

MINUTES

February 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, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, following the notices required by law.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor:

Marcel Deschênes

Councillors:

Denise Lagacé Rioux  
Renaud Ouellette  
Rino Long  
Jean Réal Michaud  
Michel Ouellette

as well as the Deputy Clerk, Lise J. Ouellette and the Administrative support, Chantal Rioux.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The councillors report no conflict of interest.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**Michel Ouellette / Renaud Ouellette,**

**2019-001      That the agenda is accepted as received. Carried**

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

**Denise Lagacé Rioux / Rino Long,**

**2019-002      That the minutes from the meetings held on December 18, 2018, 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 December 4, 18, 2018 and January 8, 15, 29, 2019.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations	1
Thanks	0
Complaints	0
Request for financial assistance	1
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

**Rino Long / Jean-Réal Michaud,**

**2019-003 That Town Council accepts the correspondence report as read. Carried**

Mayor Deschênes declares Heritage Week 2019 from February 11 to 18, 2019.

#### DRINKING WATER

The Town of Grand Falls received potable water analyses for December 2018 and January 2019 showing « potable water » results.

**Renaud Ouellette / Michel Ouellette,**

**2019-004 That the potable water analysis received for December 2018 and January 2019 are received and filed. Carried**

#### MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### PUBLIC WORKS

Councilor R. Ouellette mentions that a fine of \$ 125 will be given to those who blow snow on the streets, on the fire hydrants and on the street signs. He asks for the cooperation of the citizens during the snow removal.

The SCADA system is finally working in the entire town.

Councilor R. Ouellette gives an update on the work done during the months of December 2018 and January 2019.

##### Asphalt Recycler

**Renaud Ouellette / Michel Ouellette,**

**2019-005 That the tender received from Saunders Equipment Ltd. in the amount of \$104,450 plus tax for an asphalt recycler is accepted. Carried**

##### Pickup

**Renaud Ouellette / Michel Ouellette,**

**2019-006 That the tender received from Violette Ford (2016) Inc. in the amount of \$35,475 plus tax for a 2019 V8 pickup is accepted. Carried**

Other price received:

Rendez-vous Chrysler \$38,250

Toner Chevrolet \$42,780

F. McClure & Sons \$39,950

#### PLANNING

A total of 7 permits were given in January for an evaluation of \$395,695.

The Planning Advisory Committee has accepted the exemption request on Cyr Street and the rezoning request on Bélanger Street.

##### Printer

**Renaud Ouellette / Rino Long,**

**2019-007 That the tender received from Xtra Document Solutions in the amount of \$11,148 plus tax for a printer is accepted. Carried**

Toner Realty – Municipal Plan amendment

Renaud Ouellette / Michel Ouellette,

- 2019-008 That Council publish a notice on its website and on its FACEBOOK page in accordance with Section 25 of the *Community Planning Act 2017, c. 19*, advising of its intention to amend the Municipal Plan to affect the property having the PID 65211526, belonging to Toner Realty Ltd. and located on Ouellette Street in Grand Falls, NB.

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

Assign a Future Land use of “Commercial” zone to the above mentioned property.

That a public presentation be held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 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

Émile Sénéchal et Fils Ltée

Renaud Ouellette / Denise Lagacé Rioux,

- 2019-009 That Council publish a notice on its website and on its FACEBOOK page in accordance with Section 25 of the *Community Planning Act*, advising of its intention to amend the Municipal Plan to affect parts of a property having PID 35357441 belonging to Émile Sénéchal and Sons Ltd., and located along Sénéchal Street in Grand Falls, NB

For the purpose of the Municipal Plan, the land use classification changes from:

Affect part of the property having the PID 35357441 from Industrial to Residential.

