

Commission de services
régionaux de Kent



Kent Regional
Service Commission

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

**March 17th, 2022
6 :30pm
Richibucto**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Pierrette Robichaud opens the meeting at 6:36 p.m., welcomes everyone and asks for a motion to go in camera.

2022-010

It was moved by Docile Cormier and seconded by Danielle Dugas that the meeting go in camera pursuant to Section 68 (1)(c) of the Local Government Act.

Motion carried

2022-011

It was moved by Danielle Dugas and seconded by Paul Lirette that the meeting return to open session.

Motion carried.

2. ATTENDANCE

- Pierrette Robichaud, Chair of the KRSC and Mayor of the Village of Rogersville
- 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
- 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

ABSENCES:

- Claude LeBlanc, Vice-Chair of the KRSC and President of the LSD of Wellington
- Isabelle Godin, Assistant Executive Director of KRSC
- Kris Morey, President of the LSD of Weldford

OTHERS

- Paul Lang, Executive Director of the KRSC
- Francine Arseneault, Administrative Assistant of KRSC
- Francine Babineau, Translator
- Roger Pitre, EMO
- Sonia Mazerolle, Rural Settlement Coordinator - Kent County
- Members of the public

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Nothing to declare.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2022-012

It was moved by Paul Lirette, seconded by Gisèle Fontaine, that the agenda be adopted with the addition to 14 b. Flusher/Sweeper.

Motion carried

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14TH, 2022

2022-013

It was moved by Aldéo Saulnier, seconded by Jacques Cormier, that the minutes of the February 14th, 2022 regular meeting be approved as presented.

Motion carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Health Committee

A meeting was held on Monday, March 14 and the committee is preparing a document with 5 recommendations that will be presented to the BOD for validation.

b. Immigration (Sonia Mazerolle)

Sonia announced that 2 more people have arrived this week and that another person will arrive at the end of March. The French conversation circle is going well with 8 participants. She is still looking for someone to fill the vacant part-time position.

c. Local Governance Reform

Paul Lang gives an update on services. For the Community Development component of CIN, the transition has begun and is going relatively well. A coordinator position, for Community Development as well as Social Inclusion, will be coming out at the end of April, beginning of May for a July 4th start date. An advisory committee that reports to the KRSC Board of Directors will be set up to represent the CIN. It will be made up of a majority of citizens and people who represent the various components of the community (businesses, community groups, people who have experienced poverty, youth, etc.). In terms of transportation, the transition should be fairly smooth. The Rexton Health Foundation has passed a resolution that they will fund the part that the federal government would not fund. The purchase of a van should be done in the fall. The Transportation service is also scheduled to be transferred on July 4th. In terms of recreational and community infrastructure, it will be a mandated service and the province has asked us for a preliminary list of major sub-regional and regional infrastructure (arenas, pools, bowling alleys, etc). Julie Payer Lafrance, along with the Recreation Committee, is preparing a complete list. For Economic Development and Tourism no clear direction from the province has been given.

7. PRESENTATION FROM THE PUBLIC

No presentation.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- February 15, 2022 - DeAnna Hill, Commanding Officer RCMP
- February 25, 2022 - Adélaré Cormier, President of the CHUDUMONT Foundation

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance – Administration – Human resources

No report.

b. Audit

The financial statements will be presented to the Board of Directors on April 21. Therefore, the Audit Committee must meet two weeks prior to that date.

c. Kent Community Transportation

No report

10. REPORT ON COLLABORATIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES

a. Planning

The minutes of the January 25th, 2022 Planning Advisory Committee meeting and the construction report for February 2022 are circulated.

b. Solid waste

The minutes of the December 8th, 2021 Solid Waste Management Technical Committee meeting and the Solid Waste Report for February 2022 are circulated.

In response to the question asked by Docile Cormier at the February 14th meeting, Paul Lang explains that he checked with the South East RSC and was told that they do not have a policy in place, defined or written, but they are making a great effort to ensure that the markets are North American, preferably Canadian, and that the movement of materials is the shortest distance possible.

c. Public safety

A meeting was held last night, Wednesday, March 16th, 2022.

d. Emergency measures (Roger Pitre)

In his report, Roger mentions that although there is a shortage of staff in some departments (vacancies or sick leave), there is no shortage of planning and preparation staff. He understands that the reform is an item that concerns everyone around the table at this time but, that being said, these managers are ready to prepare and verify emergency plans today even if they are not a priority at this time. The managers will be ready when everything is settled with the reform. However, Roger is always available to answer questions and provide training, which can now be done in person, if anyone feels the need.

e. Regional community infrastructures (Julie Payer Lafrance)

No report

11. CHAIR REPORT (February 7 to March 5, 2022)

February 7 - Transition Committee meeting by zoom

February 8 - Health Committee by zoom

February 9 and 10 - Mayors' round table by zoom

February 14 - KRSC Board of Directors by zoom

February 24 - Transition Committee by zoom

February 25 - Meeting with the Aging Well at Home Group by zoom

March 1 - Economic Development Transition Committee by zoom
March 2 - Meeting with Gérard Belliveau and our ED by zoom
March 3 - Transition Committee in person
March 4 and 5 - Mayors' round table in person

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (February 3 to March 9, 2022)

