

MINUTES

OCTOBER 10, 2017

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. on Tuesday, October 10th, 2017, following the notices required by law.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor:

Marcel Deschênes

Councillors:

Rino Long

Renaud Ouellette

Jean Maurice Gagnon

Michel Ouellette

Jean Réal Michaud

Denise Lagacé Rioux

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest is reported.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Renaud Ouellette /Jean Maurice Gagnon,

2017-105 That the agenda is accepted as received. Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Rino Long /Jean Réal Michaud,

2017-106 That the minutes from the meeting held on September 12th, 2017, which copies were distributed to council members, are adopted as received. Carried

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Deputy Clerk reads the items discussed during closed meetings held on September 6, 11, 12, 19 and 25, 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations	3
Thanks	5
Complaints	0
Request for financial assistance	0
Request for assistance – other than financial	0
Offer of services, land or other	0
Misc. information (GNB, federal, community...)	3
Answer to a municipal request	1

Denise Lagacé Rioux /Rino Long,

2017-107 That the correspondence report is accepted as read. Carried

DRINKING WATER

The potable water analyses for September 2017 were received showing « potable water » results.

Jean Réal Michaud / Rino Long,
2017-108 That the potable water analysis received for September 2017 are received and filed. Adopted

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Among the work done in September by the Public Works Department, the following are noted:

- Installation of new water and sewer services on Rioux Street;
- A leak was repaired on Ouellette Street;
- Lawns and asphalt were repaired following miscellaneous jobs;
- Cleaning of some catch basins;
- Replace lights at the municipal garage with LED.

Electrical boilers – municipal garage

Renaud Ouellette / Michel "Rocky" Ouellette,

2017-109 That the Grand Falls Town Council accepts the tender received from Frank's Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$68,425 plus tax for the purchase and installation of electrical boilers at the municipal garage. Carried

Other price received: Beaulieu Plumbing and Mechanical Inc. \$87,690.

Road salt trucking

Renaud Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon,

2017-110 That the Grand Falls Town Council accepts the tender received from Frederick Dunster & Sons Ltd. in the amount of \$14.85 per metric ton plus tax for the road salt trucking. Carried

Other prices received: Brennan Farms Ltd.	\$20.97
Carvell Goodine & Sons	\$21.00
Valcon Ltd	\$29.50

Councillor Ouellette notes the collaboration received from the department head and the employees during this very busy year.

PLANNING

A total of 24 permits were given in September for a value of \$1,533,561. The total evaluation for the year to date is \$9,646,754.

Zoning amendment – Ennishone Road

Renaud Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon,

2017-111 That Town Council publish a notice in the Étoile, Nord-Ouest edition and Victoria Star newspapers in accordance with Section 68 of the Community Planning Act, advising of its intention to amend the Zoning By-Law to rezone the property having the PID 65095838, belonging to the Town of Grand Falls and located along Ennishone Road in Grand Falls, NB.

For the purpose of the Zoning By-Law, the zoning would change as follows:

- Amend the zoning for certain parts of the property having the PID 65095838 from a Single and two-unit residential (R2B) and a Single, two-unit and multiple residential (R2C) zone to a Resources (RES) zone.

The purpose of the amendment is to allow a municipal installation or use.

Council will meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 at 7 p.m. to study objections to the proposed amendments.

**That the Town Clerk take care, in the name and for the Council, of publishing the public notice prescribed by section 68 of the Community Planning Act.
Carried**

Planning Advisory Committee's opinion – Ennishone Road

Renaud Ouellette / Michel "Rocky" Ouellette,

2017-112 That the opinion of the Planning Advisory Committee be requested in the matter of the proposed zoning amendment on Ennishone Road. Carried

ENVIRONNEMENT

Tree trimming continues. Councillor Ouellette thanks the CAO for coordinating the task.

FIRE

The Department wishes to remind people to clean their chimney before using it. The smoke detector inspection campaign is over for this year. Councillor M. Ouellette reads the list of calls answered in September.

JEUX DE L'ACADIE

The members of the organising committee have gone to Fredericton for a debriefing concerning the 2017 games. They will do the same for the Miramichi games in 2018.

