



GENERAL MEETING

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

MINUTES OF MEETING # 38

1.2. Attendance and call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet, Chair of the Board, welcomed everyone.

Members attending

BOSSÉ, Jules	Representing the LSD (Local Service District)
CHOUINARD, Louis	Mayor of Lac Baker
DESCHÈNES, Marcel	Mayor of Grand Falls
LEBLOND, Michel	Mayor of Rivière-Verte
LEVESQUE, Marcel	Mayor of Rural Community of Saint-André
MARTEL, Alain	Representing the LSD
MARTIN, Brigitte, member of the executive committee	Representing the LSD
OUÉLET, 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
ST-AMAND, Carmel	Mayor of Saint-Léonard

Via speakerphone

SOMERS, Nicole	Mayor of Saint-Quentin
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Members absent

LEVESQUE, Roger	Mayor of Sainte-Anne de Madawaska
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Staff attending

ALBERT, Paul	Interim director of the Solid waste services
BELLEFLEUR, Lise	Executive assistant
BOUCHARD, Julien	Chief Building Inspector / Development Officer
CASTONGUAY, Marie-Ève	Interim Executive Director
DUFOUR, Catherine	Director of planning services
PRADO, Adrian	Environment and climate change adaptation specialist
MAAREF, Alaa	Geomatics Coordinator

Staff absent

PICARD, François	Executive Director
THIBODEAU, Johanne	Financial Director

GUEST

LEVESQUE, Tom
BÉRUBÉ, Francis

Regional Emergency Management Coordinator
Development Officer for CDR Acadie

PUBLIC

CYR, Gérard

Chairman of the Board of Directors of Atelier des copains

Members of the press

THERRIEN, Bobby

Info Weekend

LEBEL, Bernard

Radio-Canada

3. Disclosure of interest

None was declared

4. Approval of agenda

Motion No. 1

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

RESOLVED That the agenda of the general meeting of October 30, 2019 be accepted, modifying item 8 so that it becomes item 11 and that 11 becomes item 8.

CARRIED

5. Minutes of the General meeting of October 2, 2019, for approval

Motion No. 2

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jules Bossé, seconded by Mr. Louis Chouinard and unanimously carried, it was **RESOLVED** To accept the minutes of the General meeting of October 2, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Business arising from the minutes

Ms. Marie-Eve Castonguay said that the NWRSC had checked with the province after a few questions had been asked about the right to vote of alternate Board members.

Section 12 of the General Regulation under the *Regional Service Delivery Act* contains everything related to alternate members:

Alternate members of the Board

12 The following persons shall be alternate members of the Board for the purposes of subsection 9(4) of the Act:

- (a) in the case of a local government in a region, the deputy mayor; and*
- (b) Repealed: 2017, c.20, s.162*
- (c) in the case of local service districts in a region, no more than three alternates shall be chosen by the chairs of the local service district advisory committees in the region*
 - (i) from among themselves at a meeting of the chairs of the advisory committees;*
 - or*

- (ii) *if none of the chairs are willing or able to act as an alternate or there is an insufficient number of chairs, from among the members of the local service district advisory committees in the region.*

So an alternate member who meets the above criteria is a full member of the Board for the meeting. Official votes are not allowed by email. The NWRSC Procedural By-laws stipulate that votes by teleconference / telephone are allowed because there is interaction among the voting members. Ms. Marie-Eve Castonguay will check with Ms. Marie-Claude Keeley, Manager of Local Services, concerning the procedures to follow for alternate members from the LSDs, given that LSD members represent ALL the LSDs.

7. Presentation of the feasibility report by Mr. Francis Bérubé – Atelier des copains

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

Mr. Francis Bérubé, Development Officer for CDR Acadie, gave an update on the new developments since the last Board meeting. Mr. Bérubé elaborated on the revisions to the strategic restructuring and optimization plan.

A minimum number of employees for starting back to sort material from Edmundston happened in early September. Another sorting centre was visited to examine and compare how they do their sorting.

