

MINUTES

MARCH 8, 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, March 8th, 2016, following the notices required by law.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor:

Richard Keeley

Councillors:

Jacques Lafrance
Michel Ouellette
Arthelin Rossignol
John Bellefleur

Harry MacPhail
Jean-Paul Proulx
Renaud Ouellette

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest is mentioned by councillors.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Council observes a moment of silence before the start of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Arthelin Rossignol / Harry MacPhail,

2016-028 That the agenda is accepted as presented. Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Renaud Ouellette / John Bellefleur,

2016-019 that the minutes from the February 9th 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 February 1, 8, 15 and 29th, 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations	3
Thanks	4
Complaints	0
Request for financial support	3
Request for support (other than financial)	3
Offer of services, land or other	1
Misc. information (GNB, federal, other)	7
Response to a municipal enquiry	2

Arthelin Rossignol / Harry MacPhail,

2016-030 that the correspondence report is accepted as read. Carried

The CAO reads two of these letters.

2016 02 01: Vitality Health Network – answer to our letter requesting more physicians in our region. The Mayor explains that the original letter was signed by the four mayors of the municipalities of Grand Falls, Drummond, Saint-André and Saint-Léonard.

2016 01 25: NB Central Midget Hockey League – thanks concerning the all-star game on January 23rd. Mayor Keeley thanks everyone implicated.

Arthelin Rossignol / Renaud Ouellette,

2016-031 that the correspondence is accepted as read. Carried

DRINKING WATER

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

John Bellefleur / Arthelin Rossignol,

2016-032 that potable water tests be received and filed. Carried

Mayor Keeley explains the water main break that caused the water level in the reservoir to lower. The Department of Health issued a preventive boil order in case of contamination.

INTERVENTIONS BY THE PUBLIC – motions and new business

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

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE

Additional court hours are noticed during the month of February.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

A hockey game in aid of Sam Ouellette will take place on March 12th at 7 p.m. at the CEPSC. The figure skating club's ice show will take place on March 19th at the CEPSC.

The 2016 Tourist Guide is ready. Thanks to all the sponsors who contributed to the guide's elaboration.

The Department will attend to the Quebec Tourism Show.

A Women's day will be held on March 12th starting at 2 p.m. at the P. T. A. Carl Roussel will be the guest speaker.

User Fee Policy – amendment 1

Michel Ouellette / Harry MacPhail,

2016-033 That Town Council adopts amendment 1 to policy 2015-01 entitled User Fees. Carried

Against: Councillor J. P. Proulx

STREETS

The Town has saved money due to the mild winter.

PLANNING

Seven permits were issued in February for a total value of \$297,500.

The Planning Advisory Committee approved two variances, one for the Giant Tiger parking and one for the parking at Broadway Place.

ENVIRONMENT

The Town is organising a half-day of spring cleaning on May 7th with funding going to sports or community groups. \$250 will be offered to each group attending.

A tender call will be posted in the near future to change the street lights downtown to LED.

The next lights to be changed will be those in the region of the LaRochelle Center.

The Committee is also studying the possibility of changing the lights inside the municipal garage.

The Deputy Mayor reminds everyone that the reforestation and rain barrel programs are still offered.

GOLF

We hope that the golfing season will start early given the moderate winter.

To date, 14 tournaments are planned as well as other activities. Visit the Website for more information.

The clubhouse will open on March 14th.

FIRE

No major fire has been reported in February.

The Department is currently working on its local and regional mandates.

GRAND FALLS DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORP.

The Town recently inspected service connections in every building on Broadway Boulevard.

Thanks to the owners for their cooperation. The inspection was a necessary step in preparing for the revitalisation project that will begin in the summer.

Councillor Proulx emphasizes the work by Denise Lafrance Dionne regarding the 2016 Tourist Guide.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The annual meeting will be held on April 21st at 7 p.m. at the municipal building.

The Mayor's Supper was a success and Mayor Keeley gives a brief report. The common themes between municipalities are regional collaboration and economic development. The goodwill towards regional collaboration was evident.

FESTIVAL AND TRACTOR PULL

Plans are going well.

The Tractor Pull will be held on June 18th and 19th with evening competitions.

WATER

Numerous water leaks were detected in February.

AMNB / UMN

Local governance is the major theme discussed at meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Turcotte – presentation

Mayor Keeley presents a certificate to Mr. Turcotte recognizing and honouring his horse-racing career. Mayor Keeley reiterates the honor and pleasure felt by the community at the monument unveiling last July.

COUNCIL INTERVENTION

2016 municipal elections

Councillor Jacques Lafrance announces that he will not be seeking a third mandate in the 2016 elections.

Councillors Michel “Rocky” Ouellette and John Bellefleur announce that they will be candidates for municipal councillor in 2016.

Mayor Keeley thanks Councillors for their service to the community.

International Women’s Day

Councillor Lafrance encourages women to be candidates in the upcoming elections.

Curling

Two local teams have advanced to provincial competitions.

Basketball

The John Caldwell girls’ team has won the provincial championship for the third consecutive year.

Pet faeces

As spring arrives, pet owners are asked to clean up their yards.

ADJOURNMENT

Arthelin Rossignol /Renaud Ouellette, that the meeting is adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Carried

Richard Keeley
Mayor

Lise J. Ouellette
Deputy Clerk