

Commission de services
régionaux de Kent



Kent Regional
Service Commission

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

**June 16th, 2022
6 :30pm
ZOOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pierrette Robichaud opens the meeting at 6:35 pm and welcomes everyone.

2. ATTENDANCE

- Pierrette Robichaud, President of the KRSC and Mayor of the Village of Rogersville
- Aldéo Saulnier, Mayor of the Town of Bouctouche
- Danielle Dugas, Mayor of the Village of Saint-Louis-de-Kent
- Docile Cormier, President of the LSD of Carleton
- 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
- Tina Beers, President LSD of Harcourt

ABSENCES

- Claude LeBlanc, Vice-President of the KRSC and President of the LSD of Wellington
- Daniel Bourgeois, President of the LSD of Grande-Digue
- Éric Tremblay, President of the LSD of Saint-Ignace
- Kris Morey, President of the LSD of Weldford
- Stella Richard, Mayor of the Town of Richibucto
- Wayne Carpenter, Mayor of the Village of Rexton

OTHER

- Paul Lang, Executive Director of the KRSC
- Isabelle Godin, Assistant Executive Director of the KRSC
- Francine Arsenault, Administrative Assistant KRSC Bouctouche
- Francine Babineau, Translator
- Roger Pitre, EMO
- Roger Doiron, Health Committee Chair
- Michel Soucy, Transition Facilitator
- Daniel Goguen, Local Services Manager, Environment and Local Government
- Members of the public

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

No conflicts of interest declarations.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2022-052

It was moved by Paul Lirette, seconded by Aldéo Saulnier, that the agenda be adopted with the additions to 14 a. Remuneration Gérard Thébeau, b. First Nations representation, c. Route 11.

Motion carried

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 19TH, 2022 MEETING

2022-053

It was moved by Jean-Pierre Richard, seconded by Paul Lirette, that the minutes from the May 19th, 2022 regular meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Health Committee

In his report, Roger Doiron gives a little background before moving on to the proposal.

WHEREAS Louis-Marie Simard is duly elected by the voters of the A1 sub-section.

WHEREAS Louis-Marie Simard was called before the Governance Committee and no decision was given to him regarding his status under the Code of Conduct and Ethics of the Board of Directors of Vitalité.

WHEREAS Louis-Marie Simard is unequivocally the most qualified and competent person on Vitalité's Board of Directors with respect to health.

WHEREAS the Governance Committee of the Vitalité Board of Directors has recommended that Louis-Marie Simard be sanctioned for a potential conflict of interest, which we believe is not the case.

WHEREAS the KRSC Board is fully justified in believing that the constituents of sub-section A1 are entitled to have their elected representative at the Vitalité Board table.

2022-054

Be it therefore resolved that a letter be sent to the Minister of Health requesting that she clarifies the status of Dr. Louis-Marie Simard as an elected member of the Vitalité Board of Directors. In addition, if the Minister refuses his suspension, that he be immediately reinstated on the Vitalité Board of Directors as a full member as soon as possible. In the event of a permanent suspension, that a by-election be held during the municipal poll on November 28, 2022, since Dr. Louis-Marie Simard is an elected member of the A1 sub-section.

Moved by : Aldéo Salunier

Seconded by : Marc Goguen

Motion carried

b. Immigration

Paul Lang announces that Caroline Fontaine is the new Immigration Integration Officer who has been in place since last week. The Immigration Assistant position should be posted within the next 6 weeks.

c. Local Governance Reform

i. Community Development

Stéphanie Caissie has been hired as Community Development Coordinator and will begin her position on July 4th.

WHEREAS within the framework of the local governance reform, the RSC will be responsible for the community development service at the regional level.

WHEREAS the community development department will have to establish an advisory committee to assist the social inclusion and community development coordinator in the implementation of the various initiatives under her responsibility.

WHEREAS the Transition Committee has validated the mandate of the Social Inclusion and Community Development Committee proposed by the administration.

2022-055

Therefore, be it resolved that the Kent RSC Board of Directors adopt the mandate of the Social Inclusion and Community Development Committee as validated by the transition committee.

Moved by: Aldéo Saulnier

Seconded by: Paul Lirette

Motion carried

ii. Recreation

Claudie Ringuette will replace Julie Payer Lafrance. She will join us on July 4th.

