



Meeting of the Board of directors

Kent Regional Service Commission

October 19TH 2017

9:00AM

Richibucto

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 6:30 pm by Mr. Maurice Maillet as he welcomes the assembly and the public.

2. ATTENDEES

- Maurice Maillet, Chairman of the Kent RSC and LSD of Sainte-Marie
- Tina Beers, Vice-Chair of the KRSC and LSD of Harcourt
- Melanie Arsenault, Deputy Mayor of the Village of Saint-Antoine
- Randy Warman, Mayor of Rexton
- Claude LeBlanc, LSD of Wellington
- Kris Morey, LSD of Weldford
- Danielle Dugas, Mayor of Saint-Louis-de-Kent
- Docile Cormier, LSD of Carleton
- Roger Doiron, Mayor of Richibucto
- Pierrette Robichaud, Mayor of Rogersville
- Paul Lirette, LSD of Saint-Charles
- Roland Fougère, Mayor of Bouctouche
- Jean Hebert, Mayor of the Rural Community of Cocagne
- Marc Henrie, LSD of Saint-Paul
- Roger Richard, LSD of Acadieville
- Kevin Arsenault, LSD of Rogersville

ABSENT:

- Roland Richard, LSD Pointe-Sapin
- Ricky Gautreau, Mayor of the Village of Saint-Antoine
- Victor Richard, LSD Cap de Richibucto
- Arthur Peters, non voting First Nation member

OTHER ATTENDEES

- Paul Lang, Executive director of the Kent RSC
- Odette Gallant, Administrative assistant (Planning)
- Francine Babineau, Translator
- Mike LeBlanc, EMO
- LSD of Grande-Digue (2 members)

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

- No declaration of conflict of interest.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2017-085

It was moved by Roger Doiron, seconded by Paul Lirette that the agenda be accepted as presented.

Motion carried

5. ADOPTION OF GRANDE-DIGUE RURAL PLAN

WHEREAS the Grande-Digue LSD under section 66 of the Community Act is asking the Commission's recommendation regarding the adoption of its new rural plan.

WHEREAS the Grande-Digue LSD Advisory Committee in the name of the Minister requested in writing, the views of the Planning, Review and Adjustment Committee any proposed bylaw in respect of which such views have not been given previously, and any change made in a proposed by-law subsequent to a giving of views by the advisory committee or commission.

WHEREAS the Planning, Review and Adjustment Committee has recommended the approval of the Grande-Digue LSD rural plan to the Kent Regional Service Commission Board of Directors.

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission has to approve the Grande-Digue LSD rural plan before it is sent to the Minister for final approval.

2017-086

It is therefore resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent RSC recommends the approval of the Grande-Digue Local Service District Rural Plan to the Minister of Environment and Local Government and that it accepts to administer the rural plan in its name.

Moved by: Pierrette Robichaud

Seconded by: Jean Hebert

Motion carried

6. PARTNERSHIP – MRC LA MATAPÉDIA

WHEREAS the Chairperson and the Executive Director of the Kent RSC met with the Prefect, the CAO and the Director of Economic Development of the MRC La Matapédia in September.

WHEREAS the meeting was a real success and both the prefect of the MRC and the Chairperson of the RSC both agree that a partnership between the two regions would be profitable.

WHEREAS the demography, the geography, the economy, the challenges and opportunities that exist in both regions are very alike and there are many similarities between the two regions.

WHEREAS the Kent region has a lot to learn from the success of the development that has been happening in Matapédia in the last few years.

2017-087

It is therefore resolved that the Kent RSC board of directors accepts that a partnership be created between the MRC of La Matapédia and that networking initiatives, exchange of information and knowhow, and the creation of social and economic networks be held so both regions benefit from continued development.

Proposé par : Danielle Dugas

Appuyé de : Roland Fougère

Motion carried

7. TOURISM

WHEREAS in the strategic plan of the Kent RSC, one of the priorities is to help the NB Cultural Coast in its initiatives

WHEREAS the Executive Director and the Chairperson of the Kent RSC met with the NB Cultural Coast more than once to discuss possible partnerships

WHEREAS the Kent RSC wishes to contribute to the tourism industry in Kent

WHEREAS the NB Cultural Coast has administrative challenges and help would be greatly appreciated.

