

MINUTES

APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

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, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, following the notices required by law.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor:

Richard Keeley

Councillors:

John Bellefleur

Jean-Paul Proulx

Renaud Ouellette

Michel Ouellette

Arthelin Rossignol

Jacques Lafrance

Rino Long

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

**Arthelin Rossignol / Jean-Paul Proulx,**

**that the agenda is accepted as received. Carried**

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

**Jacques Lafrance / John Bellefleur,**

**2014-14 that the minutes from the March 11, 2014 meeting, 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 March 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations	5
Thanks	1
Offer of services, land or other	1
Misc. information	0
Complaints	0
Request for financial support	6
Request other than financial support	6
Response to a municipal enquiry	1

2014 02 27: Canadian Cancer Society – Mayor Keeley proclaims the month of April “Daffodil Month”.

**Renaud Ouellette / Rino Long,**

**2014-15**      **that the correspondence is accepted as presented and distributed as requested. Carried**

DRINKING WATER

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

**John Bellefleur /Arthelin Rossignol,**

**2014-16**      **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

POLICE

The Police Department requests that people lock their car doors as there were 16 thefts last month.

Policy 2014-05/06

**Jacques Lafrance / Rino Long,**

**2014-017**      **that policy 2014-05/06 entitled Internal policy on the handling and management of human sources for the Grand Falls Police Force is adopted as recommended by the Police Chief. Carried**

Policy 2014-07/08

**Jacques Lafrance / Rino Long,**

**2014-018**      **that policy 2014-07/08 entitled Directive on the internal policies and procedures for cases involving breathalyser and radar is adopted as recommended by the Police Chief. Carried**

Policy 2014-09/10

**Jacques Lafrance / Jean-Paul Proulx,**

**2014-019**      **that policy 2014-09/10 entitled Grand Falls Police Force Policy on the in-car Video and Audio Camera System is adopted as recommended by the Police Chief. Carried**

Policy 2014-11/12

**Jacques Lafrance / Rino Long,**

**2014-020**      **that policy 2014-11/12 entitled Internal policy and directives on the management of the Use of Force Continuum for the Grand Falls Police Force is adopted as recommended by the Police Chief. Carried**

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

Council congratulates minor hockey teams who have won tournaments lately. Tournaments planned for the coming weeks are announced. Spring hockey has begun and registration is open for minor soccer and baseball.

The E. & P. Sénéchal Centre is featured on the cover of Steel Design magazine as well as in an article. It's an honour for the municipality and Council thanks the project instigators.

Catering service

Michel "Rocky" Ouellette / Arthelin Rossignol,

- 2014-021      that the catering service at the RTC Department is cancelled and that the position of Coordinator for food and beverages is also abolished, for financial reasons, as of March 28, 2014. Carried

Mayor Keeley explains that this was a difficult decision. However, it is clear that the catering service operates at a loss. Partnerships with the private sector are encouraged for the catering necessary to activities at the CEPSC.

Fencing panels – tender

Michel "Rocky" Ouellette / Rino Long,

- 2014-022      that the Grand Falls Municipal Council accept the tender received from CTR Fastening Systems Ltd. in the amount of \$70 per unit plus tax for temporary fencing panels. Carried

Other prices received:	Maritime Fence	\$145.50
	G. Daviault Ltée	\$125.
	MacDonald Fencing	\$135.
	Fundy Fencing Ltd.	\$208.40
	Eastern Fence	\$109.49

A new tourist guide is available. Plans remain to open the interpretation centre at the same time as the Malabeam Centre opening.

The Upper St. John Philharmonic Orchestra will be playing at the Richelieu Auditorium on April 12.

GOLF

The season is about three weeks late compared to 2013.  
Sponsors are still needed for each hole.  
The pro shop is open and selling season passes. The price for 2014 passes is the same as 2013.

STREETS

Streets in town are deteriorating because of the rain, snow melt and thaw. Everyone's patience would be appreciated.  
Traffic lights at the Madawaska / Bertelson intersection have been repaired.