A few changes and repositioning have expanded the sorting centre by 65%. The annual sorting capacity has increased from 1,000 tonnes to 1,700 tonnes. The largest problem is still education and awareness to reduce the garbage and waste from bins, which are too often used as household garbage receptacles.

Mr. Bérubé said that in the coming weeks he will be finalizing different applications for funding from various levels of government.

Mr. Bérubé mentioned that all the employees of Atelier des copains show great teamwork.

After the presentation, Mr. Gérard Cyr, Chair of the Board of Directors of Atelier des copains, took a few minutes to thank the members for their confidence and invited them to visit Atelier des copains' centre.

Motion No. 3

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

RESOLVED That the NWRSC commit to hand over the second sum of \$ 36,000 to the Atelier des Copains, as resolved at the meeting on August 28, 2019, given the plan for restriction presented is deemed viable for the sorting center.

CARRIED

- 8. Report – Showcase Cities Project by Mr. Adrian Prado**
9. Report – Climate Change Adaptation Plan by Mr. Adrian Prado
10. Report – MNAI Project by Mr. Adrian Prado

Mr. Adrian Prado gave an overview of the projects under way in 2019 – 2020:

- Adaptation Plans: Develop a regional climate change adaptation plan with climate sections / Deadline: March 2020 / Vulnerability study being completed

- MNAI Exploratory Project: Initial project on natural assets to reduce run-off / Deadline: April – May 2020 / Project was on hold awaiting a reply from the province, but was resumed with the Municipal Natural Assets Initiative (MNAI) consultant this week.
- Project to popularize and share climate data: Facilitate access to information on climate change with communication tools / Deadline: March 2020
- Global Covenant of Mayors Canada Showcase Cities Project: The NWRSC was chosen for the pilot project / Will receive free technical support / Summer 2020: Report data and Fall 2020: Share lessons learned.
- Collaboration with NHRI: Produce a documentary on climate vulnerabilities in the forestry sector (Fall 2019) / Collaborate with UNB on a survey and interviews with communities dependent on forestry (completed) / Develop a tool to popularize climate data for the ecoregion (completed) / Develop a guide to climate vulnerabilities (2020) / Develop a guide to adaptive silviculture (2020).
- Collaboration FoRCE: Forum Régional de la Collaboration en Environnement established by the NWRSC in January 2018.
- Other collaborations: Various presentations, workshops and projects / Collaborate with RAVEN on a municipal survey

11. Report – Emergency Measures Plan by Mr. Alaa Maaref and Tom Levesque

Ms. Somers joined the meeting via speakerphone.

Mr. Tom Levesque has been on the job since August 2019. He is continuing the work on the municipal emergency plan. The regional plan hasn't been updated since 2015, so. Mr. Levesque is going to update it. Last week, a provincial emergency exercise simulating response to Hurricane "Bravo" was carried out. There were numerous participants. Training is coming in the next few months.

Mr. Alaa Maaref continued with the other highlights: System to follow up on complaints / System to monitor complaints / System to follow up on fires / System to monitor climate events / System to monitor flood zones / System to monitor ice jams / System to monitor forest fires / System to monitor railway incidents / System to monitor highway accidents / System to monitor power outages in real time / System to monitor hazardous materials storage sites / System to monitor forest health status in real time / System to monitor seismic activity in real time / System to monitor active hurricanes and tornados in real time / System to monitor terrorist attacks / Lodging centre / Emergency contacts

Mr. Alain Martel asked for the survey on the impacts of climate change.

12. Correspondence report

Ms. Marie-Eve Castonguay read out the correspondence report. It was suggested that, since the members receive the documents in advance, it won't be necessary to read it in full.

Motion No. 4

CARRIED

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Alain Martel, seconded by Mr. Jules Bossé and unanimously carried, it was **RESOLVED To accept the correspondence report from September 11, 2019 to October 30, 2019, as circulated.**

CARRIED

13. Recycling of plastics, packaging and printed paper (RÉP – PPP)

Adoption of the NWRSC's position statement on designing and implementing a provincial program of extended producer responsibility (EPR) for Plastics, Packaging and Printed Paper (PPP).

