

Commission de services
régionaux de Kent



Kent Regional
Service Commission

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

**January 30th, 2020
6 :30pm
Richibucto**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pierrette Robichaud calls the meeting to order at 6:30pm and welcomes everyone present.

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 of the KRSC 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
- Tina Beers, LSD of Harcourt
- Eugère Cormier, Deputy Mayor of the Village of Saint-Antoine
- Jean-Charles Daigle, LSD of Pointe-Sapin

ABSENCES

- Ricky Gautreau, Mayor of the Village of Saint-Antoine
- Paul Lang, Executive Director of the KRSC

OTHERS

- Jules Léger, Building Inspector
- Julie Payer LaFrance, Recreational Master Plan Implementation Coordinator
- Roger Pitre, NB EMO
- Francine Arsenault, Administrative Assistant
- Francine Babineau, Translator

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

No conflict of interest declarations to report.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2020-001

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

Motion carried

5. BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS the Kent RSC was asked to coordinate the purchase of enforcement services for its member bylaws and regulations;

WHEREAS the Kent RSC has coordinated various meetings with its membership and a company that offered such services on a trial basis;

WHEREAS Eastern Safety Services NB Ltd. has proposed its services for an amount that does not pass the thresholds established by the Procurement Act and its regulations;

WHEREAS the participating local governments, along with the minister representing the unincorporated areas, will pay their respective shares.

2020-002

Be it resolved that the Kent RSC authorizes its agents to conclude an agreement until December 31st, 2020 with Eastern Safety Services NB Ltd that reflects the discussions with its membership and does not surpass \$80,000 (HST included).

Proposed by: Danielle Dugas

Seconded by: Paul Lirette

Motion carried

6. TOURISM

WHEREAS the Board of directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission has mandated its staff to create a tourism development steering committee;

WHEREAS the mandate of the Tourism Development Steering Committee, represented by five tourism operators as well as two members of the Board of directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission, presents proposals regarding the need for tourism development to the Board of directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission;

WHEREAS the Tourism Development Steering Committee proposes an operating name for the promotion of tourism in the Kent region both for potential visitors and for communication with tourism operators in the region.

2020-003

It is therefore resolved that the operating name for the tourism sector in Kent be named Explore Kent.

Proposed by : Roger Doiron

Seconded by: Tina Beers

Motion carried

7. STRATEGIC PLAN

WHEREAS the Kent RSC adopted its strategic plan in 2017;

WHEREAS several initiatives stemming from the strategic plan have been implemented since its adoption in 2017;

WHEREAS the political and economic context has changed over the past two years;

WHEREAS certain initiatives of the strategic plan are no longer relevant;

WHEREAS the Kent RSC Board revised its plan in November 2019.

2020-004

It is therefore resolved that the Board of directors of the Kent RSC adopts the revised strategic plan as submitted by the consultant Léon Richard.

Proposed by: Danielle Dugas
Seconded by: Claude LeBlanc

Motion carried

8. SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

WHEREAS summer is a short season and people want to take advantage of it;
WHEREAS the idea of closing the Kent RSC offices on Friday at noon during the summer season (end of June to Labor Day) has been submitted to the Finance committee;
WHEREAS the Finance committee recommends closing the offices on Friday at noon during the summer season and that the Kent RSC office hours be modified accordingly;
WHEREAS in order to ensure that staff fill the hours that the office is closed during the summer that the schedule will change from 8:15 am to 4:30 pm.

2020-005

It is therefore resolved that the Board of directors of the Kent RSC accepts the recommendation of the Finance committee to close the offices on Friday afternoon during the summer period (end of classes to the start of classes) and that the office hours be modified as presented:
Normal schedule: Monday to Friday 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Summer schedule: Monday to Thursday 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:15 a.m. to noon.

Proposed by : Roger Doiron
Seconded by : Gisèle Fontaine

Motion carried

9. PUBLIC SAFETY DAYS

WHEREAS the Kent RSC organizes in partnership with public security agencies two activities per year;
WHEREAS the Public Safety Days were very successful in the host communities;
WHEREAS due to the municipal elections in 2020 that the Public Safety committee recommends that the spring edition not take place.

2020-006

It is therefore resolved that the Board of directors of the Kent RSC accepts that only one day of public safety be organized in 2020 and that this day take place in the fall.

Proposed by : Maurice Maillet
Seconded by: Docile Cormier

Motion carried

10. CANADIAN MUNICIPAL CRIME PREVENTION NETWORK

WHEREAS the Kent RSC is a member of the Canadian Municipal Crime Prevention Network;
WHEREAS the Kent region is one of the only rural communities in the country to be part of the network;
WHEREAS the Kent RSC is very active in its crime prevention initiatives;
WHEREAS the Kent RSC would have a lot to gain if it had a community safety plan in order to set clear crime prevention goals;
WHEREAS the employees of the network are ready to come and make a presentation to the Board and to the Public Safety Committee on the approach used in the development of a community safety plan and see to the possibilities of developing a plan for the Kent RSC in 2021.

2020-007

It is therefore resolved that the Kent RSC agrees to pay the transportation and administrative costs to the Canadian Municipal Crime Prevention Network so that its staff can come and give a presentation to the Board of directors and to the Public Safety committee in order to better understand the importance of having a community safety plan.

Proposed by : Tina Beers
Seconded by: Jean-Charles Daigle

Motion carried

11. SMART METERS (Roland Fougère)

Roland Fougère asked the members if they were approached by NB Power to write a letter of support concerning smart meters? He would like to know the opinions of the group. A discussion ensues. Pierrette Robichaud mentions that Rogersville has not yet received a letter but that her council is not interested in supporting. Jean Hébert mentions that Cocagne received a phone call in December 2019 and that they sent a letter of support. Roger Doiron asked if a presentation, given by someone other than an NB Power employee, would be possible to better understand the concept of smart meters? Tina Beers gives statistics from Ontario and Saskatchewan that talk about costs, advantages / disadvantages as well as incidents that have occurred (Internet connection, faulty equipment, etc.).

2020-008

It was proposed by Eugène Cormier, seconded by Roland Fougère to ask the Executive Director of the Kent Regional Service Commission to organize an information session on the subject of smart meters, given by a knowledgeable person not employed by NB Power, to help municipalities make an informed decision.

Motion carried

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

2020-009

It is moved by Claude LeBlanc that the closure of the meeting is at 7:16 pm.

PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY