

MINUTES

MAY 12th, 2015

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, May 12th, 2015, following the notices required by law.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor:

Richard Keeley

Councillors:

Rino Long

Michel Ouellette

Jean-Paul Proulx

Arthelin Rossignol

Harry MacPhail

Jacques Lafrance

John Bellefleur

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

PRAYER

Mayor Keeley explains that, following a recent Supreme Court decision, Council will abolish the prayer at the beginning of the meeting. He invites everyone to participate in a moment of silence in lieu of the usual prayer.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Arthelin Rossignol / Harry MacPhail,

that the agenda is accepted with the addition of the 2014 financial audit presentation. Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Arthelin Rossignol /Jean-Paul Proulx,

2015-035 that the minutes from the April 14, 2015 meeting, which copies were distributed to council members, are adopted as received. Carried

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Deputy Clerk proceeds with the reading of items from closed meetings held on April 7, 13, 20 and 27, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations	6
Thanks	5
Complaints	0
Request for financial support	0
Request for support (other than financial)	1
Offer of services, land or other	0
Misc. information (GNB, federal, other)	7
Response to a municipal enquiry	0

- 2015 04 10: Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons – Request to proclaim the 2015 Disability Awareness Week. Mayor Keeley proceeds with the proclamation as requested.
- 201 04 00: Grand Falls Association for Community Living Inc. – invitation to the ACL's 50th anniversary and the provincial opening of the Disability Awareness Week on May 31st.

Rino Long / Jacques Lafrance,

- 2015-036 that the correspondence is accepted and distributed as requested. Carried**

DRINKING WATER

The potable water analyses for April 2015 were received showing « potable water » results.

John Bellefleur / Arthelin Rossignol,

- 2015-037 that potable water tests be received and filed. Carried**

The CAO explains last week's boil order. The analyses taken since the pipe was repaired are good. The Town is still working on improving communications in cases such as boil orders.

INTERVENTIONS BY THE PUBLIC – motions and new business

Mayor Keeley explains the proposed motions and New Business. No questions or comments are received from the public.

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE

The police force will encourage cyclists to respect regulations by rewarding those who do with gift certificates. Cyclists must wear helmets and stay off sidewalks.

Wharfs at the marina will be installed as soon as water levels are safe.

Skateboard / bike park – the Recreation, Tourism and Culture committee will meet the youth who have requested such a park.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

The ice at the CEPSC closes next Wednesday.

Registrations for summer activities continue.

The Malabean Centre is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during May.

A new Grand Falls coloring book is available. Mylène Beaulieu is the artist who designed the drawings.

Trucks

****Note:** Councillor Michel Ouellette declares conflict of interest and leaves the room during this discussion.

Harry MacPhail / Arthelin Rossignol,

- 2015-038 That the Municipal Council accepts the lowest tender received from Rendez-vous Chrysler in the amount of \$21,500 plus tax for a truck with regular cab. Carried**

Harry MacPhail / Rino Long,

2015-039 That the Municipal Council accepts the lowest tender received from Violette Ford in the amount of \$28,452 plus tax for a truck with crew cab. Carried

Prices received:	Rendez-vous Chrysler	Regular cab	\$21,500
		Crew cab	\$31,300
	Toner Chev-Buick	Regular cab	\$21,840
		Crew cab	\$29,719
	Violette Ford	Regular cab	\$23,526
		Crew cab	\$28,452

STREETS

The Department is sweeping and cleaning streets and doing general maintenance.
The closed section of Theriault Street will re-open soon.

Street line painting

Arthelin Rossignol / John Bellefleur,

2015-040 That Town Council accepts the lowest tender received from Mr. Line Painter in the amount of \$19,644.08 plus tax for street line painting. Carried

Other prices received:	Northside Pavement Markings Ltd.	\$21,916.02
	Stripe Works	\$30,485.08

GOLF

The course is open and in good shape.
The installation of the new irrigation system has begun.
The leagues will start playing in mid-June.
Registrations are open for the junior program.

LIBRARY

The Mother’s Day fundraiser raised \$438 for the library.

GRAND FALLS CENTRAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORP. INC.

Applications have been received for summer jobs.

80 lights were changed to LED on the boulevard. This will fix a power problem in that area and will save over \$3,000 per year in electricity. Thanks to Public Works for the installation of the lights and to the Province of New Brunswick for the grant.

Ryan’s Place, a new restaurant, will open on May 15th at 147A Court Street.
The corporation’s annual meeting will take place tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

FIRE

Three calls were answered in April but were cancelled before firefighters got to the scene.
Congratulations to two firefighters who have successfully completed their level I training.
The Department raised \$2,850 for Muscular Dystrophy.
An event was held to recognise long service on April 18th. The following firefighters were recognised: Pat Kavanaugh (30 years), Yvon Pelletier (25 years), Mark Ouellette (20 years), Aldéo Cyr and Rodney Côté (15 years), Gilles Leblanc, Jeannot Bernier, André Ouellette and Éric Guerrette (10 years) as well as Marc Michaud and Michel Barriault (5 years).

