

GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, October 26, 2022
LOCATION: 75 Principale Steet, Sainte-Anne-de-Madawaska, NB
TIME: 6 :00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING # 63

1.2. Attendance and call meeting to order

Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet, Chair of the Board, opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. and welcomes everyone.

Members attending

OUELLET, Jean-Pierre, Chairperson	Mayor of Haut-Madawaska Community
PELLETIER, Roseline	Mayor of Lac Baker
ROUSSEL, Lise	Mayor of Saint-Léonard
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
LEVESQUE, Marcel	Mayor of Rural Community of Saint-André
ROY, Paul	Representing the LSD
MARQUIS, Eric	Mayor of Edmundston
MARTEL, Alain	Representing the LSD

Members absent

PARENT, Lisa, Vice-Chair	Mayor of Rivière-Verte
ROUSSEL, France	Mayor of Drummond
LEVESQUE, Josée	Representing the LSD

Staff attending / 36 Court Street

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

Guests

DUBÉ, Gail	Local Service Manager
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Media

THERRIEN, Bobby (arrives at 6h27)	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 Mrs. Nicole Somers, seconded by Mr. Marcel Levesque and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED That the agenda of the general meeting of October 26, 2022, be accepted as amended by adding thereto in 15. Other Business "Increasing the life of the site of

CARRIED

5. **Minutes of the General meeting of August 24, 2022, for approval**

Motion No. 2

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

RESOLVED To accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 24, 2022.

CARRIED

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

None

6. **Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of September 29, 2022, for approval**

Motion No. 3

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

RESOLVED To accept the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of September 29, 2022.

CARRIED

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

Given the nature of the subjects discussed, any question relating to these minutes will be addressed in camera at the end of the regular meeting.

7. **Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of October 17, 2022, for approval**

Motion No. 3

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Roseline Pelletier, seconded by Mrs. Sylvie Girard and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED To accept the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of October 17, 2022.

CARRIED

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

None

8. **Motions : For the Solid Waste Sector, the Development Sector and the Community Development Sector for approval**

Motion No. 5

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

RESOLVED

For the Solid Waste Sector

- Moved that a cheque for \$1,500.00 be drawn on account 29434 EOP at Uni Financial Cooperation and deposited into account 100-678-2 at RBC to make sure that the needed funds are there when the monthly interest charges on the temporary loan that we have with RBC, awaiting the debenture, are withdrawn.

CARRIED

Motion No. 6

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

RESOLVED

For the Development Sector

- Moved that CSRNO authorize a transfer of funds to reimburse permits to the municipalities and LSDs for July to September 2022. The transfer amounts to \$33,771.40 from account 29434 ES-2 to CSRNO's current account, folio 29434 EOP. The difference between the total of reimbursements of \$68,992.80 and the transfer from the bank account of \$33,771.40 is due to the fact that a number of payments come in by credit and/or debit card and are deposited directly into CSRNO's current account. This transfer was approved on October 20, 2022, by two signing officers, Marie-Eve Castonguay and Johanne Thibodeau, over the internet via Accès-D from Uni Financial Cooperation.

CARRIED

Motion No. 7

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

RESOLVED

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

- Lac Baker	\$ 4,213.90
- Community of Haut Madawaska	\$ 13,629.50
- Ste-Anne-de-Madawaska	\$ 859.90
- Saint-Quentin	\$ 8,181.00
- Rivière-Verte	\$ 1,156.00
- DSL	<u>\$ 40,952.50</u>
	<u>\$ 68,992.80</u>

Motion No. 8

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

RESOLVED

For the Community Development Sector

- Moved to request \$5,000 in additional financing from Uni Financial Cooperation to obtain a credit card for Elaine Côté with a credit limit of \$5,000. Elaine is the Coordinator of Community Development and she will use this credit card to make purchases for each of her ongoing projects, up to the limits set for each.

CARRIED

9. Zebra mussels – Update by Mr. Adrian Prado

Mr. Adrian Prado made a short presentation on the subject.

