

MINUTES

JUNE 17TH, 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, June 17th, 2014, following the notices required by law.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor:

Richard Keeley

Councillors:

John Bellefleur
Jean-Paul Proulx
Renaud Ouellette
Michel Ouellette

Harry MacPhail
Arthelin Rossignol
Jacques Lafrance
Rino Long

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

PRAYER

The meeting begins with the Lord's Prayer which is dedicated to the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Normandy as well as the three RCMP officers gunned down in the line of duty in Moncton on June 4th.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Arthelin Rossignol / Harry MacPhail,

That the agenda is accepted as received. Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Renaud Ouellette / Jean-Paul Proulx,

2014-42 That the minutes from the May 13, 2014 meeting, which copies were distributed to Council, are adopted as received. Carried

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Deputy Clerk proceeds with the reading of the closed meeting items from meetings held on May 5, 13 and 26, 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations	9
Thanks	2
Offer of services, land or other	2
Misc. information	3
Complaints	0
Request for financial support	1
Request other than financial support	1
Response to a municipal enquiry	0

Arthelin Rossignol / Jean-Paul Proulx,

2014-43 That the correspondence is accepted as presented and distributed as requested. Carried

DRINKING WATER

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

John Bellefleur / Arthelin Rossignol,

2014-44 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 are received from the public.

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE

The police force will be monitoring cyclists to enforce laws such as the obligation to wear a helmet.

Speeding on Madawaska Road has reduced since the flashing sign was installed. It is noted that the sign will be moved to different locations in town.

Seven of our police officers attended the RCMP funeral in Moncton, including one who was on duty in Moncton that day.

The current Police Chief will be retiring in a few weeks. Deputy Chief Rosaire Leclerc will be Acting Chief during the next months until the position is filled on a permanent basis.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

The Malabean Centre and campground are open.

The municipal pool will open on June 23rd.

The LaRochelle Centre will open on June 30th. It is noted that all local crafts will be sold at the LaRochelle Centre.

The Frolic will operate for full days this year.

Activities and tournaments held in May are mentioned.

Stephane Durepos and André Levesque are new members on the Hall of Fame committee. There are presently two candidates to consider for induction into the Hall of Fame.

STREETS

Street repairs are finished and street line painting will begin.

The wharfs have been installed at the marina.

People are reminded to not throw grass clippings in the street.

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

Building permits were given for 31 constructions in May for a total value of \$ 1,762,000.

A variance has been requested by Grand Falls Milling concerning the Ambulance NB garage.

ENVIRONMENT

Some trees and branches will be cleared at the mouth of the Little River.

The municipality has requested authorisation from the Province to plant trees on the vacant lots along Main Street and Tobique Road.

WORLD ACADIAN CONGRESS 2014

The twinning project Grand Falls is involved in has developed a theme which will be unveiled at the closing ceremonies.

The Deputy Mayor encourages people to decorate for the congress and to greet all visitors warmly.

GOLF

Two of three tournaments were re-scheduled because of the weather.
The junior program will start on June 24.

LIBRARY

Registrations will be held tomorrow for the summer reading club.

FIRE

Firemen responded to 13 calls and attended miscellaneous training sessions in May.
Firemen attended a conference in Dieppe and the Chief attended one in Bathurst.

FESTIVAL

The Tractor Pull will take place on June 21 and 22. The festival will be held from June 25th to the 29th.
The program is on the Website. A breakfast will be held on June 27 with profits going to the IWK and the Miss Grand Falls pageant will be on June 25th.

CENTRAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

Employees and St-Onge Landscaping are cleaning and maintaining the boulevard.
The plans for the downtown revitalisation are finished.
Welcome to Chez Jado and Top Notch Wireless, two new businesses downtown.
The re-opening of the Merritt Press will be held on June 20th.

WATER

Two new water services have been installed.
Employees are helping set-up for the festival and tractor pull.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Expo was a great success and will be back next year.
The golf tournament was re-scheduled to August 8.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

The health authority must cut 400 jobs from its 8,000 before 2018.
A physiotherapist, a radiologist and two doctors are needed in our immediate vicinity.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Keeley explains the revision of over 100 pieces of legislation including the Municipalities Act and the Community Planning Act that is currently undertaken by the Province of NB.

