

Regional Service Commission # 1 Northwest

MINUTES OF MEETING

MEETING OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

January 9, 2013 at 7p.m.

HELD AT THE RIVIÈRE-VERTE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

ATTENDING:

Mr. Pierre Michaud, Clair, President
Mr. Carmel St-Amand, St-Léonard, Vice-President
Mr. Cyrille Simard, Edmundston
Mr. Richard Keeley, Grand Falls
Mr. Roland Dubé, Saint-Hilaire
Mrs. Francine Caron, Baker Brook
Mr. Alpha Nadeau, Lac Baker
Mr. Gérard Cyr, Saint François
Mr. Luc St-Jarre, Representing the LSD
Mr. Alain Martel, Representing the LSD
Mrs. Ginette Moreau-Bérubé, Representing the LSD = **Ginette Beaulieu-Moreau**
Mr. Rodrigue Lévesque, Saint-Quentin
Mr. Cyril Rioux, Drummond
Mr. Allain Desjardins, St-André
Mr. Jean-Louis Francoeur, Ste-Anne
Mr. Michel Leblond, Rivière Verte
Mr. François Picard, General Manager
Mr. Hermel Vienneau, Head of transition

ABSENT :

Louis Labrie, Representing the LSD
Daniel Lévesque, Representing the LSD*

(* The President was informed by email of the resignation of the representative Lévesque at the beginning of the meeting).

The first meeting of the Board of the RSC Northwest took place January 9, 2013 at the Municipal Building in Rivière-Verte. President Pierre Michaud opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

The Head of transition explained that the permanent board members will have to ratify two decisions that were taken during the transition, namely the choice of the President and the Vice President as well as the choice of the name of the Commission.

On proposal from the representative of the LSD Luc St-Jarre, seconded by Mayor Cyrille Simard, the choice of the president, Mr. Pierre Michaud, and the Vice-President, Mr. Carmel St-Amand, were ratified unanimously by the Board of Directors.

Mayor Michaud therefore resumed the chairmanship of the meeting.

At the request of Mayor Cyrille Simard, the following items were added to the section "New business": 1) The selective solid waste collection in Edmundston; 2) The Saint-Léonard regional Airport ; 3) Notice to the RSC concerning the withdrawal of the City of Edmundston from the planning services. On proposal by Mayor Roland Dubé, seconded by Mayor Francine Caron, the agenda was approved as amended.

On a motion by Mayor Michel Leblond, seconded by Mayor Francine Caron, it is proposed that the official name of the RSC be : « Regional Services Commission # 1 North West ». Adopted unanimously.

On a proposal from the Mayor Cyrille Simard, seconded by the Mayor Rodrigue Lévesque, that the Director of the Planning Department, Mr. Maurice D'Amours, be appointed Director of planning of the Commission.

On a proposal from the Mayor Allain Desjardins, seconded by Mayor Carmel St-Amand, that the agenda of the meeting of December 19, 2012 be approved as circulated.

The President of the Special Committee on the Committee's revision of planning, Mrs Francine Caron, presented her report. In addition to Mrs. Caron, the other members of the special Committee were Mayors Cyril Rioux and Allain Desjardins as well as representatives of LSD, Mr. Luc St-Jarre and Mr. Louis Labrie.

The Committee proposed several changes to the By-Law as suggested by the Head of transition, Mr. Hermel Vienneau (see copy attached). He proposed, among other things, a single Planning Committee composed of ten members, and 30% (3 members) can be elected officials or representatives of LSD. The following names were suggested as possible members:

- Charles Bouchard, Lac Baker
- Francine Caron, Baker Brook
- Michel Laroche, Edmundston
- Luc Frenette, Rivière-Verte
- Samar Effendi, Edmundston

- Gilles Côté, St-François
- Luc St-Jarre, DSL de St-Jacques
- Roland Nadeau, Edmundston
- Lionel Arsenault, Grand-Sault
- France Roussel, Drummond
- Renaud Ouellette, Grand-Sault
- Marcel Lévesque, St-André
- Alain Martel, DSL de St-Quentin
- Guy Michaud, St-Léonard

After discussion, it was proposed by Mayor Cyrille Simard, seconded by Mayor Michel Leblond, that the General Manager make the necessary consultations and submit a list of 10 members and to recommend a final By-law to the Board of Directors for its approval. Given the urgency to appoint a review board to hear derogation requests this month, the board members decided to meet briefly on January 17 to approve the list of members of the committee and approve the revised administrative regulations (attached) prepared by the special committee.

Executive Director, who was on his third day in office, gave an overview of the activities of the new Commission and its similar services.

On a proposal by the Mayor Allain Desjardins, seconded by Mayor Roland Dubé, it was unanimously approved that the names of the accounts at the Caisse Populaire for the Valley District Planning Commission and the Madawaska Planning Commission and the COGERNO be all changed to : « Regional Service Commission # 1 North-West ».

On proposal of the Mayor Cyrille Simard, seconded by the representative of LSD Ginette Moreau-Bérubé, that the board members authorized Mrs Suzanne Gaudet to access the information on all bank accounts of the Commission.

In new business, Mayor Simard indicated that the City of Edmundston is planning to introduce, in September 2013, the collection of selective waste for the municipality. The city will go to tender and a partnership with the RSC 1 is always possible.

Regarding the regional airport of St-Léonard, Mayor Simard stated that his municipality will have to decide shortly if it can afford to continue to operate two airports in 2013.

Mr. Simard has also indicated that its municipal Council could choose at their meeting of January 15th, to give official notice to the Commission that the city of Edmundston intends to withdraw from the Commission planning services.

A special meeting was scheduled for January 17 to decide on the Revision Planning Committee and on the administrative regulations (or By-Law). The next meeting of the board members is scheduled for February 27.

On a motion by Mayor Cyrille Simard, the president adjourned the meeting at 9:20p.m.

It was proposed by _____ seconded by _____

To accept the minutes of meeting.

APPROVED at _____ the _____ day of _____, 2013

PRESIDENT _____

HEAD OF TRANSITION _____