

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10TH, 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, September 10th, 2013, following the notices required by the Act.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor:

Richard Keeley

Councillors:

John Bellefleur
Arthelin Rossignol
Renaud Ouellette
Michel Ouellette

Rino Long
Jean-Paul Proulx
Harry MacPhail

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

PRAYER

The meeting begins with the Lord's Prayer.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Rino Long / Arthelin Rossignol,

that the agenda is accepted as proposed. Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Renaud Ouellette / Jean-Paul Proulx,

2013-64 that the minutes from the meetings on July 29 and 31 as well as August 13, 2013, which copies were distributed to Council members, are adopted as received. Carried

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Deputy Clerk proceeds with the reading of the closed meeting items from meetings held on August 13, 19 and 26, 2013.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations	8
Thanks	4
Offer of services, land or other	1
Misc. information	8

The CAO informs the public that a garbage collection for dangerous residential goods will take place on September 21st from 9:00 to 12:00 in Drummond.

Harry MacPhail / Arthelin Rossignol,

2013-065 Move that the correspondence be accepted as presented and distributed as requested. Carried

DRINKING WATER

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

John Bellefleur / Arthelin Rossignol,

2013-066 that potable water tests be received and filed. Carried

INTERVENTIONS BY THE PUBLIC – motions and new business

Mayor Keeley explains the proposed motions. No questions or comments are received from the public.

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

Inscriptions are ongoing for the majority of winter activities.

Thanks to the students and employees who helped during the summer season.

Coming activities and tournaments are mentioned including the induction of Sue Woods in the Grand Falls Sports Hall of Fame.

The LaRoche center is closed and the camping closes this weekend. The Malabean center will close the first week of October.

The Beer-Fest will be held on October 19.

STREETS

Street lights on the Ron Turcotte Bridge were changed to LED. We expect a savings of 51%.

The equipment in the Marie-Immaculée School playground will be relocated to adjacent municipal land.

The Percy and Prospect Streets will be asphalted this fall.

A storm sewer will be extended along the Little River to control erosion.

Technologist

Arthelin Rossignol / John Bellefleur,

2013-067 That Luc Bernier is hired as a technologist for a six month contract for the Public Works Department at the salary provided in the collective agreement and benefits as negotiated. Carried

REGIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION – planning

Four variances were approved including one for Grand Falls.

The new commission will require many adjustments. Budget increases are expected in 2014.

Eleven permits were granted for a value of \$506,000.

ENVIRONMENT

The dead and sick tree clean-up continues.

WAC 2014

The WAC needs volunteers.

The Town will start decorating the municipality in the next months.

POLICE

Cruiser

Harry MacPhail / Rino Long,

2013-068 That the Town purchase an all-wheel drive vehicle from Violette Ford Ltd. for the amount of \$29,035 plus tax and a two-wheel drive cruiser from Rendez-vous Chrysler for the amount of \$27,995 plus tax. Carried

Other tenders received: Violette Ford Ltd. (2-wheel drive) \$27,935 + Interface

LIBRARY

Activities planned for the month of September are mentioned.

GOLF

Golf season is ending and the course is still in good condition.

FIRE

The Fire Department responded to seven calls in August. Thanks to the Fire Departments and police officers who responded to the fire on Broadway. Residential smoke detector inspection will start soon.

WATER

A water main break was repaired.
An environmental study concerning effluents at the lagoon will be ongoing for one year.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The CBCD is accepting nominations for the Young Entrepreneur Award until September 30th.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Today is World Suicide Prevention Day.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The committee will undertake a study of the Town's operations in an effort to increase efficiency.
After eight months of operation, expenses are at approximately 60%.

Financing request

Rino Long / Arthelin Rossignol,

2013-069 Resolved that the Clerk and/or Treasurer and/or Mayor be authorized to issue and sell to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation a Municipality of Grand Falls debenture in the principal amount of \$840,000 on such terms and conditions as are recommended by the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation, and be it resolved that the Municipality of Grand Falls agree to issue post-dated cheques payable to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation as and when they are requested in payment of principal and interest charges on the above debenture. Carried

Hiring policy – amendment

Rino Long / John Bellefleur,

2013-070 That modification 3 to policy 2005-03 is adopted as received. Carried

FALLS VILLA

The Nowlan Residence has registered a light deficit.
There are 45 people on the waiting list.
Councillor Long notes the importance of the Villa as a small business.

COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMITTEE

A retirement at the X-ray Department will harm services offered in Grand Falls.
The committee is working on shared transportation to help people being treated by dialysis in Edmundston.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Municipal plan – objections and readings

The Deputy Clerk reads the first reading of By-law no. 93 in full and by title. Mayor Keeley notes that no objection has been received.

Renaud Ouellette / Harry MacPhail,

That the Municipal Council adopts the first reading of By-law 93, *By-law adopting the Grand Falls Municipal Plan* as read. Carried

The Deputy Clerk reads the second reading of By-law 93.

Arthelin Rossignol / Rino Long,

That the Municipal Council adopts the second reading of By-law 93, *By-law adopting the Grand Falls Municipal Plan* as read. Carried

Zoning By-law – objections and readings

One objection was received regarding signage regulations. No other objection is received from the people present.

The Deputy Clerk reads the first reading of By-law no. 1900 by Section number and by title. It is noted that the notices were published per Section 12 (1) of the Municipalities Act and that the Municipal Council has no objection to this procedure.

Renaud Ouellette / Jean-Paul Proulx,

That the Municipal Council adopts the first reading of By-law 1900, *Zoning By-law* as read. Carried

The Deputy Clerk reads the second reading of By-law 1900.

John Bellefleur / Arthelin Rossignol,

That the Municipal Council adopts the second reading of By-law 1900, *Zoning By-law* as read. Carried

NEW BUSINESSBy-law 82 – Amendment 2013-01

The Deputy Clerk reads the first reading of amendment 2013-01 to By-law no. 82 in full and by title.

Renaud Ouellette / Rino Long,

That the Municipal Council adopts the first reading of modification 2013-01 to By-law 82, *A By-law to regulate traffic in the town of Grand Falls, NB* as read. Carried

The Deputy Clerk reads the second reading of modification 2013-01.

Arthelin Rossignol / Harry MacPhail,

That the Municipal Council adopts the second reading of amendment 2013-01 to By-law 82, *A By-law to regulate traffic in the town of Grand Falls, NB* as read. Carried

COUNCIL INTERVENTIONTrans Canada Pipeline

Mayor Keeley attended a supper held by the group to gather information on their perspective concerning the Trans Canada Pipeline project. The municipality's conditions were communicated to the group: the protection of our resources and potable water among others.

Meeting with Minister Soucy

Mayor Keeley explains a meeting he had with the Minister on miscellaneous issues. Minister Soucy was advised that the Town's priority for roads remains the replacement of the Little River Bridge.

Regional collaboration – cost sharing

The Town met with the regional representative for LSD's in order to start the discussion on cost sharing. The Town's suggestion remains a contribution of 3¢ in taxes. This amount is based on the present agreement with the village of Drummond.

Mayor Keeley discusses the article printed in the Info-Weekend paper indicating that Grand Falls has adopted a firm position concerning the amount of the contribution requested. The Mayor reads the letter written to the Saint-André Rural Community which states that Grand Falls "suggests" the amount of 3¢ and reiterates that this amount is based on the existing agreement with Drummond.

He explains that the protection of Grand Falls citizens is a responsibility of Council. Citizens are 100% responsible for the maintenance of roads and public safety services, recreation and others while outside town limits, the Province pays for streets and subsidizes policing etc. Our small municipal population must pay for all these services while our sports infrastructure is used at 42% by individuals from outside town limits.

Saint-Georges reservoir – garbage

Council requests that signs be posted and that the police be present to stop kids from littering near the reservoir.

Sports Hall of Fame – induction

Free tickets are available if groups or associations wish to attend the ceremony.

Frederick W. Pirie – Potato World

Congratulations to Mr. Pirie who was recognized by the Potato World Museum in Florenceville, NB. A congratulations letter will be sent to the family.

INTERVENTIONS BY THE PUBLIC - other

Jean-Yves Roy

Mr. Roy presents documentation to Council concerning the New Horizons program.

Charles Kavanaugh – Fire Chief

Chief Kavanaugh informs Council that four firemen have gone to New York for the anniversary of 9/11. Some will go to Fredericton also.

INTERVENTIONS BY THE MEDIA

Brunswick News

Mayor Keeley specifies that the Laforest Street will become a two-way street but that left-hand turns will be prohibited.

The journalist asks the Mayor to elaborate concerning the RSC. Mayor Keeley indicates that the reform could cause a tax increase of up to 4¢ for less service.

ADJOURNMENT

Arthelin Rossignol / Renaud Ouellette, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Carried

Richard Keeley
Mayor

Lise J. Ouellette
Deputy Clerk