



GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 27, 2022

LOCATION: 36 Court Street, Office 102, Edmundston, NB

TIME: 7 :00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING # 57

1.2. Attendance and call meeting to order

Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet, Chair of the Board, opened the meeting at 6:59 p.m. He highlighted Administrative Professionals' Week, and especially today, International Administrative Assistants' Day, he thanked all the assistants working in every sector of the CSRNO. Mr. Ouellet gave a special welcome to our guests, Mr. Michel Soucy, transition facilitator, Dr. Julie Castonguay and Dr. David Marr.

Members attending

OUELLET, Jean-Pierre, Chairperson	Mayor of Haut-Madawaska Community
PELLETIER, Roseline (Via Zoom)	Mayor of Lac Baker
ROUSSEL, Lise	Mayor of Saint-Léonard
LEVESQUE, Josée	Representing the LSD
GIRARD, Sylvie	Mayor of Sainte-Anne-de-Madawaska
SOMERS, Nicole	Mayor of Saint-Quentin
DESCHÊNES, Marcel	Mayor of Grand Falls
DUBÉ, Carmon	Representing the LSD
ROY, Paul	Representing the LSD
ROUSSEL, France	Mayor of Drummond
MARQUIS, Eric	Mayor of Edmundston
MARTEL, Alain	Representing the LSD
PARENT, Lisa, Vice-Chair	Mayor of Rivière-Verte

Members absent

LEVESQUE, Marcel	Mayor of Rural Community of Saint-André
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Staff attending / 36 Court Street

BELLEFLEUR, Lise	Executive Assistant
THIBODEAU, Johanne	Financial Director
PRADO, Adrian	Territorial Analyst – Research and Sustainable Development
CASTONGUAY, Marie-Eve	Executive Director
LEBEL, Richard	Solid Waste Service Commission Manager
BOUCHARD, Julien	Director of Operations

Guests

LEVESQUE, Tom (Via Zoom)	Regional Emergency Management Coordinator
SOUICY, Michel	Transition Facilitator
CASTONGUAY, Julie Dre (Via Zoom)	Doctor
MARR, David R. Dr (Via Zoom)	Doctor

Media

THERRIEN, Bobby	Acadie Nouvelle
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3. Disclosure of interest

None was declared

4. Approval of agenda

Motion No. 1

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

RESOLVED That the agenda of the general meeting of April 27, 2022, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5. Minutes of the General meeting of March 23, 2022, for approval

Motion No. 2

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

RESOLVED To accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 23, 2022, with the following modifications (French version): On page 5, first line “fédération francophone des municipalités” needs to be replaced in the following sentence: “L’AFMNB a déposé une demande auprès de la Fédération canadienne des municipalités afin d’exporter ce système dans l’ensemble des municipalités francophones de notre région.” On page 6, No. 13, add “collaboration régionale” after the following sentence: “Le comité de transition de la collaboration régionale est composé ainsi...”

CARRIED

5. a) Business arising from the minutes

Ms. Roseline Pelletier wanted to know when the meeting about local governance reform would be taking place. That will be discussed at item 17 of today’s agenda.

i) Renewal of the CSRNO’s property and liability insurance

Since everyone had already received the table comparing the proposals, Ms. Marie-Eve gave a brief overview:

**Major differences between Cain Insurance
(with Marsh and Northbridge) and BFL**

Liability insurance: we have an extra \$19M of coverage for primary, excess and umbrella liability.

Municipal public liability, we have an extra \$23M of coverage.

We also have an overall reduction in our deductible of \$70,000.

Overall increase in insurable value of \$404,207

Decrease in the overall insurance premium of \$90,414

Cain insured Cogerno in the past before the RSCs were created.

Marsh is the largest company in the world in terms of solvability.

Motion No. 3

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

RESOLVED To go with Cain Insurance when renewing the CSRNO's property and liability insurance.

CARRIED

6. Scholarship for medical students

Ms. Marie-Eve welcomed the guests, Dr. Castonguay and Dr. Marr.

Dr. Castonguay and Dr. Marr took the floor.

The New Brunswick Medical Education Foundation was created in 2010 to establish scholarships for New Brunswick residents accompanied by a pledge to practice medicine in the province after graduation.

The process to create a permanent scholarship must start with creating an endowment fund. Creating a permanent \$5,000 scholarship accompanied by a pledge would require an investment of \$125,000.

Every four years, the proposed scholarship would allow a student who had applied to undertake four-year studies in medicine. The recipient would have to sign a pledge to return and practice medicine for an equivalent amount of time.

A suggestion was made to continue gathering information on the subject and make a decision at a later date.

7. Équipe de recherche et de sauvetage du Nord-Ouest (ground search and rescue team)

Mr. Tom Levesque gave a short update on emergency measures.

Flooding: The region is currently in flood season, but things are going well and the St. John River is free of ice. It needs to be monitored for the next few weeks because local water levels are still pretty high.

Forest fires: The forest fire season began on April 18 and the Department of Natural Resources is monitoring the situation. Daily updates will be sent out.

Équipe de recherche et de sauvetage du Nord-Ouest: The ground search and rescue team is currently recruiting, and has around fifteen active members. Since they want to expand their territory, they're looking for new members. This team of volunteers is looking for funds to assist them, as their equipment is somewhat out of date. The team may send a request for financial assistance to the CSRNO in the coming weeks.

A suggestion was made that the CSRNO consider the question of funding and collaborate on finding various sources to support them.

8. Increased mileage rate

Ms. Marie-Eve briefly explained that mileage rates were reviewed on May 1, 2022. The proposed rate is \$0.50/km, an increase corresponding to the increase of approximately 22% in the private transportation sub-component in the Consumer Price Index for NB (CPI-NB).

