

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10, 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, September 10th, 2019, following the notices required by law.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor:

Marcel Deschênes

Councillors:

Renaud Ouellette
Rino Long
Jean Réal Michaud
Michel Ouellette

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The councillors report no conflict of interest.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Renaud Ouellette/ Michel “Rocky” Ouellette,

2019-099 That the agenda is accepted as received. Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Rino Long/Jean Réal Michaud,

2019-100 That the minutes from the meeting held on July 9, 2019, which copies were distributed to council members, are adopted as received. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations	2
Thanks	4
Complaints	0
Request for financial support	1
Request for support (other than monetary)	0
Offers of services, land or other	0
Miscellaneous information (GNB, federal, community...)	1
Response to a query	0

Michel "Rocky" Ouellette / Renaud Ouellette,

2019-101 That Town Council accepts the correspondence report as presented. Carried

DRINKING WATER

The Town of Grand Falls received potable water analyses for July and August 2019 showing « potable water » results.

Jean Réal Michaud / Rino Long,

2019-102 That the potable water analysis received for July and August 2019 are received and filed. Carried

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

During the month of August, the Public Works Department repaired leaks and installed a new water service on Main Street. The Department also had water line flushing done, cut the grass along roadsides and sidewalks, installed asphalt curbs on Beverly Street and continued work on Nowlan.

Tender calls will be prepared for a salt truck and a trackless.

ENVIRONMENT

“Do not litter” signs will be installed at different locations in town.

PLANNING

A total of 21 building permits were given in August for an evaluation of \$ 318,970.

FIRE

Firefighters have started their smoke detector inspection campaign. They will be covering the region between Évangéline Street and Tobique Road this year as well as the area between Main Street and the Ron Turcotte Bridge.

People are reminded to check the batteries in their smoke detectors and to clean chimneys. The Fire Prevention Week starts at the beginning of October.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

The summer has been busy with lots of visitors. Statistics should be ready at the next meeting. The ice is ready at the CEPSC.

ADMINISTRATION

CAO – job description

Rino Long / Jean Réal Michaud,

2019-103 That the job description for the CAO, dated September 10, 2019, is adopted as presented. Carried

HUMAN RESOURCES

Ricky Bélanger – probation

Rino Long / Jean Réal Michaud,

2019-104 Considering that Ricky Bélanger has terminated his probation period as mechanic for Public Works, that the municipal council confirms his employment as a permanent employee. Carried

FINANCE

Mayor Deschênes mentions that the budget is healthy. Work will start on 2019 predictions and the 2020 budget soon.

There are still a good number of projects on hold at the provincial level such as phase 2 of the Broadway Boulevard reconstruction.

Incentive program for renovations – amendment

Rino Long / Jean Réal Michaud,

- 2019-105 That amendment 1 to the incentive program for renovations is accepted as presented. Carried**

Incentive program for new constructions – amendment

Rino Long / Jean Réal Michaud,

- 2019-106 That amendment 1 to the incentive program for new constructions is accepted as presented. Carried**

Financing request

Rino Long / Jean Réal Michaud,

- 2019-007 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 amount of \$234,000 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**

POLICE

Council thanks Sergeant Bernard Albert for stepping in while chief Themens is on vacation. Drivers are asked to be vigilant now that school has begun.

The police force will be watching parking spaces that are reserved for the handicapped as misuse has been noted.

NEW BUSINESS

Drug Free Zone – press conference

Sylvie Michaud and Marco Leblanc present the Drug Free Zone project in the John Caldwell School region. In this zone, fines are more severe in order to discourage the use or sale of drugs.

Other zones will be determined in the future for other schools and places frequented by youth such as the CEPSC.

Mayor Deschênes thanks and congratulates the organizing committee and the police force adds its support.

By-law no. 2, Council procedures

The Deputy Clerk reads the first two readings, by section only, as the necessary notice was published pursuant to section 15(3) of the Local Governance Act.

Renaud Ouellette / Michel “Rocky” Ouellette,

That Town Council adopt the first reading of by-law 2, Grand Falls Town Council Procedural By-law, as read. Carried

Rino Long/Jean Réal Michaud,
That Town Council adopt the second reading of by-law 2, Grand Falls Town Council
Procedural By-law, as read. Carried

By-law 55, Police force

The Deputy Clerk reads the first two readings, by section only, as the necessary notice was
published pursuant to section 15(3) of the Local Governance Act.

Rino Long / Jean Réal Michaud
That Town Council adopt the first reading of by-law 55, A By-law respecting police, as read.
Carried

Michel “Rocky” Ouellette / Renaud Ouellette,
That Town Council adopt the second reading of by-law 55, A By-law respecting police, as
read. Carried

OTHERS – Council, public and media interventions

- Council intervention

Comments – very good comments were received during the summer by visitors concerning
the safety of our municipality and warm reception from residents.

Dangerous goods – Council reminds everyone that the dangerous household goods collection
will take place on October 5th at the Town Hall.

-Media intervention

Details are requested concerning the modifications done to the incentive measures. Mayor
Deschênes mentions that more information will be available at the October meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Michel "Rocky" Ouellette / Renaud Ouellette, that the meeting is adjourned at 7:40 p.m.
Carried

Marcel Deschênes
Mayor

Lise J. Ouellette
Deputy Clerk