



GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, August 24, 2022

LOCATION: 36 Court Street, Office 102, Edmundston, NB & Via Zoom

TIME: 4 :30 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING # 61

1.2. Attendance and call meeting to order

Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet, Chair of the Board, opened the meeting at 4:37 p.m. and welcomes everyone.

Members attending

OUELLET, Jean-Pierre, Chairperson

PELLETIER, Roseline (Via Zoom)

ROUSSEL, Lise (Via Zoom at 4h45)

LEVESQUE, Josée

GIRARD, Sylvie

SOMERS, Nicole

DESCHÊNES, Marcel

DUBÉ, Carmon

ROY, Paul

ROUSSEL, France

MARQUIS, Eric (arrives at 5h06)

MARTEL, Alain (arrives at 4h40)

PARENT, Lisa, Vice-Chair

LEVESQUE, Marcel (Via Zoom at 5h26)

Staff attending / 36 Court Street

BELLEFLEUR, Lise

THIBODEAU, Johanne

PRADO, Adrian

CASTONGUAY, Marie-Eve

DUFOUR, Catherine

BOUCHARD, Julien

Guests

LEVESQUE, Tom (Via Zoom)

SOUCY, Michel

DUBÉ, Gail (Via Zoom)

Mayor of Haut-Madawaska Community

Mayor of Lac Baker

Mayor of Saint-Léonard

Representing the LSD

Mayor of Sainte-Anne-de-Madawaska

Mayor of Saint-Quentin

Mayor of Grand Falls

Representing the LSD

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Mayor of Drummond

Mayor of Edmundston

Representing the LSD

Mayor of Rivière-Verte

Mayor of Rural Community of Saint-André

Executive Assistant

Financial Director

Territorial Analyst – Research and Sustainable Development

Executive Director

Planning Director

Director of Operations

Regional Emergency Management Coordinator

Transition Facilitator

Local Service Manager

3. **Disclosure of interest**

None was declared

4. Approval of agenda

Motion No. 1

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Lisa Parent, seconded by Mrs. Nicole Somers and unanimously carried, it was **RESOLVED** That the agenda of the general meeting of August 24, 2022, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5. Minutes of the General meeting of July 13, 2022, for approval

Motion No. 2

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Lisa Parent, seconded by Mr. France Roussel and unanimously carried, it was **RESOLVED** To accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2022.

CARRIED

5. a) Business arising from the minutes

None

6. Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of August 9, 2022, for approval

Motion No. 3

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Lisa Parent, seconded by Mrs. Sylvie Girard and unanimously carried, it was **RESOLVED** To accept the minutes of the executive committee meeting of August 9, 2022.

CARRIED

Mr. Ouellet invited Mr. Eric Dubé, assistant district advisory officer for RSCs 1 and 12, to give a short introduction.

Mr. Dubé is the new advisor for the West District covering RSC 1 and RSC 12. He mentioned that Mr. Jean-Pierre Bouchard will still be our contact person.

6. a) Business arising from the minutes

Given the nature of the subjects discussed, any questions about these minutes will be answered in a closed-door session at the end of the regular meeting.

7. Agreement – Outdoor rink project

The province accepted the project, and funding of \$314,777 was received to build the rink, which will be located on the grounds of the Knights of Columbus in Saint-Joseph de Madawaska.

“RESOLVED that the CSRNO be designated as sponsor for the rink project on behalf of the Saint-Joseph LSD. The project will be submitted to the Gas Tax Fund. This project will be considered as a pilot for a potential service in support of projects submitted to the gas tax fund by the region's LSDs.”

The St-Joseph de Madawaska LSD isn't incorporated, so the RSC has been made responsible for the project. For the project to go ahead, a five-year lease has to be signed between the Knights of Columbus and the CSRNO to rent the land for \$1 a year.

Motion No. 4

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Nicole Somers, seconded by Mr. Paul Roy and unanimously carried, it was **RESOLVED** That the CSRNO authorize Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet and Ms. Marie-Eve Castonguay to sign and conclude the five-year lease between the Knights of Columbus (Council 7503) and the CSRNO, as well as the agreement describing the sharing of responsibilities under the lease between the Knights of Columbus (Council 7503), the Saint-Joseph community centre committee and the CSRNO.

CARRIED

8. Motions : For the Solid Waste Sector for approval

Motion to cash the debenture and to issue postdated cheques annually according to the reimbursement schedule.

