

# **MUNICIPALITY OF GRAND LAKE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Monday, March 20, 2023

**TIME:** 6:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Chipman Council Chambers

The special meeting of the Municipality of Grand Lake was held at 6:30pm on Monday, March 20, 2023, with Mayor Nicklin presiding.

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** Greg Smith  
Chanda Klassen  
Gary Glenn  
Michael Richardson  
Gloria Hogg

**CAO:** Michelle Dickinson

Councillors Mary-Faith Mazerolle, Crystal Boudreau and Shaun Ward sent their regrets as they were not able to attend.

## **PRESENTATION BY JDI**

Robert Fawcett, Ian McCabe, Ward Hunter and Jim Lawless attended the meeting on behalf of JDI. Ward Hunter and Ian McCabe gave a presentation on Irving Woodlands a Central New Brunswick Overview.

Twenty families have moved to the Municipality of Grand Lake since 2016 to work at Irving.

This year they have 55 operations but by 2027 they estimate they will need 82 more.

Mayor Nicklin wants to promote the trades and encourage the students to stay in the area. He is proposing to have JDI go to the schools with him and talk to the high school students and advise them of the different jobs that are at the mill.

JDI used to open houses and go in to the schools trying to attract people to go to work there but there wasn't a high success rate.

JDI gave students scholarships but they didn't have a high success rate in getting those students to come work for them.

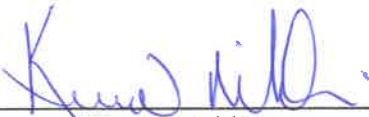
Grades 8, 9 and 10 students are the students that JDI would like to talk to. The students are still choosing their career path and they can encourage them to look at different occupations at the mill.

JDI have mentors and will help pay for workers to go to school to get a trade to promote keeping them at the mill.

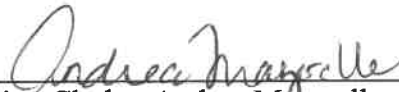
JDI suggested that they organize a tour for council and take them through their facility and as a second part of the tour taking them to the nursery in Sussex.

The employees at the mill are comprised of 32% females.

JDI presentation attached.



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Mayor – Kevin Nicklin



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Acting Clerk – Andrea Mazerolle