Technologist

Arthelin Rossignol / Renaud Ouellette,

- 2014-023      that the contract with Luc Bernier, Technologist with the Public Works Department, is extended for an additional six months, salary per the collective agreement and benefits as negotiated. Carried

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

Four permits were approved in March for a total value of \$245,600.  
Two variances were approved in our region.

2014 WORLD ACADIAN CONGRESS

The final details are being worked out. An all-access pass is available for \$20.  
Councillor Ouellette reminds people of the ExpoMonde that will take place in Grand Falls with over 130 kiosks, outdoors theatres etc.  
More decorations will be installed downtown and elsewhere after the festival.  
Town Council encourages citizen implication and participation.

FIRE

The Department responded to three calls in March.  
Firemen have rented a kiosk at the Commercial Expo.

GRAND FALLS CENTRAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The annual meeting will be held on May 13.

FESTIVAL / TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULL

The second annual Projet Rouge evening will be held on May 15 benefiting the Escale Madavic.

Tent

**Jean-Paul Proulx / Rino Long,**

**2014-024        that the Grand Falls Municipal Council accept the tender received from Commercial Tent Rentals Ltd. in the amount of \$61,950 plus tax for a large tent conditional to receiving a provincial grant. Carried**

Other prices received: Location de chapiteaux FR        \$111,556.99  
   Les Tentes Grandchamp        \$ 87,200.

WATER

Services have been installed at the Ambulance NB garage.  
Many sewer pipes are freezing.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The tentative date for the annual meeting is set for April 24.  
Plans for the Commercial Expo are going well. 95 kiosks have been rented.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

The hospital will keep its seven additional beds until September.  
The subject of a radiologist in Grand Falls remains ongoing.

FALLS VILLA

The collective agreement with nurses was ratified.  
Ernst & Young is evaluating the nursing home system in the province.  
There are 23 people on the waiting list.

## FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

### General fund adjustments – Minor Soccer Association

**Rino Long / Renaud Ouellette,**  
**2013-025**      **that an amount of \$60.51 be cancelled from the Minor Soccer Association**  
**account in the general fund accounts receivable for interests accrued in 2013.**  
**Carried**

### Composition of Council

**Rino Long / Renaud Ouellette,**  
**2014-026**      **that Town Council has the intention to start procedures in order to reduce the**  
**number of councillors on the Grand Falls Town Council from 8 to 6 plus the**  
**Mayor before the next municipal elections. Carried**

Mayor Keeley explains that the number of councillors will reflect the provincial norm. Because of the current economy, Council faces decisions that are often difficult. The number of committees on which Council is represented will be revised in order to lighten each councillor's responsibility.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 2013 financial audit

The 2013 financial report is presented by Réal Nadeau of Nadeau Picard and Associates. A consolidated surplus of \$23,773 was realised excluding grants and donations. The debt is at 14.8 million (31%) and there is a total of 2.6 million in reserve funds.

Council, the Administration and Accounting Departments as well as Department Heads are thanked for their cooperation.

**Rino Long / Arthelin Rossignol,**  
**2014-027**      **that the 2013 financial audit is accepted as presented by Nadeau Picard and**  
**Associates. Carried**

### Special meeting – ATV Club

A special public meeting is planned for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Mad-Vic ATV Club will be presenting its request for the use of the NB Trail Bridge.

### New Website / Facebook

Mayor Keeley informs people about the new Website and Facebook page. The Website works better with newer browser versions. These communication tools will be used to inform citizens during emergencies and for other important messages. There are plans to use Twitter in the future.

## MEDIA INTERVENTION

### Brunswick News

Snow melt / floods – Mayor Keeley informs that the Province is recommending vigilance near watercourses. Individuals should avoid activities in those regions.

## ADJOURNMENT

Arthelin Rossignol / Renaud Ouellette, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Carried

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Richard Keeley  
 Mayor

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Lise J. Ouellette  
 Deputy Clerk