



## **GENERAL MEETING**

**DATE: Wednesday, December 18, 2013**  
**PLACE: Community Room – Municipal Building**  
**Rivière-Verte, NB**  
**TIME: 7:00p.m.**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING # 9**

#### **1.2. Attendance and Call to order**

The meeting came to order at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Pierre Michaud, Chairman, welcomed the Board members present, members of the media and public. Mr. Michaud presented his best Holiday wishes to all for happiness, health, prosperity and wisdom in the New Year.

#### **Members attending**

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

#### **Staff attending**

Picard, François  
Rioux, Nicole

#### **Members of the press :**

D'Amours, Chantal, CJEM  
Dumoulon-Lauzière, Mathieu, CFAI  
Duval, Gilles, L'Acadie Nouvelle  
Thériault, Christine, l'Étoile/Le Madawaska  
Therrien, Bobby, InfoWeekend

Mayor of Baker Brook  
Mayor of Saint-François  
Mayor of the Rural Community of Saint-André  
Mayor of Saint-Hilaire  
Mayor of 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

**3. Adoption of agenda**

**Motion No. 1**

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

**RESOLVED To accept the agenda for the general meeting of December 18, 2013 by adding in the Other Business section:**

- a) Motion to open a new account and transfer funds**
- b) Request Tenders for financial audit services**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. Minutes of general meeting of November 13, 2013 for approval**

**Motion No. 2**

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

**RESOLVED To accept the minutes of the general meeting of November 13, 2013 as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. Presentation of the transition budget as presented on September 25 and sent to the municipalities**

The Chairman, Mr. Pierre Michaud, explained the steps leading up to the presentation of the transition budget on September 25 and what had been done to resolve the budget stalemate since the November 13 meeting. The Finance Committee has concluded that the transition budget is the best budget that can be presented for the 2014 fiscal year.

**Motion No. 3**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Michel Leblond, seconded by Mr. Luc St-Jarre, it was

**MOVED TO accept the 2014 transition budget in the amount of \$4,750,014 as presented on September 25, 2013**

During the question period, Mr. Cyrille Simard brought up five points for consideration in the coming year:

a) The proposed model introduces a billing formula for planning services that is still arbitrary and doesn't take into account actual usage.

b) The Department drafted the Act and it represents the LSD in many respects around this table. Mr. Simard read Section 28 of the *Municipalities Act*. He said that the Department is not playing fair in establishing Regional Service Commissions, for instance, the municipalities of the former Madawaska Planning Commission are still waiting for dividends from the closing of the Madawaska Planning Commission. The Act stipulates that we can make a motion to adopt our own way of establishing the costs associated with each service.

c) He reiterated the position of the City of Edmundston with respect to planning services. The City has announced that it is going to leave the current delivery model for local planning services in January 2015 unless major changes are made in how services are delivered and paid for. The City will still be at the table for regional planning and will remain a partner to help all municipalities within RSC#1 North West.

d) He greatly appreciates the work done by the Chairman and the General Manager. They met with the Minister and brought him the grievances that had been defended around the table.

e) Mr. Simard called for collaboration to work on issues of regional cooperation. This collaboration has to take place by fair, democratic rules among democratically-elected representatives. Education is needed on taxation.

**A vote is requested :**

**For :** 14 votes (77.8% of members) representing 81.7% 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, Mr. Alpha Nadeau, Mrs. Nicole Somers, Mr. Alain Martel, Mr. Allain Desjardins, Mr. Paul Roy, Mr. Cyrille Simard)

**Against :** 4 votes (22.2% of member) representing 18.3% of the population (Mr. Roger Levesque, Mr. Cyril Rioux, Mr. Richard Keeley, Mr. Carmel St-Amand)

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Other Business**

**a) Motion to open a new account and transfer funds**

**Motion No. 4**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Allain Desjardins, seconded by Mr. Louis Labrie and with one abstention (Mr. Richard Keeley), it was

**RESOLVED TO open a new US bank account at the Royal Bank to constitute a capital reserve fund for the biogas electrical generating station. To transfer operating funds from the Royal Bank US, account number 00774 400-200-2, in the amount of \$50,000 to the new bank account mentioned above, which shall be a capital reserve fund for the biogas electrical generating station. To transfer operating funds from the Royal Bank US, account number 00774 400-200-2, in the amount of \$350,000 to Royal Bank account 00774 400-109-5, capital reserve fund for Waste Management Services.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**a) Request for tenders for financial audit services**

**Motion No. 5**

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Nicole Somers, seconded by Mr. Luc St-Jarre and with one vote against (Mr. Cyril Rioux) and one abstention (Mr. Richard Keeley), it was

**RESOLVED That the firm Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton be retained to audit the three funds for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 for the sums of \$15,850, \$16,200 et \$16,500 respectively (before HST).**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. Adjournment**

**Motion No. 6**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Carmel St-Amand, it was

**RESOLVED To adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Pierre Michaud, President

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François Picard, General Manager