



## GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

LOCATION: Videoconference

“ZOOM”

TIME: 6 :30 p.m.

## MINUTES OF MEETING # 45

### 1.2. Attendance and call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet, Chair of the Board, welcomed everyone, especially to Ms. Gail Dubé, the new local services manager, as well as to Mr. Eric Marquis, deputy mayor of the city of Edmundston who will sit at the NWRSC table until the new elections next May. He asked people to take a few minutes to review the document on Public Meeting by Video Conference - Public Information Documents.

#### **Members attending**

OUELLET, Jean-Pierre, president  
LEVESQUE, Roger, Vice-Chair  
CHOUINARD, Louis  
BOSSÉ, Jules  
ROY, Paul  
LEVESQUE, Josée  
MARTEL, Alain  
SIMARD, Cyrille  
LEVESQUE, Marcel  
DESCHÊNES, Marcel  
ROUSSEL, France  
ST-AMAND, Carmel  
SOMERS, Nicole

#### **Members absent**

LEBLOND, Michel

#### **Staff attending**

BELLEFLEUR, Lise  
THIBODEAU, Johanne  
PRADO, Adrian  
CASTONGUAY, Marie-Eve  
COUTURIER, Scott  
DUFOUR, Catherine

#### **Staff absent**

PICARD, François

#### **Guests**

DUBÉ, Gail

#### **Media**

ROY, Allison

Mayor of Haut-Madawaska Community  
Mayor of Sainte-Anne-de-Madawaska  
Mayor of Lac Baker  
Representing the LSD  
Representing the LSD  
Representing the LSD (District de services locaux)  
Representing the LSD  
Mayor of Edmundston  
Mayor of Rural Community of Saint-André  
Mayor of Grand Falls  
Mayor of Drummond  
Mayor of Saint-Léonard  
Mayor of Saint-Quentin

Mayor of Rivière-Verte

Executive Assistant  
Financial Director  
Territorial Analyst – Research and Sustainable Development  
Acting Executive Director  
Technical supervisor  
Planning Director

Executive Director

Local Services Manager

Acadie Nouvelle

**3. Disclosure of interest**

None was declared

**4. Approval of agenda**

**Motion No. 1**

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

**RESOLVED To accept the agenda of the general meeting of January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as amended by adding in 12. Other Business a) Appointment of a member to the Planning Review Committee (PRC).**

**CARRIED**

**5. Minutes of the General meeting of November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, for approval**

**Motion No. 2**

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 General meeting of November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**CARRIED**

**5. a) Business arising from the minutes**

**i) Update: Expenses incurred because of COVID-19**

Ms. Marie-Eve mentioned that subsequent to the establishment of the federal program to reimburse expenses incurred because of COVID-19 and following the discussions at the meeting of last November 25, the NWRSC has selected separate invoices and divided them among three municipalities as follows:

- City of Grand Falls for a total of \$5,386.15. Received by bank transfer on December 16, 2020.
- City of Edmundston for a total of \$7,449.24. Received by bank transfer on January 19, 2021.
- Community of Upper Madawaska for a total of \$7,261.61. To come.

**ii) Follow-up: Unsightly places**

Following the members' request to receive the history of communications, resolution and discussions concerning unsightly places, Mr. Ouellet specifies that the history in question was sent to them when they were called to this meeting.

**6. Minutes of the executive committee meeting of January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, for approval**

**Motion No. 3**

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

**RESOLVED To accept the minutes of the executive committee meeting of January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**CARRIED**

**6. a) Business arising from the minutes**

**i) Assurances BFL**

Assurances BFL provides the NWRSC's liability insurance and property insurance. When we received the notice of renewal, we discovered a steep overall increase in the premium. However, we must allow for the fact that we also had a major addition, the transfer centre. Also, the insurer excludes the landfills from the environmental liability (pollution) coverage for damages to third parties.

In 2020, the NWRSC paid \$58,399.00. The renewal amount in 2021 is \$87,353.00, plus an additional sum of \$35,000.00 (for the landfill), giving us a total of \$122,353.00.

**Motion No. 4**

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

**RESOLVED that the NWRSC renew its insurance coverage for 2021 in the amount of \$87,353.00 without adding liability insurance for environmental damages stemming from the landfill. The NWRSC will check with other insurance companies to find better rates for the next renewal.**

**In favour: 12 votes**

**Against: 1 vote**

**CARRIED**

**ii) Unightly premises**

Under review in 2021. A new incentive for 2021 came out as follows:

An option to landfill demolition debris at no cost. For cities, towns and villages wanting to go ahead with the demolition process, the NWRSC will not charge any fees to landfill the debris. The owners / cities/ town / villages will be responsible for the demolition and for transporting the demolition debris to the landfill. On a voluntary basis, participating municipalities and LSDs will have the option of burying debris at no cost due to 2 to 3 buildings each annually.

Marie-Eve and Scott will prepare a draft agreement that establishes the responsibilities of each party, as well as limits and restrictions, products accepted, where debris from burnt buildings will go, etc.

**7. Update: Recycling program**

Ms. Marie Eve gave a short update on recycling collection. Collections are continuing as planned. Some adjustments were made, and now the employees of Atelier des copains feel reassured about handling recyclables.

A request was made to check with Ms. Gail Dubé, Coordinator of Local Districts, on the term of the current contract for recycling collection. Can the frequency of collections be modified? A few municipalities give their citizens the option of obtaining an extra bin for waste and in the City of Grand Falls, where this system is in effect, the cost per citizen using this option is about \$52 per additional bin.

**8. Zoom consultation on adapting to climate change**

Mr. Prado advised the meeting that he wanted to proceed with public consultations over Zoom with the citizens of the municipalities and LSDs about adapting to climate change. The consultations will be carried out by the end of March 2021.

