



GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 26, 2014

PLACE: Community Room – Municipal Building

Rivière-Verte, NB

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING # 11

1.2. Attendance and call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Chairman, Pierre Michaud, welcomed everyone. He noted the presence of our guests, Mr. Léo-Paul Charest and Mrs. Nadine Bolduc.

Members attending

Caron, Francine	Mayor of Baker Brook
Cyr, Gérard	Mayor of Saint-François
Desjardins, Allain	Mayor of Rural Community of Saint-André
Dubé, Roland	Mayor of Saint-Hilaire
Keeley, Richard	Mayor of Grand Falls
Labrie, Louis	Representing the LSD
LeBlond, Michel	Mayor of Rivière-Verte
Levesque, Roger	Mayor of Sainte-Anne de Madawaska
Martel, Alain	Representing the LSD
Michaud, Pierre, President	Mayor of Clair
Nadeau, Alpha	Mayor of Lac Baker
Rioux, Cyril	Mayor of Drummond
Roy, Paul	Representing the LSD
Simard, Cyrille	Mayor of Edmundston
Sirois, Jocelyn	Representing the LSD
St-Amand, Carmel, Vice-president	Mayor of Saint-Léonard
St-Jarre, Luc	Representing the LSD
Côté, Martine	Counsellor, Town of Saint-Quentin

Member absent

Blanchard, Doris

Department of Environment and Local government

Staff attending

Picard, François

General Manager

Rioux, Nicole

Administrative Assistant – Head Office

Guests :

Mr. Léo-Paul Charest, General Manager of the *Congrès mondial acadien 2014*

Mrs. Nadine Bolduc of the *Congrès mondial acadien 2014*

Members of the press:

D'Amours, Chantal, CJEM

Dumulon Lauzière, Mathieu CFAI FM

Fournier, Gilles, Info Weekend

3. Approval of agenda

Motion No. 1

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Allain Desjardins, seconded by Mr. Alain Martel and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED To accept the agenda for the general meeting of March 26, 2014 by adding in other business : a) Modification of the RSC name. MOTION CARRIED

4. Presentation by Mr. Léo-Paul Charest, General Manager of the Congrès mondial acadien 2014

Mr. Pierre Michaud said that the CMA will certainly be the key activity of 2014 in our great region. He indicated that during the CMA activities we will be able to collaborate, to unite together and to express our great French pride.

A folder of information was distributed to the members of the Board and Mr. Charest gave an overview of official activities in which the mayors will have to participate during the Congrès mondial acadien 2014 from August 8-24, 2014.

5. Minutes of general meeting of January 29, 2014 for approval

Motion No. 2

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Roland Dubé, seconded by Mr. Alpha Nadeau and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED To accept the minutes of general meeting of January 29, 2014 as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

6. Minutes of Finance committee meeting of February 18, 2014 for approval

Motion No. 3

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Carmel St-Amand, seconded by Mr. Luc St-Jarre and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED To accept the minutes of the Finance committee meeting of February 18, 2014, as distributed, MOTION CARRIED

7. Minutes of Finance committee meeting of March 20, 2014 for approval

Motion No. 4

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Louis Labrie, seconded by Mr. Gérard Cyr and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED To accept the minutes of the finance committee meeting of March 20, 2014, as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

8. Business arising from the minutes of meetings

None

9. Income Statements – End of December 2013

The GM presented the “in-house” income statements for the end of December 2013. They were presented in detail at the Finance Committee meeting on February 18 and the results are in the minutes. The accountants will make some adjustments.

Motion No. 5

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Michel Leblond, seconded by Mr. Alpha Nadeau and unanimously carried, it was

MOVED To accept the “in-house” income statements for the end of December 2013 with a net profit of \$187,493.67 for all services, that is, governance, local planning, electrical generating station (biogas) and waste management services. MOTION CARRIED

10. Correspondence report

Mr. Michel Leblond asked that the email received on March 13 from Mr. Cyrille Simard be discussed. Mr. Pierre Michaud said that he had had a call from Mr. Luc Michaud, who has the intention to acquire the Madawaska Airport and the Saint-Léonard Regional Airport from the City of Edmundston. Mr. Pierre Michaud confirmed that the RSC is playing the role of a facilitator.

