

GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, February 28th, 2018
PLACE: 78, Principale Street
Community room of the Municipal Building
Rivière-Verte, NB
TIME : 7 :00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING No. 28

1.2. Attendance and opening of the meeting

The meeting came to order at 7 :05p.m. Mr. Michel Leblond, Chair of the Board, welcomed everyone.

Members attending

BOSSÉ, Jules	Representing the LSD (Loser Service District)
CHOUINARD, Louis	Mayor of Lac Baker
DESCHÊNES, Marcel	Mayor of Grand Falls
LEBLOND, Michel, Chair	Mayor of Rivière-Verte
LEVESQUE, Roger	Mayor of Sainte-Anne de Madawaska
MARTEL, Alain	Representing the LSD
MARTIN, Brigitte, member of the executive committee	Representing the LSD
OUELLET, Jean-Pierre	Mayor of the Rural Community of Haut-Madawaska
ROUSSEL, France, Vice-Chair	Mayor of Drummond
ROY, Paul	Representing the LSD
ST-AMAND, Carmel	Mayor of Saint-Léonard

Members absent

LEVESQUE, Marcel	Mayor of Rural Community of Saint-Andre
SIMARD, Cyrille	Mayor of Edmundston
SOMERS, Nicole	Mayor of Saint-Quentin

Staff attending

PICARD, François	Executive Director
DUFOUR, Catherine	Planning Services Director
THIBODEAU, Johanne	Finance Director
PRADO, Adrian	Environment specialist and adaptation to climate change
RIOUX, Nicole	Executive assistant

GUESTS

ALBERT, Elaine	Community Economic Development Executive, Opportunities NB
THÉRIAULT, Guy (from 7 :30p.m. to 8 :00p.m.)	RCMP Staff Sergeant

OUELLETTE, Michel (from 7 :30p.m. RCMP Sergeant
to 8 :00p.m.)

Members of the Press

FOURNIER, Gilles

ARSENEAU, Simon

The Victoria Star

L'Étoile, le Madawaska

3. Approval of agenda

Motion No. 1

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Brigitte Martin, seconded by Mr. Roger Levesque and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED To accept the agenda for the general meeting of February 28th, 2018 by adding in other business : b) Training with lawyers André Daigle and Basile Chiasson for board members, c) Presentation by Adrian Prado on adaptation to climate change. CARRIED

4. Minutes of general meeting of November 22, 2017, for approval

Motion No. 2

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Marcel Deschênes, seconded by Mr. Louis Chouinard and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the general meeting of November 22, 2017, as amended. Point 12 c), page 6, 6th paragraph “the RSCs” should read, “Ms. Catherine Dufour suggested using the report on improving the RSCs (Michael McKendy report) as a basis for deliberations in order to identify our needs and choose the matters to be dealt with.”

CARRIED

5. Minutes of the executive committee meeting of January 11, 2018, for approval

Motion No. 3

Upon motion duly made by Mr. France Roussel, seconded by Mr. Roger Levesque and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED To accept the minutes of the executive committee meeting of January 11, 2018, as amended. Point 5, 4th paragraph, third line «replace Sub-Est by Sud-Est» .

CARRIED

6. Business arising from the minutes

Motion No. 4

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Marcel Deschênes, seconded by Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet and unanimously carried, it was

MOVED to approve the suggestion to hire, at a cost of \$7,500 + HST, Mr. Yves Gagnon of Consultation Gagnon Strategix Consulting Inc., to carry out strategic planning for the NWRSC because of his knowledge of the region and our challenges, as well as his involvement in the establishment of the Communauté rurale de Haut-Madawaska. CARRIED

Motion No. 5

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

RESOLVED to approve the revised sick leave and retirement bonus policy presented at the Executive meeting on January 11, 2018 (the revised policy is on page 3 of the minutes of the Executive meeting of January 11, 2018).

CARRIED

7. Opportunities New Brunswick – Ms. Éline Albert, Community Economic Development Officer (Memorandum of Understanding between ONB and the NWRSC)

Further to the Memorandum of Understanding between ONB and the NWRSC, Ms. Éline Albert is the Community Development Officer who was hired in January by ONB. She reports to Opportunities New Brunswick and is accountable to the NWRSC. Ms. Albert confirmed that she will be working closely with the executive directors of the municipalities and the mayors in the region on community projects. She informed the members about the Connect ONB Liens (www.onbconnects.ca) program and the Start-up Canada www.startupcan.ca program.

