

Commission de services
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Kent Regional
Service Commission

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

**December 16th, 2021
6 :30pm
ZOOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Pierrette Robichaud, opens the meeting at 6:32 pm and welcomes everyone.

2. ATTENDANCE

- Pierrette Robichaud, Chair of the KRSC and Mayor of the Village of Rogersville
- Claude LeBlanc, Vice-Chair of the KRSC and President of the LSD of Wellington
- Aldéo Saulnier, Mayor of the Town of Bouctouche
- Daniel Bourgeois, President of the LSD of Grande-Digue
- Danielle Dugas, Mayor of the Village of Saint-Louis-de-Kent
- Docile Cormier, President of the LSD of Carleton
- Éric Tremblay, President of the LSD of Saint-Ignace
- Gisèle Fontaine, President of the LSD of Saint-Louis
- Jacques Cormier, President of the LSD of Saint-Paul
- Jean-Pierre Richard, Mayor of the Village of Saint-Antoine
- Kris Morey, President of the LSD of Weldford
- Marc Goguen, Mayor of the Rural Community of Cocagne
- Paul Lirette, President of the LSD of Saint-Charles
- Roger Richard, President of the LSD of Acadieville
- Stella Richard, Mayor of the Town of Richibucto
- Tina Beers, President of the LSD of Harcourt
- Wayne Carpenter, Mayor of the Village of Rexton

OTHERS

- Paul Lang, Executive Director of the KRSC
- Isabelle Godin, Assistant Executive Director of KRSC
- Francine Arsenault, Administrative Assistant of KRSC
- Francine Babineau, Translator
- Roger Pitre, EMO
- Sonia Mazerolle, Rural Settlement Coordinator - Kent County
- Gérard Thébeau, Amish project consultant
- Leslie Cail, Amish project
- Roger Doiron, Chair of the Health Committee
- Daniel Goguen, Local Services Manager/Environment and Local Government
- Members of the public

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Nothing to declare.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2021-118

It was moved by Paul Lirette, seconded by Gisèle Fontaine, that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion carried

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18TH, 2021

2021-119

It was moved by Danielle Dugas, seconded by Marc Goguen, that the minutes of the November 18th, 2021 regular meeting be approved as presented.

Motion carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chair of the Health Committee, Roger Doiron, gives a report on the progress of the committee.

a. Health Committee

WHEREAS the members of the Health Committee have received the news that the Vitalité Health Network will be hiring a person to manage the Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital in the spring of 2022 (Operations Manager).

WHEREAS one of the roles and responsibilities of the manager will be to work more closely with the community.

WHEREAS since the manager will be responsible for working with the community it would be preferable to have a member of the community on the selection committee so that the person chosen has the skills and abilities to work with the community.

2021-120

Be it therefore resolved that the Kent RSC send a letter to the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Vitalité Health Network requesting that a member of the Kent community be part of the hiring committee for the new person who will be in charge of managing the Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital and ensuring the creation of links between the institution and the community.

Moved by: Danielle Dugas

Seconded by: Paul Lirette

Motion carried

1 NAY – Wayne Carpenter

Roger Doiron gives some explanations before moving on to the motion.

WHEREAS the Minister of Health has released her action plan for health reform.

WHEREAS the Health Committee met to study the action plan and created a sub-committee to analyze the action plan and recommend correspondence and a response to the health committee and then to the Board to respond to the Minister of Health.

WHEREAS the Health Committee met on December 9 and recommended to the Kent RSC Board of Directors to send the correspondence and the related document to the Minister of Health.

2021-121

Be it therefore resolved that the Kent RSC Board of Directors send correspondence and the related document to the Minister of Health as recommended by the Health Committee.

Moved by: Danielle Dugas

Seconded by: Gisèle Fontaine

Motion carried

b. Immigration (Sonia Mazerolle)

In her report, Sonia Mazerolle mentions that 3 newcomers arrived last week. She expects 8 more by the end of January 2022. The position for 25 hours/week has not been posted yet but should be posted soon.

c. White Paper

Paul Lang shares with the group that the 3rd reading was passed today and that the bill is going to Royal Assent tomorrow. There are 2 transitional leaders at the provincial level that have been announced - Gérard Belliveau and Lise Ouellette. Essentially, they are the ones who will be managing the transition agents in the field. It was announced that there will be 4 transition agents for the RSCs and approximately 10 to 12 for the municipalities.

