

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 23, 2021

GRAND FALLS

MEETING

A special meeting of the Grand Falls Town Council in New Brunswick was held at the Municipal Building in the Roland Lafrance Room beginning at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, as required by law.

ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor:

Marcel Deschênes

Councillors :

Jean Réal Michaud
Annie Deschênes
Joe Themens

David Raines
Renaud Ouellette
Jean Maurice Gagnon

and CAO/Clerk Peter Michaud and Deputy Clerk Lise J. Ouellette.

AGENDA

Jean Maurice Gagnon/ Renaud Ouellette,

2021- 089 That the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library – board member

Jean Réal Michaud/ Joe Themens,

2021-090 That Grand Falls Town Council appoint Eleanor Liu as board member for the Grand Falls Public Library. Adopted

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Grand Falls Central Business Development Corporation Inc.

The Deputy Clerk conducts the first and second readings of By-law 74 to adopt the 2022 budget for GFCBDC. Council dispensed with full reading since notices under subsection 15(3) of the Local Governance Act have been posted.

Renaud Ouellette/Annie Deschênes, that the Grand Falls Town Council adopt the first reading of By-law 74 as read. Adopted

Jean Réal Michaud/David Raines, that the Grand Falls Town Council adopt the second reading of By-law 74 as read. Adopted

NEW BUSINESS

Quilt Presentation – Historical Society

Ms. Mona Gagnon presents a quilt of the Town's coat of arms that she made as a donation to the Grand Falls Historical Society.

OTHER

Public and media intervention

Robert Godbout – Grand Falls Milling

Mr. Godbout asked why the Mayor's per diem has doubled during the pandemic.

The Mayor explains that the year 2020 in particular was very busy with several hours worked for press conferences and other actions that were required by Public Health, among others. He highlights the projects carried out in recent years and the work needed to obtain the grants to enable these improvements for the Town.

Knights of Columbus – Rodrick Cyr

Mr. Cyr, spokesman for the Knights, expresses their dissatisfaction with a sign that had been installed by the Knights on the nearby land and that was removed without further notice by the owner of the land in question.

He thanked the Bélanger family for paving the parking lot as a donation to the Knights but questioned that the neighbor's part of the parking lot had also been paved.

The Mayor informs Mr. Cyr that land transfers are not official until the documents are signed. All are waiting for the lawyer to prepare the documents in question.

Mr. Cyr questions that the documents are not ready and wonders if there is a problem with the transaction.

He lists the Knights' services in the community since the 1970s and that the group does not deserve the treatment they received. The group hopes that this treatment will not happen again in the future.

The Mayor questions that the subject is brought forward again since the agreement for the exchange of land is settled. All documentation is in the hands of the lawyer. He reminded the Knights that it was he who contacted the Bélanger family to suggest the donation of asphalt during the negotiations.

Guy Cyr requested that the boundaries of the land be delimited by survey markers. He also questions the rights of the neighbor concerning rebar that would have been painted yellow.

Éric Gagnon of the Planning Department recommends that Mr. Cyr bring the complaint to the Department with supporting information if necessary. The question cannot be answered tonight without seeing the property.

Someone questioned the installation of poles to mark the driveways. People are encouraged to install these poles inside their property line. Also, pay attention to erosion areas in which it is forbidden to push snow down an embankment.

Question on Facebook

An individual questions the price for changing the lease on Front Street. The Mayor replied that the Town had not received the lawyer's invoice yet.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor reminds that the next meeting will take place on December 21, 2021.

Annie Deschênes/Joe Themens, that the meeting adjourns at 8:40 p.m. Carried

Marcel Deschênes
Mayor

Lise J. Ouellette
Deputy Clerk