

MINUTES

MARCH 12, 2019

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, March 12th, 2019, following the notices required by law.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor:

Marcel Deschênes

Councillors:

Michel "Rocky" Ouellette

Rino Long

Jean Réal Michaud

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

Jean Maurice Gagnon / Michel "Rocky" Ouellette,

2019-021 That the agenda is accepted as received. Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Rino Long,

2019-022 That the minutes from the meeting held on February 12, 2019, 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 February 5, 12, 20 and 26, 2019.

Rino Long / Jean Réal Michaud,

2019-023 That Town Council adopts the closed session report as presented. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

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

2019 03 07: Epilepsy Day – proclamation. The Mayor declares March 26 Epilepsy Day.

Jean Maurice Gagnon / Michel "Rocky" Ouellette,

2019-024 That Town Council accepts the correspondence report as read. Carried

DRINKING WATER

The Town of Grand Falls received potable water analyses for February 2019 showing « potable water » results.

Jean Réal Michaud / Rino Long,

2010-025 That the potable water analysis received for February 2019 are received and filed. Carried

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

The employees plowed the roads, spread road salt and sand, cleared drains and hydrants during the month. They also worked at maintaining the vehicles and equipment.

Line painting – tenders

Rino Long / Jean Réal Michaud,

2019-026 That Town Council accepts the price of \$21,223.18 plus tax received from Mr. Line Painter for the painting of street lines. Carried

Other prices received: Northside Pavement Markings Ltd. \$34,260.71

PLANNING

Émile Sénéchal et Fils

Rino Long / Denise Lagacé Rioux,

2019-027 That Council publish a notice on its website and on its Facebook page in accordance with Section 111 of the Community Planning Act, Chapter 19, advising of its intention to amend the Zoning By-Law to rezone part of the property belonging to Émile Sénéchal and Sons Ltd., located on Sénéchal Street in Grand Falls, NB., and having the following PID 35357441.

For the purpose of the Zoning By-Law, the zoning changes as follows:

To rezone part of the lot having the PID 35357441, from I1 (Medium industrial) to R2B (Single and two-unit residential).

The purpose of this modification is to create a new residential lot.

That a public presentation be held at Council Chambers on May 14, 2019 at 7 p.m. to study objections to the proposed amendment.

That the Town Clerk take care, in the name and for the Council, of publishing the public notice prescribed by section 111 of the Community Planning Act. Carried

Harley Hill – Toner

Rino Long /Jean Réal Michaud,

2019-028 That Council publish a notice on its website and on its Facebook page in accordance with Section 111 of the Community Planning Act, Chapter 19, advising of its intention to amend the Zoning By-Law to rezone parts of three properties having the PID 65014599, belonging to Marie Céline Toner et James Arnold Toner and PID 65096315, 65006223 belonging to Joseph Thomas Toner (Estate) - James Arnold Toner (In Trust), Robert Toner (In Trust), and located on Harley Hill Road in Grand Falls, NB.

For the purpose of the Zoning By-Law, the zoning would change as follows:

* Amend the zoning for certain parts of the property having the PID 65014599 and part of the property having PID 65096315 from a R2B (Single and two-unit residential) zone to a RES (Resources) zone.

* Amend part of the property having the PID 65193534 from an INST (Institutional) zone to a R1A (Single unit residential unserviced) zone.

The purpose of the modifications is to adjust the zoning so that it reflects the parcels that will be transferred amongst the above-mentioned owners.

Council will meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday, May 14th, 2019 at 7 p.m. to study objections to the proposed amendments.

That the Town Clerk take care, in the name and for the Council, of publishing the public notice prescribed by section 111 of the Community Planning Act. Carried

Toner Realty Ltd.

Rino Long / Denise Lagacé Rioux,

2019-029 That Council publish a notice on its website and on its Facebook page in accordance with Section 111 of the Community Planning Act, Chapter 19, advising of its intention to amend the Zoning By-Law to rezone part of the property belonging to Toner Realty Ltd., located on Ouellette Street in Grand Falls, NB., and having the following PID 65211526.

For the purpose of the zoning By-Law, the proposed modification is as follows:

- To designate a HC (Highway Commercial) zone to the lot having the PID 65211526.

The purpose of this modification is to allow zoning to be assigned to the property that was previously part of the provincial right-of-way.

That a public presentation be held at Council Chambers on May 14th, 2019 at 7 p.m. to study objections to the proposed amendment.

That the Town Clerk take care, in the name and for the Council, of publishing the public notice prescribed by section 111 of the Community Planning Act. Carried

Zoning By-Law – amendment

Rino Long / Denise Lagacé Rioux,

2019-030 That Council publish a notice on its website and on its FACEBOOK page in accordance with Section 111 of the Community Planning Act, advising of its intention to amend the zoning by-law so that it complies with the new Community Planning Act, 2017, c.19.