7. PRESENTATION (Gérard Thébeau – Amish)

Mr. Gérard Thébeau, consultant for the Amish project, gives a presentation to the group on the path and history of the project. He introduces Mr. Leslie Cail who has been an indispensable source for the project. Mr. Cail says a few words to the group and stresses the importance of succession for the future. In providing an update on the project, Mr. Thébeau mentions challenges such as limited agricultural protection, sharing farmland from generation to generation, and labour issues to name a few. He goes on to say that our local food supply is vulnerable and that we are losing land to development and poor planning. He explains that Mr. Cail had been contacted by someone saying that there were Amish families looking for land in the area. These communities are aiming for long-term local food production with relatively small-scale agriculture. Reducing environmental risks with smaller farms while increasing volumes by working together. He shares some facts about the Amish and Mennonite communities. Here are a few: community living based on their religious faith; most use horses and buggies for transportation; most do not have electricity and do not use personal phones or other modern technology; encourages large families; supplement their income with welding, construction, furniture making, mechanical work, baking, roadside stands; pay their taxes; don't rely on employment insurance or family benefits; don't rely on government assistance; care for their elders; for many, farming is their primary base. They produce a large percentage of their food consumption. It was said that these communities make a significant contribution to the local economy. These communities could be a good asset to our region by contributing to farm succession and reclaiming abandoned farmland. They would help secure the local food supply. In addition to farming, they practice many other trades to support their families. They are good neighbors. It would also be a great tourist attraction. Most communities practice reference farming, which means they reach a certain product size and then stop (40 cows, 100 dairy goats, etc.). Gerard proceeds to explain the potential economic impact and shares some examples and numbers. Gerard talks about the many studies that have been done, the data collected, the partnerships that have been formed, etc. Paul Lang and himself went to Ontario to visit Amish/Mennonite families to better understand their needs. Some communities in Ontario seem to be interested in what we can offer them. They had many questions.

Paul Lang took the floor to thank the provincial and federal governments for their financial contribution to the project, along with the KRSC portion, which allowed the hiring of Gérard Thébeau. Since the contributions end on March 31, 2022, we hope to have confirmations from the interested communities during the new year. There is a lot of interest. Mr. Thébeau has sent, or will send, other packets to those who are particularly interested.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- November 18, 2021 - Basile Chiasson, Chiasson & Roy Droit-Law
- December 14, 2021 - Léona Bernard, Les Ami.e.s de l'Hôpital Stella-Maris-de-Kent

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Paul Lang explains the resolutions before proceeding to the votes.

a. Finance – Administration – Human resources

2021-122

It was moved by Gisèle Fontaine, seconded by Jean-Pierre Richard, that the amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Policy be adopted as recommended by the Finance Committee be accepted by the BOD members for adoption.

Motion carried

2021-123

It was moved by Paul Lirette, seconded by Jacques Cormier, that the Covid-19 Vaccination Policy be accepted by the Board of Directors for adoption.

Motion carried

2021-124

It was moved by Aldéo Saulnier, seconded by Docile Cormier, that the changes to office hours and employees be accepted as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Motion carried

2021-125

It was moved by Kris Morey, seconded by Marc Goguen, that the Board of Directors agree to transfer the sum of \$18,000.00 to the Solid Waste Department's General Operating Reserve Fund in accordance with Section 101 of the Local Governance Act and its Regulation 97-145 and if the Board wishes to withdraw these funds a resolution must be passed.

Motion carried

2021-126

It was moved by Kris Morey, seconded by Claude LeBlanc, that the Board of Directors agree to transfer the sum of \$1,300 to the Regional Collaboration General Operating Reserve Fund in accordance with Section 101 of the Local Governance Act and its Regulation 97-145 and if the Board wishes to withdraw these funds a resolution must be passed.

Motion carried

2021-127

It was moved by Paul Lirette, seconded by Gisèle Fontaine, that the Board of Directors accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to conduct a salary review and revision of the employee salary grid in 2022 in order to adopt a new salary policy to be effective January 1, 2023.

Motion carried

b. Audit

Nothing to report.

c. Economic Development

Nothing to report.

d. Kent Community Transportation

The committee has not met since October 2021 as the CIN prefers to wait for the transition of new services as transportation will become a mandated service of the KRSC. The transition will take place over the next year.

10. REPORT ON COLLABORATIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES

a. Planning

The construction report for November 2021 is circulated.

b. Solid waste

The minutes of the Solid Waste Management Technical Committee for October 14, 2021 and the November 2021 waste report are circulated.

c. Public safety

The committee met last night. Claude LeBlanc finds some of the points made by Maxime Babineau in the RCMP quarterly report a bit alarming.

d. Emergency measures (Roger Pitre)

In his report, Roger Pitre announced that some of Covid's restrictions will change tomorrow (50% capacity in facilities) and that there may also be some surprises. He will share the information as soon as possible. On the municipal side, emergency plans are on hold for now because of the White Paper. We still need to be prepared and sanitary measures will have to be applied in the warming centers in case of a disaster. Roger is always there to give advice or answer questions. For the BEM (Basic Emergency Measures) course, he thinks it will probably be held in person but he will get back to us to confirm. This is a course that is normally offered online but the training coordinator is trying to modify it to facilitate in-person delivery.

e. Regional community infrastructures (Julie Payer Lafrance)

Nothing to report.

