

Commission de services  
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Kent Regional  
Service Commission

**Regular Board of Directors meeting  
Kent Regional Service Commission**

**June 18th, 2020  
6 :30pm  
Zoom**

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Pierrette Robichaud calls the meeting to order at 6:32pm and welcomes the assembly.

## **2. ATTENDANCE**

- Pierrette Robichaud, Chair of the KRSC and Mayor for the Town of Rogersville
- Gisèle Fontaine, LSD of Saint-Louis
- Eugène Cormier, Deputy Mayor of the Village of Saint-Antoine
- Tina Beers, LSD of Harcourt
- Roland Fougère, Mayor of the Town of Bouctouche
- Danielle Dugan, Mayor of the Village of Saint-Louis-de-Kent
- Pierre LeBlanc, LSD of Grande-Digue
- Jean Hébert, Mayor of the Rural Community of Cocagne
- Randy Warman, Mayor of the Village of Rexton
- Claude LeBlanc, Vice-Chair of the KRSC and LSD of Wellington
- Paul Lirette, LSD of Saint-Charles
- Docile Cormier, LSD of Carleton
- Roger Richard, LSD of Acadieville
- Kris Morey, LSD of Weldford
- Maurice Maillet, LSD of Sainte-Marie-de-Kent
- Roger Doiron, Mayor of the Town of Richibucto
- Jean-Charles Daigle, LSD of Pointe-Sapin

## **OTHERS**

- Paul Lang, Executive Director of the KRSC
- Isabelle Godin, Project Coordinator of the KRSC
- Roger Pitre, EMO
- Francine Arseneault, Administrative Assistant for the KRSC
- Francine Babineau, Translator
- Jordan Nowlan, Bylaw Enforcement Officer & Development Officer
- Nicholas Hudson, Bylaw Enforcement Officer & Development Officer
- Mathieu Wade, Researcher/Sociologist, Université de Moncton
- Daniel Goguen, Local Services Manager – Environment and Local Government
- Alain Carrier, M&E Lead Edmundston/Senior Electrical Engineer, Englobe

## **3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

No conflicts.

## **4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

### 2020-038

It was moved by Maurice Maillet, seconded by Paul Lirette, that the agenda be accepted with the addition of 14b) Healthy Community Assessment.

Motion carried

**5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> AND MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 MEETINGS.**

2020-039

It was moved by Roger Doiron, seconded by Eugène Cormier, that the minutes of the special meeting of the BOD on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Motion carried

2020-040

It was moved by Roland Fougère, seconded by Docile Cormier, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the BOD on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Motion carried

2020-041

It was moved by Danielle Dugas, seconded by Roger Richard, that the minutes of the special BOD meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Motion carried

2020-042

It was moved by Paul Lirette, seconded by Roger Doiron, that the minutes of the special BOD meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Motion carried

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**a. Strategic Planning**

A revised copy of the action plan is circulated to the members and Paul Lang makes a few comments.

**b. History Project (Mathieu Wade)**

Mathieu Wade gives us a short presentation on the progress of the historical project. He explains that the project has taken a little delay due to unforeseen parental leave as well as the Covid19. He does a quick overview of the research that has been done and what remains to be done. The book is currently in its final stages. He should have something to give us at the end of 2020 or the beginning of 2021. One wish would be that the book could also be used in schools as a resource that could be useful as educational material with the website.

**c. Bylaw Enforcement (Jordan Nowlan)**

In his presentation, Jordan Nowlan, Bylaw Enforcement Officer and Development Officer of KRSC, says they have been very busy since arriving, even during a pandemic. He explains to the group that they act as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer in the municipalities and as a Development Officer in the LSDs. As a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, they check dangerous and unsightly properties, animal control, zoning violations, recreational fires and various complaints. As a Development Officer, they ensure construction and permit compliance. Jordan says they have a very good relationship with the Maxime Babineau, RCMP, and his team. They are working on several files at the moment and patrolling LSDs and municipalities as much as possible. He explains that an order enforcement file is not a criminal file. Criminal offenses are reported to the RCMP.

