

# MUNICIPALITY OF GRAND LAKE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Monday, February 6, 2023

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Chipman Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Municipality of Grand Lake was held at 7:00pm on Monday, February 6, 2023, with Mayor Kevin Nicklin presiding.

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** Greg Smith  
Chanda Klassen  
Gary Glenn  
Crystal Boudreau  
Michael Richardson  
Shaun Ward  
Mary Faith Mazerolle  
Gloria Hogg

**CAO:** Michelle Dickinson  
**SDO:** Alyson Boudreau

**PUBLIC:** Norman Thibodeau, Derrick Quigley, Roger LaBurque, Eric LaBurque, Tyler Badger, Fred Miller, Elaine Gauthier, Steve Gauthier, Keith Hoyt, Glenna Best, and Isabelle Ouellette from Capital Region Service Commission

**PRESS:** Kelly Bishop, Grand Lake Mirror

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Nickin called the meeting to order.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Councillor Ward and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith to approve the February 6, 2023, regular council meeting agenda.

Motion carried.

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## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There was no conflict of interests declared.

## **CORRESPONDENCE READ**

Assistant Clerk read a letter from Tiny Trails asking for a letter of support to accompany an application for funding with ACOA.

CAO, Michelle Dickinson advised Glenna Best that she was waiting for a call back from Pierre Chiasson concerning the corner of Post Road and Pleasant Drive as to it being a very dangerous corner.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **MAYOR NICKLIN**

#### **COUNCIL**

In person meetings for the month of January is a of total 26. Total of 846 KLM

Trips to Chipman 7 - total mileage @ 27klm - total 378KLM

Minto office meetings 14 @ 0KLM total 0KLM

Fredericton 2 @ 51 KLM - total 204KLM

Saint John 1 @ 137 KLM - total 274 KLM

Phone calls and video chats throughout the month (basically daily).

#### **Meeting Highlights**

I started the month off meeting with Chris Macdonald, Jim Lawless and the consultant on the potential of building the new community center in Chipman. The location of the Community Center would be across from the Irving Mill. Irving has committed to paying the Village portion of the submittal, however negotiating a tax holiday for another project of new homes. The council will and have reviewed this project. They have approved the funding application process but tabled the tax holiday for discussion once the funding is either approved or rejected. Mayor Nicklin attended the fire department meeting in Chipman with Deputy Mayor Smith and Councillor Glenn. It was a great meeting run very smoothly by the fire chief. The fire chief gave them a very impressive tour of his facility after the meeting. The fire department has several minor requests that will be worked out with Deputy Mayor Smith and Councillor Glenn. This meeting was very positive, and Deputy Mayor Smith and I have been reviewing options with regards to the operations of the fire halls. Once a plan is reviewed it will be brought to council for a decision. Mayor Nicklin went to Fredericton to attend a meeting with the CAO Michelle Dickinson, regarding the Chipman wastewater treatment plant. It was determined that this process has never been started and that the project is in its infancy stage (just an idea with funding submitted). The consultant WSP advised that at minimum we are looking at a three-year completion with a 1 year solid for design, then two years of construction. This is a major issue as we are running at 100% capacity, and we have 55 new homes coming online this year with the new construction planned by Chipman housing authority. We are starting to implement ideas on slowing flow down for the residents... removing sump pumps from our system, removing rainwater leaders from our system. We are working on a publication to send out to residents talking about these issues.

- Attended the regular council meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Met with the library board to assure them we will not be making changes to their area without talking to them first. Mayor Nicklin assured them the last thing they wanted to do is disrupt their sessions, however they do have a municipality to run and if required they will be talking again.
- On January 19th he attended the starting of the TRACC Hockey Tournament and dropped the puck for the game to commence. Good news Grand Lake won the game and won the tournament!
- He had several meetings via telephone, in person, or video with JDI on several different issues, Camp Wegesegum, the bridge closure, the new Community Center and more. JDI remains our largest employer and largest supporter of our community.
- He met with Eric LaBurque, Deputy Fire Chief and Sam Daigle, Chief of the Minto Fire Department and along with Deputy Mayor Smith and CAO Michelle Dickinson they presented the budget and talked about upcoming changes to the budget and some processes.
- The CAO and Mayor Nicklin met with DTI on snow plowing and the expectations.
- He attended another closed session of council.

