

MINUTES

JUNE 19, 2012

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 19th, 2012, following the notices required by the Act.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor :

Richard Keeley

Councillors :

Jacques Lafrance

Michel Ouellette

Arthelin Rossignol

Renaud Ouellette

John Bellefleur

Jean-Paul Proulx

Harry MacPhail

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

PRAYER

The meeting begins with the Lord's Prayer.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Arthelin Rossignol / Jean-Paul Proulx,

2012-023 that the agenda is accepted as presented. Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Renaud Ouellette / John Bellefleur,

2012-24 that the minutes from the April 10th, 2012, regular meeting and the May 30th, 2012, special 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 meetings held on March 12th, April 2nd and 10th as well as June 4th, 11th and 18th, 2012.

DRINKING WATER

The potable water analysis for April and May were received showing « potable water » results.

John Bellefleur / Arthelin Rossignol,

2012-025 that potable water tests be received and filed. Carried

PUBLIC INTERVENTION – motions and new business

Mayor Keeley explains the new procedure concerning motions and new business. The citizens in attendance are encouraged to visit the municipal web site to see the agenda of upcoming meetings and to contact their councillors for more information concerning the motions and new business before the meeting.

Frank Johnston

Mr. Johnston requests that the landscaping around the tourism centers and along the gorge be not purely decorative but also functional in order to mitigate erosion. He also requests that the public be afforded some time to examine the calls for proposal for the revitalisation project.

Mayor Keeley mentions that it is difficult to grant time to examine at this stage. Time is of the essence since the project must be finished in the current fiscal year.

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE

The police force will be busy this month with graduations, the tractor pull and festival. The police request that ATV drivers slow down while using the streets designated for their use. They also ask that motorists slow down on Front and Sheriff Streets. The police force will be watching cell phone and seat belt use in motor vehicles.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The annual golf tournament was a success.
A business luncheon will be held tomorrow with Mélanie Rioux Desjardins as guest speaker. The Chamber will host a roast with MLA Danny Soucy on June 27th.

FARMER'S MARKET

Activities at the market are going well except for the cold temperatures.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

Summer programs are starting and the tourism centres and campground are opening. The halls at the CEPSC are reserved for the summer for miscellaneous activities. Guided tours will be offered to residents during the festival in an effort to inform citizens on their town. The Relay for Life was a success again this year.

Tourism Infrastructure Revitalisation – phase I

Michel Ouellette / Arthelin Rossignol,

2012-026 that the tender received from Maritime Fence Ltd. in the amount of \$508,050 plus tax is accepted for phase 1 of the tourism infrastructure revitalisation. Carried.

A price of \$637,637 was also received from Mario Rioux Construction Inc. The Federal and Provincial governments should be announcing the project on July 6th.

Grand Falls Golf Club – signing officer

Harry MacPhail / Michel Ouellette,

- 2012-027** that the CAO-Clerk Peter Michaud, the treasurer Rino Laforge or the Deputy-Clerk Lise Ouellette, as well as the Mayor Richard Keeley, the Deputy-Mayor Renaud Ouellette or the Councillor Rino Long, are the signing officers for the Grand Falls Golf Club. Carried

CULTURAL SOCIETY

This year's lithographs are available at the Galerie Dali. A brief summary is given on the 2012 symposium.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The expected changes that will be brought on by the regional services commissions are discussed.
Building permits have been issued for an amount of \$700,514 at the end of May.
The commission's monthly meeting will be held tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand Falls municipal building.

FINANCES

Visa card

Renaud Ouellette / Arthelin Rossignol,

- 2012-028** that the Visa card in the name of Marcel Deschênes / Town of Grand Falls is cancelled and replaced with a new Visa card in the name of Richard Keeley / Town of Grand Falls, while maintaining the same monetary limit. Carried

Generator

Renaud Ouellette / John Bellefleur,

- 2012-029** that the price received from Engineered Products and Services in the amount of \$72,864.70 plus tax be accepted for a 200 kW mobile generator. Carried

Other prices received are as follows:

Sansom Equipment	\$85,495.
Atlantic Cat	\$91,900.
Wajax	\$89,795.

MANOR

Board members 2012-2013

Renaud Ouellette / Harry MacPhail,

- 2012-030** that Town Council approve the following people as 2012-2013 board members for the Grand Falls Manor:

Marie-Anne Bélanger, Melvin Blanchette, Allain Desjardins, Gilbert Devost, Donald Dufour, Pat Kavanaugh, Denise Lagacé Rioux, Gilles Lang, Odette Lapointe, Réginald Leblanc, Gemma Levesque, Nicole Levesque, Rino Long, Gilbert Michaud, Venette Michaud, Anne Nadeau, Rino Ouellette, Gilles Pichette, Juliette Rioux, Denise Voyer. Carried

GOLF

The golf club had a successful month of May thanks to the good weather. At last count, members were up to 310. The registration for junior golfers is now open. Some good tournaments and interesting activities are to come.

LIBRARY

Member – board of directors

Harry MacPhail / Jean-Paul Proulx,

2012-031 That Linda Kelly is accepted as a new member of the Grand Falls Public Library board of directors for a three year term. Carried

FIRE

Firemen answered seven calls in May.

It is noted that the annual chiefs' conference will be held in Grand Falls in 2012.

Some new firemen have achieved level 1 training.

