

## MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 2020

### GRAND FALLS

#### MEETING

The Grand Falls Municipal Council held a regular monthly meeting in the council room at the Grand Falls Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, following the notices required by law. This meeting is also being streamed live on the municipal Facebook page.

#### PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor:

Marcel Deschênes

Councillors:

Renaud Ouellette

Rino Long

Michel Ouellette

Jean Maurice Gagnon

Denise Lagacé Rioux

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

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Deschênes welcomes spectators and mentions that Council followed Public Health protocol by wearing a mask until each member was seated and distancing.

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Deputy Mayor Denise Lagacé Rioux declares a conflict of interest concerning the proposed re-zoning on Main Street.

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**Denise Lagacé Rioux / Rino Long,**

**2020-083      That the agenda is accepted as presented. Carried**

#### ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

**Renaud Ouellette / Michel "Rocky" Ouellette,**

**2020-084      That the minutes from the September 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and from the special meeting held on September 22, 2020, which copies were distributed to council members, are adopted as received. Carried**

#### CORRESPONDENCE

There is no correspondence to report.

#### DRINKING WATER

The Town of Grand Falls received potable water analyses for September showing « potable water » results.

**Renaud Ouellette /Denise Lagacé Rioux,**

- 2020-085      That the potable water analysis received for September 2020 are received and filed. Carried**

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilor Ouellette mentions the work done in September, including service installations, infrastructure repairs and winter preparations.

Technologist - resignation

**Renaud Ouellette / Michel "Rocky" Ouellette,**

- 2020-086      That the Town Council accepts the resignation received from Michèle Gagnon effective August 24, 2020. Carried**

Council accepts Mrs. Gagnon's resignation with regret. She served the town very well during her employment.

Operator – treatment plant

**Renaud Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon,**

- 2020-087      That Andy Guerrette is hired as operator for the treatment plant at the Public Works Department with probation period, salary and benefits per the collective agreement. Carried**

PLANNING

Construction permits approved in September are valued at \$502,530 for a total value to date of \$6,316,634.

FIRE

Fire Prevention Week was last week. Firefighters did not proceed with their regular inspections because of COVID-19 restrictions. Residents who would like an inspection should contact the Fire Department at 475.5050 to organize one.

FARMERS' MARKET

The market will close for the year on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

JEUX DE L'ACADIE 2019

Dissolution

**Michel "Rocky" Ouellette/Jean Maurice Gagnon,**

- 2020-088      In accordance with the memorandum of understanding signed between the Société des Jeux de l'Acadie Inc. and the municipalities of Grand Falls, Drummond, Saint-André and Saint-Léonard, that the Grand Falls Town Council propose the following:**  
**a) that COFJA 2019 dissolves its legal entity and abandons its charter;**  
**b) that the 2019 COFJA assign to the Société des Jeux de l'Acadie the exclusive rights to use the acronym COFJA 2019 (Organizing Committee for the 2019 Jeux de l'Acadie). Carried**

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

The new lights at Veteran's Field will be installed beginning October 19.  
As for the skateboard park, some work could start this fall depending on the weather.

Facilities attendant

**Jean Maurice Gagnon/Michel "Rocky" Ouellette,**

- 2020-089      That Paul Guimont is hired as facilities attendant for the Recreation, Tourism and Culture Department with probation period, salary and benefits per the collective agreement. Carried

LIBRARY

Commissaire

**Rino Long/Denise Lagacé Rioux,**

- 2020-090      That the Grand Falls Town Council accepts the nomination of Jeannot Ouellette as commissaire on the board of the Grand Falls Public Library.

DOWNTOWN CENTRAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORP.

The Deputy Mayor congratulates the individuals who maintained the boulevard this year.