Fire Chief – mandate

Jean-Paul Proulx / Jacques Lafrance,

- 2015-041 That the mandate for the Fire Chief, Charles Kavanaugh, is renewed for a three year term. Carried**

Deputy Fire Chief - mandate

Jean-Paul Proulx / Harry MacPhail,

- 2015-042 That the mandate for the Deputy Fire Chief, Yvon Pelletier, is renewed for a three year term. Carried**

WATER

People are reminded that it is now safe to turn off the water where there were risks of frozen pipes.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The second Commercial Expo will be held from May 22nd to 24th. Over 115 kiosks will be on site.

FESTIVAL

The 2015 festival will take place from July 1st to the 5th. The program should be available within the next few weeks. The Cuban Night on Thursday is a must see.

FINANCES ET ADMINISTRATION

The Municipality is paying its debt quickly.
A slight surplus is noted in 2014. Thanks to the Administration for this good result.
It is mentioned that Simon Fortier, student, was hired in accounting for the summer.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Administrative policy no. 2014-04 – Planning Advisory Committee

Rino Long / Arthelin Rossignol,

- 2015-043 That policy 2014-04 is modified to change committee meetings to the last Wednesday each month, as needed. Carried**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

By-law 70 – amendment 2015-01

The Deputy Clerk reads the third reading of amendment 2015-01 in title. This amendment will give contractors the opportunity to respect their snow clearing contracts.

Arthelin Rossignol/ Harry MacPhail,

- 2015-044 That the Grand Falls Town Council adopts the third reading of By-Law 70, amendment 2015-01. Carried**

NEW BUSINESS

2014 audit

Réal Nadeau, accountant for the firm Nadeau Picard & Associates presents the 2014 audit.

The Town realized a consolidated surplus of \$315,735.

The Municipality has \$3,000,000 in its reserve funds.

The debt was reduced from \$14.8 million in 2013 to \$12.7 million in 2014.

A \$39,617 surplus was realized in the General Operating Fund and a deficit of \$4,132 in the Water and Sewer Operating Fund.

Arthelin Rossignol / Rino Long,

**2015-045 That the Grand Falls Municipal Council accepts the 2014 audit as presented.
Carried**

Street closure – By-Law 1707

The Deputy Clerk reads the first reading in full and in title of By-Law 1707 to close a future street situated between Dugal and Côté streets.

Arthelin Rossignol / John Bellefleur, that the Town Council adopt the first reading of By-Law 1707. Carried

The Deputy Clerk proceeds with the second reading, in title, of By-Law 1707.

John Bellefleur / Jean-Paul Proulx, that the Town Council adopt the second reading of By-Law 1707. Carried

COUNCIL INTERVENTION

Jeux de l'Acadie 2018

The organising committee needs 300 volunteers before June 1st. Visit [jeuxchez nous 2018](#) to register.

Cataract baseball

Councillor Proulx has season tickets for sale at \$25 each.

Ron Turcotte Monument – unveiling

Mayor Keeley announces that the unveiling will take place on July 19th from 1 to 3 p.m. Miscellaneous activities are planned.

Courthouse – closure

Mayor Keeley discussed the closure with Minister Horsman and more details will be revealed later. The minister will visit our region once the legislature closes.

Health, Education and Services (HES) Committee

Communities and other stakeholders from Drummond to Saint-Quentin have formed this new committee. The group is preparing a communication plan and a coordinated regional message concerning services in our communities.

Gilbert M. Rioux et fils Ltée

The business has won an important provincial recycling contract. Council sends its congratulations.

User fees

Recreation, Tourism and Culture as well as Finance and Administration committees are still working on this file. Groups that will be affected by the user fee are encouraged to express their opinions on the subject.

INTERVENTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Annie Deschênes and Martine Caron – Valley SPCA

Mrs. Deschênes and Caron explain the local SPCA's plans to open the shelter in 2015. They are currently concentrating on public education. Mrs. Deschênes emphasized the need for their services in the community and the dedication of their small group of volunteers.

Both note misunderstandings with the municipal dog catcher and lack of collaboration. They also believe that the dog catcher's set-up is unsatisfactory. The SPCA wishes to work more closely with the Town and to offer shelter to strays.

As for the Spaghetti Day, they note the diminished grant from the Town this year and ask that the Town reconsider in upcoming years.

Mayor Keeley thanks and congratulates the group for its work to date. He explains Council's decision concerning the Spaghetti Day. Since the SPCA is a regional organisation, Council would have liked to see contributions from other participating municipalities. The Mayor proposes a meeting between the committee and mayors from the region to improve communication.

ADJOURNMENT

Arthelin Rossignol / Jacques Lafrance, that the meeting is adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Carried

Richard Keeley
Mayor

Lise J. Ouellette
Deputy Clerk