That a public presentation be held at Council Chambers on March 12, 2019 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

Marie Céline Toner / Toner Estates

Renaud Ouellette / Rino Long,

- 2019-010 That Council publish a notice on its website and on its FACEBOOK page in accordance with Section 25 of the *Community Planning Act*, advising of its intention to amend the Municipal Plan to affect 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 Municipal Plan, the land use changes as follows:

Affect part of the property having the PID 65014599 and part of the property having the PID 65096315 from Residential to Resources.

Affect part of the property having the PID 65006223 from Resources to Residential.

That a public presentation be held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 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

### ENVIRONMENT

The municipality will hire Roy Consultant to prepare a plan to change the interior and exterior lights of the E. & P. Sénéchal Center to LEDs.

### FIRE

We received twelve (12) calls in January.

Two firefighters left the brigade, Councilor M. Ouellette invites interested citizens to complete a hiring form.

The council wants to finish the Broadway project before starting the construction of the new fire station.

### JEUX DE L'ACADIE

The games will begin on June 24, 2019. An amount of \$ 200,000 has been donated to date.

### RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

The Frost Day was a success.

A Rotary Day will be held on February 18th. Everything is free.

The tour guide will be completed shortly.

The Regional Potato Festival Committee will host a 2019 edition.

### ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

#### Bonding of employees

Rino Long / Jean Réal Michaud,

- 2019-011 That the Grand Falls Municipal Council adopt the document showing the bonding of the employees as received from Archway Insurance and the policy no. CP80469 in effect from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2019. Carried

#### Land Use Technologist (Junior)

Rino Long / Denise Lagacé Rioux,

- 2019-012 That Jessica Pouliot be hired as a Land Use Technologist (Junior) for the Land Use Department effective April 1, 2019 and with salary on the established scale as well as benefits and probation period as established for non-unionized employees. Carried

## LIBRARY

Free snowshoes are available for a day.

## POLICE

Councilor J.R. Michaud reads the 2018 annual report.

A fine of \$ 125 will be given to those who do not respect the laws related to snow (By-law # 82).

The Mayor asks Councilor J.R. Michaud to compare the 2017 annual report with the 2018 annual report at the next public meeting.

## FINANCE

The 2018 financial audit will begin next week.

A presentation of the financial statement will be held in April.

The projections for the 2018 budget are for a balanced budget.

## Line of Credit

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Jean Réal Michaud,

**2019-013      Considering that the Town of Grand Falls has entered into a line of credit for its current operations with Caisse populaire acadienne Ltée;**

**Considering that under section 100 (2) of the Local Governance Act, local governments cannot borrow more than 4% of their annual budget for their current operations    in a given year or \$ 15,000 the highest sum to be retained;**

**Considering that the Town of Grand Falls wishes that its line of credit for its current operations be modified annually up to the highest amount of 4% of the Town's annual budget or \$ 15,000 without the need to have an annual borrowing resolution from the Municipality as such;**

**Considering that the Town agrees to sign annually a new line of credit agreement with the Caisse in order to adjust the amount of the said line of credit in accordance with the Local Governance Act through its authorized signing officers;**

**Be it resolved that the Town of Grand Falls borrow for its current operations with the Caisse populaire acadienne Ltée and ask the latter to adjust, upon receipt of the necessary evidence for this purposes the Municipality's line of credit so that this sum is equivalent to 4% of the annual Municipal budget or \$ 15,000, the highest sum of the two to be retained and that the Municipality's signing officers sign all line of credit agreements on behalf of the Municipality, from time to time to reflect this annual change. Carried**

## Financial request

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Rino Long,

**2019-014      That the Grand Falls Town Council resolve that the Clerk, Treasurer 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 \$875,000 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 agrees 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**

Accounts receivable – cancellation

**Denise Lagacé Rioux / Rino Long,**

- 2019-015      That the sum of \$ 223.96 be canceled in the general fund accounts for the year 2018. Carried**

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

For the safety of citizens, the Public Works Department maintains that the application of salt and sand is necessary on the Downtown sidewalks.