Motion No. 4

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

RESOLVED That the mileage rate be increased to \$0.50 for employees and all members of the CSRNO.
CARRIED

9. Update: Solid Waste Sector Strategic Plan

Mr. Richard LeBel, Director of the Solid Waste Department, gave an update on the strategic plan.

As the landfill is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, Mr. LeBel will organize a tour day for members.

10. Income Statement to end of March 2022 for approbation

After discussion, it was decided that in future only the highlights of financial reports shall be presented.

Motion No. 5

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Lisa Parent, seconded by Mr. France Roussel and unanimously carried, it was

MOVED To accept the income statement as at the end of March 2022, as presented by the Director of finance, Mrs. Johanne Thibodeau.

CARRIED

11. Motions : For the Development Sector, the Governance Sector and the Solid Waste Sector for approval

Motion No. 6

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Lisa Parent, seconded by Mr. France Roussel unanimously carried, it was
RESOLVED

For the Development Sector

- That the CSRNO authorize a transfer of funds to reimburse permits to the municipalities and LSDs for January to March 2022. The amount of the transfer is \$2,962.90 from account 29434 ES-2 to the CSRNO's current account, folio 29434. The difference between the total reimbursement of \$8,929.90 and the transfer of \$2,962.90 is due to the number of payments made by credit and/or debit card that are deposited directly into the CSRNO's current account. This transfer was approved on April 20, 2022, by two signing officers, Mrs. Marie-Eve Castonguay and Mrs. Johanne Thibodeau, via internet using the Caisse populaire's Accès-D system.

That the CSRNO authorize a transfer of funds to reimburse permits to the municipalities and LSDs for January to March 2022, in the following amounts:

- Village of Lac Baker	\$ 886.90
- Community of Haut Madawaska	\$ 1,825.00
- Village of Ste-Anne-de-Madawaska	\$ 250.00
- Town of Saint-Quentin \$ 793.00 - \$ 360.00	\$ 433.00*
- DSL	<u>\$ 5,535.00</u>
	<u>\$ 8,929.90</u>

*See motion of the March 23, 2022 meeting.

CARRIED

Motion No. 7

Upon motion duly made by Mr. France Roussel, seconded by Mrs. Roseline Pelletier and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED

For the Governance Sector

It was resolved to cancel the following resolutions adopted at the February 23, 2022, meeting because it isn't possible to open a bank account in the name of the CSRNO for another entity.

- That the CSRNO authorize us to become the host organization for the Resilience Committee.
- That the CSRNO authorize opening a new bank account with UNI Financial Cooperation to enable us to process the Resilience Committee's transactions independently, since these transactions and results will not constitute an integral part of the CSRNO.
- That the CSRNO authorize that the signing officers for the Resilience Committee's bank account be myself, Johanne Thibodeau and Lise Bellefleur. Marie-Eve cannot be a signing officer because she is part of the Resilience Committee's management team, and this could be interpreted as a conflict of interest.
- That the CSRNO authorize opening a second new bank account with UNI Financial Cooperation to enable us to process the Réseau d'inclusion communautaire Nord-Ouest's (RICNO) transactions independently, since the RICNO will not constitute an integral part of the CSRNO before 2023.
- That the CSRNO authorize that the signing officers for the RICNO's bank account be myself, Johanne Thibodeau, Marie-Eve Castonguay and Lise Bellefleur.

CARRIED

Motion No. 8

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

RESOLVED

For the Solid Waste Sector

- After checking with three banking institutions, these are the interest rates from each of the institutions for a temporary loan of \$370,000 while waiting for the debenture of the same amount in order to buy the compactor:

Uni Financial Cooperation:	Prime (2.70%) + 0.50% = 3.20%
Scotiabank:	Prime (2.70%) - 0.25% = 2.95%
Royal Bank:	Prime (3.20%) - 1.00% = 2.20%

- It was resolved to go with the Royal Bank at a rate of 2.20%, the lowest rate, for our temporary loan of \$370,000, until our debenture for the same amount is cashed.
- It was also resolved that the CSRNO will repay this temporary loan of \$370,000 as soon as the debenture from the province is cashed after purchase of the compactor.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence Report

Motion No. 9

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Eric Marquis, seconded by Mrs. Sylvie Girard and unanimously carried, it was **MOVED that correspondence report be accepted.**

CARRIED

13. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Castonguay submits her report as Executive Director.

14. Report of Chair

Mr. Ouellet made an oral report of his activities as Chair.

15. Other Business

None

16. Next CSRNO Board Meeting & AGM

The CSRNO's AGM will take place in person on May 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sainte-Anne-de-Madawaska municipal building. The Transition Committee meeting will follow the AGM.

17. Discussion – Local governance reform

Closed-door meeting

Motion No. 10

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

RESOLVED That the meeting continue in closed-door session.

CARRIED

Closing of the camera

Motion No. 11

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

RESOLVED That the closed session end.

CARRIED

REPORT OF CLOSED-DOOR SESSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

There was a discussion about local governance reform.

It was suggested that this be the only subject on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Michel Soucy will send the dates he is available to Ms. Marie-Eve and a Doodle poll will be created and sent to members in order to plan the meeting efficiently.

18. Adjournment

Motion No. 12

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Sylvie Girard unanimously carried, it is

RESOLVED To adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

CARRIED

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JEAN-PIERRE OUELLET
Chair

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MARIE-EVE CASTONGUAY
Executive Director

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LISE BELLEFLEUR
Session secretary