Legislative renewal

Rino Long / Arthelin Rossignol,

2014-045 Whereas the Municipalities Act dates back to the *Equal Opportunity Program* and municipal roles have changed significantly in the last 50 years;

Whereas the Community Planning Act dates back to 1973 and must also be modernized;

Whereas the municipal legislative framework is formed by numerous other laws and regulations that must be revised;

Whereas the current municipal legislative framework is prescriptive in nature, stipulating everything a municipality may do, and does not permit municipalities to be proactive and to answer quickly and efficiently to their citizens' modern needs;

Whereas the Provincial Government unveiled its Action Plan for a New Local Government System in 2011 which proposed five objectives, the fifth one being "Modernized legislation supporting local and regional decision-making";

IT IS RESOLVED that the Town of Grand Falls asks the Provincial Government to reiterate its engagement to prioritize the modernization of the municipal legislative framework and to work in collaboration with municipalities to put in place a truly permissive legislative framework, that will recognize municipalities as an order of government and will empower all municipalities to answer to the current and future needs of their citizens.

IT IS RESOLVED that the Town of Grand Falls asks that the Provincial Government establish a timeline for the next steps and determine a new deadline for the adoption of a modernized municipal legislative framework.

IT IS RESOLVED that this resolution be presented to the Minister of Environment and Local Government, to the Premier of New Brunswick and to the President of the Association francophone des municipalités du Nouveau-Brunswick.

Carried

FALLS VILLA2014-2015 members

Rino Long / John Bellefleur,

2014-046 That the Grand Falls Town Council approves the following members to the Grand Falls Manor 2014-2015 board of directors:

Marie-Anne Bélanger, Ginette Bourgoïn, Melvin Blanchette, Allain Desjardins, Gilbert Devost, Donald Dufour, Pat Kavanaugh, Denise Lagacé Rioux, Gilles Lang, Odette Lapointe, Réginald Leblanc, Rino Long, Gilberte Michaud, Venette Michaud, Anne Nadeau, Gilles Pichette, Marthe Roussel et Denise Voyer. Adopté

Against : concillor Jacques Lafrance

NEW BUSINESSBY-LAW 58 – Council composition

The Deputy Clerk proceeds with the third reading of By-law 58 to reduce Council from eight to six councillors.

Rino Long / Jacques Lafrance,
2014-047 that the Grand Falls Town Council adopts the third reading of By-law 58, A
By-law of the town of Grand Falls concerning the Composition of Council, as
read. Carried

COUNCIL INTERVENTION

Economic development

The Deputy Mayor, Renaud Ouellette, and Councillor Rino Long attended a workshop in Dalhousie last week on economic development. Miscellaneous factors that have a negative effect on the provincial budget such as the ageing population and the export of our youth were discussed. It will be a challenge to boost the economy.

Mayor Keeley is confident that we will find a way to persevere. It will be important to support such projects as the pipeline and to share regional resources.

Phil Comeau

The filmmaker received two awards for his film on Ron Turcotte.

Moncton – RCMP shooting

Mayor Keeley expressed the sympathy of Town Council towards the families and police forces in the wake of the deaths of three RCMP officers in Moncton. Thank you to those who assure our safety every day.

Volunteers

Council thanks all volunteers who make such events as the festival and tractor pull possible.

Council anniversary

This Council was elected two years ago. Mayor Keeley thanks Councillors and staff and wishes them a good summer.

Burnt building – Broadway Boulevard

Councillor Lafrance questions that the building has not yet been repaired. The owner is still negotiating with his insurer. Council hopes that the situation will be resolved in the near future.

PUBLIC INTERVENTION

Yvon Levesque

Mr. Levesque objects to the fact that tonight's meeting was held on the 3rd Tuesday and not the 2nd Tuesday as usual. Council explains why the change was made and that tonight's meeting has been planned and announced since January 2014. It is noted that, as previously announced, the November and December meetings will also be held on the 3rd Tuesday.

MEDIA INTERVENTION

Acadie Nouvelle

Council clarifies that the tractor pull will be on June 21 and 22 and that the Festival will take place from June 25 to 29.

ADJOURNMENT

Arthelin Rossignol / Renaud Ouellette, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Carried