WHEREAS within the framework of the local governance reform, the expenses for recreational facilities with a regional scope will have to be shared by the entities of the territory as well as the rural district.

WHEREAS as part of the process of evaluating recreational facilities in the territory of Kent, two facilities were targeted that have a regional scope, namely the Centre Aqua-Kent in Saint-Louis-de-Kent, now Beaurivage and the Rexton Curling Club, now Five Rivers.

WHEREAS if the entities wish to have their facilities receive funding from entities within the region, they will have to provide the necessary financial data to establish an agreement and agree to have the Kent entities participate on an advisory committee for the benefit of the facility.

WHEREAS, in order for these facilities to benefit from a cost-sharing agreement for January 1, 2023, the funding formula and signed agreement must be adopted before the municipal entities and the rural district prepare their budgets.

2022-056

Be it resolved that the Kent RSC Board of Directors table the proposal on the recreational facilities at the Aqua-Kent Centre and the Curling Club to a later date.

Moved by : Aldéo Saulnier

Seconded by: Docile Cormier

Motion carried

1 no - Paul Lirette

2022-057

Be it further resolved that the Kent RSC Board of Directors request that its administration work in conjunction with the municipal administrators and transition facilitators to prepare a cost sharing formula and a long-term collaborative agreement and that this agreement be brought to the Kent RSC Board of Directors for ratification no later than September 30, 2022 in order to respect the budgetary year of the municipal entities

Moved by: Aldéo Saulnier

Seconded by: Paul Lirette

Motion carried

iii. Economic Development

Paul Lang will present to the Transition Committee the Terms of Reference for the Economic Development Committee that have been validated by ONB. It would be ideal to have a coordinator position in the fall. It remains to be seen if we can get funding for bridging. So, the province would pay for the first few months and then the KRSC would assume the costs starting in 2023. The new terms of reference for the committee will be brought forward once the Transition Committee has seen it at its next meeting.

iv. Community Transportation

Lauréanne Stewart will be coming to work for KRSC starting July 4th. The Board members who have been selected to sit on the committee will be able to start developing ideas for improving and expanding the service. A copy of the terms of reference presented is in the package sent to the Board members.

WHEREAS as part of the local governance reform, the RSC will be responsible for the regional transportation service throughout the Kent region.

WHEREAS the regional transportation service will need an advisory committee to assist regional transportation staff in the implementation of the various initiatives under their responsibility.

WHEREAS the Transition Committee has validated the mandate of the Transportation Committee proposed by the Administration.

2022-058

Be it therefore resolved that the Kent RSC Board of Directors adopt the mandate of the Regional Transportation Committee as validated by the Transition Committee.

Moved by: Danielle Dugas

Seconded by: Gisèle Fontaine

Motion carried

v. Tourism

Still waiting for guidelines from the department.

Michel Soucy takes a few minutes to address the group to say how impressed he is with the work being done by the Transition Committee. Everything is moving in the right direction. He likes the openness and discussions of the Board members. He gives a brief update to say that interviews have started for the position of Chief Director of the RSCs. So far, everything is going well.

7. PRESENTATION

No presentation.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- June 7, 2022 - Maurice Robichaud, President, Kent Recycling Inc.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance – Administration – Human resources

No report.

b. Audit

No report.

c. Kent Community transportation

No report.

10. REPORT ON COLLABORATIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES

a. Planning

The minutes of the April 26th, 2022 Planning Advisory Committee meeting and the construction report for May 2022 are circulated.

b. Solid Waste

The minutes of the May 12th, 2022 Solid Waste Technical Committee meeting are circulated.

Isabelle Godin explains to the Board members the need to purchase new depots for battery and cell phone recycling.

WHEREAS the battery and cell phone recycling depots in use in the area are old and their appearance reflects the former Solid Waste Commission rather than the KRSC's.

WHEREAS changing the appearance of the depots is not sufficient as their plastic construction causes public safety hazards.

WHEREAS the Department is of the opinion that the seven (7) depots presently in use are not sufficient to cover the entire current and future territory served by the KRSC.

WHEREAS an application for funding was submitted to the Environmental Trust Fund (ETF) but funds for the project were denied.

WHEREAS the Solid Waste Management Technical Committee recommends the purchase of this equipment to the Board of Directors to increase the service offer in the region and to make the depots safer for our partners and users.

