



SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: Thursday December 11, 2014
PLACE: Community Room – Municipal Building
Rivière-Verte, NB
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING # 14

1.2. Attendance and call the meeting to order

The meeting came to order at 7:05p.m. Mr. Pierre Michaud, Chair, welcomed everyone and offers his sincere best wishes for the season.

Members attending

Caron, Francine	Mayor of Baker Brook
Desjardins, Allain	Mayor of the Rural Community of Saint-André
Dubé, Roland	Mayor of Saint-Hilaire
Labrie, Louis	Representing the LSD (Local Service District)
LeBlond, Michel	Mayor of Rivière-Verte
Levesque, Roger	Mayor of Sainte-Anne de Madawaska
Martel, Alain	Representing te LDS
Michaud, Pierre, Chairman	Mayor of Clair
Nadeau, Alpha	Mayor of Lac Baker
Ouellette, Renaud	Deputy Mayor of Grand Falls
Rioux, Cyril	Mayor of Drummond
Roy, Paul	Representing the LSD
Simard, Cyrille	Mayor of Edmundston
Sirois, Jocelyn	Representing the LSD
Somers, Nicole	Mayor of Saint-Quentin
St-Amand, Carmel, Vice-president	Mayor of Saint-Léonard

Members absent

Cyr, Gérard	Mayor of Saint-François
St-Jarre, Luc	Representing the LSD

Staff attending

Picard, François	General Manager
Rioux, Nicole	Administrative Assistant – Head Office

Invited guests :

Doris Blanchard, Department of Environment and Local government

Members of the press

Chantal D'Amours, CJEM-CKMV
Gilles Fournier, L'Étoile/Le Madawaska

Observers

Brigitte Martin - next representative of the LSD for the region of Saint-Joseph de Madawaska
Louis Somers

3. Adoption of Agenda

The Chair read the agenda in the notice of meeting.

The GM and the director of planning will meet to suggest to the Board names of new members to fill the positions that have fallen vacant on the Review and Planning Committee because of the departure of the City of Edmundston, the Town of Grand Falls and the Village of Drummond.

Motion No. 1

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

MOVED To accept the agenda for the special meeting of December 11, 2014, as amended, adding under Other Business point: a) Follow-up on the letter from Ms. Lise Ouellette asking for a contribution to the Leadership Team of *L'Acadie des terres et forêts*.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Minutes of general meeting of November 26, 2014 for approval

Motion No. 2

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

MOVED TO accept the minutes of the general meeting of November 26, 2014, modifying point 10. 2015 Budget, 2nd paragraph, 3rd line "The proposed 2015 budget for: - general services is \$371,834 compared to \$379,443 in 2014;" ...to read: "The proposed 2015 budget for: - general services is \$379,443 compared to \$371,834 in 2014;"

MOTION CARRIED

5. Business arising from the minutes of meeting

None.

6. Budget 2015 for approval

Motion No. 3

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Alpha Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Nicole Somers, it is proposed to accept the transition budget of 2015 totalling \$4,417,355 presented last November 26.

A vote is demanded:

For : 14 votes (82.4% of members) representing 86% of the population (Mr. Pierre Michaud, Mr. Jocelyn Sirois, Mr. Louis Labrie, Ms. Francine Caron, Mr. Roland Dubé, Mr. Michel Leblond, Mr. Alpha Nadeau, Ms. Nicole Somers, Mr. Alain Martel, Mr. Allain Desjardins, Mr. Paul Roy, Mr. Cyrille Simard, Mr. Carmel St-Amand, Mr. Cyril Rioux)

Against : 2 votes (11.8% of members) representing 14% of the population (Mr. Roger Levesque, Mr. Renaud Ouellette).

MOTION CARRIED

7. Other Business

a) **Follow-up on the letter from Ms. Lise Ouellette of the Leadership Team of *L'Acadie des terres et forêts*,**

The Chair mentioned that it is a promising social project, a project for regions with players committed to a higher level of economic development. He said that this group is very worthy.

Mr. Doris Blanchard explained the process to add or remove a service in a LSD:

- 1) A petition bearing at least twenty-five signatures of voters from each LSD is sent to the Minister of the Environment and Local Government asking for a public meeting on the addition or elimination of a particular service.
- 2) Subsequent to this petition, the Minister calls a meeting that must be attended by 30% of voters or 50 voters, whichever is fewer.
- 3) Explanations are given to the voters present and they must vote for or against the proposal.
- 4) If the vote is favorable, the information will be sent to the Minister, who will present it to Cabinet for approval and addition to the provincial regulation.

Mr. Blanchard added that the information had to be sent to the office of the Minister at least six months before the end of the calendar year to ensure that the provincial regulation was adopted in time to allow an amount to be included in the next LSD budget.

Motion No. 4

MOVED THAT the Northwest Regional Service Commission agree, on condition of similar participation from areas in the Témiscouata region of Québec and in northern Maine, USA, to the principle of a flat contribution equivalent to \$1 per resident of its municipalized area, to be paid to the Leadership Team of *l'Acadie des terres et forêts*, for implementation of its economic development action plan, when this will have been legally constituted, and agree that the exact terms and condition of the make-up of this contribution will be determined later after consultation with the parties specifically concerned, including the LSDs.

The question was called:

For : 15 votes (Mr. Pierre Michaud, Mr. Jocelyn Sirois, Mr. Louis Labrie, Ms. Francine Caron, Mr. Roland Dubé, Mr. Michel Leblond, Mr. Alpha Nadeau, Ms. Nicole Somers, Mr. Alain Martel, Mr. Allain Desjardins, Mr. Paul Roy, Mr. Cyrille Simard, Mr. Carmel St-Amand, Mr. Cyril Rioux, Mr. Renaud Ouellette)

Abstention: M. Roger Levesque

MOTION CARRIED

8. Adjournment

Motion No. 5

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Roland Dubé, it was

RESOLVED To adjourn the meeting at 7:50p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

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PIERRE MICHAUD
Chairman

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FRANÇOIS PICARD
General Manager