Motion No. 5

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Marcel Deschênes, seconded by Mrs. Roseline Pelletier unanimously carried, it was **RESOLVED**

For the Development Sector

- That the Executive Director, the Director of Finance or the President be authorized to issue and to sell to the Municipal Finance Corporation of New Brunswick a debenture of the **Northwest Regional Service Commission** in the amount of \$370,000 under the conditions stipulated by the Municipal Finance Corporation of New Brunswick, and resolved that the **Northwest Regional Service Commission** agrees to issue postdated cheques to the order of the Municipal Finance Corporation of New Brunswick, on request, to pay the capital and interest of the said debenture.

CARRIED

9. Correspondence Report

Motion No. 6

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

CARRIED

10. Hospital services

Mr. Eric Marquis gave a short update. Over the past several months, hospital services have suffered cuts, including to Pediatrics. This week, two family doctors announced that they were closing their offices.

Mr. Marquis mentioned that as leaders in our communities we cannot ignore this situation. We have to take a position so that we can work with Vitalité to find solutions.

Mr. Marquis has already asked Vitalité for a meeting to get a picture of the health care situation in our region. He also asked that the CEO of Vitalité be present, as well as Mr. Gérald Richard, retired Deputy Minister of Health and trustee appointed by Premier Higgs.

Motion No. 7

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Lisa Parent, seconded by Mr. Eric Marquis and unanimously carried, it was **MOVED That the CSRNO send a letter to the Minister of Health to set a date for a meeting to discuss hospital services. A letter will be composed by Mr. Ouellet and sent on behalf of all the Board members.**

CARRIED

11. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Castonguay submits her report as Executive Director.

12. Report of Chair

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

13. Presentation of the 2023 Budget

Proposed 2023 Budget					
	Operating budget	Operating budget and governance share	Revenues from other sources	Budget surplus	Total net contributions (including governance share)
General services (governance)	\$ 478 591				
Shared services and Regional development	\$ 277 484	\$ 294 905	(\$ 136 350)	(\$ 6 513)	\$ 152 042
Corporate/Shared services (governance share)	\$ 17 421				
Local development services	\$ 1 035 049	\$ 1 051 129	(\$ 78 750)	(\$ 51 262)	\$ 921 116
General services share (governance share)	\$ 16 080				
Solid waste management services	\$ 5 502 428				
Electrical generation services	\$ 492 330				
Budget for new items required by the reform					
Tourism promotion	\$ 354 000	\$ 354 000			\$ 354 000
Economic development	\$ 324 816	\$ 347 492	\$ 317 316		\$ 30 176
Community development	\$ 109 308	\$ 116 939	(\$ 66 500)		\$ 50 439
Regional transportation service	\$ 114 308	\$ 122 288	(\$ 50 000)		\$ 72 288
Regional public safety committee	\$ 28 500	\$ 28 500			\$ 28 500
Support for cost sharing	\$ 3 000	\$ 3 000			\$ 3 000

Items 15 and 16 were brought forward so that the meeting could continue in a closed-door session to discuss local governance reform and any question related to the minutes of the Executive meeting of this past August 9.

15. Other Business

None

16. Next CSRNO Board Meeting

Unless otherwise indicated, there will be no meeting in September. At the request of members, there will be a visit to the landfill. This visit will take place on September 28. A formal invitation will be sent shortly.

14. Discussion – Local governance reform

Closed-door meeting

Motion No. 8

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

RESOLVED That the meeting continue in closed-door session.

CARRIED

Closing of the camera

Motion No. 9

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

RESOLVED That the closed session end.

CARRIED

REPORT OF CLOSED-DOOR SESSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Wage increase mentioned in the budget presentation.
 - Moved by France Roussel and seconded by Éric Marquis that the wage increase for employees for the year be 3.5%. Approved unanimously.
- Item 2 in the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting: Request for union certification.
 - The President told us that Lawyer Basile Chiasson is being consulted about a grievance in progress. We'll have all the information at a subsequent meeting.
- Overtime for employees due to budget preparation and new duties of the CSRNO.
 - It was recommended by Éric Marquis and seconded by Lisa Parent that the Executive Director prepare a report on overtime for study. Approved unanimously.

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Motion No. 10

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

RESOLVED To accept the closed-door report.

CARRIED

17. Adjournment

Motion No. 11

The meeting was unanimously adjourned by all members.

RESOLVED To adjourn the meeting at 7:10 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