

MINUTES

OCTOBER 9th, 2012

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 9th, 2012, following the notices required by the Act.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor :

Richard Keeley

Councillors :

Jacques Lafrance
Michel Ouellette
Arthelin Rossignol
Renaud Ouellette

Rino Long
John Bellefleur
Jean-Paul Proulx
Harry MacPhail

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

Arthelin Rossignol /John Bellefleur,

2012-062 that the agenda is accepted as presented. Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Jean-Paul Proulx /Renaud Ouellette,

2012-63 that the minutes from the September 11th, 2012, regular meeting and the September 24th and October 1st 2012, special meetings, 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 17 and 24 as well as October 1st.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Keeley explains that the Right To Information and Privacy Protection Act limits what Council can say concerning the correspondence received during the month. He reads a report indicating the number of each type of correspondence received by Council. To obtain more information, citizens will need to make an official request under the Act.

Invitations	9
Thanks	2
Complaints	1
Financial aid requests	7
Aid requests (other than financial)	1

Offers of service, land or other	2
Misc. information	4
Request for payment	1
Answer to a request	1

Harry MacPhail / Arthelin Rossignol,

2012-064 Move that the correspondence be 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,

2012-065 that potable water tests be received and filed. Carried

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE

Council extends its sympathies to the family of the Deputy Chief of Police on the death of his mother.

The Police Department asks that citizens lock their car and house doors.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The priority for the Chamber is to hire a Regional Tourism Development Officer.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

Past and future activities are mentioned.

Public skating has started and the schedule is available on the web site.

Phase 2 of the Tourism infrastructure renovation project will start on October 15th and must end by May 31, 2013. This phase concerns the Malabean and LaRoche centres.

As for the Société Culturelle Les Chutes, the gift fair will take place at the Thomas-Albert high school on November 10th and 11th.

VISUAL ARTS SYMPOSIUM

The 2013 symposium will take place between May 1st and 6th.

The fundraising campaign has begun.

STREETS

The 2012 projects are well advanced given the good weather.

Maintenance is done as needed.

PLANNING COMMISSION

23 permits were given for Grand Falls, a value of \$562,000.

The Commission has no budget to prepare for 2013 as this will be done by the Regional Service Commission.

Main Street Zoning

Arthelin Rossignol / John Bellefleur,

**2012-066 Considering that Section 69 of the Community Planning Act requires Council to request ministerial approval for this By-law;
 Considering that the By-law fulfills the requirements prescribed by the said law;**

It is moved that the Town Clerk, in the name of and for Council, present an authorization request to the Department of Local Government Minister concerning the By-law in accordance with the requirements of Section 69 of the said law. Carried

ENVIRONMENT

The surface water pipe next to Hilltop Lane has been realigned.
A tree cutting permit was granted next to the Thomas-Albert high school in order to ensure student safety.
Another tree cutting permit was granted next to the CEPSC for future development.

GOLF

Councillor MacPhail reports on the Town's golf tournament held last August with a profit of \$9,000. September has been a good month with two tournaments.

LIBRARY

Coming activities are mentioned.

2012-2013 members

Harry MacPhail / Renaud Ouellette,

**2012-067 Moved that the individuals listed below be named to the Grand Falls Public Library Board:
Cecile Belliveau, Frank Johnston, Line Simon-Parent, Joanne Duguay and Linda Kelly as well as municipal representatives: Harry MacPhail, France Roussel and Micheline Desjardins. Carried**

FIRE

Firemen responded to four calls in September and participated in the Walk to School activity organized by the Sacré Coeur School.
It's the Fire Prevention Week and citizens are asked to check their smoke detectors and prepare an evacuation plan. Firemen will be inspecting smoke detectors in some residences.
Activities and training done during the month are mentioned.

FESTIVAL

The annual meeting will be held on November 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

DOWNTOWN

A tree-lighting ceremony is planned in November. More information will be forthcoming.

2013 budget

Jean-Paul Proulx / Arthelin Rossignol,

2012-068 Move that the Town 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 contribution necessary for the implementation of the budget, its intention to enact a municipal By-law to impose the business improvement levy, and that the amount raised by the levy be remitted to the Board of directors of the Corporation as well as the time limit for objections to the budget. Carried

WATER

A water main break was repaired on Broadway last month.
The Department is doing regular maintenance.

