

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2018

GRAND FALLS

MEETING

The Grand Falls Municipal Council held its regular meeting in the council room at the Grand Falls Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13th, 2018, following the notices required by law.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor:

Marcel Deschênes

Councillors:

Renaud Ouellette
Rino Long
Jean Réal Michaud

Michel "Rocky" Ouellette
Denise Lagacé Rioux
Jean Maurice Gagnon

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The councillors report no conflict of interest.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Renaud Ouellette / Rino Long,

2018-088 That the agenda is accepted as received. Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Jean Réal Michaud / Rino Long,

2018-089 That the minutes from the meeting held on September 11, 2018 and the special meetings held on September 18 and October 15, 2018, which copies were distributed to council members, are adopted as received. Carried

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Deputy Clerk reads the items discussed during closed meetings held on September 11, 18 and 25 and October 2, 15, 23 and 30, 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations	5
Thanks	1
Complaints	1
Request for financial assistance	0
Request for assistance – other than financial	0
Offer of services, land or other	1
Misc. information (GNB, federal, community...)	2
Answer to a municipal request	1

2018 09 11: Assumption Parish – Thank you letter for the Town's sponsorship of the 150th anniversary festivities.

Renaud Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon,

2018-090 That Town Council accepts the correspondence report as read. Carried

DRINKING WATER

The Town of Grand Falls received potable water analyses for September and October 2018 showing « potable water » results.

Renaud Ouellette /Michel "Rocky" Ouellette,

2018-091 That the potable water analysis received for September and October 2018 are received and filed. Carried

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Employees have installed turf on Broadway Boulevard and on Sheriff Street.
Fences were installed at the new Track and Field at the Thomas Albert high school.
Miscellaneous asphalt projects have been completed at the cycling trail, at well no. 5 and at the pumping station on Evangeline Street.
Management of the Track and Field project.
Reinstatement of the ditch on Main Street for surface water drainage.

Roger Côté – plan

Renaud Ouellette / Michel "Rocky" Ouellette,

2018-092 That the Grand Falls Town Council approves the subdivision plan prepared by W. E. Hodges Surveys Ltd entitled 036187 N.B. Ltd. / Ltée Subdivision and dated October 16, 2018. Carried

The pump on Nowlan Street will be eliminated and the looping to Bélanger Street will reduce the water interruptions and the boil orders in the Nowlan Street region.

PLANNING

Permits were given for a value of \$322,170 in the last months for a total value at the end of October of 7.7 million dollars.

Municipal plan – re-adoption

Renaud Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon,

2018-093 That Council publish a notice on its website and on its FACEBOOK page in accordance with Section 25 of the Community Planning Act, advising of its intention to amend the Municipal Plan so that it comply with the new Community Planning Act, 2017, c.19.

For the purpose of the Municipal Plan, repeal and readopt the municipal plan, its modifications and schedules:

By-laws	Schedules
2015-01	B-1
2015-02	B-1
2015-03	B-1
2017-01	B-2017-1
2017-02	B-2017-2
2017-03	B-2017-3
2017-04	B-2017-1
2018-01	B-2017-01

2018-02 B-2017-02
2018-03 B-2017-03

That a public presentation be held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 7 p.m. to present the proposed amendments.

That written objections to the said amendments may be made to the Council by forwarding them to the Town Clerk within thirty (30) days after the public presentation is held.

That the Town Clerk take care, in the name and for the Council, of publishing the public notice prescribed by section 25 of the Community Planning Act, Chapter 19. Carried

ENVIRONMENT

The Town will apply for funding from NB Power to change the indoor and outdoor lights at the CEPSC to LED. Savings are expected on the maintenance and the energy consumption.

FIRE

Council thanks the firefighters for their dedication during the smoke detector inspection campaign. Twenty firefighters took part and visited 985 residences.

Each hydrant in town has been identified to indicate the amount of gallons available per minute. This information is very important to firefighters.

JEUX DE L'ACADIE

There are only 32 weeks left before the 2019 games.
The Track and Field at the PTA is ready.

FARMERS' MARKET

The market is closed until the Christmas Market on December 1st.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

There was a Taekwondo tournament last month where we welcomed 90 athletes.
An elite hockey tournament was held at the CEPSC.
Improvements were made to the Grand Tube such as lighting, a shelter and the runs were raised.