11. CHAIR (NOVEMBER 12 to DECEMBER 8, 2021)

November 12: Finance Committee meeting

November 15: Meeting Chair and Executive Director

November 17: Zoom meeting with the Deputy Minister on the reform

November 18: KRSC BOD meeting

November 23: Health Committee meeting

November 25: Meeting with the chairs and EDs of the RSCs on the White Paper

November 27: Session with CMNCP by zoom on community safety

December 3, 4 and 5: AFMNB Conference and AGM

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (NOVEMBER 12 TO DECEMBER 9, 2021)

NOVEMBER 12 - Finance Committee meeting in Richibucto

NOVEMBER 12 - Strategic planning meeting with UdeM in Moncton

NOVEMBER 15 - Meeting #2 - Group 1 - Kent Community Resiliency Steering Committee by Zoom
NOVEMBER 15 - Meeting with Chair, Vice chair and ED
NOVEMBER 16 - CAOs and KRSC meeting in Richibucto
NOVEMBER 16 - Amish meeting in Richibucto
NOVEMBER 17 - Discussion of local governance reform with CSR by Teams
NOVEMBER 18 - Bi-monthly ED discussion by Teams
NOVEMBER 18 - BOD meeting in Richibucto
NOVEMBER 19 - Follow-up to Local Governance Reform announcement by Zoom
NOVEMBER 19 - Webex meeting with MAC Board
NOVEMBER 23 - Solid Waste Strategy Session by Zoom
NOVEMBER 23 - CMNCP Financial Executive meeting by Zoom
NOVEMBER 23 - Health Committee in Richibucto
NOVEMBER 24 - MAP - Municipal Reform in Moncton
NOVEMBER 24 - White Paper discussion with CAOs in Richibucto
NOVEMBER 24 - Orientation session with DTI (Department of Transportation and Infrastructure) in Richibucto
NOVEMBER 25 - CMNCP Board of Directors meeting by Zoom
NOVEMBER 25 – Cultural Coast AGM by Zoom
NOVEMBER 25 – BOD Meeting of the Whole to discuss White Paper in Richibucto
NOVEMBER 26 - Post reform briefing with the Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation by Teams
NOVEMBER 27 - Presentation of the Community Safety Plan by Zoom
NOVEMBER 29 - Health Sub-Committee meeting in Richibucto
NOVEMBER 29 - Presentation CDR Acadie
NOVEMBER 30 - Meeting with the Moniteur Acadien by Zoom
NOVEMBER 30 - Meeting #3 - Kent Community Resiliency Steering Committee by Teams
DECEMBER 1 - MAP course in Moncton
DECEMBER 1 - Meeting with Rexton Health Center regarding transportation
DECEMBER 2 – ED meeting by Zoom
DECEMBER 2 - Webex meeting - Discussion on Municipal Reform
DECEMBER 3 - Follow-up Kent initiatives with Department of Health by Teams
DECEMBER 3 - Social pediatrics meeting by Zoom
DECEMBER 3 - COVID Update by Teams
DECEMBER 3 - Discussion on regional development in Moncton
DECEMBER 6 - KRSC and UdeM meeting regarding Mennonite/Amish in Moncton
DECEMBER 6 - DTI, KRSC - Mennonite/Amish meeting
DECEMBER 7 - Meeting with Moniteur Acadien by Zoom
DECEMBER 7 - Draft strategic action plan one-on-one session by Teams
DECEMBER 8 - Resiliency follow-up and trail guide with Philippe SV by Teams
DECEMBER 9 – RSCs CAOs meeting in Florenceville

13. RESOLUTIONS

Paul Lang takes the floor to provide some explanations before moving on to the motion.

a. Tourism

WHEREAS the tourism service will be a mandatory responsibility in the RSCs as of January 2023.

WHEREAS the Kent RSC has invoiced the municipalities and LSDs in 2021 in its tourism budget.

WHEREAS due to circumstances beyond our control the funds billed to the municipalities and LSDs were almost not spent in the 2021 fiscal year.

WHEREAS any surplus in an RSC budget must be carried forward two years and will be reflected in the revenue column of the departmental budget in 2023.

WHEREAS, there are two options for the management of these funds, either to return the funds to the municipalities and LSDs or to keep the funds so that they are in the tourism budget in 2023.

2021-128

Be it resolved that the administration recommends to the Kent RSC Board of Directors to keep the funds collected in 2021 to be included in the tourism budget in 2023.

Moved by: Aldéo Saulnier

Seconded by: Marc Goguen

Motion carried

14. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

15. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No questions from the public.

16. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

2021-129

It was moved by Gisèle Fontaine, that the adjournment be held at 9:07pm.

CHAIR

Executive Director/Clerk