FESTIVAL

The brochure is now available for the 52nd festival that will take place June 28th to July 1st.

The tractor pull and the midway will take place this weekend.

All are encouraged to participate in the activities.

WATER

Six water main breaks were fixed in May.

The repairs to the Harley Hill reservoir will be finished tomorrow.

UMNB / AFMNB

Mayor Keeley is the UMNB rep for the northwestern region.

There will be an AFMNB meeting in Rivière-Verte on June 28th.

NEW BUSINESS

BY-LAW NO. 2 – amendment no. 2012-01

The Deputy-Clerk reads the first reading by title as well as the reading in full of amendment 2012-01 to the council's procedural by-law.

Arthelin Rossignol / Renaud Ouellette,

that Town Council adopts the first reading of amendment 2012-01 to By-Law no. 2 Procedural By-law of the municipal council of Grand Falls as read. Carried

The Deputy-clerk proceeds with the second reading by title of amendment 2012-01.

Harry MacPhail / John Bellefleur,

that Town Council adopts the second reading of amendment 2012-01 to By-law no. 2 Procedural By-law of the municipal council of Grand Falls as read. Carried

It is noted that the third and last reading will take place in July.

RUE GAGNON – zonage

Renaud Ouellette / Arthelin Rossignol,

2012-032 considering that the Town Council has received a request for the construction of five (5) apartment buildings of six (6) units each located on one lot having PID 35157601 and situated at 55 Gagnon Street;

Considering that Section 66 of the Community Planning Act prescribes that Council must request the commission's opinion concerning the proposed by-law;

Considering that Section 68 of the said Act prescribes the publication of public notices concerning the adoption of such a by-law;

It is moved that:

a) pursuant to Section 66 of the Community Planning Act, Town Council requests, in writing, the written opinion of the La Vallée District Planning Commission concerning the proposed modification to the zoning by-law within thirty (30) days of the request.

b) a by-law amending the Zoning by-law no. 1900 be written to amend from R2C zone (residential multifamily dwelling) to AI (Integrated development with terms and conditions) the lot with PID 35157601;

c) That Council publish a notice in the La Cataracte and The Victoria Star newspapers in accordance with Section 68 of the Community Planning Act, advising of its intention to amend the Zoning By-law;

d) That a public meeting be held at the Grand Falls Town Hall on July 10th, 2012 at 7 p.m. to study the received objections. Carried

PUBLIC PRESENTATION – slope stability study

Mayor Keeley announces the presentation that will take place on June 26th at 7:00 p.m. All are invited, particularly land owners along river banks. The study will be used to modify applicable by-laws.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Keeley announces a public hearing tentatively set for July 11th in order to hear public comments concerning the purchase of land for the possible future construction of a public security complex.

COUNCIL INTERVENTION

The International Showcase - WAC 2014

The organizing committee has confirmed that Grand Falls has been chosen to host the ---- August 16 to 24, 2014, during the World Acadian Congress. Mayor Keeley explains the scope and the objective of the activity. The population is encouraged to participate and to volunteer.

New Brunswick Day

The provincial host community for 2012 is the Saint-André Rural Community. Activities will take place on August 6th with more details to come.

Councillor MacPhail mentions that six to eight committees have already been formed and that volunteers will be needed for the organisation of the festivities.

Local governance

Mayor Keeley explains that a group responsible for the transition has been put in place and includes municipal mayors. Commissions will be formed this summer.

Tractor pull

Councillor Bellefleur invites everyone to the tractor pull on June 23rd and 24th.

Municipal plan

Deputy Mayor Ouellette mentions that the Grand Falls Municipal Plan will be revised in 2012. The firm that will undertake the revision will be chosen at the next planning commission meeting.

Club de curling – Kraft Community Events

The Grand Falls Curling Club is a candidate to win \$25,000 from Kraft. Residents are encouraged to support the nomination by visiting the web site.

PUBLIC INTERVENTION - other

Kevin Pelletier –5th Avenue playground

Mr. Pelletier asks that the playground on 5h Avenue be re-established. The request will be considered by Council. Mr. Pelletier is encouraged to bring to the town any information that would support his request such as a signed petition.

Gracien Rioux – surface water

Mr. Rioux believes that surface water from town property is causing damage in his subdivision. He asks that the situation be resolved. The request is referred to the Streets Committee. Mr. Rioux is invited to bring to the municipality a copy of any supporting documentation in his possession.

Frank Johnston

Mr. Johnston requests a copy of the slope stability study. The request will be considered by Council. There may be issues with the protection of privacy.

He also requests that the Town observe best practices when proceeding with any construction project.

MEDIA INTERVENTION

Question if the cost mentioned in the tender is the total cost of the phase 1 of the renovations to tourism infrastructure. Mayor Keeley confirms that it is so. Phase 1 includes trails, fences and landscaping. Other phases will be the buildings and the lookouts.

Concerning the land exchange / purchase with Northern Construction and Durepos, land for the public security building, it will be up to Council to decide if discussions on this subject will continue after the July 11th public hearing.

Question concerning the total cost of the tourism infrastructure revitalisation. Mayor Keeley responds that the information will be available following the official announcement on July 6th.

ADJOURNMENT

Arthelin Rossignol / Renaud Ouellette, move that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Carried

Richard Keeley, Mayor

Lise J. Ouellette, Deputy-Clerk