8. Income Statement to end of December 2017

Motion No. 6

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Marcel Deschênes, seconded by Mr. Carmel St. Amand and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED To accept the income statement as of December 31, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED

9. Motions: For the Urban Planning Service and the Solid Waste Service

Motion No. 7

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Roger Levesque, seconded by Mr. Jules Bossé and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED

For the urban planning sector,

- That the NWRSC authorize a stop payment on cheque # 6602 to Bureau en Gros dated November 30, 2017, in the amount of \$81.41 because the supplier never received the cheque in question. The stop payment was approved by two signing officers, MM. Michel Leblond and François Picard, via Internet using Accès D. Cheque # 6602 was replaced by cheque # 6654 on December 22, 2017, to the same supplier for the same amount.
- That the NWRSC authorize the transfer to reimburse fees for building permits to the municipalities and LSD for the months of October to December 2017. Transfer of funds amounted to \$ 14,934.50 from account 29434 ES-2 to NWRSC current account, folio 29434. Variance between total repayments of \$ 21,068.50 and transfer of funds from the bank account of \$ 14,934.50 is due to the fact that several payments are received by credit card and / or debit which are deposited directly in the NWRSC current account. This transfer was approved on February 23, 2018 by two signing officers, including MM. Michel Leblond and François Picard via the Accès-D Internet of the Caisse populaire.
- That the NWRSC authorize the reimbursements of building permits to the municipalities and LSD for the months of October to December 2017 in the following amounts :

Baker Brook	\$ 1,109.00
Clair	\$ 5,451.00
Lac Baker	\$ 845.50
Rivière-Verte	\$ 110.00
Saint-François	\$ 65.00

Ste-Anne-de-Madawaska	\$ 341.00
Saint-Hilaire	\$ 235.00
Communauté rurale de Saint-André	\$ 546.00
Saint-Léonard	\$ 984.00
Saint-Quentin	\$ 3,806.00
DSL	\$ <u>7,576.00</u>
	\$ 21,068.50

- That the NWRSC authorize the repayment of \$ 4,975.25 to the Core Leadership Team of Acadia of the Lands and Forests; amount raised by the NWRSC for the months of October to December 2017.

For the solid waste sector

That the NWRSC authorize writing off the account receivable from D'Aplomb Construction in the amount of \$85.24, which has been outstanding since June 30, 2017, because the company is closed. The amount of \$85.24 will be written off as a bad debt by the end of January 2018.

CARRIED

10. Correspondence Report

Motion No. 8

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Marcel Deschênes, seconded by Mr. France Roussel and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED That the correspondence report from November 13, 2017 to February 20, 2018, be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

11. Report of the Executive Director

At the request of Mr. France Roussel, the ED explained why there had been so many meetings with the Board of Directors of Resnet. The ED explained that Resnet is in a period of transition and is forming a partnership with Carrefour Environnement Saguenay, a firm in Québec.

Motion No. 9

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Brigitte Martin, seconded by Mr. Roger Levesque and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED That the Executive Director's report from November 22, 2017 to February 15, 2018, be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

The December 2017 to February 2018 Activity Report of the Urban Planning Department was distributed to the members.

12. Other Business

a) Sergeant-Major Guy Thériault of the RCMP: Sergeant-Major Guy Thériault is new in the region and wanted to meet the Board members to introduce himself and distribute the RCMP's activity report for the 4th quarter of 2017. He was accompanied by Sergeant Michel Ouellette.

b) Training for Board members with Mr. André Daigle and Mr. Basile Chiasson: At the suggestion of Board members to obtain a preferential rate for all members of the NWRSC, the ED

contacted Mr. André Daigle and Mr. Basile Chiasson, lawyers. The ED circulated an email from Mr. André Daigle indicating that they are ready to provide training to NWRSC members. The law firms are not receptive to the idea of establishing preferential rates for legal matters of the NWRSC member municipalities.

c) Presentation by Adrian Prado on adaptation to climate change: Mr. Prado is the NWRSC's environmental specialist, and he presented climate change adaptation initiatives in the region. There will be a public talk at the Madawaska Historical Museum this coming March 7.

13. Ajournment

Motion No. 10

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Brigitte Martin, it was

RESOLVED To adjourn the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

CARRIED

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MICHEL LEBLOND
Chairman

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FRANÇOIS PICARD
Executive Director