

## MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

### GRAND FALLS

#### MEETING

The Grand Falls Municipal Council held a regular monthly meeting in the council room at the Grand Falls Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, following the notices required by law. This meeting is also being streamed live on the municipal Facebook page.

#### PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor:

Marcel Deschênes

Councillors:

Renaud Ouellette  
Rino Long  
Jean Réal Michaud

Michel Ouellette  
Jean Maurice Gagnon  
Denise Lagacé Rioux

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

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Deschênes welcomes spectators and reminds everyone that questions may be asked through Facebook.

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Deputy Mayor Denise Lagacé Rioux declares a conflict of interest concerning a proposed rezoning on Main Street to be discussed later.

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**Denise Lagacé Rioux / Jean Maurice Gagnon,**

**2020-062 That the agenda is accepted with the addition of item 9.2 ATV and 9.3 Broadway phase 2. Carried**

#### ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

**Renaud Ouellette / Michel "Rocky" Ouellette,**

**2020-063 That the minutes from the July 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and from the special meeting held on August 7, 2020, which copies were distributed to council members, are adopted as received. Carried**

#### CORRESPONDENCE

There is no correspondence to report.

#### DRINKING WATER

The Town of Grand Falls received potable water analyses for July and August showing « potable water » results.

**Renaud Ouellette / Denise Lagacé Rioux,**

**2020-064 That the potable water analysis received for July and August 2020 are received and filed. Carried**

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Employees repaired a water pipe on Tobique Road, cleaned and disinfected the Évangéline Street reservoir and replaced a pump at the Chapel Street pumping station. They also repaired the generator at Well no. 3, repaired lawns in various places and searched for the cause of a sinkhole on Terrace Street.

Residents are still asked to conserve water as the drought is ongoing.

Generator

**Renaud Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon,**

**2020-065 That the price of \$46,999.98, plus tax, received from Source Atlantic is accepted for a mobile generator. Carried**

Other prices received were:

Blakney Electric	\$51,389.05
Source Atlantic	\$54,962.52 (option 1) and \$46,999.98 (option 2)
Sansom Equipment	\$48,000
Toromont Cat	\$54,316.19
United Rentals	\$43,486.93
Smith's Diesel and Power Systems	\$62,989.38

Council notes that the price accepted is not the lowest. The experience and quality of the equipment offered were better from Source Atlantic.

West River Road – repair

**Renaud Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon,**

**2020-066 That the Grand Falls Town Council accept the price received from Falls Construction in the amount of \$524,080 plus tax for the repair of the West River Road. Carried**

This was the only tender received.

Operator

**Renaud Ouellette / Michel "Rocky" Ouellette,**

**2020-067 That Sylvain Poitras be hired as Operator for the Grand Falls Public Works Department with probation period, salary, and benefits per the collective agreement. Carried**

PLANNING

A total of 31 permits, valued at \$473,047, were given in August for a yearly total, to date, of \$5,814,104.

**Renaud Ouellette / Michel "Rocky" Ouellette,**

**2020-068 That Town Council adopt the planning department report. Carried**

## ENVIRONMENT

Council notes the street cleaning efforts of Maria Albert, Gertrude Leblanc, Ginette Ouellette and Lorraine Desjardins.

## FIRE

Plans for the new fire station are done and construction should begin in the spring.

## FARMERS' MARKET

All are encouraged to support the market which has been open for four weeks.

## RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

The number of visitors to the Malabean Center this year is much lower than previous years. Lots of youth implication is noticed in various organizations and programs. Lights on Veteran's Field will be replaced in the near future and the design for the skateboard park is going well. Clients are reminded to be patient with staff given the extra procedures required because of COVID-19.

### Veteran's Field lighting

**Jean Maurice Gagnon / Denise Lagacé Rioux,**

- 2020-069      That Town Council accepts the price received from K & G Electrick Ltd. in the amount of \$344,300 plus tax, for the new lighting at Veteran's Field.  
Carried**

Other prices received:

McPhee & Company	\$420,000
Gagnon Construction	\$460,000
Rodway Systems	\$412,581.74
K-Line Construction	\$424,799

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The annual meeting will take place in October. New members are welcome as well as new members for the board. A candidate debate will be held tomorrow for the region of Victoria – Valley. The Chamber has three offices to rent.

## ADMINISTRATION

Councilor Long notes that 17 students were hired in 2020 compared to 34 in 2019. The pandemic affects many.

### Animal constable

**Rino Long/Jean Réal Michaud,**

- 2020-070      That the Grand Falls Town Council nominate Yvon Michaud as by-law enforcement officer for By-law 25, A by-law relating to animal control, and that the enforcement officer is empowered to take measures and to exercise such powers as described in said by-law and in the Local Governance Act as necessary.**

**It is also moved that the aforesaid nomination includes sections 144, 151, 152, 157 and 158 of the Local Governance Act.**

It is also moved that these authorizations, designations and nominations continue as long as they are not limited or terminated by Council. Carried

Agreement for use of a municipal street – repeal

Rino Long / Denise Lagacé Rioux,

- 2020-071 That the agreement entitled “Entente pour l’utilisation d’une rue municipale” between the Mad-Vic ATV Club and the Town of Grand Falls and signed on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 is repealed. Carried

Front Street – lease

Rino Long/Jean Réal Michaud,

- 2020-072 That Town Council accept a lease between the Town and Marcel Castonguay for a parcel of land along Front Street as shown on the tentative plan prepared by W. E. Hodges Surveys Ltd, file number 4198 and dated August 13, 2020. Carried

#### POLICE

The police force would like to remind drivers to be vigilant as school has started. Thank you to the residents who helped with the apprehension of the individual responsible for the rash of thefts in town. Many businesses were damaged over the weekend. The help of residents is requested once again to find the people responsible. Remember that a call to Crime Stoppers is confidential.