2020 Budget

**Denise Lagacé Rioux/Jean Réal Michaud,**

- 2020-091      That the Grand Falls Town Council authorizes the CAO-Clerk to publish the budget of the Grand Falls Central Business Development Corporation Inc., its intention to approve the budget, the importance of the extraordinary contribution required for the implementation of the budget, its intention to proclaim a by-law for the imposition of an extraordinary contribution for the improvement of business, and to deliver it to the board of directors of the Grand Falls Central Business Development Corporation Inc. as well as the time limit for opposition to the budget. Carried

FINANCES

Revenues in the General Fund are at 74% and expenses at 73%.  
Revenues in the Water and Sewer Fund are at 75% and expenses at 68%.

A budget surplus is expected in 2020. The Deputy Mayor thanks and congratulates the employees implicated and remarks on their excellent collaboration.  
The Mayor indicates that work has started on the 2021 budgets and that the Town is waiting for provincial data to proceed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

By-law 25 – animal control

The Deputy Clerk proceeds with the third reading of the by-law.

**Rino Long / Denise Lagacé Rioux,**

- 2020-092      that the Town Council adopts the third reading of By-law 25 "A By-law Relating to Animal Control" as read. Carried

Amendment to the municipal plan – Main Street

\*The Deputy Mayor, Denise Lagacé Rioux, declares conflict and leaves the meeting during this discussion.

The CAO notes that no objection has been received and that the third reading will be adopted in November.

The Deputy Clerk proceeds with the two first readings of the amendment. The reading in full is dispensed with pursuant to section 15(3) of the Local Governance Act.

Jean Maurice Gagnon/Michel "Rocky" Ouellette, that Town Council adopt the first reading of amendment 2020-08 to By-law 93 "By-law Adopting the Grand Falls Municipal Plan" as read. Carried

Renaud Ouellette/Michel "Rocky" Ouellette, that Town Council adopt the second reading of amendment 2020-08 to By-law 93 "By-law Adopting the Grand Falls Municipal Plan" as read. Carried

Zoning amendment – Main Street

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Jean Maurice Gagnon/Renaud Ouellette, that Town Council adopt the first reading of amendment 2020-11 to By-law 1900 "Zoning By-law" as read. Carried

Renaud Ouellette/Michel "Rocky" Ouellette, that Town Council adopt the second reading of amendment 2020-11 to By-law 1900 "Zoning By-law" as read. Carried

NEW BUSINESS

By-law 65 – wood-burning appliances

The Deputy Clerk explains the amendment that will require that all new outdoor fireplaces be equipped with a screen, then proceeds with the first two readings of By-law 65. The reading in full is dispensed with pursuant to section 15(3) of the Local Governance Act and required notices.

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Rino Long, that Town Council adopt the first reading of By-law 65 as read. Carried

Jean Maurice Gagnon/ Rino Long, that Town Council adopt the second reading of By-law 65 as read. Carried

OTHERS – Council, public and media interventions

- Council intervention

UMNB – annual conference

Councillor R. Long updates Council on the virtual annual meeting of the UMNB.

Hors Québec

The Deputy Mayor was part of the show during its visit to Zip Zag. The episode will be broadcast during the winter.

Secretariat Festival

A video was filmed for the festival showing the monument and other municipal attractions.

Small Business Week

The Deputy Mayor reports that most sessions will be held virtually. She encourages individuals to visit the web site for more details.

Halloween

Council announces that there will be no door-to-door trick or treating this year. People are encouraged to visit within their family bubble and follow Public Health guidelines. Mayor Deschênes mentions that Council would have liked to organise a special activity at the CEPSC but that the guidelines made planning difficult and that it would have been dangerous to spread the virus. He encourages everyone to continue following Public Health guidelines.

2021 elections

The Mayor informs that the next municipal elections should be held in May 2021.

Winter season

More information will be available shortly concerning winter sports. The information will be available on our website and on Facebook.

ADJOURNMENT

Michel "Rocky" Ouellette/Rino Long, that the meeting is adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Carried

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Marcel Deschênes  
Mayor

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Lise J. Ouellette  
Deputy Clerk