## **7. PRESENTATION – ENGLOBE (Alain Carrier) – Smart Meters**

Mr. Alain Carrier works as an electrical engineer for Englobe. In his presentation, Alain tells us about smart meters - the project, the history, the operation. He explains that one of NB Power's mandates is that 40% of its energy resources come from renewable energy. They also want to limit carbon production and emit zero emissions (Net Zero). Since smart meters allow two-way communication (receiving and sending energy to the "grid") they will help achieve this goal. With the arrival of electric cars, the risk of overloading the electricity grid increases, smart meters would allow better management of the grid. Alain explains that each meter communicates by wireless radio signal to a central module that will be installed in the vicinity. The information from each meter is then transmitted to the central system through a fiber optic or cellular network. Information for billing will be received by this smart meter system. The installation will not be imposed on customers and the level of exposure to radio frequencies is confirmed to be below standards. There will be several advantages to the meters: more accurate meters, NB Power will have remote control (to disconnect and reconnect as an example), reduced costs for reading the meters (less labor), faster recovery of breakdowns, a system will notify customers by sending alerts when bills are high compared to previous bills and forecast temperatures, users will be able to access their daily consumption via a web interface, optimization of the voltage levels of the electrical network to name a few. The project is valued at approximately \$ 100 million for the replacement of 360,000 residential and commercial meters. The installation will be carried out in 4 different phases: 1st phase would begin in 2021 with the installation of around 1,000 meters in order to test and set up the necessary infrastructure. The other phases would be in 2022, 2023 and 2024 to replace the rest of the meters. A short question period ensued.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- February 11th, 2020 – Dominic LeBlanc, MLA, President of the Queen’s Privy Council for Canada
- June 3rd, 2020 – Denis Savoie, President of the Restigouche Regional Service Commission
- March 17th, 2020 – Hon. Hugh J. Flemming in a letter addressed to Tina Beers.

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a. Finance – Administration – HR**

The committee met last week and the minutes are not finished. Will be brought up for approval at the fall meeting. A policy will be brought in this fall for recommendation.

### **b. Audit**

Nothing to report.

### **c. Economic Development**

The buy local campaign begins next week and we hope it will be a success.

### **d. Ad hoc committee – Kent Community Transportation**

We were to have a meeting with the RIC board to try to determine their vision of community transport. They asked to postpone the meeting. As soon as we have any news, we will send it to you. See chronological notes in the appendix.

## **10. REPORT ON COLLABORATIVE SERVICES ACTIVITY**

### **a. Planning**

The minutes of the Planning committee meetings and the construction report are circulated.

**b. Solid Waste**

The minutes of the May 21, 2020 meeting of the Solid Waste Technical Committee will be circulated at the next meeting.

**c. Policing Services**

2020-043

It was moved by Maurice Maillet, and seconded by Jean Hébert, that the Board of directors accuse reception of the minutes of the Public Safety committee from March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as presented.

Motion carried

**d. Emergency Measures (Roger Pitre)**

Roger informs us that he is still busy with the pandemic and as well as other files. Even though people seem to be well informed and meetings and conferences are shorter and less frequent, he is still very busy. He insists that we should not only think about the pandemic but also the possibilities of disasters like floods, hurricanes, etc. that could happen at any time. We must remain vigilant! Roger answers a few questions regarding self-assessment as well as isolation.

**e. Regional Community Infrastructures (Julie Payer Lafrance)**

No report.

