

MINUTES

JUNE 14, 2016

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, June 14th, 2016, following the notices required by law.

PRESENCE

His Honour the Mayor:
Marcel Deschênes

Councillors:

Michel Ouellette	Rino Long
Renaud Ouellette	Jean Maurice Gagnon
Denise Lagacé Rioux	Jean Réal Michaud

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Rino Long,

2016-044 That the agenda is accepted with the addition of “Falls Villa” at item 10. Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Jean Maurice Gagnon/Renaud Ouellette,

2016-045 that the minutes from the April 12, May 2 and May 27, 2016 meetings, which copies were distributed to council members, are adopted as received. Carried

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Deputy Clerk reads the items discussed during the closed meetings held on April 4, 11 and 18 as well as May 2 and 30, 2016.

Renaud Ouellette / Michel Ouellette,

2016-046 That the report on closed sessions is adopted as read. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations	7
Thanks	9
Complaints	1
Request for financial support	7
Request for support (other than financial)	2
Offer of services, land or other	0
Misc. information (GNB, federal, other)	11
Response to a municipal enquiry	1

Rino Long / Denise Lagacé Rioux,

2016-047 that the correspondence report is accepted as read. Carried

DRINKING WATER

The potable water analyses for April and May 2016 were received showing « potable water » results.

Renaud Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon,

2016-048 that potable water tests be received and filed. Carried

INTERVENTIONS BY THE PUBLIC – motions and new business

Mayor Deschênes explains the proposed motions and opens the floor to comments. No comments are received.

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

The Department is currently working on maintaining streets and hydrants. Street line painting has started and a water main was repaired. A tender call will be posted for 2016 asphalt.

Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (hydrant restauration)

Renaud Ouellette / Michel Ouellette,

2016-049 That the Grand Falls Town Council support the \$60,000 funding request to the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund for the restauration of fire hydrants. Carried

Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (UV system – lagoon)

Renaud Ouellette / Rino Long,

2016-050 That the Grand Falls Town Council support the \$200,000 funding request to the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund for the installation of a UV system at the municipal lagoon. Carried

ENVIRONMENT

The spring cleaning project was a success. Thank you to everyone who participated. Please keep the town clean and don't throw garbage on the ground. The riverbank along Front Street was urgently repaired.

Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (retention pond – E. H. Daigle Blvd.)

Renaud Ouellette / Michel Ouellette,

2016-051 That the Grand Falls Town Council support the \$47,000 funding request to the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund for the construction of a retention pond on Everard H. Daigle Boulevard. Carried

PLANNING

In April, 37 permits were given for a \$682,288 value and 36 permits were given in May for a value of \$456,264.

Planning Advisory Committee – members

Michel Ouellette / Jean Maurice Gagnon,

2016-052 Considering that Jean Réal Michaud was named to the PAC to represent citizens and was since elected to the Grand Falls Town Council;

Considering that the regulations state that a majority of PAC members must represent citizens;

That PAC members are as follows:

Renaud Ouellette – until December 31st, 2017
Lise Ouellette – until December 31st, 2016
Rachel Dionne – until December 31st, 2016
Guy Cyr – until December 31st, 2018
Jocelyn Themens – until December 31st, 2017

Carried

FIRE

A report is given on monthly activities and the calls firefighters responded to.
One call for mutual aid was answered.
Six firefighters attended the Bathurst convention.

JEUX DE L'ACADIE

The application to host the 2019 games was submitted.
Summerside PEI and St. John NB are also candidates.
The local committee is looking for 1,000 volunteers. People are invited to register.

GOLF

The season has had a good start and the course is very nice.
Seventeen tournaments are expected to date.

FARMERS' MARKET

Lise Bourgoïn Thériault is the new manager.
People are invited to visit the market.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

Activities mentioned include: the pool opening on June 27th, the Malabeam Center opened on May 20th, an open house is planned by NB Power (TBA), a drawing contest ends on July 3rd, the campground opened on June 13th and the LaRochelle Center will open June 20th.

The Truck and Tractor Pull will be held on June 18th and 19th, the Agri Expo June 30th and July 1st and the festival will take place from June 29th to July 3rd.

ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

A good number of students will be working for the Town this summer.