- What is a zebra mussel – Overview - Dispersion
- What are the risks – Ecological – Infrastructure – Tourism
- What can be done – Potential partners – Removal – Control and prevention – Stations

Recommendations

- Consider implementing a regional washing station.
- Write a letter from CSRNO to Minister Holland to request that his Department get involved in this matter and to ask for funding to help set up stations (in Québec, the province is providing funding of \$15,000 per station).
- Participate in committees with Québec and Maine to coordinate efforts.
- Establish projects and workshops to spread public awareness with our community partners, with the help of funding applications (ex.: ETF)
- This will have benefits by preventing the introduction of other invasive aquatic species.

10. AIM Network – Agreement – Regional infrastructure planning project

Mr. Adrian Prado gave a short update.

Atlantic Infrastructure Management Network (AIM Network) approached CSRNO for a letter of support for their FCM project last winter. This year, they approached the region to participate.

The goal of the project is to help communities to work together better on asset (grey and natural) planning to provide resiliency against climate change.

The intent is to formalize agreements among municipalities and, at our request, the provincial government. The EDs of the municipalities were invited to an information session. Some participants showed an interest in participating in the project.

AIM Network is asking for a formal letter of participation for each municipality. A commitment to participate in the project requires:

- Participation in 3 meetings during the year
- Contribution of \$1,900 per participating community
- Participation in coordinating the CSRNO team

11. Correspondence Report

Motion No. 9

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

MOVED that correspondence report be accepted.

CARRIED

12. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Castonguay submits her report as Executive Director.

13. Report of Chair

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

14. Discussion – CSRNO's mandates

Closed-door meeting

Motion No. 10

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Roseline Pelletier, seconded by Mr. Alain Martel 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. Lise Roussel, seconded by Mr. Marcel Levesque and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED That the closed session end.

CARRIED

REPORT OF CLOSED-DOOR SESSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The overtime worked by two employees in order to provide the necessary information and documents for local government reform will be paid from the 2022 operating budget and a request for reimbursement will be sent to Minister Allain before the end of the 2022 fiscal year.

Motion No. 12

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

RESOLVED To accept the closed-door report.

CARRIED

15. Other Business

Extending the life of the landfill

Mr. Richard LeBel presented a short PowerPoint. In the summer of 2021, a five-year plan was prepared to optimize operations and reduce our environmental footprint.
The Tana compactor with its GPS compaction control system will extend the life of the site by 5 to 10 years. Besides recycling mattresses, we can now recycle sofas, armchairs and futons.

Mr. LeBel also presented a table from an environmental impact study that would allow us to enlarge the landfill cells.

16. Next CSRNO Board Meeting & AGM

Unless otherwise indicated, the next regular meeting of CSRNO will be held in January 2023.

Mr. Ouellet took a few minutes to thank Ms. Castonguay, Ms. Thibodeau and the whole CSRNO team for their great work over the past year.

Ms. Somers thanked CSRNO and recommended the establishment of a finance / budget committee that would improve dialog and understanding. She suggested that the treasurers sit on the committee.

Recommendation

Following a recommendation duly moved by Ms. Roseline Pelletier and seconded by Ms. Nicole Somers:

THAT THIS TABLE WISHES THAT THE NEW ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES CONTINUE WITH THE SAME MINDSET TO STUDY OR ANALYZE, THROUGH A STRATEGIC PLAN OR A STUDY, AND TO RECONSIDER ALL THE MANDATES, INCLUDING URBAN DEVELOPMENT, SO THAT THE GROUP WILL BE UNITED WITH RESPECT TO ALL SERVICES, ALLOWING BOTH SMALL AND LARGE MUNICIPALITIES TO GROW AND THRIVE UNDER THE REFORM.

Roseline Pelletier thanked CSRNO and said that she wasn't running in next November's elections.

Marcel Deschênes said goodbye. He thanked all those with whom he had been lucky enough to work. He wished CSRNO good luck and said that he had no doubt that things were going to go well.

On behalf of the LSDs, Mr. Paul Roy thanked CSRNO for welcoming the LSD representatives around the RSC table and giving them a voice.

17. Adjournment
Motion No. 13

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Roseline Pelletier unanimously carried, it is
RESOLVED To adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

CARRIED

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JEAN-PIERRE OUELLET
Chair

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MARIE-EVE CASTONGUAY
CEO

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LISE BELLEFLEUR
Session secretary