

Commission de services  
régionaux de Kent



Kent Regional  
Service Commission

**Special meeting of the Board of directors  
Kent Regional Service Commission**

**October 17th, 2019  
6 :30pm  
Richibucto**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Pierrette Robichaud call the meeting to order at 6:32 and welcomes everyone.

### **2. ATTENDEES**

- Pierrette Robichaud, President of the KRSC and Mayor of the Village of Rogersville
- Maurice Maillet, LSD of Sainte-Marie
- Roger Doiron, Mayor of the town of Richibucto
- Paul Lirette, LSD of Saint-Charles
- Randy Warman, Mayor of the Village of Rexton
- Docile Cormier, LSD of Carleton
- Roger Richard, LSD of Acadieville
- Gisèle Fontaine, LSD of Saint-Louis
- Danielle Dugas, Mayor of the Village of Saint-Louis-de-Kent
- Claude LeBlanc, Vice-president and LSD of Wellington
- Jean Hébert, Mayor of the Cocagne Rural Community
- Pierre LeBlanc, LSD of Grande-Digue
- Kris Morey, LSD of Weldford
- Roland Fougère, Mayor of the town of Bouctouche

### **ABSENCES**

- Tina Beers, LSD of Harcourt
- Ricky Gautreau, Mayor of the Village of Saint-Antoine
- Eugène Cormier, Deputy mayor of the Village of Saint-Antoine
- Julie Payer LaFrance, Recreational master plan implementation coordinator

### **OTHERS**

- Paul Lang, Executive director of the KRSC
- Éric Demers, Director of Solid Waste Services
- Francine Arsenault, Administrative assistant
- Francine Babineau, Translator

### **3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

2019-064

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

Motion carried

#### **4. DIALOGUE NB PRESENTATION**

Philip André Collette gives the members of the Board of directors a presentation on the purpose of the Dialogue NB committee in the Kent region which is to contribute to the social cohesion through initiatives to achieve common goals. The committee's mission is to make every resident feel understood and have a sense of belonging. Dialogue NB wants to be a champion of social cohesion. He explains the four indicators of social cohesion: political, social, economic, cultural. Philip André suggests that members go visit the site [dialoguenb.org](http://dialoguenb.org) for more information.

Pierrette Robichaud thanks Philip André for having accepted the role of leader of the committee as well as for the great presentation.

#### **5. ADOPTION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE - SOLID WASTE STUDY**

**Use of operational/capital funds for the financing of the feasibility study for the development of an integrated management plan for the residual materials.**

WHERE AS the Kent Regional Service Commission appointed an ad hoc committee on solid waste management February 15th, 2018, composed of two members of the Board of directors, two members of the Solid Waste Management Technical Committee and two executive directors of municipalities on our territory.

WHERE AS the mandate of the ad hoc committee on solid waste management was to identify possible solutions following increases in collection costs for new contracts K2 and K3.

WHERE AS following many deliberations from the ad hoc committee, very few options exist in order to have a better control to specifically address the problem of collection costs.

WHERE AS the ad hoc committee on solid waste management proposed to the director of solid waste services to prepare terms of reference for the purpose of hiring a consultant who will prepare a solid waste management plan for the entire service and not just the collection.

WHERE AS the ad hoc committee on solid waste management instructed the director of the solid waste services to prepare a request for funding from ETF (New Brunswick Environmental Trust Fund) to help pay costs for the feasibility study.

WHERE AS the ad hoc committee on solid waste management contributed to the preparation of a request for proposal for a feasibility study for the development of an integrated management plan for residual materials.

WHERE AS the request for funding from ETF was not chosen by the selection committee.

WHERE AS in order to proceed with this project, the Board of directors of the Kent RSC will have to draw on its reserve funds to pay the costs.

WHERE AS the solid waste service has a sum of about \$25,000 available in 2019 in its general fund to begin the study and that the additional amount to pay costs could come from the capital reserve fund or the general reserve fund.

WHERE AS the general operating reserve fund of the solid waste service is \$55,553.

WHERE AS the capital reserve fund for the solid waste service is \$131,135.

WHERE AS the ad hoc committee on the management of solid waste estimates that the cost of a feasibility study is approximately \$95,000.00 to complete the study.

