



GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, August 28th, 2019
LOCATION: 78, Principale Street
Community Room – Municipal Building
Rivière-Verte, NB
TIME: 6 :30 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING # 36

1.2. Attendance and call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet, Chair of the Board, welcomed everyone. Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet introduced Mr. Tom Levesque, regional Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Levesque took a few minutes to tell members that he is the new regional Emergency Management Coordinator for Region 1. In the coming weeks he intends to meet with the mayors and members. He also invited everyone to an information session that will take place at the regional Emergency Complex in Saint-Léonard on September 12, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Members attending

BOSSÉ, Jules	Representing the LSD (Local Service District)
CHOUINARD, Louis	Mayor of Lac Baker
LEBLOND, Michel	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
OUelet, Jean-Pierre, Chair	Mayor of Haut-Madawaska Community
ROUSSEL, France, Vice-Chair	Mayor of Drummond
ROY, Paul	Representing the LSD
SIMARD, Cyrille	Mayor of Edmundston
SOMERS, Nicole	Mayor of Saint-Quentin
ST-AMAND, Carmel	Mayor of Saint-Léonard

Members absent

DESCHÈNES, Marcel	Mayor of Grand Falls
LEVESQUE, Marcel	Mayor of Rural Community of Saint-André

Staff attending

ALBERT, Paul	Interim director of the Solid waste services
BELLEFLEUR, Lise	Executive assistant
CASTONGUAY, Marie-Ève	Interim Executive Director
DUFOUR, Catherine	Director of planning services
PRADO, Adrian	Environment and climate change adaptation specialist
THIBODEAU, Johanne	Director of finances

Staff absent

PICARD, François

Executive Director

GUEST

LEVESQUE, Tom

Regional Emergency Management Coordinator

BÉRUBÉ, Francis

Development Officer for CDR Acadie

Members of the press

GOULET, Daniel

Info Weekend

LACHANCE, Sébastien

Acadie Nouvelle

Mr. Cyrille Simard attended the meeting by speakerphone.

3. Disclosure of interest

None was declared

4. Approval of agenda

Motion No. 1

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

RESOLVED To accept the agenda for the general meeting of August 28th, 2019 be accepted, as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Minutes of the General meeting of August 1st, 2019, for approval

Motion No. 2

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

RESOLVED To accept the minutes of the General meeting of August 1st, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of August 19th, 2019, for approval

Motion No. 3

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Nicole Somers, seconded by Mrs. Brigitte Martin and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED To accept the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of August 19th, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED

7. Business arising from the minutes

None

8. Atelier des Copains / Presentation by Mr. Francis Bérubé about the situation and request

Mr. Michel Leblond arrived at the meeting during the presentation.

Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet gave a short update on new developments since the last Board meeting. Then Mr. Francis Bérubé, Development Officer for CDR Acadie, gave more details on the restructuring plan offered to Atelier des Copains and the different possible scenarios for the financial assistance requested.

At 7:45 p.m. it was proposed by Mrs. Nicole Somers to go in Camera.

Motion No.4

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Nicole Somers, seconded by Mr. Michel Leblond and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED That the rest of the discussion and the motion be taken in camera.

CARRIED

Motion No. 5

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Nicole Somers, seconded by Mr. Michel Leblond and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED To return to the public meeting.

CARRIED

Motion No. 6

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Nicole Somers, seconded by Mr. Michel Leblond and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED That the NWRSC commit to hand over \$ 72,000 to the Atelier des Copains, of which \$ 36,000 will be paid immediately, another \$ 36,000 will be paid on the condition that the proposed restructuring plan is considered viable for the sorting centre.

CARRIED

9. Income Statement to July 31st 2019, for approval

Mrs. Johanne Thibodeau, Finance Director, presented the income statement.

Motion No. 7

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

RESOLVED To accept the income statement to July 31st 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED

10. Fixed monthly schedule for regular meeting

Motion No. 8

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

RESOLVED That the NWRSC General Board Meetings (if required) be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month unless otherwise directed by the Chair.

CARRIED

11. Assessment of the urban planning department / January to July 2019

Ms. Catherine Dufour, Director of Planning presented the summary of building permits from January to July 2019 and a comparison of 2018 and 2019

12. Climate Change

a) Titus Road Financing

Mr. Adrian Prado gave an overview of the article published this past August 16 in the newspaper *Info Weekend*. The article listed major infrastructure work planned for part of Titus Road and Deuxième Sault Road to counteract the flooding problems that have occurred in the last several years.

b) Annual Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers

Mr. Adrian Prado mentioned to the members that this year's GNA-PMEC 2019 Annual Conference will take place this year in St. John from September 8 to 10. Members are welcome to attend.

c) Cities-Showcase Pilot Project

Project: Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy Showcase Cities

Objective: FCM wants to equip municipalities to adapt to and mitigate climate change through a pilot project.

Proposed partners for the application:

- Rural Community of Haut-Madawaska
- Rural Community of Saint-André
- Village of Drummond
- Village of Baker Lake
- Village of Rivière-Verte
- Village of Sainte-Anne-de-Madawaska
- City of Edmundston
- Town of Grand Falls
- Town of Saint-Léonard
- Town of Saint-Quentin
- AFMNB
- NWRSC

The application would be as an "association of municipalities".

Commitment:

- Sign the World Covenant of Mayors if selected
- Take a step in the convention - regional adaptation plan (March 2020) - Participate in 1-2 one-day workshops
- Share the generated data with the public
- Total of 15-day commitment

Motion No. 9

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Nicole Somers, seconded by Mr. Carmel St-Amand and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED That Mr. Adrian Prado be appointed as representative for all the municipalities targeted in the Showcase Cities project.

CARRIED

13. Public Library

Motion No. 10

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Nicole Somers, seconded by Mrs. Brigitte Martin and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED That NWRSC send a letter to the Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labor to express our concerns and that the NWRSC oppose to any budgetary restrictions on NB Public Library Services.

CARRIED

14. Route 17

Discussions regarding the quality of maintenance of Route 17 particularly between Saint-Quentin and Saint-Léonard. Route 17 is part of a federal / provincial agreement.

NWRSC offers its support to Mrs. Nicole Somers so that she can take the necessary steps to advance the maintenance of Route 17.

15. Other Business

None

16. Adjournment

Motion No. 11

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Michel Leblond and unanimously carried, it as

RESOLVED To adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

CARRIED

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JEAN-PIERRE OUELLET
Chair

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FRANCE ROUSSEL
Vice-Chair

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LISE BELLEFLEUR
Session secretary