FEBRUARY 3 - Meeting for "Sweeper" and "Flusher" by Zoom
FEBRUARY 3 - Meeting with Ryan Donaghy (EGL) and ED of municipalities by Teams
FEBRUARY 3 - Black Arcs and KRSC phone call regarding community transportation
FEBRUARY 7 - Transition team meeting by Zoom
FEBRUARY 7 - Meeting with Resiliency Committee for trails by Zoom
FEBRUARY 7 - Health Committee meeting by Zoom
FEBRUARY 8 - Meeting with KRSC Chair, Vice Chair and ED
FEBRUARY 8 - CIN and Community Transportation (ESIC) meeting by Zoom
FEBRUARY 9 - Meeting - Town of Bouctouche Career Fair
FEBRUARY 9 – KRSC and CIN transition meeting in Richibucto
FEBRUARY 9 - COVID update by Teams
FEBRUARY 10 – RSC ED meeting by Zoom
FEBRUARY 10 - RIC transition working group (ESIC) by Zoom
FEBRUARY 11 - CPANB Board meeting by Zoom
FEBRUARY 11 – ED and RSC meeting by Zoom
FEBRUARY 14 - Board of Directors meeting by Zoom
FEBRUARY 15 - KRSC and CMNCP meeting for Community Safety Plan by Teams
FEBRUARY 16 - Contract review with ESIC by phone
FEBRUARY 17 - Discussion on printing of Trail Guide by Teams
FEBRUARY 17 – AMANB meeting by Zoom
FEBRUARY 17 - CIN/RSC contract review by Teams
FEBRUARY 18 - Federal and Provincial Government announcement on Community Projects
FEBRUARY 22 - Zoom meeting with Black Arcs and KRSC regarding community transportation
FEBRUARY 23 - Kent County mapping project with DAAF by Teams
FEBRUARY 23 - KRSC and CIN Kent meeting in Richibucto
FEBRUARY 24 – RSC ED meeting by Zoom
FEBRUARY 24 - CMNCP Board meeting by Zoom
FEBRUARY 24 - CIN Transition working group (ESIC) by Zoom
FEBRUARY 25 – Parle Parle Jase Jase to discuss reform by phone
FEBRUARY 25 - Meeting with Bien Vieillir Chez Soi Cocagne in Bouctouche
FEBRUARY 25 - Solid waste strategy discussion
FEBRUARY 28 - Meeting with René Côté (Economic Development) in Bouctouche
FEBRUARY 28 - Trail poster meeting with Tourism, Heritage and Culture by Zoom
MARCH 1 - KRSC and CMNCP meeting for Community Safety Plan by Teams
MARCH 1 - NB Rural Housing Development meeting: project review and comments - Zoom
MARCH 1 - Economic Development and Transition Team meeting - Zoom
MARCH 1 - Rexton Health Foundation meeting regarding community transportation
MARCH 2 - CMNCP/UdeM/KRSC project meeting
MARCH 2 - Discussion regarding printer lease by Teams
MARCH 2 - Discussion of Community Resiliency Workshop by Teams
MARCH 3 - Meeting with Roger Doiron in Richibucto

MARCH 3 - Black Arcs and KRSC meeting in Richibucto
MARCH 3 - Dinner with Transition Leader and KRSC in Richibucto
MARCH 3 - Transition Committee meeting in Richibucto

13. RESOLUTIONS

Paul Lang gives some explanations.

a. Federal Electoral Redistribution Map 2022

WHEREAS the Federal Government revises the electoral map every 10 years.

WHEREAS following the 2021 Census there are significant changes in the population of the Province of New Brunswick.

WHEREAS the population changes could have an impact on the boundaries of the Beauséjour and Miramichi/Grand-Lake districts.

WHEREAS some communities in the Kent region could end up in another district than the one they are now.

2022-015

Be it therefore resolved that the Kent RSC request a meeting with the Electoral Boundaries Commission to discuss the region and its positioning in the current versus the proposed boundaries.

Moved by : Éric Tremblay

Seconded by: Gisèle Fontaine

Motion carried

14. NEW BUSINESS

Paul Lang explains that fuel costs have been increasing in the last few weeks and that KRSC is asking the Board to review the mileage rate on a temporary basis until it stabilizes. The Board chose the weekly option.

a. Rate per kilometer

WHEREAS the cost of gasoline at the pump is on the rise and may remain so for several more weeks.

WHEREAS Kent RSC Board, staff and committee members must travel regularly in the performance of their duties.

WHEREAS the residential waste collection contracts include a fuel price adjustment clause to mitigate the impact of an increase in the price at the pump on operating costs.

WHEREAS the residential waste collection contracts use the average monthly pump cost from Natural Resources Canada for Moncton in the adjustment calculations.

WHEREAS staff members will be encouraged to limit their travel so that these changes do not negatively impact our budgets

WHEREAS the current rate is \$0.45/km, and this motion will not allow the rate to be lower than that.

WHEREAS fuel price is normally adjusted once a week.

2022-016

It is therefore resolved that the Kent RSC Board of Directors adopt a new rate per kilometer for each \$0.10 increase or decrease in fuel price for 6 months, **based on the weekly average fuel cost** for the Moncton area from Natural Resources Canada. The rate would increase as follows:

\$1.41 to \$1.50 = \$0.45/km
\$1.51 to \$1.60 = \$0.50/km
\$1.61 to \$1.70 = \$0.55/km
\$1.71 to \$1.80 = \$0.60/km
\$1.81 to \$1.90 = \$0.65/km

Moved by: Danielle Dugas
Seconded by: Paul Lirette

Motion carried

b. Flusher/Sweeper

Paul Lang explains that the information and recommendations for the flusher should be ready for the next meeting. For the sweeper, it would be more advantageous to go to tender. In the case of the flusher, Cap-Pêlé would like to get on board with the rest of us. This would reduce the purchase cost for the partner communities. Bouctouche wants to make an extension on their public works building that could accommodate the storage of the "flusher". We are waiting for figures.

15. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public commented on the entities and their names. This member mentions that information is slow to come and not always clear. They had a public session that was very successful and think that working together is the best option. There was discussion about maps, boundaries and population.

16. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

2022-017

It was moved by Jimmy Bourque, that the adjournment be held at 8:50pm.

CHAIR

Executive Director/Clerk