For the purpose of zoning by-law, repeal and readopt the zoning by-law, by-law No. 1900, its schedule A-1 and modifications and schedules:

By-Laws	Schedules
2015-01	A-1

2015-02	A-1
2015-03	A-1
2015-04	A-1
2017-01	A-2017-01
2017-02	A-2017-02
2017-03	A-2017-03
2017-04	A-2017-04
2017-05	A-2017-05
2018-01	A-2018-01
2018-02	A-2018-02
2018-03	A-2018-03
2018-04	A-2018-04

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That the Town Clerk take care, in the name and for the Council, of publishing the public notice prescribed by section 111 of the Community Planning Act. Carried

FIRE

The Fire Department received a dozen calls in February both in town and outside.

JEUX DE L'ACADIE

People are encouraged to register as volunteers during the games.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

Summer job offers close next Friday.

More than 1,000 people enjoyed the Grand Tube during the season. It is a popular activity.

Congratulations to the Rapids as they end their season.

The 2019 tourist guide is now available.

Signs

Tenders were called to replace the outdoor digital panels at the CEPSC and for a new indoor sign.

Jean Maurice Gagnon / Michel "Rocky" Ouellette,

2019-031 That the Grand Falls Town Council accepts the tender received from Liberté Vision in the amount of \$35,809 plus tax for two 6.67 mm digital color panels of 2.87 square meters and in the amount of \$65,729 for one 6.67 mm digital color panel of 8.60 square meters. Carried

Other prices received: Pattison Sign Group \$29,511 (10mm)
\$50,376 (10mm)

HUMAN RESOURCES

Alexandre Marquis – resignation

Jean Réal Michaud / Rino Long,

2019-032 That the Town Council accepts constable Alexandre Marquis' resignation dated February 13 2019. Carried

Working conditions – policy amendment

Rino Long / Jean Réal Michaud,

- 2019-033 That the Town Council adopt amendment 1 of policy 2006-10 (R) entitled Working Conditions, concerning the accumulation of flex hours. Carried**

POLICE

Councillor J. R. Michaud reports on miscellaneous statistics comparing the years 2017 and 2018.

Among others: Overtime	968 hours	890 hours
Denunciations	340	417
Contraventions	1019	627
Total incidents	3451	3610
Total accidents	265	269

Sergeant

Jean Réal Michaud / Rino Long,

- 2019-034 That Kevin Geraghty is promoted to the position of sergeant for the Grand Falls Police Force with salary and benefits as indicated in the collective agreement. Carried**

FINANCE

The accounting firm has completed the 2018 audit and will present the audit in April. A small surplus is expected.

Snow clearing cost \$199,034 in 2017 and \$183,553 in 2018 as of February 28.

Gas tax plan – revision

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Jean Maurice Gagnon,

- 2019-035 That Town Council accepts the document entitled Municipality of Grand Falls Five Year Capital Investment Plan (2014-2018) revised on March 12 2019. Carried**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Municipal plan – repeal and readopt

The Deputy Clerk reads the third reading, by title, to repeal and re-adopt by-law # 93 in order to respect the new Planning Act.

Jean Maurice Gagnon / Michel "Rocky" Ouellette,

- 2019-036 that Town Council adopt the third reading of by-law # 93 “By-law adopting the Grand Falls Municipal Plan” as read. Carried**

Zoning By-law – repeal and re-adoption

The Deputy Clerk reads the third reading, by title, to repeal and re-adopt by-law # 1900 in order to respect the new Planning Act.

Michel Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon,

- 2019-037 that Town Council adopt the third reading of by-law # 1900 “Zoning By-law” as read. Carried**

Municipal plan – amendment presentations

Éric Gagnon of the Land Use Planning Department presents the three proposed amendments to the municipal plan. Toner Realty – new HC zoning along Ouellette Street, Toners – miscellaneous parcels along the Harley Hill Street from Resource to Residential and

Residential to Resource, Émile Sénéchal et Fils – zoning amendment from Industrial to Residential on Sénéchal Street.

NEW BUSINESS

Tall Grasses By-Law

Mayor Deschênes explains the reasons for the new by-law. Council requires that properties be up kept whether they are vacant or not.

On Council approval, the Deputy Clerk reads the first two readings by sections and by title following the publication of a notice pursuant to section 15(3) of the Local Governance Act.

Jean Maurice Gagnon / Michel "Rocky" Ouellette, that Council adopt the first reading of By-law 40 as read. Carried

Jean Maurice Gagnon/ Denise Lagacé Rioux, that Council adopt the second reading of By-law 40 as read. Carried

OTHERS – Council, public and media interventions

- Council intervention

Red Cross and Dialogue NB

Both groups are looking for volunteers in our region. Interested individuals may contact the municipal administration.

- Public intervention

Gilles Lebel – surface water

Mr. Lebel lives in the LSD close to the Town's snow depot on Ennishore Road. He complains that snowmelt and water coming from Marcel Street bring surface water to his property and cause problems with his well. According to Public Works, Environment and Local Governance, the water is not caused by the Town nor from non-conforming uses. Mr. Lebel also complains about snow clearing activities at night.

Mayor Deschênes assures Mr. Lebel that Council will verify his complaints and that the Town will get back to him.

- Media intervention

Gas Tax Fund

The media question which projects will be accomplished with these funds. The Mayor explains the major works planned for streets in 2019. Tenders will be out soon. More details will be available at the next public meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Michel "Rocky" Ouellette / Rino Long, that the meeting is adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Carried

Mayor

Clerk