**9. Motions : For the Planning Services for approval**

**Motion No. 5**

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

**RESOLVED**

**Development Sector**

- That the NWRSC authorize a transfer of funds to reimburse permits to the municipalities and LSDs for October to December 2020. The amount of the transfer is \$10,598.00 from account 29434 ES-2 to the NWRSC's current account, folio 29434. The difference between the total reimbursement of \$19,848.75 and the transfer of \$10,598.00 is due to the number of payments made by credit and/or debit card that are deposited directly into the NWRSC's current account. This transfer was approved on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, by two signing officers, Mrs. Marie-Eve Castonguay and Mrs. Johanne Thibodeau, via internet using the Caisse populaire's Accès-D system.

That the NWRSC authorize a transfer of funds to reimburse permits to the municipalities and LSDs for October to December 2020, in the following amounts:

- Village of Lac Baker	\$ 293.00
- Village of Rivière-Verte	\$ 458.40
- Community of Haut Madawaska	\$ 7,384.85
- Village of Ste-Anne-de-Madawaska	\$ 66.00
- Town of Saint-Quentin	\$ 983.50
- DSL	\$ 10,663.00
	<u>\$ 19,848.75</u>

- That the NWRSC authorize a transfer of funds to reimburse application fees to the municipalities and LSDs for 2020. The amount of the transfer is \$13,850.00 from account 29434 ES-1 to the NWRSC's current account, folio 29434 EOP. The difference between the total reimbursement of \$37,850.00 and the transfer of \$13,850.00 is due to the number of payments made by credit and/or debit card that are deposited directly into the NWRSC's current account. This transfer was approved on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, by two signing officers, Mrs Marie-Eve Castonguay and Mrs. Johanne Thibodeau, via internet using the Caisse populaire's Accès-D system.
- That the NWRSC authorize a transfer of funds to reimburse application fees for the year 2020 to the municipalities and LSDs, in the following amounts:

- Town of Saint-Quentin	\$ 2,950.00
- Municipality of Lac Baker	\$ 1,075.00
- Community of Haut Madawaska	\$ 2,575.00
- Village of Rivière-Verte	\$ 1,300.00

- DSL	<u>\$ 37,850.00</u>
	<u>\$ 45,750.00</u>

### **Solid Waste Sector**

- Since the work on the transfer centre is not completely finished, the NWRSC authorized extending the temporary loan from RBC in the amount of \$2M, which came due on December 31, 2020, to December 31, 2021, at the same rates and conditions. The justification is that work is expected to be finished in the spring and we will be able to apply for the debenture at that time. We'll receive it in the summer or fall and be able to repay our temporary loan to RBC.
- That the NWRSC authorize the transfer of \$377,130 from our Uni Coopération Financière folio 29434 EOP current account to the Solid Waste sector capital reserve fund at Scotiabank. This amount will be transferred via cheque # 10340. The amount in the 2020 budget was \$677,130.

However, since in 2020 we paid our capital costs out of our working capital, \$652,000 of which was supposed to have been paid out of the capital reserve fund, we invested \$377,130 instead of withdrawing \$652,000 from the capital reserve fund and reinvesting \$677,130, which would have given us a net investment of \$25,130.

So we invested an additional \$352,000.

As well, the total invested in the capital reserve fund will be \$401,742.61, because we're going to add GIC # 10000001PBSW3, with an initial value of \$24,541.06, which we invested on June 4, 2020, and which matured on December 4, 2020, with a final value of \$24,612.61.

This sum of \$401,742.61 will be invested at Scotiabank in a new GIC (guaranteed investment certificate) for a period of 1 year, redeemable at any time, at a rate of 0.30%, the best available rate.

- That the NWRSC authorize the transfer of \$28,400 from the Uni folio 29434 EOP account to the RBC folio 100-677-4 account for sick leave and severance pay to be paid for the Development and Inspection sector, making our bank balance equivalent to our book liabilities.

### **Biogas Sector**

- That the NWRSC authorize the transfer of \$151,712 from our Uni folio 29434 EOP current account to the Biogas sector capital reserve fund as adopted in the 2020 budget. This sum will be transferred via cheque # 10341 and invested at Scotiabank in a new GIC (guaranteed investment certificate) for a period of 1 year, redeemable at any time, at a rate of 0.30%, the best available rate.
- That the NWRSC authorize the transfer of \$75,660 from the Uni folio 29434 EOP account to the RBC folio 100-397-9 account for sick leave and severance pay to be paid for the Solid Waste and Biogas sectors, making our bank balance equivalent to our book liabilities.

**10. Correspondence Report**

There is no correspondence report to present in January

**11. CSRNO's AGM**

Since we are in a municipal election year, the CSRNO's AGM will be in the form of a general meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>. In April the financial statements and the annual report will be presented to the members, in May there will be the municipal elections and in June the CSRNO plans to hold a meeting to make the appointment of the committees.

**12. Other Business**

**a) Appointment of a member to the planning review committee**

**Motion No. 6**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Eric Marquis, seconded by Mrs. Nicole Somers and unanimously carried, it was **RESOLVED To accept the appointment of a new member to sit on the Planning Review Committee (CRP) for a period of 4 years as follows:**

**Mr. Ricky Doiron for the period from 2021 to 2024 in zone 2 (DSL St-Joseph, DSL St-Basile, Rivière-Verte and DSL, Sainte-Anne-de-Madawaska and DSL).**

**CARRIED**

**13. Adjournment**

**Motion No. 7**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Carmel St-Amand unanimously carried, it is **RESOLVED To adjourn the meeting at 7:55 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