

MINUTES

AUGUST 9, 2016

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. on Tuesday, August 9th, 2016, following the notices required by law.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor:
Marcel Deschênes

Councillors:

Michel Ouellette	Rino Long
Renaud Ouellette	Jean Maurice Gagnon
Denise Lagacé Rioux	Jean Réal Michaud

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillors Michel "Rocky" Ouellette and Jean Réal Michaud declare a conflict concerning the purchase of trucks.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Renaud Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon,

2016-065 That the agenda is accepted as received. Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Michel "Rocky" Ouellette,

2016-066 that the minutes from the July 12, 2016 meeting, which copies were distributed to council members, are adopted as received. Carried

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Deputy Clerk reads the items discussed during the closed meetings held on July 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2016.

Rino Long / Jean Maurice Gagnon,

2016-067 that the closed session report is approved as presented. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations: Golf tournaments (3)
Public consultation – T. J. Harvey
St. Anne celebration in Ste-Anne de Madawaska
McCain banquet
Reception at the antique car museum and tintamarre in Edmundston
Day of brainstorming – AFMNB
World Suicide Prevention Day

Thanks: PTA Richelieu bursary
Saint-André rural community – support during difficult times
Get well wishes – citizen
Donations

Congratulations: Elections

Others: UNI – first financial cooperative under federal charter
Resignation from the Fire Department
Fundraising request – Alzheimer Foundation
Land Use Department – two files on non-conforming use

Michel "Rocky" Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon,

2016-068 that the correspondence report is accepted as read. Carried

DRINKING WATER

The potable water analyses for July 2016 were received showing « potable water » results.

Jean Réal Michaud / Rino Long,

2016-069 that potable water tests be accepted and filed. Carried

INTERVENTIONS BY THE PUBLIC – motions and new business

Mayor Deschênes explains the proposed motions and opens the floor to comments. No comments are received.

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Employees are busy with regular maintenance and have repaired two lateral water pipes. The streets are still being swept and the construction of cement curbs and sidewalks has begun.

Trucks

Renaud Ouellette / Rino Long,

2016-070 that the tender received from Toner Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd. for 3, 2017 4 x 4 trucks is accepted in the amount of \$28,345 plus tax for each vehicle. Carried

Note: Councillors R. Michaud and M. Ouellette declare conflict.

Other prices received: 2017 4x4	F. McClure & Sons	\$31,600
2017 4x4	Violette Ltd.	\$29,349.20
2017 4x4	Sénéchal Nissan	Not available
2017 4x4	Rendez-vous Chrysler	\$31,558.46

Curbs, gutters and sidewalks

Renaud Ouellette / Jean Réal Michaud,

2016-071 that the tender received from Maritime Road Recycling for the construction of cement curbs, gutters and sidewalks is accepted in the amount of \$194,260 plus tax. Carried

Other price received: AVL Construction Group \$210,005.

Street paving

Renaud Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon,

2016-072 that the tender received from Ray's Paving Inc. for street paving is accepted in the amount of \$329,906.25. Carried

Other prices received: Northern Construction Inc. \$340,276.25

PLANNING

In July, 27 permits were given by the Planning Department and four variances were accepted by the Planning Advisory Committee.

Councillor Ouellette mentions that there will be no charge for building permits in the future. However, if owners fail to obtain a permit before beginning the construction, the cost will be \$25 + \$10 per \$1,000 of the evaluation, double the cost in the by-law today.

ENVIRONMENT

A committee meeting will be held in the near future. A problem is noted with garbage, grass and branches.

Reforestation Program

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Rino Long,

2016-073 that the changes to the Reforestation Program in order to offer a grant of 50% up to a maximum of \$400 are adopted. Carried

FIRE

Some firefighters will go to the convention in Sydney Nova Scotia.
Chief Kavanaugh has been chosen as president of the Maritime Firefighters Association.
The Town is working on plans for a new fire station and it is mentioned that some fire trucks need to be replaced.
The calls responded to during the month are mentioned.

FARMERS' MARKET

The market is going well and provides a nice atmosphere.