2017-088

It is therefore resolved that the Kent RSC prepare a memorandum of understanding with the NB Cultural Coast in order to support the NB Cultural Coast in the administration of the organisation so it can bring a bigger contribution to the development of tourism in the Kent region.

Moved by : Jean Hebert

Seconded by: Melanie Arsenault

Motion carried

8. 2018 BUDGET

After receiving information from NB EMO regarding the possibility that the province will be hiring regional emergency coordinators for all RSC's it was determined by the board members that changes to the collaborative budget should be amended. The other change requested by board members is regarding the rural development budget. Some municipalities have confirmed they would not participate financially in this department, which compromises the viability of pursuing with the added service.

Possibilities around the tourism industry are more realistic and since municipalities are already contributing to the NB Cultural Coast, it would be logical that all financial resources coming from municipalities and LSD's in Kent be pooled through the Kent RSC.

2017-089

It is therefore resolved that amendments be brought to the 2018 Kent RSC budget so it reflects the intentions of the board of directors and that these amendments be circulated to each municipal council and to the local services manager.

Moved by: Danielle Dugas

Seconded by: Pierrette Robichaud

Motion carried

9. DISCUSSION OF THE MCKENDY REPORT

The board of directors went through each of the 30 recommendations from the McKendy report. Below are the comments gathered and the proposed changes or modifications suggested by the board of directors. (See McKendy Report for more detail)

1. The board does not agree with the top down approach. If ever there is an interest to proceed with improvement and collaboration between fire departments it's should be done with the fire departments first, with the help of the office the Fire Marshall. The board is interested in collaborating with the fire departments and that each RSC should have its own model rather than a cookie cutter approach with all regions.
2. In agreement with this recommendation.
3. In agreement with this recommendation.
4. In agreement with this recommendation and each RSC should have its own regional emergency measures coordinator to implement this plan and the policies.
5. In agreement with this recommendation but it has to come with proper funding.

6. In agreement with this recommendation.
7. In agreement with this recommendation.
8. In agreement with this recommendation but more details should be communicated to the communities regarding what programs are existing with the Department.
9. In agreement with this recommendation. But each of these committees should have an accountability structure and that the committees are responsible for implementing actions in economic development. Committees should be able to have resources to implement action plans.
10. Not pertinent anymore since ONB will be hiring economic development executives shortly.
11. In agreement with this recommendation.
12. In agreement with this recommendation.
13. In agreement with this recommendation.
14. In agreement with this recommendation.
15. In agreement with this recommendation.
16. In agreement with this recommendation.
17. In agreement with this recommendation.
18. In agreement with this recommendation and should be extended to the LSD's. There should be more LSD alternates permitted in each RSC.
19. In agreement with this recommendation.
20. In agreement with this recommendation.
21. In agreement with this recommendation.
22. In agreement with this recommendation.
23. In agreement with this recommendation.
24. In agreement with this recommendation.

25. In agreement with this recommendation.
26. In agreement with this recommendation.
27. The board is completely against this recommendation and the province should focus on promoting the rural community model instead.
28. Not in agreement with this recommendation. The Department should not focus on this recommendation.
29. The Kent RSC could be interested in this recommendation and could be one of the regions that play the role of the local services manager but more analysis needs to be done before the board can make a final decision if this could be a good move.
30. In agreement with this recommendation.

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It is moved by Marc Henrie seconded Kevin Arseneau by that the comments gathered and proposed changes suggested from the McKendy report be communicated to the Minister of Environment and Local Governments and his staff.

Motion carried

10. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

-Two members of the LSD of Grande-Digue thank the board members for voting in favor of the rural plan.

-It's a shame that the LSD of Grande-Digue is not represented at the Table.

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING

2017-091

It is moved by Kevin Arseneau that the closure of the meeting is at 9:03pm.

MAURICE MAILLET
Chairperson

PAUL LANG
Executive Director / Clerk