



MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday February 4th, 2015
PLACE: Community Room – Municipal Building
Rivière-Verte, NB
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING # 15

1.2. Attendance and call the meeting to order

The meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Pierre Michaud, president, welcomed everyone.

Members attending

Caron, Francine
Cyr, Gérard
Dubé, Roland
Labrie, Louis
LeBlond, Michel
Levesque, Roger
Martel, Alain
Martin, Brigitte
Michaud, Pierre, President/Chairman
Nadeau, Alpha
Ouellette, Renaud
Rioux, Cyril
Roy, Paul
Simard, Cyrille
Somers, Nicole
St-Amand, Carmel, Vice-President
St-Jarre, Luc

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

Members absent

Desjardins, Allain

Mayor of Rural Community of Saint-André

Staff attending

Picard, François
Rioux, Nicole

General Manager
Administrative Assistant – Head Office

Invited guest

Doris Blanchard, Department of Environment and Local Government

Observer

Susie Normand

3. Adoption of Agenda

The Chair read the agenda in the notice of meeting.

Motion No. 1

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

MOVED TO accept the agenda of the general meeting of February 4, 2015, as amended by adding under Other Business the following points: a) Update on Planning Services; b) Meeting of the Chairs with Minister Brian Kenny in Fredericton; c) Public Safety Committee; d) Application for financial aid from Resnet and L'Atelier des copains; e) Follow-up from the regional development summit.

MOTION CARRIED

Note that the regional airport will be the subject of discussion at the next NWRSC meeting.

4. Minutes of special meeting of December 11, 2014 for approval

Mr. Renaud Ouellette advised the Board members that after a discussion with the GM, the Municipal Council of the Town of Grand Falls had accepted the 2015 budget with the following amendment: That the town's contribution for its share of general services (governance) in planning would be \$4,331 instead of \$10,786.

Mr. Roger Levesque also advised members that following the meeting between the GM and the councilors of the Village of Sainte-Anne, the village councilors had approved the NWRSC's 2015 budget.

Motion No. 2

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

RESOLVED To accept the minutes of the special meeting of December 11, 2014, as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Minutes of the finance committee meeting of December 15, 2014 for approval

Motion No. 3

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Luc St-Jarre, seconded by Ms. Francine Caron and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED To accept the minutes of the finance committee meeting of December 15, 2014, as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Business arising from the minutes

Mr. Michel Leblond asked for more information on the lease and was told that everything would be discussed under the 'Other Business' section.

7. Income Statement – end of December 2014

The GM advised members that the end of December is the transition between the end of one fiscal year and the start of the next, and that due to the many payables, receivables and adjustments it is hard to present the income statement at this moment.

8. Motions: Solid Waste Services (transfer of funds)
Planning Services (transfer of funds)

It was suggested that in future we need to advise members that we intend to transfer funds before the closing of the fiscal year. It was also suggested that we issue a call for tenders for banking services for NWRSC. Criteria will have to be set first.

Motion No. 4

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

RESOLVED That, given that a surplus is anticipated in Solid Waste Services, the NWRSC approve the transfer \$150,000 to a capital reserve fund at the Royal Bank of Canada, account 005 00774-1006774. This sum was transferred on December 23 for the year end of December 31, 2014, approved by the Chair of the Board of Directors and the General Manager.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion No. 5

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

RESOLVED THAT, in Solid Waste Services, the NWRSC approve the transfer of \$50,000 to the Manulife Securities closure fund. This amount was already approved when the 2014 budget was adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion No. 6

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

MOVED THAT, in Planning Services, the NWRSC authorize transfers of funds to reimburse municipalities for permits for the months of October to December 2014. The transfers total \$2,120.50 from account 29434 ES-2 and \$4,044.30 from account 29434 ES-3 to NWRSC's current account, folio 29434. This transfer will be approved by two signing officers, Messrs. Carmel St-Amand and François Picard by Internet using the Caisse populaire's Accès D system.

