



GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, November 13, 2013

PLACE: Community Room – Municipal Building

Rivière-Verte, N.-B.

TIME : 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING # 8

1.2. Call the meeting to order and attendance

The meeting came to order at 7:02 p.m. Mr. Pierre Michaud, chairman, welcomed the Board members present, particularly Mr. Paul Roy, representing the LSD, who was participating in his first Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Roy is replacing Ms. Ginette Beaulieu Moreau. Mr. Pierre Michaud also welcomed staff from the development offices and members of the media and the public.

Members attending

Caron, Francine
Cyr, Gérard
Desjardins, Allain
Dubé, Roland
Keeley, Richard
Labrie, Louis
LeBlond, Michel
Levesque, Roger
Martel, Alain
Michaud, Pierre, President
Nadeau, Alpha
Rioux, Cyril
Roy, Paul
Simard, Cyrille
Sirois, Jocelyn
Somers, Nicole
St-Amand, Carmel, vice-président
St-Jarre, Luc

Members absent

Blanchard, Doris

Staff attending

Picard, François
Rioux, Nicole

Members of the press :

D'Amours, Chantal, CJEM
Dumoulon-Lauzière, Mathieu, CFAI
Fournier, Gilles, l'Étoile
Therrien, Bobby, InfoWeekend

Mayor of Baker Brook
Mayor of Saint-François
Mayor of the Rural Community of Saint-André
Mayor de Saint-Hilaire
Mayor de Grand Falls
Representing the LSD
Mayor of Rivière-Verte
Mayor of Sainte-Anne de Madawaska
Representing the LSD
Mayor of Clair
Mayor of Lac Baker
Mayor of Drummond
Representing the LSD
Mayor of Edmundston
Representing the LSD
Deputy Mayor of Saint-Quentin
Mayor of Saint-Léonard
Representing the LSD

Department of Environment and Local Government

General Manager
Administrative Assistant – Head Office

Staff of the RSC # 1

Bellefleur, Lise
Bouchard, Julien
D'Amours, Maurice
Desjardins, Jacques
Dufour, Catherine
Dufour, Linda

Gagnon, Eric
Hudon, Pascal
Lebel, Cyr
Roy, Nathalie
St-Pierre, Yann

3. Adoption of agenda

Motion No. 1

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

RESOLVED To accept the agenda for the general meeting of November 13, 2013, with modifications, by adding the following under Other Business:

- b) Income Statement;**
- c) Reimburse the municipalities for permits;**
- d) Renewed term for three review committee members.**

MOTION CARRIED

4. Minutes of General Meeting of September 25, 2013 for approval

Motion No. 2

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Nicole Somers, seconded by Mr. Louis Labrie and unanimously adopted, it was

MOVED To add the name of Mr. Alpha Nadeau under members absent in the minutes of the meeting of September 25, 2013.

MOTION CARRIED

Upon verification, Mr. Nadeau was represented at this meeting by Mr. Max Michaud, his alternate.

Motion No. 3

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

RESOLVED To accept the minutes of the general meeting of September 25, 2013, as modified.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of September 24, 2013 for approval

Motion No. 4

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Nicole Somers, seconded by Mr. Luc St-Jarre and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED To accept the minutes of the finance committee meeting of September 24, 2013, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Business arising from the minutes of meetings

None.

7. Budget 2014

The chairman, Mr. Pierre Michaud, advised the members that the budget was circulated 45 days ago and that they had had a chance to present it to their respective councils. Under the regulations, we need the approval of two thirds of the members representing two thirds of the region's population. The GM explained the process to be followed. We have a population of 48,296 persons, each member has one vote, representing a percentage of the voting population, and the representatives of the LSD each represent 6.48% of the population. A table was distributed to explain everything.

Messrs. Richard Keeley and Cyrille Simard asked to meet behind closed doors because of the nature of the question and the presence of employees in the room, the chairman, in the name of transparency, vehemently called for the meeting to be public. A few other members supported the chairman. A long discussion followed.

Motion No. 5

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Cyrille Simard, seconded by Mr. Richard Keeley, with two votes against (Mr. Carmel St-Amand and Mrs. Francine Caron), it was

RESOLVED To discuss point 7 about the 2014 budget behind closed doors.

MOTION CARRIED

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

During deliberations on the local planning budget, Mr. Cyrille Simard presented a cost scenario to the municipalities and LSD.

The audience was invited back to the meeting and the chairman Mr. Pierre Michaud called the meeting back to order at 9:15 p.m.

Motion No. 6

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

RESOLVED To return to the public meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion No. 7

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Gérard Cyr, seconded by Mr. Jocelyn Sirois, it was **proposed to accept the 2014 budget as presented on September 25, 2013.**

Proposed amendment

Mr. Cyrille Simard, seconded by Mr. Richard Keeley, moved an amendment to the part of the budget dealing with local planning. Those municipalities under the former Madawaska Planning Commission would have a contribution corresponding basically to \$0.00052 of the evaluation. Those municipalities under the former La Vallée Commission would have a contribution equivalent to that for 2013, as would the La Vallée, Restigouche and Madawaska Local Service Districts. Saint-Quentin's contribution would be \$60,538.40. There would be a budget shortfall of \$112,206.34 that would have to be managed in 2014. (See the attached table presented by Mr. Cyrille Simard, Scenario 1.)

The vote was called on the proposed amendment.

For : 10 votes representing 59.9 % of the population (Mr. Carmel St-Amand, Mr. Allain Desjardins, Mr. Roger Levesque, Mr. Cyril Rioux, Mr. Cyrille Simard, Mr. Richard Keeley, Mr. Roland Dubé, Mrs. Francine Caron, Mr. Gérard Cyr, Mr. Alpha Nadeau)

Against : 8 votes representing 40.1 % of the population (Mr. Alain Martel, Mr. Pierre Michaud, Mrs. Nicole Somers, Mr. Michel Leblond, Mr. Paul Roy, Mr. Louis Labrie, Mr. Luc St-Jarre, Mr. Jocelyn Sirois)

**The proposed amendment was REJECTED
by a majority because it required 66%, or two thirds, of the population.**

The vote was called on the budget presented on September 25, 2013.

For : 12 votes (72.3% of board members) representing 48.5 % of the population (Mr. Pierre Michaud, Mr. Jocelyn Sirois, Mr. Louis Labrie, Mr. Gérard Cyr, Mrs. Francine Caron, Mr. Roland Dubé, Mr. Luc St-Jarre, Mr. Michel Leblond, Mrs. Nicole Somers, Mr. Alain Martel, Mr. Allain Desjardins, Mr. Paul Roy)

Against : 5 votes (27.8% of board members) representing 51.5 % of the population (Mr. Roger Levesque, Mr. Cyril Rioux, Mr. Richard Keeley, Mr. Cyrille Simard, Mr. Carmel St-Amand)

Abstentions: 1 vote – (Mr. Alpha Nadeau). On a budget question an abstention counts as a vote in favor under the bylaws (article 6.10.5) of RSC#1 North West.

The motion was REJECTED.

8. Correspondence report

Motion No. 8

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Allain Desjardins, seconded by Mr. Michel Leblond and unanimously adopted, it was

RESOLVED To accept the correspondence report for the period of September 25 to November 5, 2013, as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

9. Activity Report

The monthly report for November 2013, prepared by Pascal Hudon, the assistant manager of planning services, was distributed to the Board members (copy attached).

Motion No. 9

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

RESOLVED To accept the activity report of November, as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

10. General Manager's Report

Mr. François Picard presented his activity report:

- Numerous meetings with representatives of the various municipalities, Bernard Violette from Saint-Léonard, Marc Michaud from Edmundston;
- A meeting with Minister Soucy to discuss problems with planning services;
- Meeting with André Leclerc, who will be invited to a Board meeting to discuss regional collaboration;

- Meeting with the economic development advisory committee: Preparing an economic development strategy for the region;
- Meetings with the managers of RSC#1 North West services;
- Meeting with the municipal councils of the Rural Community of Saint-André and the Town of Saint-Quentin;
- Work was done to update the website, and it should be finalized for December;
- Meeting with the Village of Sainte-Anne and the council;
- We prepared a request for tender for audit services, accounting firms in the region have received it and they have till December 6 to respond;
- Meeting of RSC managers in Fredericton October 8 and 9. The next meeting is scheduled for December 3;
- In December the chairmen and managers will meet with the Minister;
- Discussions at the provincial level, the RSC want to keep economic development on the agenda at meetings of RSC managers – we think that there is a niche that could be developed;
- A committee was set up to establish a solid waste management strategy and determine what type of improvements could be made to the system;
- Meeting with Marcel Vienneau, member services officer for the AFMNB, about insurance and Mr. Mathieu Brideau, Placement Manuvie, about funds for the closure of the waste management services.

Motion No. 10

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

RESOLVED To accept the General Manager's activity report, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

11. Other Business

a) Employment Insurance

The GM drafted a letter to the Honorable Jason Kenney, Minister of Employment and Social Development, about reforms to the Employment Insurance program. The letter was distributed to the members and the GM read it out. Copies will be sent to Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly from our region.

b) Income Statement

The GM presented the income statement:

	General Services	Solid Waste Management
	September 30, 2013	September 30, 2013
Revenue	\$181,089.47	\$2,256,689.30
Operating costs	\$184,828.26	\$1,725,598.11
Other revenue		\$368,546.06
Other costs	\$15,002.85	\$673,574.58
Net income (net loss)	(\$18,741.64)	\$226,062.69

	Electricity Generation	Local Planning
	September 30, 2013	September 30, 2013
Revenue	\$187,408.37	\$975,701.81
Operating costs	\$104,460.96	\$883,297.77
Other revenue		\$237.37
Other costs		\$19,447.38
Net income	\$82,947.41	\$73,193.83

Motion No. 11

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

RESOLVED TO accept the statement of operations for the end of September 2013, according to the table presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

c) Reimburse the municipalities for permits

- That RSC#1 authorize the transfer of \$10,621.50 from account 29434 ES-2 and \$32,779 from account 29434 ES-3 to RSC#1's current account, folio 29434, on August 26, 2013, to reimburse the municipalities for permits for the months of April to June 2013. This transfer was approved by two signing officers, including Messrs. François Picard and Carmel St-Amand, by Internet using the Caisse populaire's Accès D online system.

- That RSC#1 authorize transferring \$9,466.80 from account 29434 ES-2 and \$21,378.00 from account 29434 ES-3 to RSC#1's current account, folio 29434, to reimburse the municipalities for permits for the months of July to September 2013. This transfer will be approved by two signing officers, including Messrs. François Picard and Carmel St-Amand, by Internet using the Caisse populaire's Accès D online system.

Motion No. 12

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Allain Desjardins, seconded by Mrs. Nicole Somers, and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED That the transfers be made as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

d) Renewed term for three review committee members

Motion No. 13

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Nicole Somers, seconded by Mr. Richard Keeley unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED To refer this point to the next meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Richard Keeley wished to thank Mayor Simard for his work on the proposed amendment. He also appreciated the debate. A number of good points were raised that could be considered as negotiations. He is grateful to have had a chance to express his point of view.

12. Adjournment

Motion No. 14

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Roland Dubé, it was
RESOLVED To adjourn the meeting at 10:05p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

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Pierre Michaud, President

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François Picard, General Manager