**11. CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR REPORT**

March 24 - Meeting with the Vice-President and Executive Director  
March 30 - Sainte Anne Hospital Committee  
April 7 - Meeting with the Vice-President and Executive Director  
April 9 - Conference call with Dr. Jennifer Russell  
April 17 - Conference call with Prime Minister Blaine Higgs  
April 21 - Meeting with the Vice-President and Executive Director  
April 28 - Sainte Anne Hospital Committee  
May 5 - Meeting with the Vice-President and Executive Director  
May 12 - Sainte Anne Hospital Committee  
May 14 - Transportation committee  
May 22 - Transportation committee  
May 26 - Meeting with the Vice-President and Executive Director  
May 28 – KSRC Annual General Meeting  
June 1 - Meeting with the Vice-President and Executive Director  
June 1- Transport committee  
June 8 – Finance committee  
June 9 - Sainte Anne Hospital Committee

**12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

FEBRUARY 14 - Finance committee in Richibucto  
FEBRUARY 14 - Meeting Sainte-Anne Hospital in Saint-Antoine  
FEBRUARY 14 - Immigration meeting with François Houde in Bouctouche  
FEBRUARY 16 - Conference call Stella-Maris Hospital  
FEBRUARY 18 - CMNCP Executive Committee Meeting by Zoom

FEBRUARY 18 - Coalition Emergency Sainte-Anne meeting in Richibucto  
FEBRUARY 19 - Stéphane Leclair meeting in Fredericton  
FEBRUARY 19 AND 20 - ED RSC meeting in Fredericton  
FEBRUARY 20 - BOD meeting in Richibucto  
FEBRUARY 21 - Meeting with Stéphane Simard in Dieppe  
FEBRUARY 21 - Meeting with Eastern Safety Services in Moncton  
FEBRUARY 24 - CPSEE BOD meeting in Shediac  
FEBRUARY 25 – Chair and Executive Director meeting in Rogersville  
FEBRUARY 25 – Meeting with the Town of Richibucto in Richibucto  
FEBRUARY 25 - CMNCP conference call  
FEBRUARY 26 - Skype call for private access collection  
FEBRUARY 27 – Intern meeting - RCMP in Bouctouche  
FEBRUARY 28 - Meeting with MAGMA in Bouctouche  
MARCH 9 - Cocagne Climate Change Adaptation Plan meeting in Bouctouche  
MARCH 10 - Budget in Fredericton  
MARCH 11 - Presentation to Department of Criminology in Moncton  
MARCH 11 - Meeting 1 New conversations in Richibucto  
MARCH 11 - Public Safety Committee in Richibucto  
MARCH 12 - Public Safety meeting in Shediac  
MARCH 12 – BOD meeting in Richibucto  
MARCH 13 - CPANB BOD Teleconference  
MARCH 13 – AMANB BOD Teleconference  
MARCH 17 - Conference call Stella-Maris Hospital  
MARCH 17 - CMNCP Executive Committee Teleconference  
MARCH 19 - EMONB Teleconference  
MARCH 20 - BOD AMANB Teleconference  
MARCH 24 - Chair and Executive Director meeting in Rogersville  
MARCH 25 - Conference call Stéphane Leclair  
MARCH 26 - Conference call with Tina Beers  
MARCH 26 - COVID-19 community coordination teleconference  
MARCH 30 - Conference call Stella-Maris Hospital  
MARCH 31 - Conference call - Transport Kent  
MARCH 31 - Teleconference with Colliers Project Leaders  
APRIL 1 - CMNCP National Meeting by Zoom  
APRIL 2 - COVID-19 Community Coordination Teleconference  
APRIL 3 - Webex BOD MAC meeting  
APRIL 3 - Discussion Formulation of municipal policies with UdeM students by Zoom  
APRIL 6 - Gabrielle Bissonnette Teleconference  
APRIL 7 - Chair and Executive Director meeting in Rogersville  
APRIL 7 – Conference call with Black Arcs - Dane Sheppard  
APRIL 8 - Criminology meeting by Zoom  
APRIL 9 - Conference call Joey Caissie  
APRIL 9 - COVID-19 community coordination teleconference  
APRIL 14 - Conference call Stella-Maris Hospital  
APRIL 15 - Criminology meeting by Zoom  
APRIL 15 - CPSSE Executive Teleconference  
APRIL 16 - EOC coordination teleconference and COVID-19 community coordination  
APRIL 16 - Call Stephanie Collin