HEALTH

Councilor Long mentions the funds promised for hospitals by the previous government. He questions our hospital's future given the change in government and notes the importance of the Community Health Committee.

Councilor Long also notes that the work done by the committee put in place by the Vitalité network is finished. The project had the objective of determining health related necessities in our region.

POLICE

The training attended by some police officers is mentioned.
A new police car is on the road as well as new radar equipment.
Two sergeant positions will be filled in January.
The police force thanks the firefighters for their help at Halloween.

FINANCE

At the end of October, the revenues in the General Fund were at 84.7% and the expenses at 86.4% while the revenues in the Water and Sewer Fund were at 84.6 % and the expenses at 71.1%.

Projections show that the 2018 budget is being followed.

The 2019 budget will be presented at the next meeting on December 18. The Mayor invites everyone to this last meeting of the year.

Accounts receivable – cancelations

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Rino Long,

- 2018-094 That the amount of \$4,246.50 is canceled in the accounts receivable 2017 General Fund. Carried**

Fund transfer

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Jean Réal Michaud,

- 2018-095 That the amount of \$89,306 be transferred from the Capital Reserve Fund - Non-vesting Future Employee Benefits to the General Operating Fund to help pay for sick days paid in 2018. Carried**

Turkeys – tenders

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Rino Long,

- 2018-096 That the Town Council accepts the price of \$1.67 per pound, received from Grand Falls Atlantic Superstore for Butterball Turkeys. Carried**

Other prices received: Atlantic Superstore Grade A \$1.99
 Toner Foodmaster Grade A \$2.39
 Toner Foodmaster Butterball \$2.99

Mayor Deschênes explains the tradition of offering a turkey to each employee for the Holidays.

NEW BUSINESS

Nanda and Vanessa Yagambrum – presentation

Mayor Deschênes presents a certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Yagambrum recognizing their award as 2018 Champions for Cultural Diversity awarded by the NB Multicultural Council.

By-law 18, Code of conduct – readings

The Deputy Clerk reads the first and second readings by title of By-law 18.

Renaud Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon, that the Grand Falls Town Council adopts the first reading of By-law 18, Grand Falls Town Council Code of Conduct By-law. Carried

Renaud Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon, that the Grand Falls Town Council adopts the second reading of By-law 18, Grand Falls Town Council Code of Conduct By-law. Carried

Grand Falls Central Business Development Corp. – 2019 budget

The Deputy Clerk reads the first and second reading, by title, of By-law 74 concerning the budget for the Grand Falls Central Business Development Corp. Inc.

Rino Long / Denise Lagacé Rioux, that the Grand Falls Town Council adopts the first reading of by-law 74, A municipal by-law to approve the operating budget of the Grand Falls Central Business Development Corp. Inc. Carried

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Jean Réal Michaud, that the Grand Falls Town Council adopts the second reading of by-law 74, A municipal by-law to approve the operating budget of the Grand Falls Central Business Development Corp. Inc. Carried

OTHERS – Council, public and media interventions

- Council intervention

Small Business Week – The Deputy Mayor reviews the activities that are wplanned during the week. The following people won awards: Irma Mulherin – Women Entrepreneur of the Year, Sacha Boulet – community involvement and Tony Bard – Young Entrepreneur of the Year. Congratulations to all!

Santa Claus Parade and free movie – The Santa Claus parade will take place on December 8th. A free movie will be offered that morning with free popcorn sponsored by the Town. Thanks to Jean-Paul and Paryse Proulx for the parade organisation.

Gift drive – Gifts, bottles and funds will be collected at the Home Hardware parking lot on December 1st.

- Public intervention

Smoke detector inspection – The Fire Chief explains that only a quarter of the territory is covered each year. He encourages residents to check their smoke alarms and batteries themselves and not wait four years for the firefighters to return.

- Media intervention

Code of conduct – The press questions why Council chose to adopt a code of conduct. The Mayor explains that this improvement has been planned since Council came to power.

ADJOURNMENT

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Rino Long, that the meeting is adjourned at 8 p.m. Carried

Marcel Deschênes
Mayor

Lise J. Ouellette
Deputy Clerk