

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, August 16, 2017
LOCATION: Community Room – Municipal Building
 78, Principale Street
 Rivière-Verte, NB
TIME: 7 :00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Call meeting to order Directeur par intérim

Chair, Mr. Michel Leblond, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., and welcomed the attending members.

Members attending	
Mr. Michel Leblond, Chair	Mayor of Rivière-Verte
Mr. France Roussel, Vice-Chair	Mayor of Drummond
Mrs. Brigitte Martin	Representing the LSD
Staff attending	
Mr. François Picard	Executive Director
Mr. Paul Albert	Acting Director, Solid Waste Management Service
Mrs. Catherine Dufour	Operations Director for the Planning Service
Mrs. Johanne Thibodeau	Finance Director

The Executive Director said that several meetings and discussions had taken place with the departmental directors concerning preparation of the 2018 budget and that today would be a working meeting with the members of the NWRSC Executive committee to make a few adjustments if necessary.

2. Budget Summary and executive summary – Budget 2018

The ED presented to the members the 2018 budget summary. He reviewed :

- 1) General services
- 2) Corporate services
- 3) Shared services and regional development/planning
- 4) Local planning services
- 5) Solid waste management services
- 6) Power generation service
- 7) Other shared services

3. 2018 Budget: Waste Management and Energy

a) Waste Management

The director of solid waste management presented the details of the 2018 budget. Revenues projections for the landfills in 2018 were developed based on actual volumes in 2016 and from January to June 2017. The surplus over the fiscal year before last was \$ 237 560 for estimated revenue of \$3 074 114 compared to \$ 3 095 933 for 2018.

The increased revenue from waste recovery is attributable to increases in landfill fees “Wood knots – 50%, Bottom Ash 100%” from Twin River. We had to increase the fees because of extra costs to treat runoff caused by contaminants in these products.

b) Energy Generation

A small increase in revenue is anticipated for 2018, that is, \$310,000 compared to \$300,000 in 2017.

Major investments in maintenance (20,000 hours) will be required in 2018. Note that the deficit remaining from the year before last (2015), amounting to \$100,126 in fiscal 2017, has been made up.

4. 2018 Budget: Local and Regional Development

The department’s Operations Manager presented a 2018 budget to the members of the Executive.

The local development budget amounts to \$903,582 for 2018 compared to \$959,582 in 2017. Member contributions are based on \$ 770,136 for 2018 compared to \$888,695 in 2017 because of the surplus under local development and the transfer to regional development of 20% of the local development amount.

There will be three regional development priorities in 2018; the regional emergency measures plan, the climate change adaptation plan and the dynamic cartography and data management project for the region. Although the province lacks a clear, specific policy on regional planning, the three priorities mentioned above will be part of the regional plan. They will also become the cornerstone for establishing regional cooperation and collaboration.

5. General Services Operating Budget

The budget shows an overall increase of 1.5%. Minor adjustments were made under Other Administrative Services.

The ED proposed a 2% wage increase for employees in all departments, based on Statistics Canada data indicating a 2% increase in the Consumer Price Index for NB from June 2016 to June 2017.

The Morneau Shepell – Business Consulting Services report indicates that the figure is 2.1% for New Brunswick. Based on a consultation with a few RSCs, the rate varies from 2 to 2.5%.

After a discussion with the members of the Executive, who suggested modifications, it was recommended to present the Budget Summary, the 2018 Budget Executive Summary and the detailed 2018 Departmental Budget to the members of the Board at the meeting of September 27, 2017.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 10:10 p.m.

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MICHEL LEBLOND

Chair

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FRANÇOIS PICARD

Executive Director