Health and Security Policy 2016-02

2016-053 **Rino Long / Jean Réal Michaud,**
That policy no. 2016-02 entitled « Health and Safety Policy » is adopted as proposed.
Carried

FALLS VILLA

2016-2017 members of the Grand Falls Manor

Jean Maurice Gagnon / Renaud Ouellette,
2016-054 That the Grand Falls Town Council names the following individuals as members of the Grand Falls Manor for 2016-2017:

Ginette Bourgoin, Melvin Blanchette, Allain Desjardins, Gilbert Devost, Donald Dufour, Pat Kavanaugh, Denise Lagacé Rioux, Réjean Landry, Gilles Lang, Réginald Leblanc, Rino Long, Gilbert Michaud, Venette Michaud, Anne Nadeau, Gilles Pichette, Marthe Roussel et Denise Voyer. Carried

POLICE

In April, there were seven denunciations and nine proceedings as well as one theft over \$5,000 and seven thefts under \$5,000.

In May, there were 26 denunciations and 19 proceedings as well as ten thefts under \$5,000 and none over \$5,000.

LIBRARY

The library is looking for help to launch the reading club on June 22nd.
The used book sale will be held from June 29 to July 2.

FINANCE

In the General Fund, revenues are at 41.2% while expenses are at 35.6%.

In the Water and Sewer Fund, revenues are at 41.2% while expenses are at 31.6%. It is noted that expenses are low because two employees are on long-term leave.

A mid-year financial review will be done in early July.

Visa Desjardins

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Rino Long,

2016-055 That the moral entity delegates, to the individuals hereinafter designated, the power of contact to request Visa Desjardins cards (the Cards), including their renewal and replacement if necessary, with the credit limit or limits granted by the “Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec” (the Federation);

That the moral entity is the debtor towards the Federation of loaned sums and all other debts related to the use of the Cards and all related products, including sums exceeding the applicable credit limits, as well as applicable interest and charges;

That the moral entity commits that the Cards are used subject to the Federation’s variable credit contract conditions which accompany them and is responsible for all debts and obligations ensuing from the disrespect of these conditions;

That the people identified hereinafter are authorized to sign any useful or necessary documents to give full effect to this resolution, to request any changes to the Cards issued, including all increase of the credit limit or limits, and that he or she have all the rights and powers associated with the management and use relating to the Cards;

That the individuals hereinafter designated may indicate to the Federation persons responsible to ensure the management of the Cards’ account, including in particular the designation and removal of the business’ representatives authorised to obtain a Card, the distribution and modification of the Card’s authorized credit limits as well as the addition and deletion of options related to the Cards, as need be;

Name of the individuals delegated: Peter Michaud and Rino Laforge.

**That the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec may consider this resolution in force until it receives a notice of its amendment or repeal.
Carried**

CP land – Broadway

Denise Lagacé Rioux / Jean Réal Michaud,

2016-056 That the Town of Grand Falls purchase the property of Canadian Pacific Railway Company with PID 65002297, measuring +/- 68,999 square feet for the amount of \$20,000. Carried

GRAND FALLS CENTRAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORP.

A meeting was held at the CEPSC with downtown business owners and the consultant to explain the Broadway revitalisation project. Plans and estimates should be ready in about six weeks.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Council awaits responses from neighbouring communities to start discussions on regional development.

A new moto for Council and employees will be announced at the next meeting.

COUNCIL INTERVENTION

Denise Lagacé Rioux – participation

The Deputy Mayor attended the annual meeting of the Falls Villa as well as the Thomas-Albert High School's Prix Thomas and the Gutsy Walk.

Denise Lagacé Rioux – incentive

The Council is presently working on different incentives that will be launched in July.

PUBLIC INTERVENTION

Jocelyn Themens

Mr. Themens congratulates the newly elected Council. He reminds everyone of section 34.1 of the Municipalities Act and invites councillors to resign if they lose interest in order to let others take their place.

Pierre Morin

Mr. Morin requests that the Town build a playground in his subdivision. Mayor Deschênes explains that the request will be discussed by Council.

Mr. Morin also mentions a catch basin between his subdivision and M. G. Sénéchal that needs to be lifted. He requests that it be repaired.

Yvon Levesque – prayer

Mr. Levesque reiterates his opinion that Council has a right to pray before its meetings.

MEDIA INTERVENTION

Mayor Deschênes thanks the press and requests that questions are asked in public and not only during private interviews.

The media questions if the Council will reinstate the prayer during meetings. The Mayor specifies that the prayer will be said before the meeting is opened and that this was a unanimous decision by Council.

Mayor Deschênes explains that any complaint received concerning the prayer will be considered. He mentions that municipalities are managed by the province of NB and that no directive has been received concerning the prayer on their part.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Marcel Deschênes
Mayor

Lise J. Ouellette
Deputy Clerk