



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Thursday, November 6, 2014
PLACE: Four Points Sheraton
100, Rice Street, Edmundston, NB
TIME: 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Call the meeting to order

Chairman Pierre Michaud called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m., and welcomed everyone.

Members attending

Mr. Pierre Michaud, Chairman
Mr. Carmel St-Amand, Vice-chairman
Mr. Luc St-Jarre

Mayor of Clair
Mayor of Saint-Léonard
Representing the LSD

Staff attending

François Picard
Maurice D'Amours

General Manager
Director of Planning Services

2. Local planning budget

A transitional budget was presented to the committee members with reductions of \$503,627. The GM said that the budget was for basic Planning Services, so value-added development projects for the municipalities (ex.: preparing documents and reports to get government funding) and the updating of certain municipal plans could be affected. The Act requires a review every five years.

After a discussion, the committee asked for an assessment of the possibility of maintaining a resource dedicated to these tasks and of the financial impact on the 2015 budget.

Discussion took place as to the possibility of a meeting with the mayors, councilors and general managers to discuss the local planning budget as a whole and to present both scenarios and discuss issues for the 2015 fiscal year.

The GM emphasized that NWRSC's budget has to be presented as soon as possible so that the municipalities can prepare their respective budgets. If members want to meet the 45-day deadline, the vote will only take place in

January, hence the importance of presenting the budget in November and giving it to the municipalities.

The first quarter of 2015 will be billed at the 2014 rate with an adjustment in the second quarter for Local Planning Services.

A meeting with the regional deputation was suggested for January to discuss NWRSC's role and mandate.

3. **Insurance**

On another subject, the GM mentioned that in the past certain employees had remained insured with NWRSC even though they no longer worked for it.

The GM wanted to send the following policy to employees after discussions with a representative of Great West.

"Because of the policy of the Great West Insurance Company, no employees may remain insured under NWRSC's insurance policy (health, drugs, dental or other) when they leave their employment or no longer work for NWRSC, even if they wish to reimburse 100% of the insurance premiums in order to retain their coverage."

4. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 6:30 p.m.

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PIERRE MICHAUD
Chairman

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FRANÇOIS PICARD
General Manager