

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: May 27, 2021
LOCATION: 36 Court Street
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Call the meeting to order and welcome

Chair, Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet, called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Members attending	
Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet, Chair	Mayor of Haut-Madawaska Community
Roger Levesque, Vice-Chair	Mayor of Sainte-Anne-de-Madawaska
Mr. Paul Roy	Representing the Local Service District (LSD)
Staff attending	
Mrs Lise Bellefleur	Executive Assistant
Mrs Marie-Eve Castonguay	Acting Executive Assistant
Mrs Johanne Thibodeau	Finance Director
Mr. Julien Bouchard	Chef Building Inspector
Staff attending Via Teams	
Mrs Catherine Dufour	Planning Director

2. Agenda

Mr. Ouellet read the agenda. It is moved by Mr. Roger Levesque and second by Mr. Paul Roy to accept the agenda as presented.

3. Building Code Administration Act

Catherine and Julien gave a short background. Last fall, the NWRSC was informed of coming changes to the National Building Code. The NWRSC made recommendations and comments, but there was no consultation with the RSCs. In February 2021, we learned, with no prior notice, that the new Building Code was in effect.

Among other changes, the new Code provides that no permit/waiver is required any more following an application for an electrical permit.

Last week the NBBOA and NBAP signed and sent a letter giving concrete examples of problems related to applications for permits/waivers. The aim of the letter was to request a revision to the new National Code, and it was sent to the Departments of Public Safety and of Local Government. The NBAP had previously requested a meeting, but this request was refused by the Departments and the meeting never took place.

Mr. Ouellet proposed that at the next general meeting of the Board a motion be made and passed that a letter be sent on behalf of the NWRSC to the Department to communicate our observations on the changes that need to be made and on their refusal to meet. This letter will be written by the NWRSC, signed by the Chair and then sent to the other RSCs in the province for signature.

In the meantime, a draft of the letter will be emailed to the Board members to get their agreement on whether it should be sent.

4. Follow-up: AFMNB

Update: Following a meeting with the AFMNB, the pilot project is advancing. Five municipalities are interested in participating via their respective RSCs. The funding application hasn't been approved by the FCM yet, but because there are other phases to the project it continues to move forward.

The five participating municipalities are: Saint-Quentin, Miramichi, Shippagan, Atholville, Rogersville and Beresford.

5. Other Businesses

a) Human Resources

Ms. Marie-Eve said that Mr. Richard LeBel, Director of Solid Waste Management, started work on Tuesday, May 25, 2021. The notice of appointment will be sent to the media next week.

One Solid Waste Management Department employee is off work until June 28, 2021.

A new building inspector started work in the Planning Department on May 10, 2021. He is a new graduate, so we can take advantage of a wage subsidy program for his first year of employment.

The NWRSC hired a marketing firm, DB Solutions Marketing, on contract. This is 100% funded by CBDC-Madawaska. Now more press releases and education materials will be coming from the NWRSC.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Roger Levesque adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

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JEAN-PIERRE OUELLET, Chair

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ROGER LEVESQUE, Vice-Chair