



GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, September 30th, 2020

LOCATION: Videoconference

“ZOOM”

TIME: 6 :30 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING # 43

1.2. Attendance and call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet, Chair of the Board, welcomed everyone. He asked people to take a few minutes to review the document on Public Meeting by Video Conference - Public Information Documents.

Members attending (36 Court Street)

OUELLET, Jean-Pierre, president

LEVESQUE, Roger, Vice-Chair

ROY, Paul

CHOUINARD, Louis

Mayor of Haut-Madawaska Community

Mayor of Sainte-Anne-de-Madawaska

Representing the LSD

Mayor of Lac Baker

Members attending

Videoconference Via Zoom

MARTEL, Alain

BOSSÉ, Jules

SIMARD, Cyrille (at 6h55)

LEVESQUE, Josée

DESCHÊNES, Marcel

ROUSSEL, France (at 6h56)

ST-AMAND, Carmel

SOMERS, Nicole

Representing the LSD

Representing the LSD

Mayor of Edmundston

Representing the LSD (District de services locaux)

Mayor of Grand Falls

Mayor of Drummond

Mayor of Saint-Léonard

Mayor of Saint-Quentin

Members absent

LEVESQUE, Marcel

LEBLOND, Michel

Mayor of Rural Community of Saint-André

Mayor of Rivière-Verte

Staff attending

BELLEFLEUR, Lise

THIBODEAU, Johanne

BOUCHARD, Julien

CASTONGUAY, Marie-Eve

MAAREF, Alaa

PRADO, Adrian

DUFOUR, Catherine

Executive Assistant

Financial Director

Chef Building Inspector / Planning Officer

Acting Executive Director

Geomatics coordinator

Territorial Analyst – Research and Sustainable Development

Planning Director

Staff absent

PICARD, François

Executive Director

Guest

LEVESQUE, Tom

Regional Emergency Management Coordinator

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. Paul Roy and unanimously carried, it was
RESOLVED To accept the agenda of the general meeting of September 30th, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

5. Minutes of the General meeting of September 9th, 2020, for approval

Motion No. 2

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

RESOLVED To accept the minutes of the General meeting of September 9th, 2020.

CARRIED

6. Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of September 16th, 2020, for approval

Motion No. 3

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Louis Chouinard, seconded by Mr. Paul Roy and unanimously carried, it was
RESOLVED To accept the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of September 16th, 2020.

CARRIED

7. Business arising from the minutes

None

8. Emergency Measures Updates – Covide-19 by Mr. Tom Levesque

Mr. Levesque gave a short update on emergency measures. Mr. Levesque said that the main Department responsible for managing the pandemic situation is the Department of Public Health.

The Emergency Measures Organization looks after these four different aspects, among others.

- Liaison: Serves as liaison among the Departments, organizations and other partners.
- Planning: Assists the Departments and organizations in planning a plan / directive to reduce the impacts of COVID-19
- Logistics: For checkpoints, including equipment, meals, lodging, etc.

- State of emergency: Works with health care partners and other Departments involved to interpret the mandatory order.

Last June, NB EMO, in collaboration with the Department of Health, was assigned to form regional resiliency teams. There are now 12 regional teams in the province.

Exercise COVID Challenge 2020

At the request of the Department of Health, on September 9, 2020, the exercise COVID-Challenge was carried out in preparation for a possible second wave of COVID-19. The exercise took place via the Microsoft Team platform and telephone calls.

The members noted Mr. Levesque's exemplary work since the pandemic began.

9. Planning Services: Summary of activities from Mr. Alaa Maaref, Mr. Adrian Prado and Mrs. Catherine Dufour

Ms. Dufour gave a comparison of the Planning Department in 2020 vs. 2019, as well as subdivision trends in 2020. There have been five monthly RPC meetings, four of them on an online platform. Ms. Dufour also spoke about the state of advancement of the rural plan for the RCUM.

Mr. Maaref gave an overview of progress on local projects, such as improving municipal planning and management tools and finalizing maps of municipal infrastructure.

Asset management: finalizing maps of underground systems and collection of information on maintenance and repairs to underground systems.

Progress on regional projects:

- 1- The NWRSC was approached by the AFMNB to give workshops as part of Phase 3 of the PAG organized by the AFMNB.
- 2- Establishment of a memorandum of agreement between Canada and Senegal to roll out a national geomatics plan. The NWRSC will collaborate with the CCNB and the UMEC to provide distance education to teachers.

Emergency measures: Updated data in the Geoportal, participation in the exercise COVID Challenge 2020, use of the Geoportal for emergency management.

Mr. Adrian Prado said that there had been a lot of participation in regional and provincial committees and initiatives in 2020.

Environment and climate change: Production of the City of Edmundston's municipal adaptation plan / plan completed in March 2020 / being adopted

Regional vulnerability study: Delayed by COVID-19 / expected for November 2020

Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy Showcase Cities project: also delayed by COVID-19 / attended trainings (online) and workshops (in person) / Partnership with the AFMNB to integrate GES inventories collected

MNAI exploratory project completed this year

Virtual conference: integrating nature into adaptation to climate change

Iroquois-Blanchette project: Integration of data into an interactive mapping tool / for March 2021

Food security and health project: 1- Environmental health 2- Everyone eats/Climate change edition 3-
Sécurité alimentaire au Nord-Ouest (SANO)

Awareness projects: Association francophone des aîné.e.s du NB, presentations at the NB Botanical Garden.

Nordic Hardwood Research Institute (IRFN): Presentation to the Federation of Private Woodlot Owners /

Presentation to the Canadian Woodlands Forum.

10. Income Statement to the end of August 2020 for approval

The Director of Finance, Johanne Thibodeau, reads the financial statements.

Motion No. 4

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

MOVED To accept the income statement as at the end of August 2020, as presented by the Director of Finance.

CARRIED

11. Motion: Deposit / Withdrawal transaction to bank account

Motion No. 5

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

MOVED That the NWRSC authorize Ms. Karen Martin and Ms. Nathalie Roy to make cash deposits and withdrawals (deposit banknotes and withdraw the same amount in rolls of change or vice-versa) from the Uni Cooperation Financière account, folio 29434-EOP.

CARRIED

12. 2021 Budget for approval

Motion No. 6

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

RESOLVED to vote so that the 2021 CSRNO Budget, presented at the September 9th, 2020 meeting, be accepted.

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

For: 11 votes (100% of attending members voting and participating) representing 87.6% of the population voting /participating.

Against: 0

Absents: 3

****Due to a connection problem the vote of Mr. Alain Martel could not be counted.**

CARRIED

13. Other Business

One member questioned the status of a door-to-door pickup of recycling for people in the LSDs. Mr. Ouellet and Ms. Castonguay confirmed that they'd had a discussion with someone from the Department of Environment and Local Government and received confirmation that recycling was supposed to start this fall in the LSDs.

A presentation by Ms. Jovanie Lagacé, Education and Communication Coordinator, was requested for our next public meeting to give an update on door-to-door recycling.

To have less garbage, one member asked whether we could check with Atelier des Copains to also collect metal/aluminum articles. These must be washed and clean.

The next public board meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 25, 2020.

14. Adjournment

Motion No. 7

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Louis Chouinard and unanimously carried, it is

RESOLVED To adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

CARRIED

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JEAN-PIERRE OUELLET
Chair

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ROGER LEVESQUE
Vice-Chair

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LISE BELLEFLEUR
Session secretary