



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

**February 11th, 2021
6:30pm
Zoom**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pierrette Robichaud calls the meeting to order and welcomes the assembly.

2. ATTENDEES

- Pierrette Robichaud, Chair of the KRSC and Mayor of the Village of Rogersville
- Tina Beers, President of the LSD of Harcourt
- Bruno Doucette, substitute – President of the LSD of Collette
- Al Corcoran, Deputy mayor of the Village of Rexton
- Roland Fougère, Mayor of the Town of Bouctouche
- Maurice Maillet, President of the LSD of Sainte-Marie-de-Kent
- Gisèle Fontaine, President of the LSD of Saint-Louis
- Roger Richard, President of the LSD of Acadieville
- Docile Cormier, President of the LSD of Carleton
- Danielle Dugas, Mayor of the Village of Saint-Louis-de-Kent
- Roger Doiron, Mayor of the Town of Richibucto
- Paul Lirette, President of the LSD of Saint-Charles
- Jean Hébert, Mayor of the Rural Community of Cocagne
- Pierre LeBlanc, President of the LSD of Grande-Digue
- Ricky Gautreau, Mayor of the Village of Saint-Antoine
- Jean-Charles Daigle, President of the LSD of Pointe-Sapin

ABSENCES

- Claude LeBlanc, Vice-Chair of the KRSC and President of the LSD of Wellington
- Kris Morey, President of the LSD of Weldford

OTHERS

- Paul Lang, Executive Director of the KRSC
- Isabelle Godin, Project Coordinator of the KRSC
- Francine Arseneault, Administrative Assistant of the KRSC
- Francine Babineau, Translator
- Sharla Goodwin, Tourism project consultant

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Nothing to declare.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2021-001

It was proposed by Roger Doiron, seconded by Danielle Dugas, that the agenda be accepted with the additions: 7a) Ratification to the Rogers' Internet proposal, 7b) Translation costs for the history project book and 7c) Special thought for Jackie Vautour.

Motion carried

5. TOURISM – DISCUSSION ON THE ROLE OF THE KENT RSC

Sharla Goodwin made a presentation to the group regarding tourism in the Kent region. She talks about her research and explains the main points that emerged during her discussions with operators in the region, the comments and the challenges they shared with her. The issue of marketing has been repeatedly highlighted as a concern. The operators are also wondering if there is not a duplication with Destination Sud-Est. The KRSC needs to look into the matter and come to a conclusion that will benefit Kent.

2021-002

It was proposed by Gisèle Fontaine, seconded by Jean-Charles Daigle, to give the mandate to the Tourism Committee to bring options to the BOD on how the funds could be used for marketing.

Motion carried

6. IMMIGRATION – UPDATE

Paul Lang gives a brief history of the immigration file. In 2017, the provincial government approached KRSC to host a satellite office, a settlement center, for newcomers to the region. This office was located in Richibucto and was mainly focused on clients who came to work at Imperial Manufacturing. The province therefore hired two employees to manage the satellite office. Since we had no immigration experience here, the office reported to MAGMA in Moncton. A few small conflicts arose in 2020 and the satellite office was abolished. A meeting was held with the Minister of Immigration and she confirmed that the Kent region will have its own settlement center for the Kent region independent from MAGMA as of April 1, 2021. The immigration file is a concern across the province. Kent needs the services of such a center. The file will be managed by the KRSC or the Multicultural Council of NB. An update with more information will be given later.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Ratification of the Rogers' Internet proposition

When the BOD met with Rogers for the internet, no proposal could be made for a letter of support as it was not an official meeting.

2021-003

It was proposed by Gisèle Fontaine, seconded by Roger Doiron, to send a letter of support for Rogers' Internet.

Motion carried

b) History project (book on the history of Kent County)

There is a fee of \$ 20,000 to translate the draft into English. The UdeM pledged to disburse \$ 10,000 and the KRSC was approached to pay the balance, so that the book would be in both official languages.

2021-004

It was proposed by Ricky Gautreau, seconded by Gisèle Fontaine, that the KRSC donate the necessary funds of \$ 10,000 to help pay the costs of translating the draft into English.

Motion carried

c) Jackie Vautour

Jean-Charles Daigle asks the BOD to recognize the efforts of Jackie Vautour, an Acadian who made history for his tenacity and determination towards the expropriation of several families for the development of Kouchibouguac Park. The government has since abandoned the practice of expropriating people to make way for national parks.

Roger Doiron and Paul Lang will write a letter on behalf of the KRSC to recognize the work of Jackie Vautour.

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nothing to report

9. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The next meeting will be held on March 18th, 2021 at 6:30pm.

2021-005

It was proposed by Roger Doiron, that the closure of the meeting be at 8:05pm.

PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CLERK