

MINUTES

AUGUST 8, 2017

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, August 8th, 2017, following the notices required by law.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor:

Marcel Deschênes

Councillors:

Rino Long

Renaud Ouellette

Jean Maurice Gagnon

Michel Ouellette

Jean Réal Michaud

Denise Lagacé Rioux

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest is reported.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Rino Long /Denise Lagacé Rioux,

2017-086 That the agenda is accepted as received. Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Renaud Ouellette / Michel Ouellette,

2017-087 That the minutes from the meeting held on July 11, 2017, 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 June 6, 13, 20 and 27 and July 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE

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| Invitations | 0 |
| Thanks | 4 |
| 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...) | 2 |
| Answer to a municipal request | 0 |

Jean Maurice Gagnon / Michel Ouellette,

2017-088 that the correspondence report is accepted as read. Carried

DRINKING WATER

The potable water analyses for July 2017 were received showing « potable water » results.

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Major leaks on Dugal and Caswell were repaired.
 Renovations to the Harley Hill reservoir are finished.
 Last week's boil order was caused by a pipe damaged during the Broadway reconstruction.
 The work on the northern side of the boulevard is 75% finished.

Garage doors – tender call

Renaud Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon,

2017-089 That the municipal council accepts the tender received from Laforge Garage Doors Inc. in the amount of \$58,240 plus tax for garage doors. Carried

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| Other prices received: Cyr Garage Doors | \$65,000 plus tax |
| Aldens Shutters & Doors Inc. | \$65,492 plus tax |
| Delta J. Doors | \$83,500 plus tax |

PLANNING

Three variances were approved by the Planning Advisory Committee.
 34 permits were given for a \$2,238,098 value.

Ennishone Road - rezoning

Renaud Ouellette / Michel Ouellette,

2017-090 That Council publish a notice in the *Étoile*, Nord-Ouest edition and *Victoria Star* newspapers in accordance with Section 25 of the *Community Planning Act*, advising of its intention to amend the Municipal Plan to affect part of the property having the PID 65095838, belonging to the Town of Grand Falls and located Ennishone Road in Grand Falls, NB.

For the purpose of the Municipal Plan, the land use changes as follows:

- Affect part of the above mentioned property from Residential to Institutional.

That a public presentation be held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 5th 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*.
 Carried

ENVIRONNEMENT

A meeting took place with a citizen requesting that Grand Falls adopt a regulation such as Tracadié concerning the use of pesticides. The Council will be discussing the request.

FIRE

Nine calls were answered last month.
 Firefighters helped during the parade and the fireworks.
 The chief's mandate as president of the Maritime Fire Chiefs Association was renewed.
 Congratulations!

FARMER'S MARKET

People are invited to the market on Saturday mornings.

JEUX DE L'ACADIE

Councillor M. Ouellette reports the results for our area's youth at the Fredericton games.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

Two baseball tournaments for the pee wee and mosquito divisions are planned.
 The golf course is still in good condition in spite of the drought.
 The Mayor invites people to the municipal tournament that will take place on September 1st
 and notes the Chamber of Commerce tournament on Friday.

Statistics for the 2017 tourism season are still being compiled. A better year than 2016 is expected.

As for culture, the activities and shows to come are mentioned including the tintamarre on August 15, the beer-fest on August 25 and the Sports Hall of Fame ceremony on September 16. Anne-Marie Beaulieu and Maurice Roy are this year's honorees.

HUMAN RESOURCES

There is currently a job opening for a sergeant with the police force.
 Meetings will be scheduled soon with local 886 to negotiate a new work contract.

POLICE

Members took part in an information session offered by the RCMP concerning illegal biker bands.
 300 Meth pills were intercepted and an individual is now incarcerated.
 The official opening of the new RCMP regional headquarters in St-Leonard was held today.
 The Mayor and Chief were present.
 Councillor Michaud read an article from a magazine dedicated to women police officers that highlights Chief Themens.
 Councillor Michaud indicates that all is well at the police department and that he is proud of the force. The Mayor thanks the team.

FINANCE

At the end of July, revenues in the general fund were at 59.1% and expenses at 58.9%. In the water fund, revenues were at 57.6% and expenses at 47.8%.

Purchasing policy –amendment #4

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Rino Long,

2017-091 That amendment #4 to Purchasing Policy 2004-02 (R4) is adopted in order to include Stéphanie Levesque as authorized agent. Carried

CENTRAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORP.

The Corporation continues to maintain flowers and shrubs downtown. No meeting was held in July.

OTHERS – Council, public and media interventions

- Council intervention

Broadway renovation project – The Mayor informs that the work is proceeding on time and as predicted. He thanks residents, the public in general and businesses in particular for their patience. Councillor R. Ouellette concurs that the surface water infrastructure functions very well as witnessed during the rainstorm last Thursday.

The Mayor apologised for the two consecutive boil orders in the past weeks. He explained that they were caused by construction accidents. He also explained the procedure required by the Department of Health when a pipe is damaged.

Fête de l'Acadie – The Mayor invites the population to participate in festivities on August 15 starting at 6 p.m.

Recognition - Mayor Deschênes thanks the chief and the firefighters for watching over the town's citizens.
- He also thanks the whole team at the RTC. Visitors have very good comments.

- Public intervention

Lionel Arsenault

Mr. Arsenault also invites people to the tintamarre on August 15.

He requests that the billboards on Madawaska Road be moved to a better spot. Council will look into it.

Robert Godbout

Mr. Godbout questions why garage door tenders were requested a second time. The Mayor explains that the specifications for the doors were changed.

Mr. Godbout believes that the Broadway Boulevard will be very nice once done. He asks that the workers keep off his property. The Mayor believes this has already been addressed.

Jocelyn Themens

Mr. Themens suggests that the billboards be installed somewhere where there is a drive-thru so people have time to read the messages.

- Media intervention

The media representatives question the following items:

RCMP building – the Mayor confirms that the Town is interested in acquiring the current RCMP building if it becomes available.

Garage doors – the Mayor explains that the doors requested are 3 inches thick which will help to conserve energy. He confirms that the price is \$58,000 including installation.

Rezoning – the zoning amendment on Ennishone Road will permit the Town to store snow on the site.

Purchasing policy – the amendment was done to permit an employee to authorise purchases.

ADJOURNMENT

Denise Lagacé Rioux/ Jean Maurice Gagnon, that the meeting is adjourned at 8 p.m. Carried