

MINUTES

OCTOBER 14<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, October 14<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

Harry MacPhail  
Michel Ouellette  
Jacques Lafrance  
Arthelin Rossignol

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

**Renaud Ouellette / Arthelin Rossignol,**

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

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

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

**2014-066 that the minutes from the September 9, 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 September 2, 8, 15 and 29, 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations	5
Thanks	5
Offer of services, land or other	0
Misc. information	6
Complaints	1
Request for financial support	3
Request other than financial support	4
Response to a municipal enquiry	0

Harry MacPhail / Arthelin Rossignol,

2014-067      that the correspondence is accepted as presented and distributed as requested. Carried

DRINKING WATER

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

John Bellefleur / Arthelin Rossignol,

2014-068      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

Twenty fines were given out for speeding last month and that car break-ins are still a problem.

The Police Force has been practicing lock-down plans with schools.  
People are asked to be careful on Halloween.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

Hockey and skating have begun.

The Malabean centre has been closed since October 4<sup>th</sup>. The centre received 48,793 visitors in 2014, 10,000 more than last year.

Workshops and shows are announced for the 2014-2015 cultural society season.

Activities to come at the CEPSC include the BeerFest on October 18<sup>th</sup>, the Business Woman of the Year Gala on October 21<sup>st</sup> and the Young Entrepreneur and Business of the Year on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The induction ceremony into the Sports Hall of Fame for Bruce Winchester was a success.

STREETS

Employees are preparing equipment for winter.

Luc Bernier – contract

Arthelin Rossignol / John Bellefleur,

2014-069      That the contract with Luc Bernier, Technologist with Public Works, is extended for an additional six months with salary as per the union contract and benefits as negotiated. Carried

Salt trucking – tender

Arthelin Rossignol / Harry MacPhail,

2014-070      That the lowest tender received from Mapledale Enterprise Ltd. in the amount of \$22. per ton plus tax is accepted for road salt trucking. Carried

Other prices received: F. Dunster	\$24
Kinsco	\$31.54

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION - planning

Building permits in September were valued at \$508,000 for a total yearly value of approximately 5.6 million. No variances were requested in Grand Falls.

9 Church Street

**Renaud Ouellette / Arthelin Rossignol,**

- 2014-071      Considering that the existing situation at 9 Church Street in Grand Falls, Victoria County, NB regarding the storage of firewood closer than one (1) meter to the side lot line on the Northern side of the property contravenes Section 39.4.5.1 (Landscaping) of By-Law 1900, Zoning By-Law for the Town of Grand Falls;**

**It is resolved that Michel Lang is authorized, designated and named under the municipal authority described below to act for and in the name of Council to ensure that by-laws are carried out in the ongoing case at 9 Church Street in Grand Falls.**

**It is also resolved that the above nomination includes the following: 92 (1), 94 (1), 95 (1) and 98 of the Community Planning Act in order to enter onto the property, request orders from the Court of Queen's Bench, and begin proceedings in Provincial Court;**

**It is also resolved that the authorized person herein may retain the services of a lawyer in order to begin the required procedures to ensure conformity with the infringed by-law;**

**It is also resolved that authorizations, designations and nominations made herein continue until they are limited or rescinded by Council. Carried**

Northwest Regional Service Commission

**Renaud Ouellette / Arthelin Rossignol,**

- 2014-072      Considering motion number 2013-001 adopted by the Grand Falls Town Council on January 21, 2013;  
Considering the notice given to the Northwest Regional Service Commission dated January 21, 2013;  
Considering that the said notice was given to the NWRSC pursuant to Section 25 (2) of the Regional Services Delivery Act which requires a two year notice to offer its own land use planning services;  
It is resolved that the Town of Grand Falls offer its own land use planning services as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Carried**

Mayor Keeley and Deputy Mayor Ouellette explain the events that led to this decision and the opportunity to provide the service to Drummond.

Rate hikes and service cuts were the major factors that influenced the Town's decision. It will cost less for the Town to serve its own citizens and will provide better control of our development.

Mayor Keeley notes that the financing formula in the law does not reflect reality and does not represent all regions fairly.

ENVIRONMENT

The Town has undertaken a reforestation project on vacant lots on Main Street and on Tobique Road, as well as at the golf course to replace trees lost during a windstorm last spring.

Outdoor lights were changed to LED at the municipal building. Plans are to change the lights on Broadway Boulevard next.

The special garbage pick-up will be on October 28 and 29.

#### 2014 CMA

The congress was a success and Grand Falls benefited greatly from it.  
A total of \$192,000 was invested in Grand Falls at minimal cost to the Town.

#### FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A meeting will take place this week. All is well with the budgets.

#### Gas Tax Fund

**Renaud Ouellette / John Bellefleur,**

- 2014-073      That the document entitled: Municipality of Grand Falls Five Year Capital Investment Plan (2014-2018) prepared by the Capital Plan Committee be adopted. Carried**

#### LIBRARY

The library is celebrating its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

#### GOLF

The club closed yesterday for the winter. The season was difficult given its late start. An annual meeting will be held in the near future.  
Councillor MacPhail thanks the Press for its support of RTC activities.

#### TREE OF HOPE

The breakfast for the Tree of Hope will be held at the CEPSC on November 21<sup>st</sup> from 7 to 12 (noon).