JEUX DE L'ACADIE 2019

We believe that Grand Falls will be chosen as host for the 2019 games final. A meeting on the subject will be held shortly.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

The pool will close on August 26th.
The ice at the CEPSC will be ready on September 6th.
Minor baseball had a record year for registrations in 2016.

22,107 tourists visited the Malabean and LaRochelle centers. The season has been very busy.

People are invited to the tintamarre on August 15th at 6 p.m.
An Elvis impersonator will be performing at the CEPSC on August 27th.

The golf employees are doing exceptional work. The course remains beautiful and well maintained.

ADMINISTRATION / HUMAN RESOURCES

Councillor Long acknowledges the employees working out in the heat these days.

He notes that the Town presently employs 48 seasonal workers. There are currently five employees on sick leave and one on leave because of an accident at work.

Three job offers will be posted, one for an operator, another for a casual police officer and the third for a deputy chief of police.

POLICE

A police operation took place at the Madawaska Road and Turcotte bridge intersection during which 37 drivers were caught passing on a red light.

People are reminded that school starts soon. Please use caution.

LIBRARY

A new director will be on the job in September or October.

The library will organise a “Chase the Ace” fundraiser soon. Volunteers are requested.

CENTRAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Congratulations to the Corporation, our new partner in the building incentive program.

People are reminded to be courteous to visitors and residents downtown.

FINANCE

All departments are respecting their budgets to date. Congratulations to all for their successful finance management.

Capital budget – transfer

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Jean Réal Michaud,

2016-074 that the amount of \$115,000 within Transportation Services is transferred from the dump truck / spreader project to the paving project for 10 years as per resolution 2015-006 dated February 10, 2015 and heard at the April 13, 2015 meeting of the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board (O.I.C. #15-0021). Carried

Renovation incentive

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Jean Maurice Gagnon,

2016-075 that the new renovation incentive program is adopted as presented. Carried

Construction incentive

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Renaud Ouellette,

2016-076 that the amendments to the incentive program for new constructions are adopted. Carried

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Mayor discusses the new economic development programs in Grand Falls. He thanks the employees and Council as well as the press for having shared the information. Mayor Deschênes reminds people that a construction permit is mandatory even if its free.

A regional committee meeting will take place in the near future. A report will be given in September if possible.

UMNB

The next UMNB meeting will be in September.

NEW BUSINESS

Miss Grand Falls 2015 – thanks

Marielle Ouellette, Miss Grand Falls 2015, has been invited to the Council meeting to mark the end of her reign. Council congratulates her for having well represented the town and for winning the Miss NB 2016 title. Mayor Deschênes invites her to sign the guest book and gives her a gift from Council.

By-law 38, amendment 2016-01 – 1st & 2nd reading

Council proceeds with the amendment of by-law 38 which will abolish rates for construction permits and add some new sections.

The Deputy Clerk reads the first reading in full and in title.

Renaud Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon,

That the Grand Falls Town Council adopts the first reading of amendment 2016-01 to by-law 38. Carried

The Deputy Clerk reads the second reading in title.

Renaud Ouellette / Denise Lagacé Rioux,

That the Grand Falls Town Council adopts the second reading of amendment 2016-01 to by-law 38. Carried

COUNCIL INTERVENTION

Reforestation program

Councillor Rino Long notes the increase in the program from \$200 to \$400.

MEDIA INTERVENTION

The press questions Council's directive to firefighters when they are called by Ambulance NB for lift assist. Mayor Deschênes explains the law which requires that firefighters answer only to calls for which they have been trained. Firefighters are not insured when they answer to incidents for which they have no training. Council is working on this situation that exists everywhere in the province.

Council is asked about the possibility of a dog park. Mayor Deschênes mentions that Daniel Martin has discussed this with him. There will be a park but the location remains to be determined.

The media questions if Pit Bulls are still prohibited in town. The CAO confirms that they are. The subject will be brought to Council for discussion.

Council confirms that William, Vanier, Veteran and Leclerc streets will be paved this year. The Province will pave Tobique and Portage roads.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor thanks members of the public, press and the department heads for being here.

Rino Long / Jean Maurice Gagnon, that the meeting is adjourned at 8 p.m. Carried

Marcel Deschênes
Mayor

Lise J. Ouellette
Deputy Clerk