MOTION CARRIED

9. Correspondence Report

Motion No. 7

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Roger Levesque, seconded by Ms. Francine Caron and unanimously carried, it was

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

10. General Manager's Report

Motion No. 8

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Carmel St-Amand, seconded by Ms. Francine Caron and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED To accept the general manager's report, as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

11. Other Business

a) Update from Planning Services

The GM explained the work necessary to reorganize the planning services. On the subject of renting the planning office, he referred to the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on December 15, 2014. The owners of Immeubles Riviera Real Estate Ltée refused to sign the lease for a 6-month period. An agreement was signed for a 12-month period with the option to sublet. This agreement expires on February 29, 2016. In March, the assessment of criteria for offices and preparation of a call for tenders will be distributed on the New Brunswick Business Opportunities Network. The decision will be based on a process where everyone will be comfortable and it will be a long-term decision (five to seven years).

We need to review the members of the Review and Planning Committee and follow the selection criteria to fill the positions.

The GM advised that the planning staff has begun the study of the territory, assessment of the cartography, assessment of the territory according to the tax base, assessment of the road network, geographic distribution, etc.

b) Meeting of the Chairs with Minister Brian Kenny in Fredericton

The Chair said that this practice was set up during the creation of the RSCs. The Chairs meet twice a year and exchange ideas with the Minister.

The Chair informed members that he had attended three of these meetings and was asked to list the concerns specific to our region. The Chair mainly told the Minister about the issues we are experiencing related to planning. The second concern of the twelve Chairs was the question of needing a two-thirds majority to pass the budget.

The Chair indicated that the discussions also included economic development. The twelve regions would like economic development to someday be part of the RSCs. It's a project for discussion and it should be noted that the RSC (Kent) tabled and voted on \$0.01 per \$100.00 of assessment to add economic development to its mandate. The province is in the process of developing a new economic development strategy that will favor initiatives for the north.

The members asked for the report on the meeting of the Chairs. The members also want a copy of the report prepared by the Chair before the meeting of the Chairs, so that the issues can be discussed around the NWRSC table beforehand.

The Chair indicated that after discussions with the members of the Finance Committee agreement is needed on a direction and vision for our region. The Chair proposed organizing a one-day (Saturday) forum to allow for discussions on a direction and vision for our region where everyone would need to be at the table: mayors, councilors and representatives of the LSDs. It will be one step in strategic planning and a basic guide allowing us to identify the expectations of the RSC, etc. We will be able to give details on the forum at the March meeting. The Chair issued an invitation to come back with a format under which we could table and advance more quickly.

The GM also said that according to the Liberal government platform the RSCs will be reviewed and the Minister is touring the regions to get people's opinion.

c) Regional public safety committee

The Chair established the regional public safety committee. Its objective will be to set a mandate that will then be validated by the members of the Board.

Committee members are: Mr. Michel Leblond, mayor of Rivière-Verte; Mr. Pierre Michaud, mayor of Clair; Mr. Pierre Ouellette, councilor from Saint-François; Mr. Renaud Ouellette, deputy mayor of Grand Falls; Mr. Cyrille Simard, mayor of Edmundston; and Mr. Paul Roy, representative of the LSDs.

d) Application for financial assistance from Resnet and L'Atelier des copains

The Chair advised members that Resnet recycles electronic solid waste, the structure is well in place, rooted, the company does good work in the area, it also receives electronics from other regions of the province and it is certified. Resnet faces many funding challenges. It is part of the social economy and creates jobs. The source of funds for Resnet and L'Atelier des copains has always been Cogerno (solid waste service). Resnet doesn't have the income for the very high transportation costs and it is impossible to make recurring requests to the trust funds for the same thing.

After deliberations, it was suggested that we look at our sources of funding and our partnership capabilities for these two issues.

e) Follow-up on the regional development summit

The GM announced that the *Association francophone des municipalités du Nouveau-Brunswick* was organizing a provincial round of consultations in the regions. They will be in the northwest on March 26. This is a follow-up to the regional development summit held in Dalhousie last year. In the afternoon there will be working groups and in the evening it will be open to the public. Anyone who cares about development in the region will be welcome.

12. Adjournment

Motion No. 9

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Gérard Cyr, it was
RESOLVED To adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

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PIERRE MICHAUD
President / Chairman

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FRANÇOIS PICARD
General Manager