

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12th, 2013

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, February 12th, 2013, 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 Administrative Support, Chantal Bolster.

PRAYER

The meeting begins with the Lord's Prayer.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Arthelin Rossignol /Harry McPhail,

2013-002 that the agenda is accepted as presented. Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Jean-Paul Proulx /Renaud Ouellette,

2013-003 that the minutes from the December 18th, 2012, regular meeting and the January 21st 2013, special meetings, which copies were distributed to Council members, are adopted as received. Carried

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Clerk proceeds with the reading of the closed meeting items from meetings held on December 17th, 2012 as well as January 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, 2013.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Keeley reads the three proclamations which are Suicide Prevention Week, Heart Month and Heritage Week 2013. Monique, representative of suicide prevention, thanks the municipal council for their support and distributes gift bags.

Invitations	9
Thanks	4
Proclamations	3
Financial aid requests	2
Aid requests (other than financial)	4
Offers of service, land or other	4

Misc. information	5
Request for payment	4

John Bellefleur / Arthelin Rossignol,

2013-004 Move that the correspondence be accepted as presented and distributed as requested. Carried

DRINKING WATER

The potable water analysis for December and January were received showing « potable water » results.

John Bellefleur / Arthelin Rossignol,

2013-005 that potable water tests be received and filed. Carried

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE

Councillor Lafrance reports that 2000 sick hours were used in 2012 which represents 162 sick days.

The Municipal Council proposes to prohibit left turns when exiting Soucy Lane and the shopping mall access closest to Shoppers Drug Mart due to serious accidents.

The Rural Community of Saint-André would like to schedule a meeting with the Grand Falls Municipal Council regarding policing services.

FARMERS MARKET

The farmers market expects a deficit in 2013. Councillor Lafrance reports a shortage of volunteers and suggest that the municipality gets more involved.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The annual mayor's supper will be held on February 28th, 2013 at the E & P Sénéchal Center.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

The town hosts three minor hockey tournaments.

The PTA female hockey team won the Campbellton tournament, congratulations to the team.

The E & P Sénéchal Center hosted the NB Potato Conference

The 2013 tourism guide is currently at the print house.

Phase 2 of the tourism infrastructure renovation project is ongoing and is going as anticipated.

The winter carnival will be held on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of March 2013 and will take place jointly with the War of 1812 ceremony.

VISUAL ARTS SYMPOSIUM

Drawing and sculpture courses are available.

STREETS

The department started to patch potholes on the streets that are forming during mild weather.

The employees at the town garage are taking numerous safety course required by law.

Councillor Rossignol would like to thank and congratulate the employees at the department of Public Works

REGIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION (PLANNING)

5 permits were given for Grand Falls, a value of \$34,750.
Councillor Ouellette is on the new Regional Services Commission's variance committee
The mayor discusses on the new Regional Services Commission
Two meetings are scheduled next week regarding the new municipal plan

ENVIRONMENT

A meeting will be held next week regarding the future development woodlot projects such as Little River in order to prepare for the CMA 2014.

CMA

Searching for volunteers
Expect 50 000 peoples during the CMA week
Two Grand Falls' families such as Rioux and Mazeroll will be participating in family reunions.

FILM FESTIVAL

Will be held on the 22nd and 23rd of February 2013 at the Richelieu Auditorium.

GOLF

The next golf committee meeting will be open to the public

LIBRARY

The new director of the library is Danielle Chafetz
Coming activities are mentioned.

FIRE

Firemen responded to eight calls in January
The Fire Chief and Deputy Chief are evaluating the firemen
The NB Fire Chief Convention will be held in Grand Falls from May 24th to 26th at the PTA.
400 people will be attending.
The mayor discusses concerning the fire services regional study.

FESTIVAL

Four new members joined the Potato Festival Committee.
The tractor pull will be held on the 22nd and 23rd of June 2013
The Regional Potato Festival will take place from June 26th to June 30th 2013
The Grand Falls Pageant will be held in June.