WHEREAS the Assistant Executive Director has collected two quotes in order to comply with Policy 21-03 - Local Purchasing Policy and that the two companies approached (one from Kent County, the other from the South-East region) have received the same specifications to prepare their quotes.

WHEREAS the quotes received could only be valid for one week as the cost of materials fluctuates regularly and an additional amount of \$300/unit was added to both quotes to ensure that there is no shortage of funds to complete this project.

- Bidder 1: R.S.M. Mobile Welding Inc (Jardineville) - Amount: \$50,919.70
- Bidder 2: Hilltop Fabrication Welding & Repair (Stilesville) - Amount: \$26,769.70

2022-059

Be it therefore resolved that the bidder Hilltop Fabrication Welding & Repair in the amount of \$26,769.70 be selected by the Board.

Moved by: Tina Beers

Seconded by: Gisèle Fontaine

Motion carried

2022-060

Be it further resolved that the KRSC Board of Directors agrees to collect the amount of \$26,769.70 from the Solid Waste Department's capital reserve fund for the purchase of the twelve (12) depots.

Moved by: Tina Beers

Seconded by: Paul Lirette

Motion carried

Isabelle Godin gives some explanations on the optimized collection system before moving on to the proposal.

WHEREAS the optimized collection system was accepted by the Kent Regional Service Commission's Board on May 21, 2015.

WHEREAS the municipalities of Bouctouche and Saint-Antoine did not join the optimized collection system in 2015.

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of Bouctouche has voted to join the optimized collection system on May 17, 2022.

WHEREAS the addition of the Town of Bouctouche to the optimized collection system requires the dissolution of three existing collection contracts and the creation of new contracts.

WHEREAS the sharing of collection costs will be based on the percentage of residences of the different communities in the Kent region and that the addition of a community will have an impact on the distribution of costs.

WHEREAS the sharing of the unloading costs will be based on the percentage of population of the different communities in the Kent Region for the total tonnage produced and the addition of one community will have an impact on the distribution of costs.

WHEREAS tenders will be prepared and submitted by the Kent Regional Service Commission during the month of July 2022.

2022-061

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent Regional Services Commission accepts the extension of the optimized collection system in the Town of Bouctouche as of November 2022.

Moved by: Tina Beers

Seconded by: Gisèle Fontaine

Motion carried

c. Public Safety

The data collection process for the Community Safety Plan is going well. Over 400 students from the region participated, in addition to 500 respondents on the online survey. Very good participation rate. There have been meetings with various sectors as well as regional organizations. The collection will be completed shortly and then it will be analyzed. The final product should be completed by the end of the year.

d. Emergency measures (Roger Pitre)

No report.

e. Regional community infrastructures

No report.

11. CHAIR REPORT (MAY 12TH TO JUNE 8TH, 2022)

May 12, 2022; AFMNB Regional Meeting

May 17, 2022; Zoom meeting for the hiring of the new CEO of the KRSC

May 18, 2022; KRSC reform and interviews for recreation position

May 19, 2022; KRSC Board of Directors and meeting with facilitator Michel Soucy and Donald Hammond

May 27, 2022; Zoom interview for community development position

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (MAY 13TH TO JUNE 8TH, 2022)

May 16 - AMANB Accreditation Committee.

May 16 - KRSC meeting with Brigitte Sonier Ferguson of VitalitéNB by Teams.

May 17 - Bi-monthly RSCs ED meeting.

May 17 - Meeting update Kent Resiliency Committee by Teams.

May 18 - Chair, Vice Chair and ED meeting by Zoom.

May 18 - Kent Community Resiliency Steering Committee meeting by Teams.

May 18 - Kent Municipalities CAOs and ED meeting in Richibucto.

May 18 - Transition Committee meeting in Richibucto.

May 19 - AMANB meeting by Zoom.

May 19 - CMNCP Finance Committee meeting by Teams.

May 19 - ONB and KRSC meeting in Richibucto.

May 19 - KRSC Board of Directors meeting in Richibucto.

May 20 - CPANB Board meeting by Zoom.

May 26 - Bi-monthly RSCs ED meeting.

May 26 - CMNCP Monthly Board meeting by Zoom.

May 30 - KRSC, UdeM and Francophone South School District meeting by Zoom.

May 31 - Lunch with the Mennonites in Rogersville.

June 1 - Teams meeting with ESIC.