### **DEPUTY MAYOR SMITH**

- Deputy Mayor Smith attended all regular and special meetings of council.
- Meetings with both fire departments.
- Meetings with both maintenance departments.
- Attended meetings in Fredericton of the CAPITAL REGION SERVICE COMMISSION
- Meetings with Mayor Nicklin and CAO Michelle Dickinson

### **COUNCILLOR MAZEROLLE**

Ice Fishing- The Family Day Ice Fishing Tournament is all set to go on February 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9-1 at the Keyhole. The Municipality of Grand Lake and Irving will sponsor this event.

Minlak- Attended the AGM on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Will do a site visit soon. Please visit their website to see what they recycle and what you can do to help.

EMO- Councillor Mazerolle has spoken with current EMO lead for Chipman, Danny Hargrove. They are having meetings for a plan to be in place for the bridge closure, as well as possible spring flooding. Also noted that NB Power is slated to do a planned power outage to do necessary changes for the upcoming bridge closure. This was rescheduled from this past weekend as the severe cold was not ideal to have no power. A future date will be announced. EMO will have a warming/charging centre open at the Chipman Heritage Centre with coffee/tea and light refreshments served when the time comes.

Public Library- Councillor Mazerolle was not able to attend the Chipman meeting as it was held during her work hours. She is working with Krista Blyth on other options i.e., zoom or evening meetings so she can attend as she is a voting board member. The issue Krista had with Irving contractor parking in Library spots has been resolved. They are now parking at the arena. She also had an issue with snow removal from behind the library and Councillor Mazerolle sent that to Michelle to have maintenance deal with it. She will be attending the Minto library meeting on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Minto Resource Centre- she has been in touch with Ann Nicklin and was invited to their meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup> but was unable to attend. She will keep in touch with them moving forward.

Health Centre Liaison-Grand Lake Wellness Network has their Winterfest underway from now until Family Day on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Please check out the schedule of events throughout the MOGL on their Facebook page.

**COUNCILLOR BOUDREAU**

Attended all regular and special meetings of council.

Had meeting for the following committee's this month:

Recreation/arenas with Councillor Ward and Councillor Glenn

Special events with Councillor Klassen, Councillor Mazerolle, and Councillor Richardson

Preservation board/museums – with Councillor Ward and Councillor Glenn. A discussion was held on a few things that they would like to see happen within the museums.

Councillor Boudreau has also been looking into an outdoor recreation project to be discussed later.

She did some background history on the walking trails in the area, and she is also thinking about opening the high school area trail once again.

She received an update on the habitat for humanity house, which is now coming along great.

**COUNCILLOR RICHARDSON**

Councillor Richardson would like to welcome everyone here tonight. He is looking forward to getting to work with his new portfolios and new council.

**POLICING IS A BIG ISSUE IN OUR MUNICIPALITY.**

He is ready to work with Mayor Nicklin on this portfolio and bring forward new ideas to council. The current status quo is not working for our municipality and needs to change. Mayor Nicklin and himself are working to set-up a meeting with the appropriate people.

**THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (MUNICIPAL GROWTH AND ECONOMIC VITALITY)**

This portfolio is an important one. He had this included in his election pamphlet and feels it is important to engage community and business leaders from all areas of our municipality to help shape new ideas, direction, and network to move important projects forward. He has been actively soliciting members and this committee will comprise of seven people and he is looking at bringing these members together the first of March. Councillor Richardson hopes to announce these community leaders at the regular council meeting in March. He will be having a discussion as lead council member with committee members, Councillor Klassen and Councillor Hogg on ideas around this portfolio namely the set-up and process to get this important committee started.

Councillor Richardson had a conversation with Alyson Boudreau, the community economic officer, and Councillor Hogg, Councillor Klassen, and himself are going to meet soon to work on a strategy for the municipality and to aid this business committee on any ideas that warrant further study. Alyson is a huge asset to the council, and she needs to be utilized.

#### **CAMPGROUND PORTFOLIO**

This is a very important one for Councillor Richardson. He will be engaging with all campground owners/lessees to see how they can work together to improve their visibility and utilize a tourism strategy to help make them successful. Grand Lake is a huge asset to our municipality and we must maximize its potential.