APRIL 17 – AMANB BOD Teleconference  
APRIL 21 - Chair and Executive Director meeting in Rogersville  
APRIL 21 - Teleconference CMNCP Executive Committee  
APRIL 22 - Criminology meeting by Zoom  
APRIL 23 - EOC teleconference coordination and community coordination COVID-19  
APRIL 27 - CPSSE BOD Teleconference  
APRIL 27 – Meeting for local purchasing by Zoom  
APRIL 28 - Stella-Maris Hospital Teleconference  
APRIL 28 - COVID19 information session teleconference  
APRIL 29 - ED meeting by Zoom  
APRIL 29 - Sainte-Anne Hospital Internship meeting by Zoom  
APRIL 29 - CMNCP national meeting by Zoom  
APRIL 30 - EOC teleconference coordination and community coordination COVID-19  
APRIL 30 - Meeting Municipal Management Training Program  
MAY 4 - Meeting Local purchase by Zoom  
MAY 5 - Chair and Executive Director meeting in Rogersville  
MAY 5 - Teleconference Ben, Monica, Paul and Éline  
MAY 5 - Stella-Maris Hospital Meeting by Zoom  
MAY 6 - Meeting By-Law Enforcement by Zoom  
MAY 6 - Criminology internship meeting  
MAY 6 - Meeting with SERSC by Zoom  
MAY 6 - Local Purchase Meeting by Zoom  
MAY 7 – BOD AMANB Meeting  
MAY 7 - EOC teleconference coordination and community coordination COVID-19  
MAY 8 - Zoom meeting with health study intern  
MAY 12 - Call Marc McLeod  
MAY 12 - Zoom Call Stella-Maris Hospital  
MAY 12 - Executive committee meeting of the CPSSE  
MAY 12 - MGSS student interviews by Zoom  
MAY 12 - Marc LeBlanc call – consultation  
MAY 13 - ED meeting by Zoom  
MAY 14 - GNB recreational meeting by Zoom  
MAY 14 - NB Health Council Teleconference  
MAY 14 - EOC teleconference coordination and community coordination COVID-19  
MAY 14 - Community Transport Meeting by Zoom  
MAY 15 - Local Buy Meeting by Zoom  
MAY 15 – AMANB Training Committee  
MAY 19 - ED meeting by Zoom  
MAY 19 - Chair and Executive Director meeting by zoom  
MAY 19 - CMNCP Executive Committee Meeting by Zoom  
MAY 20 – Conference call with Gérard Thébeau and Leslie Cail  
MAY 20 - RCMP Conference Call and By-Law Enforcement Officers  
MAY 20 - Meeting with auditors by Zoom  
MAY 20 - Teleconference AMANB municipal management training program  
MAY 21 - KC Mini project update  
MAY 21 - EOC teleconference coordination and community coordination COVID-19  
MAY 22 - Transport Meeting  
MAY 22 – BOD AMANB Meeting by Zoom

MAY 25 - EBCS Meeting by Zoom  
MAY 25 - Rosie internship meeting  
MAY 25 - Teleconference meeting of the CPSSE BOD  
MAY 26 - Health study meeting by Zoom  
MAY 27 - ED meeting by Zoom  
MAY 28 – BOD meeting by Zoom  
MAY 28 - EOC teleconference coordination and community coordination COVID-19  
MAY 28 - Black Arcs Meeting by Zoom  
MAY 29 - Local Purchase Plan Meeting by zoom  
JUNE 2 - TURNING meeting - fiscal reality by Zoom  
JUNE 2 - Turning Point meeting - Regional collaboration by Zoom  
JUNE 2 – Chair, Vice-Chair and Executive Director meeting by zoom  
JUNE 3 - CMNCP National Meeting by Zoom  
JUNE 4 – AMANB meeting  
JUNE 4 - Transport Meeting - Black Arcs by Zoom  
JUNE 8 - Rosie internship meeting  
JUNE 8 - Kent Health Meeting by Zoom  
JUNE 8 - Finance Committee meeting  
JUNE 8 - Randy Warman meeting  
JUNE 9 - GNB recreational meeting by Zoom  
JUNE 9 - Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital Committee Meeting by Zoom  
JUNE 9 - CPSSE Executive Teleconference  
JUNE 10 - ED meeting by Zoom