FALLS VILLA

The Villa registered a deficit in September.
 There are problems with the heating system
 The average waiting time for a bed at the Villa is 14 months. There are currently 40 names on the waiting list.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Revenues and expenses are maintained per the budget.
 The new Psab accounting system may be explained by the accountant Réal Nadeau at a future meeting.

Northern Construction – land purchase

Councillor Long explains the conditions to the partnership between the Town, Northern and Broadway Place. In the agreement, Northern will sell 142 Court Street to the Town for \$1. The Town will then sell the property to Broadway Place.

Other conditions include, among others: that the office building be demolished before December 31st, 2012; that the garage be moved by December 31st, 2013; that the land be vacant and cleared by the end 2013; that Northern guarantee to the Town that they will clean the land should it be contaminated and that the tax bill for 2013 will be paid in equal parts by the Town and Northern.

Rino Long / Renaud Ouellette,

- 2012-069 **That the Town of Grand Falls purchase the properties having PID 65204216, 65014607 and 65002867, located at 34 Portage Road and belonging to Northern Construction Ltd for the amount of \$500,000 at \$300,000 in 2012, \$100,000 in 2013 and \$100,000 in 2014, interest free, on the condition that the Town receives the approval from the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board and that both parties accept the conditions attached to the purchase agreement. Carried**

Broadway Place – sale of land

The sale conditions include a parking plan to be approved by the Town and an option to buy the fire station for a pre-established amount.

Rino Long/Renaud Ouellette,

- 2012-070 **That the property at 142 Court Street be sold to Broadway Place Ltd for the amount of \$50,000 on the condition that the implicated parties accept the conditions attached to the sale. Carried**

Veteran Street property – sale

Renaud Ouellette/Rino Long,

- 2012-071 **That the old water reservoir land on the corner of Guimond and Vétérans Streets having PID 65016560, be sold to Mario and Gisèle Desjardins for the amount of \$12,000 plus all costs related to the land transfer. Carried**

Policy 2003-04

Renaud Ouellette /Harry MacPhail,

- 2012-071 **That policy no. 2003-04 concerning public documents be repealed. Carried**

AFMNB

The annual meeting took place last weekend. A report will be brought to Council at the next meeting.

UMNB

Mayor Keeley congratulates Marcel Deschênes, Lionel Arsenault and Gérald Carroll, recipients of the Queen's Jubilee Medal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Main Street Zoning

The Deputy-Clerk reads the third readings of by-laws 2012-02 and 2012-03.

Arthelin Rossignol / Jean-Paul Proulx,

2012-073 Move that Council adopt the third reading of By-law 2012-02 amending the Grand Falls Municipal Plan. Carried

Renaud Ouellette / John Bellefleur,

2012-074 Move that Council adopt the third reading of By-law 2012-03 amending the Grand Falls Zoning By-law. Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Special garbage pick-up

The special pick-up will take place on October 23rd and 24th.

Suggestion box – website

There is now a place on the website for citizens to forward their suggestions and comments to Council.

Halloween

The hours for trick or treating will be from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 31st. Council encourages everyone to be extra careful during that time.

COUNCIL INTERVENTION

Danny Soucy – ministerial appointment

Council congratulates the provincial MLA on his nomination as minister of the Department of Post-secondary education, Training and Labour.

Regional Service Commission

The first meeting of the board will take place tomorrow. Mayor Keeley indicates that he will not be a candidate for the presidency or other. The meeting will be held in Ste-Anne at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public. It is believed that expenses will be paid by the commission and indirectly, by the municipalities.

PUBLIC INTERVENTION - other

Frank Johnston

Mr. Johnston asks if the lookout at Camel's back in the walking trail will be repaired. Yes, this lookout is part of the renovation project.

He also asks if the Sons of Martha monument will be embellished. Council answers that it will.

Norma Côté

Mrs. Côté requests financial aid for the Victoria County SPCA. The request will be studied by Council.

MEDIA INTERVENTION

Le Nord-Ouest

The journalist requests clarification on the budget of the Regional Service Commissions. Mayor Keeley explains the role of the commission and its effect on the Planning Commission. The 2013 budget proposes an increase of 12% for Grand Falls. The Mayor will request 0% increase.

ADJOURNMENT

Arthelin Rossignol / Renaud Ouellette, move that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
Carried

Richard Keeley, Mayor

Lise J. Ouellette, Deputy-Clerk