

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Thursday, January 19, 2017
LOCATION: Four Points by Sheraton
 Frank's Bar & Grill – Golf Room
 100, Rice Street
 Edmundston, NB
TIME: 4 :00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Call meeting to order

Chair, Mr. Pierre Michaud, called the meeting to order at 4 :10 p.m., and welcomed members.

Members attending	
Mr. Pierre Michaud, Chair	Mayor of Clair
Mr. Roger Levesque, Vice-Chair	Mayor of Sainte Anne de Madawaska
Mr. Luc St-Jarre	Representing the LSD
Staff attending	
François Picard	Executive Director

2. Renewal of Group Insurance

The ED said that renewal rates are determined according to changes in employee wage information, as well as changes in the report of losses (claims), including an adjustment for inflation for health coverage.

He explained that NWRSC's costs had increased by 31.9%. To reduce costs, we reduced employee benefits, and in 2016 this reduced our premiums by 1.9%.

The 2017 renewal is showing an increase of 13.9% for group insurance. The ED feels that the employer has three options to consider:

1. The employer pays 100% of the increase
2. The employees pay 100% of the increase
3. The increase is shared 50/50 between the employer and the employees

The ED feels that option 3 is the most reasonable for two main reasons:

- Employee benefits have already been cut;
- Employees will be made aware of the high costs of group insurance for the employer, and a table explaining the changes will be given to the service director for the employees.

The NWRSC is still waiting for an offer of service from the AFMNB before making a decision on the matter. He repeated that governance is very satisfied with service from the present supplier, Mr. Martin (Tin) Albert.

3. Motions

The ED presented motions for the planning department to reimburse fees for permits to the municipalities.

He also presented motions for the solid waste department for transfers of funds.

For the planning sector,

- That NWRSC authorize a transfer of funds to reimburse permits to the municipalities and LSDs for October to December 2016. The amount of the transfer of funds is \$11,915.47 from account 29434 ES-2 to NWRSC's current account, folio 29434. The difference exists because many payments are received by credit and/or debit cards and deposited directly into NWRSC's current account. This transfer was approved on January 19, 2017, by two signing officers, including Messrs. Pierre Michaud and François Picard by Internet using the Caisse populaire's AccèsD system.

Clair	\$ 10 508.00
Rivière-Verte	\$ 692.50
Saint-François	\$ 138.15
Rural Community of Saint-André	\$ 90.00
Saint-Léonard	\$ 342.00
Saint-Quentin	\$ 188.60
LSD	\$ 5 442.00
Saint-Hilaire	\$ 208.75
Baker Brook	\$ 218.00
Lac Baker	\$ 267.00
Ste-Anne-de-Madawaska	\$ 602.50
	<u>\$ 30 697.50</u>

For the solid waste sector,

- That NWRSC authorize the Director of Solid Waste, Mr. Paul R. Albert, and/or the Director of Finance, Johanne Thibodeau, to transfer funds into RBC US account folio 400-200-2 and CAN account folio 100-397-9 for daily operations. These transfers shall first be approved by the Executive Director, Mr. François Picard.
- That NWRSC authorize the transfer of \$13,000 from the American account at the Royal Bank of Canada, folio 400-200-2, to the Canadian account at the Royal Bank of Canada, folio 100-397-9, for operations. The Director of Finance made this transfer on December 22, 2016, to take advantage of the exchange rate of 1.3204 for a total of \$17,165.20. We made 4,165.20 on the exchange.
- That NWRSC authorize the transfer of \$17,000 from the Canadian account at the Royal Bank of Canada, folio 100-397-9, to the current account at the Caisse populaire, folio 29434, for operations. The Director of Finance made this deposit on December 22, 2016.

These motions will be confirmed at the next meeting of NWRSC members.

4. Regional Recreation Planning Committee

The December and January meetings were rescheduled for various reasons. The ED said that there seems to be a certain amount of misunderstanding about the goals and objectives of the committee among the EDs of municipalities who sit on the committee. He suggested a discussion around the NWRSC table so that the mayors can emphasize to their EDs who sit on the planning committee that they need to officially confirm whether or not they are participating to make it easier to recruit new members if necessary.

5. NWRSC General Meeting, January 25, 2017

At the last general meeting of NWRSC Board members on November 23, 2016, and at the members' request, the January 25, 2017, meeting will be behind closed doors. This request was made after a discussion and a divergence of opinions at the table concerning the local planning service provided to members.

The ED indicated that in December the governance office received three letters from municipalities expressing their desire to withdraw from the service in two years, in compliance with the *Regional Service Delivery Act*.

The members of the Executive emphasized the importance of this meeting and of communicating a clear and accurate message concerning the long-term impact of these withdrawals on regional service and collaboration.

The ED indicated that he would meet with the municipalities to clear up certain concerns with them and keep all the players at the table.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 6:50 p.m.

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PIERRE MICHAUD
Chair

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FRANÇOIS PICARD
Executive Director