



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

DATE: Friday November 3, 2023

LOCATION: Teams

TIME: 12:00 (noon)

MINUTES # 79

1.2. Attendance and Opening of the meeting

Ms. Nicole Somers, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:00 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

RUEST, Mélanie

Interim Chief Executive Officer

3. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Ms. Somers asked whether there were any conflicts of interest, none was declared.

4. Approval of the agenda

Resolution No. 1

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

RESOLVED That the agenda for the November 3, 2023 extraordinary meeting be accepted .

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Extension of the term of the Acting CEO

Resolution No. 2

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

MOVED TO agree to Ms. Mélanie Ruest remaining Acting CEO until the return of Ms. Marie-Eve Castonguay, but not longer than until March 31, 2024.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

6. 2024 Budget for approval

The municipalities of Vallée-des Rivières, Grand Falls, Edmundston and Saint-Quentin have all approved the CSRNO budget in principle with the following conditions:

- That CSRNO establish a finance subcommittee made up of the EDs and/or finance directors of the local governments and CSRNO.

That the mandate of the subcommittee be as follows:

- Participate in preparing the budget for submission to the CSRNO Board
- Provide quarterly updates on CSRNO's finances
- Ensure that CSRNO's budget matches those of the municipalities
- That any investment exceeding \$50,000 be funded by loans through the NB Municipal Capital Borrowing Board in 2024.

Ms. Josée Levesque confirmed that the rural district also approved the budget with the same conditions.

The municipality of Edmundston added the following:

- That the other municipalities participating in the new public transit service confirm their financial participation in this important and essential initiative before this budget is adopted.

So, since the Town of Haut-Madawaska will adopt CSRNO's 2024 budget on Wednesday, November 8, official adoption of CSRNO's 2024 budget is delayed until an upcoming extraordinary meeting to be held this November 9 at noon via Teams.

7. Human resources

Because CSRNO's 2024 budget wasn't adopted, this item was also delayed until the upcoming extraordinary meeting to be held this November 9 at noon via Teams.

8. Stantec / RCGT offer of service (urban planning study)

** Note that Mr. Bertrand Beaulieu, Mayor of Grand Falls, did not participate in the discussion.

Resolution No. 3

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

MOVED THAT CSRNO go ahead anyway with Stantec, in partnership with Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton, for the study of the urban planning service in the area served by the Northwest Regional Service Commission, but that CSRNO ask that Mr. André Frenette be removed from the project because he has a conflict of interest in the matter.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Adjournment

The meeting rose at 12h17 p.m.

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NICOLE SOMERS
Chairperson

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MÉLANIE RUEST
Interim Chief Executive Officer