### **13. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS**

No motions or resolutions.

### **14. NEW BUSINESS**

Paul Lang briefly explains the project and what has been done to date.

#### **a. Amish project**

WHEREAS in March 2019 the Kent RSC held a forum on agriculture.

WHEREAS participation in the local farmers' forum was unprecedented and participants emphasized the importance of encouraging the industry.

WHEREAS the Kent RSC adopted in 2018 a list of 6 priority initiatives and agriculture was one of these initiatives.

WHEREAS employees of the Kent RSC have started to implement the recommendations that emerged from the forum on agriculture.

WHEREAS among the recommendations is the attraction of new farmers in the region.

WHEREAS the Kent RSC was asked to help a group from the region who is currently working to bring Amish and Mennonite farmers.

WHEREAS the Executive Director met with a group of Amish in November 2019 and the meeting was fruitful.

WHEREAS in order to properly prepare the files necessary to attract these groups of farmers, we must hire a consultant to assess the agricultural land in the region.



WHEREAS ACOA and the Regional Development Corporation are funding XX% of the project to be valued at \$ 35,000.

2020-044

Be it resolved that the Board of directors of the Kent RSC agrees to finance the balance of funds necessary for the implementation of this project, namely the sum of \$ 5,000 and that the funds come out of the local development budget.

Proposed by : Maurice Maillet

Supported by: Paul Lirette

Motion carried

**b. Healthy Community Assessment**

Maurice Maillet explains to the members the community health assessment study. A first meeting of the Community Consultation Committee took place yesterday. It is a process of approximately 6 months to assess the community health needs in New Brunswick. Maurice explains that some of the members of the KRSC - Cocagne, Grande-Digue, Notre-Dame, Dundas, Saint-Antoine, Saint-Paul and Sainte-Marie-de-Kent - are part of the community of Shediac / Beaubassin / Saint-Antoine which is a large region. It was the NB Health Council that defined the limitations of these communities. A fear that Maurice expressed at the meeting the previous evening is that several LSDs from KRSC are part of the group which is more in the Westmorland area. And with all the work KRSC is doing collectively in health care, he feels it disconnects us a bit.

Paul Lang explains that the process for changing these limitations is rigid. The CCC has its reasons why these territories were created. These territories are now registered in a provincial regulation under the law on health authorities. So to change the Kent-South region, to the Bouctouche / Richibucto / Saint-Louis territory, it would be necessary to submit a request to the Health Council and to the Minister soon so that they can begin to study the file and make changes so that in 5 years, when the new assessment is made, that it is a single territory. There is no guarantee that if the Kent-South communities wished to opt out of this exercise, that they could join the Bouctouche / St-Louis / Richibucto exercise in the short term. It is therefore more beneficial, at the present time, to continue the current exercise and to start lobbying the Health Council and the Minister to change the boundaries, when there is the next exercise, so that it is a uniform territory and not a territory divided in two. The members agree and wish to request that the territory be uniform for the next exercise.

2020-045

It was moved by Maurice Maillet, seconded by Roger Doiron, that the Kent RSC send a letter asking to modify the boundaries of the communities that are part of the Health Council grouping in order to have a better representation of the Kent territory.

Motion carried

**15. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No questions from the public.

**16. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

2020-046

It was moved by Tina Beers that the meeting be adjourned at 8:49pm.

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PRESIDENT

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Executive Director/Clerk