

MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2022

GRAND FALLS

MEETING

The Grand Falls Town Council held a special meeting in the council room at the Grand Falls Town Hall at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 8, 2022, following the notices required by law.

PRESENCE

His Honour the deputy Mayor:

Renaud Ouellette

Councillors:

Joe Themens

David Raines

Jean Maurice Gagnon

as well as the Clerk, Eric Gagnon and the administrative assistant, Sophie Marceau.

AGENDA

**Joe Themens / David Raines,**

**2021-043 That the agenda is adopted as received. Carried**

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment – Stéphane Devost

**Joe Themens / Jean-Maurice Gagnon,**

**2021-044 Whereas the Grand Falls Town Council has passed various by-laws and amendments relating to land use and resulting from the Community Planning Act, 2017, c. 19; and**

**Whereas the Town of Grand Falls has had its own land use planning and building inspection service since January 1, 2015;**

**Whereas the Town of Grand Falls intends to allow certain employees of the Grand Falls Land Use Planning Department to issue orders to any person who commits an offence under the Community Planning Act and by-laws passed under that Act;**

**Be it resolved that the Town of Grand Falls designates Stephane Devost as planning officer;**

**Be it resolved that Stephane Devost be authorized, designated and appointed under the municipal authority of Grand Falls as described below to act for and on behalf of council to ensure the enforcement of by-laws under the Community Planning Act within the administrative boundaries of the Town of Grand Falls;**

**It is also resolved that the above appointment includes the following sections: 133, 134, 138 and 139 of the Community Planning Act in order to enter the property, to request orders from the Court of Queen's Bench, and commence proceedings in provincial court;**

**It is further resolved that the appointee be authorized to retain the services of a lawyer to undertake such procedures as may be deemed desirable to ensure compliance with the by-laws contravened, upon approval by municipal council;**

It is further resolved that the above authorizations, designations, and appointments continue as long as they are not limited or terminated by the municipal council. Carried

By-Law Enforcement Officer

Joe Themens / David Raines

2021-045 That the Grand Falls Town Council appoints Stephane Devost as an enforcement officer for By-law 56, A By-law of the municipality of Grand Falls respecting dangerous or unsightly premises, and that the enforcement officer be empowered to take the measures and exercise the powers and duties set out in the By-law and the Local Governance Act that the Minister considers necessary for the inspection of the premises and the application of the provisions of By-law 56.

It is also resolved that the above appointment includes paragraphs 144, 151, 152, 157 and 158 of the Local Governance Act.

It is further resolved that the appointee be authorized to retain the services of a lawyer to undertake the procedures deemed desirable to ensure compliance with By-law 56 upon approval by Town Council.

It is further resolved that the above authorizations, designations, and appointments continue as long as they are not limited or terminated by the municipal council. Carried

OTHER- interventions by council, public and media

Robert Godbout asks if these resolutions mean that Eric's planning officer position is replaced? The clerk explains that because of a current sick leave in the Land Use Planning Service, there is nobody to approve subdivision plans in the office so the reason behind the special meeting is to appoint an additional employee.

ADJOURNMENT

David Raines / Jean-Maurice Gagnon, that the meeting is adjourned at 11:42 a.m. Carried

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Renaud Ouellette, Deputy Mayor

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Eric Gagnon, Clerk