The goal of the EPR for PPP is to create an economic incentive to produce packaging that is easier to recycle by requiring large companies to pay the costs for recycling the paper and the plastic packaging that they produce.

In May the Executive Directors of all the RSCs in the province agreed to ask their staff to form a provincial working group on solid wastes in order to establish a uniform position for all the RSCs on the main objectives to be considered when designing and rolling out a PPP program in New Brunswick.

During a meeting in August between the Minister of the Environment and the representatives of the RSCs, the provincial government indicated that it intended to form a working group with representatives of the CRS, UMNb, the Department of the Environment, RecycleNB and industry to develop a PPP program for New Brunswick. Given that a provincial working group on PPP may be formed, the municipalities have a chance to communicate their interests via their representation by the CRS and UMNb.

Motion No. 5

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the NWRSC will send a letter to the Minister of Environment and Local Government asking that any future PPP program respond to the concerns expressed in this report.

CARRIED

Motion No. 6

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

RESOLVED that the Board agree to ask staff members to make their best efforts to deal with these concerns properly, and to report to the Board if such is not the case.

CARRIED

14. 2020 Budget for approval

Ms. Marie-Eve Castonguay gave a brief overview. Since she wasn't at the last Board meeting, when she got home from vacation she telephoned every member of the Board to tell them that she was back and available at any time for consultation and for possible questions. Certain questions were clarified at an Executive Committee meeting as follows: The \$51,000 deficit from the regional sector in the 2018 financial statements has to be included in the 2020 budget (two years later) in the same (regional) sector. After our consultation with the province, we can't modify the budget formula to change the amounts assigned to each region.

Motion No. 7

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Cyrille Simard, seconded by Mrs. Brigitte Martin and unanimously carried, it was **RESOLVED to vote so that the 2020 NWRSC Budget, presented at the October 2, 2019 meeting, be accepted.**

Voting is requested from voting and participating members to the service:

For: 11 votes (84.6% of attending members voting and participating) representing 84.3% of the population voting /participating (Mrs. Nicole Somers (via speakerphone), Mrs. Brigitte Martin, Mr. Cyrille Simard, Mr. Louis Chouinard, Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet, France Roussel, Mr. Paul Roy, Mr. Jules Bossé, Michel Leblond, Carmel St-Amand and Alain Martel)

Against: 2 votes (15.4% of attending members voting and participating) representing 15.7% of the voting and participating population (, Mr. Marcel Levesque and Mr. Marcel Levesque).

CARRIED

15. Budget 2019 Budget for the Core Leadership Team of Acadia of the Lands and Forests, for approval

Following a discussion, it was noted that funding for the Core Leadership Team of Acadian of the Lands and Forests is a regional collaboration project and is on a voluntary basis at a contribution of \$ 1 per person.

Motion No. 8

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Cyrille Simard, seconded by Mrs. Brigitte Martin, it is

PROPOSED To vote for the 2020 Budget of the Core Leadership Team of Acadia of the Lands and Forests, as presented and to accept a contribution of \$1 per capita on a voluntary basis to the Core Leadership Team of Acadia of the Lands and Forests.

Voting is requested from voting and participating members to the service:

For: 6 votes (53.8% of attending members voting and participating) representing 73.6% of the population voting /participating (Mrs. Brigitte Martin, Mr. Cyrille Simard, Mr. Louis Chouinard, Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet, Mr. Paul Roy and Mr. Jules Bossé)

Against: 7 votes (46.2% of attending members voting and participating) representing 26.4% of the voting and participating population (Mrs. Nicole Somers (via speakerphone), Mr. Michel Leblond, Mr. Marcel Levesque, Mr. Carmel St-Amand, Mr. Marcel Levesque, France Roussel and Mr. Alain Martel).

CARRIED

Mr. Marcel Deschênes leaves the meeting.

16. Other Business

None

17. Adjournment

Motion No. 9

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Cyrille Simard and unanimously carried, it as

RESOLVED To adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

CARRIED

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JEAN-PIERRE OUELLET
Chair

FRANCE ROUSSEL
Vice-Chair

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LISE BELLEFLEUR
Session secretary