Mr. Simard wanted to clarify certain points in his email: 1) He wondered whether the Finance Committee plays an executive role, because the committee had dealt with a subject that should not have been dealt with by the Finance Committee, and if such is the case the bylaws and regulations need to be changed. 2) Mr. Simard mentioned that the City of Edmundston is concluding an agreement, not yet finalized, with Aéroport du Madawaska Airport inc., a duly constituted body with a Board of Directors. 3) Since the agreement is not yet finalized, Mr. Simard finds it odd that there is a request to meet with the chairman of a non-profit organization when sitting at the table is the ‘City of Edmundston,’ which still owns both airports. He added that it would therefore be legitimate to think that Mr. Simard would be the best person at the table to address the matter. Mr. Simard described the current situation to reassure the municipalities in the region. The matter has been on the horizon for many years, and there have been all sorts of failed attempts, he said. The City of Edmundston wants to make sure that there is a form of air transport on a regular basis in the region to help economic development, and at the same time it wants to ensure that an infrastructure is available 24/7 for basic needs, such as the air ambulance, Canada Post, etc. The agreement stipulates that the assets cannot be sold and that the municipality will have a certain amount of control because one member of the Board of Directors of the organization will represent the City of Edmundston.

Mr. Allain Desjardins informed us that he had participated in the seminar: “Building with Design Sustainable Communities (or how to build healthier communities)”. Mr. Desjardins found the concept very interesting for residential and commercial developers, etc. The concept takes into account the green plan, waterways, wetlands and trees while increasing the number of residences.

Mr. Desjardins also talked about the letter from the Rural Community of Saint-André (RCSA) to the RSC indicating that it was withdrawing its letter withdrawing from the RSC in February 2015. The RCSA municipal council decided to give the RSC a chance to prove itself and it will evaluate services each year to meet its partners’ requirements. Mr. Desjardins said that RCSA already has

files with the RSC, that this trust has to be built up and that they need to continue to work together and cooperate.

Mr. Richard Keeley advised the members of the Board that the council of the Town of Grand Falls had met with the GM and the Chairman, Mr. Pierre Michaud. The Town of Grand Falls wants to give itself options and the decision to withdraw from the RSC is definitely not motivated by a lack of confidence in the RSC. It is purely a financial decision.

Motion No. 6

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Francine Caron, seconded by Mr. Roland Dubé and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED To accept the correspondence report, as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

11. Motions -

a) Transfers of funds

At members' request, the financial statements for the end of December 2012 of the former Madawaska Planning Commission will be distributed to the municipalities that were part of the Commission.

Motion No. 7

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Alpha Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Louis Labrie and with one abstention (Mr. Alain Martel), it was

MOVED that RSC#1 authorize closing all accounts at the Caisse populaire du Madawaska Ltée for the planning section, account #3154, and inspection section, account #3330, and transfer the balances to RSC#1 North West's current account, #29434, to reimburse a total of \$21,519.85 to the LSDs. A total sum of \$57,775.15 will be divided and paid to the 7 municipalities based on their percentage of contribution, that is:

Baker Brook	\$ 1 858.82
Clair	\$ 2 120.20
Edmundston	\$41 477.94
Lac-Baker	\$ 3 390.53
Rivière-Verte	\$ 2 528.64
Saint-François	\$ 2 958.03
Saint-Hilaire	\$ 1 827.84

For the overall sum of \$79,295.00 after review and approval by the Province of New Brunswick of the financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2012, of the Madawaska Planning Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

12. Unightly premises – Mr. Roger Levesque

Mr. Roger Levesque informed us that the municipal council of the Village of Sainte-Anne wants to obtain unsightly premises services from the RSC. This service was available from the former Valley Commission and was eliminated when the RSC began operations. For the Village of Sainte-Anne, having unsightly premises services back under the RSC would be a very important factor in

keeping Sainte-Anne as a partner with the RSC. Mr. Allain Desjardins, Ms. Francine Caron and Mr. Gérard Cyr all showed the importance of this sort of service for their municipality.

Motion No. 8

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Roger Levesque, seconded by Mr. Michel Leblond and adopted with one abstention (Mr. Richard Keeley), it was

MOVED To continue the process with the province to have a pilot project for unsightly premises. MOTION CARRIED

13. Other Business

a) Modification of the RSC name

Motion No. 9

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Gérard Cyr, seconded by Mr. Cyrille Simard and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED To proceed to the name change of the Commission de services régionaux # 1 Nord-Ouest / Regional Service Commission # 1 North-West to : « Commission des services régionaux Nord-Ouest / Northwest Regional Service Commission ». MOTION CARRIED

14. Adjournment

Motion No. 10

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Alpha Nadeau, it was

RESOLVED To adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. MOTION CARRIED

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Pierre Michaud
President / Chairman

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François Picard
General Manager