



## EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

**DATE: November 9, 2023**

**LOCATION: Teams**

**TIME: 12:00 (noon)**

### **MINUTES # 80**

#### **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

TERCIER, Céline

Interim Chief Executive Officer

Session Secretary

#### **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. Bertrand Beaulieu and adopted unanimously, it was

**RESOLVED That the agenda for the November 9, 2023 extraordinary meeting be accepted .**

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **5. 2024 Budget for approval**

##### **Resolution No. 2**

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

**MOVED THAT the NWRSC 2024 budget be adopted on condition of the creation of a finance subcommittee made up of the executive directors and/or finance directors of the local governments and NWRSC, with the following mandate:**

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

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. Human Resources**

**Camera**

**Resolution No. 3**

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

**RESOLVED That the meeting continue in camera.**

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Closing of the closed session**

**Resolution No. 4**

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

**RESOLVED That the in camera be concluded.**

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REPORT OF THE CLOSED-DOOR SESSION**

**Resolution No. 5**

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

**MOVED TO have a consultant from outside the area served by NWRSC perform an organizational diagnostic study of the Commission.**

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Resolution No. 6**

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

**MOVED TO:**

- accept the resignation of Mr. Richard Lebel, Director of Ecological Waste Management, effective December 1, 2023,
- exempt him from coming to work after the end of his sick leave, from November 20, 2023, to December 1, 2023, and to pay him his salary for that period,
- wait for the results of the organizational diagnostic study before opening a position and to maintain Mr. Scott Couturier in his acting functions in the meantime.

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Resolution No. 7**

Following a motion duly moved by Mrs. Lise Roussel, seconded by Mrs. Josée Levesque and adopted unanimously, it was

**MOVED TO** cancel hiring a computer technician as budgeted for 2024, and to use the corresponding budget to hire someone for the finance department. While waiting for the results of the organizational diagnostic study, **MOVED TO** hire on contract, for two days a week, Ms. Louise Desjardins Plourde, conditional on the following:

- ensuring that NWRSC has the budget needed for 2023 and 2024,

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Resolution No. 8**

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

**MOVED TO** open a position for a manager of communications and promotion. It was agreed that the municipalities in NWRSC that don't have such a position could call on this employee's services if there was an overload of work.

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. Meeting with Minister Kris Austin**

Ms. Lise Roussel and Mr. Bertrand Beaulieu can attend the meeting on November 16.

Ms. Nicole Somers and Mr. Éric Marquis will be absent.

Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet will confirm his availability as soon as possible to the Acting CEO. If he will be absent, Mr. Beaulieu was asked to represent NWRSC, and he accepted.

**Resolution No. 9**

Following a motion duly moved by Mrs. Josée Levesque, seconded by Mrs. Lise Roussel and adopted unanimously, it was

**RESOLVED To accept the in camera report.**

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting rose at 12h36 p.m.

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**NICOLE SOMERS**  
Chairperson

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**MÉLANIE RUEST**  
Interim Chief Executive Officer

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**CÉLINE TERCIER**  
Session Secretary