

# MUNICIPALITY OF GRAND LAKE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Monday, August 28, 2023

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Minto Council Chambers

The council meeting of the Municipality of Grand Lake was held at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 28, 2023, with Mayor Kevin Nicklin presiding.

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** Mike Richardson (DM)

Chanda Klassen

Gary Glenn

Crystal Boudreau

Greg Smith

Gloria Hogg

Mary Faith Mazerolle

**CAO:** Michelle Dickinson

**SDO:** Alyson Boudreau

**PUBLIC:** Steve Gauthier, Elaine Gauthier, Brian Robinson, Keith Hoyt, Leah Stevenson, Dita Zarembo-Galina, Matthew Richardson, Peter Campbell, Bruce Robinson, Laura Mae Slocum, Debra Lloyd, Marie Savoie Wainwright, Larry Forsyth, Derrick Quigley, Allan Sypher, Mike Kelly, Joy Thomas, Greg Gillis, Terri-Lynn West, Ardith Jones, Junior Parker, John Doherty and Murray Doherty.

## **Call to order**

Mayor Nicklin called the meeting to order.

## **Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Boudreau to approve the August 28, 2023, agenda. **Motion carried.**

## **Conflict of Interest**

There was no conflict of interest declared.

## **Chime Station**

**Motion:** Moved by Councillor Boudreau and seconded by Councillor Smith to have the music play once a day, unless there is a special occasion, and the chimes stay on every hour. **Motion carried.** Nah vote from Deputy Mayor Richardson. Councillor Klassen abstained from the motion stating she has never heard the chimes or music play.

## **Ballfield Donation**

**Motion:** Moved by Councillor Klassen and seconded by Councillor Mazerolle to donate \$100.00 to the Grand Lake Ball Organization in Chipman and Minto. **Motion carried.**

## **Travel Cost for Councillors for meetings**

Councillor Smith felt that all council should be paid for mileage when they attend all events, even events that council is hosting. He was reminded that council made a motion that they only get paid for mileage when they are invited to events, not events that they are hosting, and that the councillor at large gets more of a remuneration for taking in all the wards in the Municipality of Grand Lake.

## **Roads**

Mayor Nicklin would like council to prioritize and shortlist the information that they have concerning the roads. The list will be consolidated and given to the province.

## **Trucks**

**Motion:** Moved by Councillor Glenn and seconded by Councillor Smith to purchase a 2023 Chevrolet truck from Fox Chevrolet Cadillac Ltd. at a cost of \$68,229.71 includes HST, a 2021 Chev Silverado truck from St. Croix Auto at a cost of \$43,994 plus HST, and a 2022 Ford truck from Riverview Ford at a cost of \$47,988 plus HST, which will be used for the public works and the sewer department. The funds are to come out of the Village of Minto General Capital Reserve account for 2 trucks and the Village of Chipman General Capital Reserve account for one truck. **Motion carried.**

## **Sewer – State Chemical Ltd.**

Sewer and Wastewater Technician Adam Spencer explained that State Chemical Limited met with Councillor Glenn and himself and discussed a product that would eliminate the bioxide at the Upton Street lift station, as well as help boost the treatment at the WWTP lagoon and would help to prolong the need for any dredging and has many other beneficial factors.

**Motion:** Moved by Deputy Mayor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Hogg to accept the quote from State Chemical Ltd. for the Lagoon Pump Station (120-day trial operation) at a cost

### **Open to the Floor**

Steve Gauthier enquired if both arenas were separate concerning funding. Mayor Nicklin advised they are combined.

Debbie Lloyd enquired if the committee that Mayor Nicklin spoke about that will be put together will help manage both arenas. Mayor Nicklin advised the committee will only be to evaluate.

Junior Parker advised that the citizens should have at least a couple years to see how the arena will do and Mayor Nicklin said he would take this under advisement.

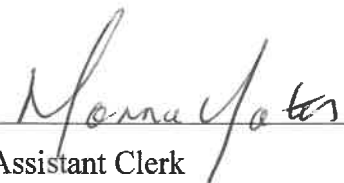
Derrick Quigley asked what we will be losing with the deficit that was discussed at the public meeting last week, and Mayor Nicklin advised they will not know that yet, as there are many unknown factors at this time.


Steve Gauthier wanted to say that we were forced into this amalgamation, so if there is any blame to be had, it should be the province not the council.

Larry Forsyth enquired where the money came for branding. CAO Michelle Dickinson advised they received funding from the province.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion:** Moved by Councillor Boudreau and seconded by Councillor Smith that the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 PM. **Motion carried.**

  
Assistant Clerk

  
Mayor