#### **STREETLIGHT PORTFOLIO**

Councillor Richardson met with NB Power reps on January 10<sup>th</sup> to see what their strategy was to deal with streetlighting in the new areas within the new municipalities. He feels that phase one could be the Princess Park/Sunnyside Beach/Syphers Cove areas. He has other areas that need attention, and a strategic plan is needed. This is all contingent on having the funds available and approval from council. He hopes to have a plan to present to council soon, we are the first of the new municipalities to reach out to them.

In closing, during the door-to-door campaign he heard the citizens concerns and he will bring them to the forefront. Many of them have reached out to him already and he is accessible and will utilize his experience for the betterment of our area.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Councillor Boudreau to approve the regular council meeting minutes on January 16<sup>th</sup> and special council meeting minutes of January 30, 2023.

Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING DATE – 1058 NORTHSIDE DRIVE**

**MOTION:** Moved by Councillor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Klassen that BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Grand Lake hereby directs that the Rezoning Application for 1058 Northside Drive be referred to the March 28, 2023, meeting of the Planning Review and Adjustment Committee for the views of the advisory committee; that the public notice requirements of Section 111 of the *Community Planning Act* be fulfilled; that the appropriate by-law to amend By-law No. 137, A Zoning By-Law for the Municipality of Grand Lake, be prepared; and that the regular Council Meeting of Monday, March 6, 2023 commencing at 7 p.m., at the Minto Council Chambers, Village Hall, be set as the time and place for the consideration of objection/support to the proposed by-law.

Motion carried.

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## **REQUEST TO PURCHASE VILLAGE PROPERTY:**

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Glenn and seconded by Councillor Hogg that the municipality proceed with the request from LLC Contracting Development to develop tiny homes for only PID 60024288, and that a contract be written with terms and conditions as stated by the Municipality of Grand Lake.

Motion carried.

## **STREETLIGHTS – COUNCILLOR RICHARDSON**

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Mazerolle and seconded by Councillor Glenn to proceed with the phase one plan for streetlights on the section of roads in Councillor Richardson's proposal at a cost of \$10,542.51 HST included.

Motion carried.

## **TIMELINES**

Mayor Nicklin advised he would like to see council have their information out before a meeting, so that council can understand the content and be able to discuss it intelligently at a council meeting with a timeline of five to ten minutes, and anything over that can be tabled to the next meeting.

## **WINTER LEVEL OF SERVICE**

Mayor Nicklin and Councillor Richardson are having an upcoming meeting concerning the roads in the Municipality of Grand Lake to discuss our winter level of service. All roads in our area are Category C except for the main highways which are Category A. Mayor Nicklin is inquiring if council has issues or suggestions that they would like brought forward at this meeting.

## **CHIPMAN BRIDGE**

Mayor Nicklin advised he has a meeting with Minister Carr and MLA, Kris Austin on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 pertaining to concerns surrounding the Chipman bridge. He will have the CAO set up a public forum at the Chipman Heritage Center to address concerns and issues residents may have.

## **FIVE YEAR PLAN**

Mayor Nicklin would like each committee leader to come up with a five-year plan for the committees that they are on.

## MEETING LOCATIONS

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Richardson and seconded by Glenn that starting in March both regular and special meetings of council for the month will alternate between the two municipalities until the end of 2023, then at that time it can be re-evaluated. The process will start with the March meetings being held at the Minto council chambers.

Motion carried.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Nicklin discussed the potential fire department merger. Attached is a power point showing a SWOT analysis.

## SAFETY PROGRAM QUOTE

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Ward and seconded by Councillor Mazerolle to approve the cost of doing the hazard assessments and report at a cost of \$1,900.00 plus HST.

Motion carried.

## OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Steve Gauthier advised that the Knights of Columbus donated \$300.00 towards the sliding party. Council advised that they were sorry that it was not mentioned and wanted to thank everyone that donated to the sliding party. Mayor Nicklin advised it was well attended and fun was had by all!

Derrick Quigley asked Councillor Richardson if the cost of roughly a \$135,000 for street lights was for the whole municipality. Councillor Richardson advised that it was for the whole municipality.

Derrick Quigley asked Councillor Richardson about his motion concerning alternating meetings between Minto and Chipman monthly until the end of the year, what he would be looking for to make the decision after that. Derrick Quigley was advised that council was not ready to decide on this yet and would like more time to make an educated decision as to where the meetings should be held.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Councillor Ward that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 PM

Motion carried.

  
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 ACTING CLERK

  
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 MAYOR