June 2 - ED meeting with Garet Francis, Elsipogtog Band Councilor, in Richibucto.

June 2 - Meeting with CIN.

June 2 - Health Committee meeting in Richibucto.

June 3 - Zoom meeting with Restigouche, Chaleur and South East RSCs for the interpretation service.

June 3 - Briefing on Route 11 with DTI by Teams.

June 6 - Meeting with SANB Research Institute.

June 6 and 7 - RSC budget meeting with DELG in Berry Mills.

June 7 - Consultation: New Brunswick Packaging and Paper Greening Plan - Zoom.

June 8 - KRSC and DAAF (Terris) Zoom meeting.

13. RESOLUTIONS

No resolutions.

14. NEW BUSINESS

a. Remuneration Gérard Thébeau

We had a visit from Mennonites who came to spend a week in the area to visit land in Acadieville and Cails Mills. The meeting went very well and we should know within the next 4 to 6 weeks if they will make offers to purchase. We had an agreement with ACOA and RDC to contribute to Gérard Thébeau's consulting fees. This agreement ended on March 31, 2022. But, there was a lot of work done after that.

Mr. Thébeau asked if he could be compensated for work he did from March 31 to June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$12,500. Paul Lang also mentions that another group is supposed to visit at the end of the summer.

2022-061

It was moved by Roger Richard, seconded by Gisèle Fontaine, to pay Gérard Thébeau the amount of \$12,500 for expenses incurred between March 31 and June 30, 2022 and to check with ACOA and RDC for other funds.

Motion carried

b. First Nations Representation

Paul Lang informs the group that he and Paul Lirette had a meeting with Garrett Francis, the new Band Councillor, and explained to him how the KRSC works, the mandate, what we do. Correspondence was received today to confirm that Garrett Francis has been selected by the Band Council to be the Elsipogtog representative on the Board and on the KRSC committees.

2022-062

It was moved by Paul Lirette, seconded by Jacques Cormier, that the Board accept the nomination of Garrett Francis to sit on the Board of Directors, without the right to vote, in addition to the committees of the KRSC on which he will have the right to vote.

Motion carried

c. Route 11

Some Board members attended a meeting regarding Route 11 and were very disappointed and would like to send a letter to the Minister. Paul Lang gives an update to members who were not present at the meeting. Since the KRSC has a policy in place when there are representations with elected officials, he is in the process of completing the English version of the report that explains what was discussed and it will be circulated shortly.

2022-063

It was moved by Marc Goguen, seconded by Gisèle Fontaine, that a letter be prepared and signed by each member of the Board of Directors, on behalf of the municipalities of Kent, to express their disagreement with the decisions that were made concerning Route 11 and that a re-evaluation be done.

Motion carried

15. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Daniel Goguen takes the opportunity to greet the group and congratulate the members of the Board for the good debates.
- Marc Goguen asked the other mayors if their ED spends a lot of time on reform files instead of municipal files? He is frustrated that his municipality has to pay the salary of the ED who has to spend a lot of time on reform issues at the request of the province. It was suggested that he take his concerns to his facilitator. In Rogersville, the request was made to their facilitator to find out if the province is going to pay the salaries of the EDs who are already in place as of September. They have many questions.

- Lucie Martin, resident of the LSD of Baie-Ste-Anne, found the meeting very informative and since her LSD is without an official representative, she asked if the KRSC could keep her informed of the decisions made regarding the transition? She feels that they have been forgotten in the process. Pierrette suggests that she and Paul meet with her so that they could have a discussion and give her some background on the KSB in order to inform her on what is going on. Paul asks her if she was currently participating on the Rural District Transition Committee? She answered that she was not and that she did not think any meetings took place yet.
- Daniel Goguen confirms that there have been meetings for the rural districts. Lucie Martin, Docile Cormier and the people of Pointe-Sapin participated and submitted in writing to the Minister what they wanted to have. They were given information on the decisions that have been made to date.
- Michel Soucy asks if the people from the LSDs who sit on the Board will be part of an entity or part of the rural district. Only Docile Cormier will be part of the rural district.
- Paul Lang mentions to Michel Soucy that Baie-Ste-Anne does not have an advisory committee and that Lucie Martin is the spokesperson for the community. Michel applauds the KRSC for the communication they want to put in place to keep him well informed.

16. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

2022-064

It was moved by Paul Lirette, that the adjournment be held at 8:55pm.