the amount of \$1.49 per pound plus tax for turkeys. Carried**

No other prices were received.

#### Christmas supper

**Renaud Ouellette / Harry MacPhail,**

- 2014-083 That Town Council accepts the lowest price received from La Marina in the amount of \$13.95 per person for the Christmas supper. Carried**

Other price received: Trésor et Délice \$14 per person

#### Janitorial services

**Renaud Ouellette / Michel Ouellette,**

- 2014-084 That Town Council accepts the lowest tender received from Gene Desjardins Landscaping for a total of \$303,628.60 for a four-year janitorial services contract. Carried**

Other price received: Sanitation + \$554,389.80

GOLF

The club is closed for the winter.  
The excellent condition of the course and the lower number of members are noted. A \$7,000 deficit is expected.

LIBRARY

The library celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

FIRE

The Fire Department responded to five calls last month.  
The smoke detector inspection campaign has ended. 806 residences were visited by 23 firefighters. Town Council thanks the firefighters who participated in the campaign.  
The Department also organised evacuation exercises in schools and special care homes.

FESTIVAL

2015 preparations are going well. The float will be in Perth for their Christmas parade on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Residents are reminded that the Christmas parade and Santa’s arrival will be on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Corporation wishes to welcome the following new businesses on Broadway: Jardin d’Ecalisa, Specialty Meats, Final Cuts and Hidden Desire.

STREETS

Loader

John Bellefleur / Renaud Ouellette,

2014-085      That Town Council accepts the tender received from Strongco for a loader in the amount of \$293,986 plus tax. Carried

Other prices : Wajax	\$314,950 (loader)	Brandt	\$318,000
	\$15,595 (fork)		\$15,750
Alpa	\$298,355	Brandt	\$302,000
	\$14,720		\$15,750
Strongco	\$293,986	SMS Equi.	\$318,000
	\$15,830		\$15,750
Maritime Case	\$295,440	Atlantic Cat	\$307,000
	\$17,395		\$14,169
Maritime Case	\$277,165		
	\$15,755		

AFMNB & UMNB

The annual AFMNB meeting was held last week.  
A UMNB meeting will be held in upcoming weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

By-law 61 – Planning Advisory Committee

The Deputy Clerk reads the 1<sup>st</sup> reading in title and in full of By-law 61.

Jacques Lafrance / Renaud Ouellette,

**That the Grand Falls Municipal Council adopts the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of By-law 61, A By-law to establish a Planning Advisory Committee for the Town of Grand Falls as read. Carried**

The Deputy Clerk reads the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of By-law 61 by title.

John Bellefleur / Jean-Paul Proulx,

**That the Grand Falls Municipal Council adopts the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of By-law 61, A By-law to establish a Planning Advisory Committee for the Town of Grand Falls as read. Carried**

By-law 74 – GFCBDC Inc. budget

The Deputy Clerk reads the first reading in title and in full of By-law 74.

Renaud Ouellette / Jacques Lafrance,

**That the Grand Falls Municipal Council adopts the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of By-law 74, A Municipal By-law to approve the operating budget of the Grand Falls Central Business Development Corporation Inc. as read. Carried**

The Deputy Clerk reads the second reading in title of By-law 74.

John Bellefleur / Harry MacPhail,

**That the Grand Falls Municipal Council adopts the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of By-law 74, A Municipal By-law to approve the operating budget of the Grand Falls Central Business Development Corporation Inc. as read. Carried**

Twitter account

Grand Falls is now on Twitter@grandsaultfalls.

#### COUNCIL INTERVENTION

Tree of Hope

Council reminds everyone that the fundraising breakfast for the Tree of Hope will take place Friday morning. Mayor Keeley thanks the employees and volunteers including the Municipal Council.

Questions are welcome

Mayor Keeley encourages citizens to question and express their opinions on Town activities and decisions.

#### MEDIA INTERVENTION

Questions are asked concerning the usefulness of the loader that was bought tonight.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Michel "Rocky" Ouellette / Renaud Ouellette, that the meeting is adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Carried

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Richard Keeley  
Mayor

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Lise J. Ouellette  
Deputy Clerk