DOWNTOWN

The downtown committee, jointly with the municipality of Grand Falls, have applied for a provincial grant for Phase II of the Downtown Revitalization project.
The next meeting will be held on February 20th, 2013

WATER

The department received numerous calls from the public concerning sewer problems during the cold weather. All the calls were verified by the department and the problems were due to frozen vent pipes on the roof of their properties.
A potable water leak was repaired on Terrace St. next to Foodland. The leak was the result of a broken service saddle on the water main.
A potable water leak was repaired on Broadway Boulevard in front of the Credit Union's parking. The leak was caused by an old abandoned water service lateral. The lateral was disconnected from the water main.

A potable water leak was repaired on the corner of Industrial Road and Sénéchal Road. The leak was the result of a frozen hydrant.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A financial report will be presented next month

A 5 year plan was requested by the Mayor from each department and the deadline is April 30th, 2013.

AFMNB

The Mayor attended a session this February on municipal funding.

The Annual Mayor's Meeting will be held on the 20th and 21st of February in Fredericton.

UMNB

The Mayor will be a UMNB member for another year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning conditions, 87 Évangéline - motion

2013-005 Renaud Ouellette / Harry MacPhail,

CONSIDERING THAT Mrs. Nancy Lebel has requested, for the owner of the lot with P.I.D. number 65009516 located at 87 Évangéline Street, to amend the zoning in order to install a financial advisor office on the ground floor operated by Mrs. Nancy Lebel and a 2 bedroom apartment located on the second floor occupied by a person other than Mrs. Lebel.

CONSIDERING THAT Council has the intention to approve that request subject to terms and conditions

IT IS MOVED :

1. **THAT** the lot be used for the purpose of
 - a) The following main uses:
 - a financial advisor office on the ground floor operated by Mrs. Lebel; and
 - a 2 bedroom apartment located on the second floor occupied by a person other than Mrs. Lebel;
2. **THAT** the parking lot for clients be located in the back of the main building.
3. **THAT** the provisions regarding parking, area of buildings and units and all other provisions and general provisions of the Town of Grand Falls Zoning By-law apply *mutatis mutandis*. Carried

Amendment 2013-01, 87 Évangéline – readings

The Clerk reads the first reading of amendment 2013-01 in full and by title.

Renaud Ouellette / Jean-Paul Proulx

2013-006 **That Town Council adopt the first reading of amendment no. 2013-01 to the Grand Falls Zoning By-law as read. Carried**

The Clerk reads the second reading of amendment 2013-01 by title.

2013-007 **That Town Council adopt the second reading of amendment no. 2013-01 to the Grand Falls Zoning By-law as read. Carried**

COUNCIL INTERVENTION

The Mayor discusses on the meeting he had with NB Power regarding erosion and the possibility of having a second generating station.

The Mayor discusses on the closing of Bakery Levesque as well as on the economy in the Grand Falls region.

Councillor Proulx explains the ceremony of the War of 1812 that will be held on the 2nd and 3rd of Mars 2013. Different activities during the celebration are mentioned.

PUBLIC INTERVENTION - other

Martin Bérubé

Mr. Bérubé questions on the proposal to prohibit left turns when exiting Soucy Lane and the shopping mall access closest to Shoppers Drug Mart. Questions also on the state of the economy in the Grand Falls region and asks how the municipality of Grand Falls will promote economic development. Discusses the closing of Bakery Levesque.

MEDIA INTERVENTION

Acadie Nouvelle

The journalist questions if an economic development satellite office will be located in the community. The mayor notifies him that a letter was sent on this matter.

The journalist requests clarifications concerning the notice from the Town of Grand Falls to the Northwest Regional Services Commission that it may withdraw from the land use planning service of the Regional Services Commission. The Mayor reiterates that the Town sent the notice but that it has not been determined that the Town will in fact withdraw from the service in two years.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Richard Keeley, Mayor

Peter Michaud, CAO/ Clerk