

MINUTES

JUNE 16, 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, June 16, 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

Renaud Ouellette

John Bellefleur

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Keeley explains the addition of *Conflict of interest* on the agenda. This serves as a reminder to councillors to speak up if they are in conflict on a subject.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Council observes a moment of silence before the start of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Harry MacPhail / Renaud Ouellette,

that the agenda is accepted as received. Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Arthelin Rossignol /John Bellefleur,

2015-049 that the minutes from the May 12 and 19, 2015 meetings, which copies were distributed to council members, are adopted as received. Carried

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Deputy Clerk proceeds with the reading of items discussed during closed meetings held on May 4, 11, 12, 19 and 25, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations	14
Thanks	5
Complaints	0
Request for financial support	2
Request for support (other than financial)	2
Offer of services, land or other	0

Misc. information (GNB, federal, other)	3
Response to a municipal enquiry	5

Rino Long /Renaud Ouellette,

2015-050 that the correspondence is accepted and distributed as requested. Carried

DRINKING WATER

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

John Bellefleur /Arthelin Rossignol,

2015-051 that potable water tests be received and filed. Carried

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

TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULL

The event takes place this weekend. Thank you to the Town for its support and manpower.

WATER

Two water breaks were repaired on Tobique Road.

FESTIVAL

Everyone is invited to participate in the 55th Potato Festival. The Cuban night especially is a must see.

** Councillor John Bellefleur leaves the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

POLICE

Police officers will be watching for drivers using their cellular phones.

Councillor Lafrance questions the courthouse closure. The closure will cause additional expenses to the Town. Councillor Lafrance asks that the Province reconsider.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

The swimming pool opens on June 22nd, the LaRochelle Center on June 29th and the Frolic will start on June 24th.

The campground opened yesterday and the Malabean Center received 1,513 visitors in May.

The population is invited to visit the interpretation center.

CEPSC activities are mentioned.

The carnival rides will be open from June 18 to June 21.

STREETS

A number of employees were delegated to the RTC Department to help with miscellaneous activities.

Street repairs have been completed and street line painting is almost done.

The new playground behind the old Marie-Immaculée school is open. Thanks to the Richelieu Club and to the employees who worked on the project.

PLANNING

A total of 28 permits valued at \$461,000 were given out in May.

ENVIRONMENT

The Town received a request to plant grass on the vacant lots on Main Street. The committee will review the request.

GOLF

The golf course is in good shape and the employees are working hard to maintain it. A tournament was held during the weekend with two more planned for July.

LIBRARY

The Librarian has relocated to Fredericton and will need to be replaced.

2015-2016 Board members

Harry MacPhail / Arthelin Rossignol,

- 2015-052 That the Grand Falls Town Council approves the following individuals as members of the Board of the Grand Falls Public Library for 2015-2016: Claudette Kavanaugh, Cécile Belliveau, Micheline Desjardins, Harry MacPhail, France Roussel, Line Simon-Parent, Béatrice Long, Nanette Chiasson and Rae-Anne Delahaye. Carried**

FIRE

Firefighters responded to eleven calls in May.
Seven firefighters attended the annual congress in Quispamsis.
Six firefighters followed miscellaneous trainings.

CENTRAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORP.

The Town and employees are thanked for their help with the maintenance of the downtown core.

Two students have been hired for the summer. The spring beautification is almost completed.

Grand Falls Idol will take place again this year during the festival.

JEUX DE L'ACADIE

The region's application for the 2018 games has been submitted.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

A rumor that the 24-hour emergency service in small hospitals will be closed is discussed. People must get involved to save our services.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

General and Water / Sewer Funds budgets are in good shape as of May 31st.

Sale of land – reserved road

Rino Long / Jacques Lafrance,

- 2015-053 That the Town of Grand Falls offer the land from the reserved road that crosses Dugal and Côté streets to adjacent residents for \$1.50 a square foot. Carried**

Financing request

Rino Long / Arthelin Rossignol,

- 2015-054 **It is resolved 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 principal amount of \$140,000 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**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FUTURE STREET CLOSURE

The Deputy Clerk proceeds with the third reading by title of By-law 1707 to close the future street situated between Dugal and Côté streets.

Arthelin Rossignol / Renaud Ouellette,

- 2015-055 **That the Town Council adopts the third reading of By-law 1707 *A by-law to stop up and close a future street as read.* Carried**

MUNICIPAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW

No objection was received either for the amendments to the Municipal Plan or for those to the Zoning By-law.

The Deputy Clerk reads the first reading in full and by title of amendment 2015-01 to By-law 93.

Rino Long / Renaud Ouellette, that the Town Council adopts the first reading of Amendment 2015-01 to By-law 93 *A By-law amending the Municipal Plan of the Town of Grand Falls.* Carried

The Deputy Clerk proceeds with the second reading, by title, of amendment 2015-01.

Renaud Ouellette / Arthelin Rossignol, that the Town Council adopts the second reading of Amendment 2015-01 to By-law 93 *A By-law amending the Municipal Plan of the Town of Grand Falls.* Carried

The Deputy Clerk reads the first reading in full and by title of amendment 2015-01 to By-law 1900.

Rino Long / Harry MacPhail, that the Town Council adopts the first reading of Amendment 2015-01 to By-law 1900 *A by-law amending the Zoning By-law of the Town of Grand Falls.* Carried

The Deputy Clerk proceeds with the second reading, by title, of amendment 2015-01.

Arthelin Rossignol / Renaud Ouellette, that Town Council adopts the second reading of Amendment 2015-01 to By-law 1900 *A by-law amending the Zoning By-law of the Town of Grand Falls.* Carried

NEW BUSINESS

PROCEDURAL BY-LAW - amendment

The Deputy Clerk reads the first reading in full and by title of Amendment 2015-01 to By-law 2.

Rino Long / Harry MacPhail, that the Town Council adopts the first reading of modification 2015-01 to By-law 2 *Procedural by-law of the municipal council of Grand Falls*. Carried

The Deputy Clerk proceeds with the second reading, by title, of Amendment 2015-01.

Jacques Lafrance / Arthelin Rossignol, that Town Council adopts the second reading of Amendment 2015-01 to By-law 2 *Procedural by-law of the municipal council of Grand Falls*. Carried

COUNCIL INTERVENTION

Elvis concert

Mayor Keeley and Councillor Lafrance congratulate the Richelieu Club for organizing the Elvis concert.

Best wishes

Mayor Keeley wishes everyone a good festival and summer.

Provincial Courthouse

Mayor Keeley gives a brief summary of his meeting with the Justice Minister concerning the closure of the Grand Falls Courthouse. The Mayor questioned the Minister about the reasons why this decision was taken and if there is any way to reverse it.

The Health, Education and Services Committee was formed to address cuts imposed by the Province. The committee is led by the Chamber of Commerce.

General Hospital – 24-hour emergency service

The Mayor mentions his appreciation for the work accomplished by the Community Health Committee. If Grand Falls loses its 24-hour emergency service, it would reduce our capacity to attract industries and would affect our public safety and economic development.

Rino Long

Council wishes good luck to Councillor Long who will be undergoing a surgery shortly.

ADJOURNMENT

Arthelin Rossignol /Jacques Lafrance, that the meeting is adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Carried

Richard Keeley
Mayor

Lise J. Ouellette
Deputy Clerk