The Deputy Mayor encourages merchants to spread salt in front of their business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Unsightly premises By-law - 3rd reading

The Deputy Clerk reads the third reading, in title, of the unsightly premises By-law.

**Renaud Ouellette / Michel Ouellette,**

- 2019-016      that Town Council adopts the third reading of the unsightly premises By-law as read. Carried**

Municipal Plan – repeal and re-adoption, 1 and 2 reading

The Deputy Clerk reads the first two readings, in title, to repeal and re-adopt by-law # 93 in order to respect the new Planning Act. Council agrees to proceed with reading the by-law by sections only given the notice published pursuant to subsection 15(3) of the Local Governance Act.

**Renaud Ouellette / Denise Lagacé Rioux,**

- 2019-017      that Town Council adopts the first reading of by-law # 93 “By-law adopting the Grand Falls Municipal Plan” as read. Carried**

**Rino Long / Jean-Réal Michaud,**

- 2019-018      that Town Council adopts the second reading of by-law # 93 “By-law adopting the Grand Falls Municipal Plan” as read. Carried**

Zoning By-law – repeal and re-adoption, 1 and 2 reading

The Deputy Clerk reads the first two readings, in title, to repeal and re-adopt by-law # 1900 in order to respect the new Planning Act. Council agrees to proceed with reading the by-law by sections only given the notice published pursuant to subsection 15(3) of the Local Governance Act.

**Renaud Ouellette / Michel Ouellette,**

- 2019-019      that Town Council adopts the first reading of by-law # 1900 “Zoning By-law” as read. Carried**

**Denise Lagacé Rioux / Rino Long,**

- 2019-020      that Town Council adopts the second reading of by-law # 1900 “Zoning By-law” as read. Carried**

OTHERS – Council, public and media interventions

- Council intervention

Meeting – Fredericton

The Mayor informs that he attended a meeting in Fredericton with the Prime Minister. The repair of provincially designated streets was one of the topics discussed. He hopes that the streets will be repaired.

Thanks

The Mayor thanks and congratulates the Public Works employees for snow removal and water leak repairs. Councilor R. Long asks motorists traveling on Broadway Boulevard to let pedestrians cross.

CBC Interview

Councilor R. Long mentions that he was present during the interview with Ron Turcotte and David Myles. He adds that the program will be on television on Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 7:30 pm on the CBC channel.

Valentine's Day

The Deputy Mayor wishes happy Valentine's Day to all citizens.

Closing

The Mayor advises that all Town of Grand Falls departments will be closed tomorrow due to bad weather conditions. He asks residents to stay home during snowstorms.

-Public intervention

Martin Bérubé

Mr. Bérubé questions if it is normal to have a pothole in front of the Bank of Montreal given the repairs on Broadway Boulevard. The Mayor advises that the Bank of Montreal is part of Phase 2 of the Broadway project.

Mr. Bérubé questions about the police services in Saint-André. The Mayor informs that a meeting will be held with the Minister this Friday in Fredericton.

Madeleine Leclerc

Mrs. Leclerc asks that the Grand Falls Police Force Facebook page be updated. The Mayor advises that the matter will be verified since police service notices are added to the Town of Grand Falls Facebook page.

- Media intervention

Question if there will be more police patrols in the Town because of tomorrow's storm. The Mayor informs that all those who do not respect the regulations related to snow removal (By-law # 82), will be first issued a warning and if the problem persists, a fine of \$ 125 will be issued.

Question if snow covered fire hydrants can be a problem during a fire. The Fire Chief says yes because there are places where the snow is too high. The Chief wishes to thank the citizens who clean the fire hydrants.

Question on the operation of the SCADA system. Councillor R. Ouellette advises that the system is to report a water or sewer problem and is connected to an electronic system that operates from cell phones and the computer. The system can also detect a water leak.

ADJOURNMENT

Denise Lagacé Rioux /Rino Long, that the meeting is adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Carried

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Marcel Deschênes  
Mayor

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Lise J. Ouellette  
Deputy Clerk