

MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2022

GRAND FALLS

MEETING

A regular meeting of the Grand Falls Town Council in New Brunswick was held in the Roland Lafrance Room at the Grand Falls town hall beginning at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, following the notices required by law. This meeting is broadcast live on the municipal Facebook page only.

ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor:

Marcel Deschênes

Councillors :

Annie Deschênes

Jean Maurice Gagnon

Jean Réal Michaud

David Raines

Jocelyn "Joe" Themens

as well as the acting CAO/Clerk, Éric Gagnon, and the Deputy Clerk, Lise J. Ouellette.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Deschênes welcomes spectators on Facebook.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts are reported.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**Annie Deschênes/ Jean Maurice Gagnon,**

**2022-001 That the agenda be accepted with an amendment to postpone until February the motion for the hiring of a temporary administrative assistant. Carried**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 minutes will be approved in February.

DRINKING WATER

The 19 analyses of drinking water from the town, received since the last meeting, demonstrate the results "potable water".

**Jean Maurice Gagnon / Joe Themens,**

**2022-002 that drinking water tests be received and filed. Carried**

MOTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Councillor Gagnon gives an account of the major water break that took place on January<sup>1st</sup>. Thank you to the employees and congratulations for the great teamwork that helped complete the repairs quickly.

Director of Public Works

**Jean Maurice Gagnon/Annie Deschênes,**

- 2022-003 That Patrick Daigle be hired as Director of Public Works with salary according to the salary scale and benefits according to Policy 2006-10, Working Conditions. Carried**

HUMAN RESOURCES

Director of Human Resources and Payroll Services

This position combines the tasks of payroll services with the human resources portion that was previously assigned to the CEO.

- 2022-004 That Jessica Ouellette be hired as Director of Human Resources and Payroll Services with salary according to the salary scale and benefits according to Policy 2006-10, Working Conditions. Carried**

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Department reminds people to check the batteries in their smoke detectors regularly. The structure of the new fire station is going up. Construction should be finished in early autumn. People are asked not to go to the construction site.

Deputy Chief, Fire Department– resignation

Mr. Pelletier has resigned after 32 years of service. He will be named honorary firefighter.

**David Raines/Joe Themens,**

- 2022-005 That the Grand Falls Town Council accepts the resignation of Yvon Pelletier as Deputy Chief for the Grand Falls Fire Department. Carried**

LIBRARY

A conference on the rules of succession will be held with lawyer Annie Danneault on January 19. Registrations are at the library.

The sale of used books will continue throughout the year. The library asks for used or new board games. Donations of books or other must be brought inside since the books must be inspected.

POLICE

Everything went well during the holidays. Annual statistics will be shared in February.

Deputy Chief, Police – resignation

The Council accepts the resignation of the Deputy Chief after 25 years of service.

**Jean Réal Michaud/Joe Themens,**

- 2022-006 That the Grand Falls Town Council accepts the resignation of Marco Levesque as Deputy Chief of the Grand Falls Police Force at a later date. Carried**

FINANCE

Finances are good at the beginning of the year. The creation of the new municipality will often be a point of discussion during the year.

Purchase of land – 122 Évangéline Street

**Joe Themens/David Raines,**

**2022-007 That the Town of Grand Falls purchase the property at 122 Évangéline Street, PID 65007940 owned by P.C.L. Transport Limited, in the amount of \$75,000 plus legal fees. Carried**

The Mayor explains that the town has been using this land as a soccer field for a long time and that a water pipe passes under the field. It was important for the municipality to acquire it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Éric Gagnon explains the changes and procedures undertaken.

Jamie M. Michaud and Gestion Ouellette Ltée, municipal plan and zoning – 3rd readings

The Deputy Clerk gave third reading in title of the amendment to By-Law 93.

**Jean Maurice Gagnon/Annie Deschênes,**

**2022-008 That the Town Council adopts the third reading of amendment 2021-09 to By-law 93, By-law Amending the Municipal Plan of the Town of Grand Falls. Carried**

The Deputy Clerk gave third reading in the title of the amendment to By-Law 1900.

**David Raines/Joe Themens,**

**2022-009 That the Town Council adopts the third reading of amendment 2021-12 to By-law 1900, By-law Amending the Zoning By-law of the Town of Grand Falls. Carried**

Hermel and Tina Michaud, municipal plan and zoning – 3rd readings

The Deputy Clerk gave third reading in title of the amendment to By-Law 93.

**Jean Réal Michaud/Joe Themens,**

**2022-010 That the Town Council adopts the third reading of amendment 2021-10 to By-law 93, By-law Amending the Municipal Plan of the Town of Grand Falls. Carried**

The Deputy Clerk gave third reading in the title of the amendment to By-Law 1900.

**Jean Maurice Gagnon / David Raines,**

**2022-011 That the Town Council adopts the third reading of amendment 2021-13 to By-law 1900, By-law Amending the Zoning By-law of the Town of Grand Falls. Carried**

J. D. Irving, Municipal Plan and Zoning – 3rd reading

The Deputy Clerk gave third reading in title of the amendment to By-Law 93.

**Joe Themens / Jean Réal Michaud,**

**2022-012 That the Town Council adopts the third reading of amendment 2021-11 to By-law 93, By-law Amending the Municipal Plan of the Town of Grand Falls. Carried**

The Deputy Clerk gave third reading in the title of the amendment to By-Law 1900.

**2022-013 That the Town Council adopts the third reading of amendment 2021-14 to By-law 1900, By-law Amending the Zoning By-law of the Town of Grand Falls. Carried**

OTHER – interventions by council, public and media

- intervention of the council

Knights of Columbus – lease

The Knights were informed today that our lawyer has finished preparing the documentation to terminate the lease held by the neighbors to the disputed parking lot. It is believed that all will be completed by the end of January.

Judge Sébastien Michaud

Mr. Michaud has been appointed a judge of the Provincial Court. Council wishes him every success on behalf of the municipality.

- public intervention

No intervention.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Mayor thanks the spectators and the technical team.

Jean Maurice Gagnon/Annie Deschênes, proposes the closing of the meeting at 7:25 p.m.  
Carried

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Marcel Deschênes  
Mayor

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Lise J. Ouellette  
Deputy Clerk