#### FINANCE

Revenues and expenses as of August 31 are at 66% each in the general fund and of 66% and 55% in the water and sewer fund. 2020 projections and preparation for the 2021 budget are ongoing.

Dophe Laforge – Deputy Treasurer

Denise Lagacé Rioux /Rino Long,

- 2020-073 That Dophe Laforge is named Deputy Treasurer for the Town of Grand Falls. Carried

Dophe Laforge – bonding

Denise Lagacé Rioux/Jean Réal Michaud,

- 2020-074 that the name of Dophe Laforge, Deputy Treasurer, be added to the employee bonding document received from Archway Insurance which is in effect from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2020. Carried

Change of purpose

Denise Lagacé Rioux/Rino Long,

- 2020-075 that the amount of \$225,000 is reassigned from the skateboard park project under ministerial order no. 18-0068, recreation services, to the centennial park lights project. Carried

Fund transfer

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Jean Réal Michaud,

- 2020-076 That \$731.40 is transferred from the hydrant flushing reserve fund to the water and sewer operation reserve fund. Carried

Financing request

**Denise Lagacé Rioux / Rino Long,**

- 2020-077      That the Grand Falls Town Council resolve 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 amount of \$296,000 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**

DOWTOWN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORP.

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual meeting was held today.

A few businesses have taken advantage of the incentive program for store fronts and there may be a new incentive to come.

Congratulations and thanks to the new businesses on Broadway.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning amendment – car shelters

The Deputy Clerk reads the third reading by title.

**Jean Maurice Gagnon /Renaud Ouellette,**

- 2020-078      That the Town Council adopts the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of amendment 2020-10 to By-law 1900, Zoning By-law, as read. **Carried**

By-law 2 – amendment 2020-01

The Deputy Clerk reads the third reading by title.

**Rino Long / Jean Réal Michaud,**

- 2020-079      That the Grand Falls Town Council adopts the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of amendment 2020-01 to by-law 2, Grand Falls Town Council Procedural By-Law, as read. **Carried**

Municipal plan amendment – presentation

**\*\*NB:** Denise Lagacé Rioux, Deputy Mayor, declares conflict of interest and leaves the room.

Éric Gagnon, Director of the land use planning department, presents the proposed amendment to rezone the property from Resource to Integrated Development.

Mr. Gagnon states that conditions will be attached to this rezoning and that an agreement will be signed between the town of Grand Falls and the owner.

Objections will be heard at the October 13 meeting.

**Renaud Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon,**

- 2020-080      That Council publish a notice on its website and on its Facebook page in accordance with Section 111 of the Community Planning Act, Chapter 19, advising of its intention to amend the Zoning By-law to change the zoning of the property having PID 65143547 belonging to Joseph Gracien Rioux, and having access to Main Street in Grand Falls, NB.

For the purpose of the Zoning By-law, the zoning amendment is proposed in the following manner:

For the lot having the PID 65143547, from RES (Resources) to AI (Integrated Development with terms and conditions).

The purpose of the request is to ensure that the future land use will be compatible with a proposed three (3) multiple residential building project.

That a public presentation be held at Council Chambers on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7 p.m. to study the submitted objections.

That Council request the written opinion of the advisory committee regarding the said amendment.

That the Town Clerk take care, in the name and for the Council, of publishing the public notice prescribed by section 111 of the Community Planning Act.

Carried

## NEW BUSINESS

### By-law 25 – By-law relating to animal control

The Deputy Clerk explains the amendments done to the by-law on animal control then proceeds with the first two readings. The reading in full is dispensed with according to section 15(3) of the Local Governance Act.

Renaud Ouellette / Michel "Rocky" Ouellette, That Town Council adopt the first reading of By-law 25, By-law relating to animal control, as read. Carried

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Jean Réal Michaud, That Town Council adopt the second reading of By-law 25, By-law relating to animal control, as read. Carried

### All-terrain vehicle

All seems to be going well since the adoption of the by-law on ATV's, according to the Mayor. The Association is congratulated, and people are reminded that not all streets are designated for ATV use. Signs will be posted next week to indicate the route.

Individuals are invited to contact the town concerning improvements. The Mayor thanks MLA Chuck Chiasson for his support in this file.

### Broadway Boulevard – phase 2

The Mayor gives a brief history of the reconstruction project. The second phase has been approved by the Province, the tender has been posted and the job should start next year. The Mayor thanks the federal government as well as Louis Légère and Paul D'Astous from the Premier's office.

## OTHERS – Council, public and media interventions

### - Council intervention

Council wishes a good harvest to farmers and a good return to school for students and teachers.

The Deputy Mayor explains that, given the restrictions because of the pandemic, galas organised by the CBDC and NOW are cancelled.

### -Public and Media intervention

Madeleine Leclerc – Ms. Leclerc took a video of ATV and motocross drivers driving without lights and causing vandalism. She wonders how these people will be controlled. Council recommends that she call the police as soon as she witnesses such events.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Deschênes thanks the staff for making this virtual meeting possible and invites citizens to enjoy the season, pandemic notwithstanding.

Michel "Rocky" Ouellette/Jean R  al Michaud, that the meeting is adjourned at 8 p.m.  
Carried

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Marcel Desch  nes  
Mayor

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Lise J. Ouellette  
Deputy Clerk