#### GRAND FALLS CENTRAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Student and municipal employees are thanked for their help in maintaining the downtown. Governments are also thanked for their financial support.  
The Christmas parade will take place on December 7 starting at 12.30 p.m. Santa will be there to meet the kids.

#### 2015 budget

- Jean-Paul Proulx / Jacques Lafrance,**  
**2014-074      That the Grand Falls Municipal Council authorize the Clerk to publish the Grand Falls Central Business Development Corporation Inc. budget, its intention to approve the budget, the amount of the special levy necessary for the implementation of the budget, its intention to enact a municipal By-law to impose the business improvement levy for business development and for the remittance of the amount raised to the Board of Directors of the Grand Falls Central Business Development Corporation Inc. as well as the time limit for oppositions. Carried**

#### FESTIVAL

Brian Mulherin is the new president. The 2015 festival will be held from July 1<sup>st</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### FIRE

Firefighters responded to six calls in September, including a few major fires.  
Evacuation exercises were done with the schools.  
The smoke detector campaign continues.  
Thank you to the firefighters for their countless hours of volunteering and their dedication.

### WATER

Sewer line flushing started yesterday.

People are reminded that it's important to install back-up valves on sewer and surface water pipes.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Small and Medium Business Week begins October 20<sup>th</sup>.

A breakfast will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> with Alain Parisé as guest speaker.

### UMNB

The annual conference was held lately with good information sessions.

A certificate of recognition, awarded by the UMNB, is given to the Deputy Mayor honoring his 24 years of dedication to the Town.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Viola Léger album presentation

Mr. Gilles Y. Beaulieu of the Viola Léger Foundation presents Mayor Keeley with an album from the 1960's belonging to Viola Léger. Also present is Michelle Soucy from the Société culturelle régionale Les Chutes. The album will be handed over to the Grand Falls Historical Society.

#### Valve installation – sanitary and surface water sewer

Residents are reminded that it is required by law, since 1992, to install back-up valves on sanitary and surface water sewer pipes.

#### Next meeting

The next public meeting will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of November.

#### Sewer line flushing

Residents are reminded that the Town started flushing sewer lines on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

### COUNCIL INTERVENTION

#### Congratulations and appreciation

Mayor Keeley congratulates Chuck Chiasson for his win at the provincial elections and thanks Danny Soucy for his service while in office.

#### Ron Turcotte monument

Mayor Keeley explains that the installation and unveiling of the monument will take place in the spring of 2015. This will give the Town the opportunity to plan a special event to mark the occasion.

### PUBLIC INTERVENTION - other

#### 575 Broadway – dog complaints

Mr. Fidèle Levesque complains about the dogs that have been barking excessively at 575 Broadway west for the last two years. He relates the many complaints done to the Police Department with no results. Even the court case has been postponed until January 2015.

He finds it humiliating to have to keep complaining as a citizen. He asks that the Town act on this and mentions a petition with seven names of residents who agree but want to remain anonymous for fear of reprisals.

A citizen at the meeting supports Mr. Levesque's comments and expresses that he feels like a prisoner in his own home because there is too much noise to stay outside.

Mr. Robert Godbout and Mr. Tardif also support the complaint.

Mayor Keeley agrees that the situation is deplorable. A meeting is scheduled with the Acting Police Chief to discuss the situation. He explains that it is difficult to enter onto a private property and that laws to this effect must be respected. The Mayor mentions that the Council must be careful what information it shares as there is a court case pending. The Town is also waiting on a report from the Regional Service Commission concerning the possibility that the owner is operating a kennel illegally.

#### Camil Deschênes

Mr. Deschênes also complains about a dog causing a nuisance in his neighborhood and a tree that should be cut at his apartment complex.

#### Robert Godbout

Mr. Godbout informs Council of positive comments he hears from people outside the region. He is working on a few projects to encourage visitors to stay in town longer. He encourages Council to keep up the good work.

#### Danny Zolondek

Mr. Zolondek informs Council that a public opinion survey conducted with 125 people will be ready December 10<sup>th</sup>. Council can contact him to obtain the information.

He asks if the 2015 budget is ready. Mayor Keeley responds that it is not.

Mr. Zolondek questions about last month's boil order. He questions the communication procedure since he learned of the boil order two days later. Council explains the communication plan prescribed in our operating approval. The Town uses radio stations, Facebook and the Website.

He requests to see the water analyses and is asked to see the CAO for that information. Mr. Zolondek suggests that each resident be called using a system such as NB Power uses. Mayor Keeley assures him that the Town is open to try other communication methods.

#### MEDIA INTERVENTION

Mayor Keeley explains that the trees cut on the Burgess Street hill are on private property and that the Town did not authorise the cut.

Madeleine Leclerc – Brunswick News – thanks Council in the name of the Historical Society for the Viola Léger album.

Questions are asked about the vacant land that used to belong to Northern Construction. Mayor Keeley explains that the Town's requirements will be explored including the need for a site where surface water can be diverted and a new fire station.

When questioned, Mayor Keeley explains that the Town will maintain a partnership with the Regional Service Commission for certain services such as garbage removal.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Arthelin Rossignol / Renaud Ouellette, that the meeting is adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Carried

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Richard Keeley  
Mayor

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Lise J. Ouellette  
Deputy Clerk