



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

DATE: Thursday October 5, 2023

LOCATION: Zoom

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES # 77

1.2. Attendance and Opening of the meeting

Ms. Nicole Somers, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Members present

BEAULIEU, Bertrand

MARQUIS, Eric

LEVESQUE, Josée, Member of the Executive Committee

ROUSSEL, Lise

SOMERS, Nicole, President

OUELLET, Jean-Pierre, Vice-President

Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Grand Falls

Mayor of Edmundston

President of the North West Rural District

Mayor of the City of Vallée-des-Rivières

Mayor of the City of Saint-Quentin

Mayor of the City of Haut-Madawaska

Staff present

BELLEFLEUR, Lise

DION, Frédéric

Session Secretary

Interim Chief Executive Officer

3. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Ms. Somers asked whether there were any conflicts of interest. Mrs. Josée Levesque declares that she has a conflict of interest under item #6 of the agenda.

4. Approval of the agenda

Resolution No. 1

Following a motion duly moved by Mr. Bertrand Beaulieu, seconded by Mrs. Josée Levesque and adopted unanimously, it was

RESOLVED That the agenda for the October 5, 2023 extraordinary meeting be accepted .

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

In Camera

Resolution No. 2

Following a motion duly proposed by Mrs. Josée Levesque, seconded by Mr. Bertrand Beaulieu and adopted unanimously, it was

RESOLVED That the meeting continues in camera.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Closing of the closed session

Resolution No. 2

Following a motion duly moved by Mr. Bertrand Beaulieu, seconded by Mrs. Lise Roussel and adopted unanimously, it was

RESOLVED That the in camera be concluded.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT OF THE CLOSED-DOOR SESSION

5. Minutes of meeting of the Extraordinary Meeting of October 2, 2023, for approval

Resolution No. 3

Following a motion duly moved by Mr. Eric Marquis, seconded by Mr. Bertrand Beaulieu and adopted unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of October 2, 2023.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

a) Old business

It was suggested that we not suspend Ms. Johanne Thibodeau's access to her Microsoft Office accounts because she is expected back to work this coming October 16.

b) Recommendations of the Acting CEO

Resolution No. 4

Following a motion duly moved by Mr. Eric Marquis, seconded by Mrs. Josée Levesque and adopted unanimously, it was

RESOLVED TO designate Ms. Mélanie Ruest, who currently holds the position of "Regional Strategist" (Director of Economic Development), as Acting CEO of CSRNO until October 28, 2023, inclusively and to grant her a wage adjustment of + 25%, based on her current base salary, for the duration of her acting position.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 5

Following a motion duly moved by Mr. Bertrand Beaulieu, seconded by Mr. Eric Marquis and adopted unanimously, it was

RESOLVED TO immediately suspend the CEO's computer access, including her email account, for the duration of her sick leave and to ask the Coordinator of Regional Growth (who also acts as Assistant to the CEO), Ms. Céline Tercier, to sort incoming emails and redirect those that require action to the Acting CEO and/or the other persons concerned.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 6

Following a motion duly moved by Mr. Eric Marquis, seconded by Mrs. Josée Levesque and adopted unanimously, it was

RESOLVED TO empower the Acting CEO to identify and designate someone internally in the Solid Waste sector to take over as Acting Director of this sector in the absence of Mr. Richard LeBel, who is on sick leave until October 28, 2023.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 7

Following a motion duly moved by Mr. Bertrand Beaulieu, seconded by Mr. Eric Marquis and adopted unanimously, it was

RESOLVED THAT the Acting CEO ask Mr. LeBel, on mutual agreement, that his emails be redirected effective immediately so that CSRNO can continue to run smoothly.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 8

Following a motion duly moved by Mr. Eric Marquis, seconded by Mrs. Josée Levesque and adopted unanimously, it was

RESOLVED TO ask the Department of Environment and Local Government's Development and Land Use Planning Unit to designate a representative to sit on the steering committee for the study on development services as an observer, without voting rights, to support the upcoming work.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 9

Following a motion duly moved by Mr. Eric Marquis, seconded by Mrs. Josée Levesque and adopted unanimously, it was

RESOLVED THAT Ms. Mélanie Ruest, Acting CEO, send correspondence to Vitalité and Local Government concerning the position of CSRNO's Board of Directors to keep the Aéroport du Madawaska Airport Inc. as a regional strategy.

For: 5

Against: 1

ADOPTED

- 6. Saint-Joseph-de-Madawaska skating rink: approval to sign the contract with Conrad Lavoie et fils subsequent to the call for tenders managed by Roy Consultants**

This subject was discussed after point # 7 so Ms. Josée Levesque could leave the meeting.

Resolution No. 10

Following a motion duly moved by Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet, seconded by Mr. Eric Marquis and adopted unanimously, it was

RESOLVED THAT CSRNO go ahead with Conrad Lavoie & fils, the lowest bidder. Conrad Lavoie & fils meets the standards and requirements necessary for construction of the Saint-Joseph-de-Madawaska skating rink.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

- 7. Follow-up: Search and Rescue Association**

Following correspondence from the president of the North West Ground Search and Rescue Association, Mr. Tom Levesque, regional coordinator of emergency measures management, will be invited to make a presentation on the situation at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of CSRNO, to be held this coming October 25.

- 8. Other businesses**

None

Resolution No. 11

Following a motion duly moved by Mr. Eric Marquis, seconded by Mrs. Lise Roussel and adopted unanimously, it was

RESOLUTE to accept the in-camera report.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Adjournment

The meeting rose at 5h50 p.m.

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NICOLE SOMERS
Chairperson

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LISE BELLEFLEUR
Session Secretary