MARCHÉ AGRICOLE

The season is almost at its end. The Christmas market will remain at the market this year although the CEPSC was offered.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

Minor hockey and figure skating season has begun. The golf course will close for the season next week. The camping has been closed since September 17. It was a record year for the camping and the employees are thanked for this success. The Malabean Centre closed on October 6th.

POLICE

The annual police chief convention was held in Grand Falls. Good comments were received concerning the facilities and the region. Thefts continue to rise. The chief assures that these thefts are being investigated. In the meantime, residents are strongly encouraged to lock their doors. People are informed that Trick or Treat hours are from 2 to 8 p.m. again this Halloween. The police stopped 136 individuals in September for miscellaneous infractions.

LIBRARY

Alexandra Fergusson is the library's new director. Lori Ann Carroll's upcoming retirement is noted.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Christmas parade will take place on December 9th at 7 p.m.

2018 budget

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Rino Long,

- 2017-113 That the Grand Falls Town Council authorizes the CAO-Clerk to publish the budget of the Grand Falls 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 Business Development Corporation Inc. as well as the time limit for opposition to the budget. Carried**

FINANCE

Revenues in the general fund are at 76.9% and expenses are at 76.3%.
In the water and sewer fund, revenues are at 76.6% and expenses at 63.1%.
A surplus is expected in both funds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nowlan Street – local improvements

Mayor Deschênes explains the looping of services planned from Nowlan to Bélanger streets. This will avoid future breaks in service and boil orders. The cost will be reimbursed to the Town when the developer sells the lots along Nowlan Street.

The Deputy Clerk reads the first reading in full of local improvement by-law 2017-01.

Renaud Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon,

that the first reading of Local Improvement By-Law 2017-01 is adopted as read.
Carried

The Deputy clerk reads the second reading in title.

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Jean Réal Michaud,

that the second reading of Local Improvement By-Law 2017-01 is adopted as read.
Carried

Ennishone Road – amendment to the municipal plan and zoning

Éric Gagnon presents the municipal plan amendment for the rezoning proposed by the town of Grand Falls. Mayor Deschenes explains that the vacant land will serve to store snow and soil for the region of St-Georges.

NEW BUSINESS

Light it up blue

The Mayor explains the blue lights in town in support of Autism.

Women's History Month

The Deputy Mayor reads an article published by the Government of Canada on the occasion of Women's History Month. The Mayor notes that women are very well represented within municipal employees.

OTHERS – Council, public and media interventions

- Council intervention

UMNB meeting – Councillor Gagnon notes that the Mayor gave a very nice presentation on our facilities at the UMNB meeting.

Work on Broadway – Councillor Long thanked the people for their patience. He also notes an article in the newspaper concerning an original wood pipe that was unearthed during the work. The Mayor advises that the project this year should wrap up at the end of October. We plan to analyze how things went and prepare for next year.

Small Business Week – The Deputy Mayor informs everyone of the week’s activities.

Murielle King, book launch – The Deputy Mayor also mentions the launch of Mrs. King’s 4th book last Sunday.

The Mayor thanks the directors of the Land Use Planning and Recreation, Tourism and Culture Departments and encourages them to continue the good work. He also thanks the Administration team and in particular the CAO who receives a lot of calls concerning the renovations to the boulevard.

- Public intervention

Rodrigue Cyr – Mr. Cyr recounts his adventure as a “mystery shopper” tourist at the provincial tourist center in Saint-Jacques. He mentions some information that is missing on our region and the questionable reception. The Mayor explains the marketing done annually by our Recreation, Tourism and Culture Department.

Marie Anne Bernier – Mrs. Bernier requests Council’s help to improve the services received from Ambulance NB. The Mayor assures her that the incident with her father will be looked into.

Chief Charles Kavanaugh – The Fire Chief asks the media to tell people to change the battery in their smoke detectors when going back to daylight saving time in the fall. He also mentioned that sprinklers may be required in residences in the future. The Mayor thanks the firefighters for their prevention work. It is noted that the number of fires decreases from year to year.

- Media intervention

Building evaluation – The evaluations are higher in 2017 than last year.

Tickets – The 136 tickets given by the police included some fines and some warnings.

Business development Corp budget – The budget in 2017 was \$53,025 and will be \$53,300 in 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Michel Ouellette /Jean Maurice Gagnon, that the meeting is adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Carried

Marcel Deschênes
Mayor

Lise J. Ouellette
Deputy Clerk