#### 2019-065

It is therefore resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent RSC accept the ad hoc committee's recommendation on the solid waste management to go to public tender in order to hire a consultant who will ensure the development of a residual materials management plan and that this project be completed by the fall of 2020.

Proposed by: Roger Doiron

Seconded by: Pierre LeBlanc

Motion carried

#### Context

In recent years, managers of the solid waste services as well as some executive directors of the RSCs have had the opportunity to visit jurisdictions or recycling programs for plastics, packaging and printed matter (PPP) that have been introduced. Through Recycle NB, these visits have allowed the RSCs to deepen their knowledge of the subject and how this EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) program could be implemented in New Brunswick. Such a system would allow potential savings for all the services already offered by RSCs related to solid waste management by promoting the recycling of PPPs.

At a meeting with all the directors of the solid waste services last June, an ad hoc committee was created. The role of the committee was to develop the broad outlines that would be the focus of discussions for the future implementation of an EPR program for PPPs for the entire province of New Brunswick.

Following a few meetings of the ad hoc committee, 15 elements emerged to put in place a functional and beneficial program for the entire population of New Brunswick. These statements are critical to the effective recycling of PPPs across the various municipalities and LSDs in New Brunswick.

Here are the elements to consider for an effective implementation for the recycling of plastics, packaging and printed matter (PPP):

- 1) Use and value the existing sorting infrastructures already in place and managed by the RSCs.
- 2) Allocate a portion of PPPs recycling revenues to research and development.
- 3) Create and maintain green jobs in the province.
- 4) Have a standardized program for the entire province.
- 5) That the program be accessible and available to the entire population of New Brunswick.
- 6) Recognize and involve the needs of First Nations in the program.
- 7) That the program be extended to apartments and that it be planned to include the ICI sector.

- 8) Develop a formula to increase the cost of non-recyclable materials and reduce the cost of recyclable materials managed by the RSCs.
- 9) Reduce New Brunswick's environmental and carbon footprint.
- 10) Be flexible so that municipalities can choose whether or not to participate in the industry being responsible for delivering the program.
- 11) Increase the diversion rate of landfills.
- 12) Ensure that the implementation of the system is win-win for all.
- 13) Recognize the challenges for small businesses in the early stages of implementation and identify participants early in the process.
- 14) Provide funds to recover the actual costs of operating the various waste management services.
- 15) Provide strong awareness and educational support to the population.

The success of the program also includes setting criteria through the Ministry of the Environment and Local Government.

- 1) Develop legislation on mandatory participation in the program.
- 2) Allow an avenue for legislative adjustments after a specified period.
- 3) Provide clear and achievable objectives for the program.
- 4) Mandatory and transparent reporting by all program stakeholders.

Recycle NB will also have a very important role in implementing and monitoring certain elements of the program.

- 1) Set up a monitoring system.
- 2) Develop the best PPP program for New Brunswick based on best practices from other provinces.
- 3) Establish a stakeholder monitoring group to administer funds for research and development.
- 4) Receive payments for the entire industry.
- 5) Administer the lists of materials.
- 6) Must strive to be the best program in Canada.
- 7) Identify together with the RSCs the goals and objectives during the different stages of implementation.
- 8) Provide necessary funding to RSCs for industry fees.

The industry will be an essential partner for the implementation process.

- 1) Support the program to distribute the funds generated by the program and not to reduce them.
- 2) Take possession of the recyclable materials, sell them in a fair way and reduce the costs for the participants.
- 3) Use ethical markets by prioritizing local options by recognizing the environmental footprint
- 4) Develop cost models for different materials to meet program requirements.
- 5) Develop material lists and decide who pays in the industry.

#### 2019-066

IT IS RESOLVED THAT the KRSC Board send a letter to the Minister of the Environment and Local Government asking that any future PPP program address the concerns raised in the presented context.

Proposed by: by: Randy Warman  
Seconded by: Docile Cormier

Motion carried

2019-067

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors allow KRSC staff to work collaboratively with other RSCs to ensure that the principles listed above are considered in the development of a PPP program in New Brunswick and to update the process with the Board of Directors.

Proposed by: Paul Lirette

Seconded by: Danielle Dugas

Motion carried

## **6. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

2019-068

It is moved by Roland Fougère that the closure of the meeting is at 8:23pm.

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PRESIDENT

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY