



**Special Meeting (AGM) of the Board of Directors
Kent Regional Service Commission**

**April 22nd, 2021
6:30pm
Richibucto Town Hall – Bingo Hall**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pierrette Robichaud calls the meeting to order at 6:34pm 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
- Eugène Cormier, Deputy Mayor of the Village of Saint-Antoine
- Danielle Dugas, Mayor of the Village of Saint-Louis-de-Kent
- Roger Doiron, Mayor of the Town of Richibucto
- Jean Hébert, Mayor of the Rural Community of Cocagne
- Kris Morey, President of the LSD of Weldford
- Jean-Charles Daigle, President of the LSD of Pointe-Sapin
- Al Corcoran, Deputy Mayor of the Town of Rexton
- Gisèle Fontaine, President of the LSD of Saint-Louis
- Roland Fougère, Mayor of the Town of Bouctouche
- Maurice Maillet, President of the LSD of Sainte-Marie-de-Kent
- Roger Richard, President of the LSD of Acadieville
- Tina Beers, President of the LSD of Harcourt
- Paul Lirette, President of the LSD of Saint-Charles
- Docile Cormier, President of the LSD of Carleton
- Pierre LeBlanc, President of the LSD of Grande-Digue

OTHERS

- Paul Lang, Executive Director of the KRSC
- Isabelle Godin, Assistant Executive Director of the KRSC
- Francine Arsenault, Administrative Assistant of the KRSC
- Janie Gaudet, Intern at the KRSC
- Eric Demers, Director of Solid Waste Services
- Jean Goguen, Planning Director
- Francine Babineau, Translator
- Léon Bourque, Accountant - Bourque, Richard, Boutot CP Inc.
- Bernard Richard, Le Moniteur Acadien
- Kenneth Losier, Business Consultant

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Nothing to declare.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2021-017

It was moved by Roland Fougère, seconded by Gisèle Fontaine, that the agenda be accepted as presented.

Motion carried

5. PRESENTATION FROM BERNARD RICHARD – LE MONITEUR ACADIEN

Mr. Bernard Richard of the Moniteur Acadien gives a presentation to the group on the possibility of having a French-language newspaper in the Kent region. He mentioned that a feasibility/profitability study would have to be done. Kenneth Losier, Business Consultant, explained the feasibility/ profitability study. He mentioned that a survey to verify the interest was sent to some influential people in the region. Pierrette encouraged members to fill out the survey.

6. PRESENTATION OF THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Pierrette Robichaud presented her report for 2020 and listed some of the projects that have taken place as well as those to come.

a. Corporate

Paul Lang presented the 2020 Corporate Report.

b. Planning

Jean Goguen presented the development report for 2020.

c. Solid Waste

Eric Demers presented the Solid Waste Report for 2020.

2021-018

It was moved by Danielle Dugas, seconded by Paul Lirette, that the 2020 Annual report of the Kent Regional Service Commission be accepted as presented.

Motion carried

7. PRESENTATION OF THE 2020 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Léon Bourque of the firm Bourque, Richard, Boutot P.C. Inc. presented to the Board of directors the audited financial statements of the KRSC for 2020.

2021-019

It was moved by Roger Doiron, seconded by Eugère Cormier, that the Audited Financial Statements of the Kent Regional Service Commission for 2020 be accepted as presented.

Motion carried

2021-020

It was moved by Roger Doiron, seconded by Claude LeBlanc, that the auditors for the 2021 financial year be Bourque, Richard, Boutot P.C. Inc.

Motion carried

8. ADOPTION OF THE PRAC PROCEDURE BYLAW

Jean Goguen explains the new policies before going to the proposal.

WHEREAS the staff regularly review the policies and bylaws of the Kent RSC and make the recommendations to the BOD.

WHEREAS the bylaws of the Planning Revision Advisory Committee (PRAC) were on the schedule in 2021 for review.

WHEREAS the staff asked the PRAC to read the procedural order of its committee and to propose changes if necessary.

WHEREAS the PRAC recommends to the Kent RSC Board of Directors the adoption of its amended bylaw.

2021-021

It is therefore resolved that the Kent RSC Board of Directors adopt the amended PRAC bylaws as recommended by Planning Revision Advisory Committee.

Moved by : Danielle Dugas

Seconded by: Gisèle Fontaine

Motion carried

9. REGIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

Pierrette Robichaud explained that the committee had been created to find ways to save the emergency room at the Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital. Now that the consultations are over, it would be important to keep the committee active for the Kent region.

WHEREAS the Kent RSC created a health committee following the provincial government's announcement to close the emergency overnight at Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital.

WHEREAS the committee, with the assistance of MSc student in Health Services Management Martine McIntyre, prepared a report on the health care status and needs in the Kent region.

WHEREAS the report was adopted by the BOD in November 2020 and was sent to the Minister of Health.

WHEREAS the Kent region has shown tremendous leadership in organizing health committees in our communities to better determine the health needs of the population.

WHEREAS the people of Kent participated in the public consultation on health reform held on March 9th, 2021.

WHEREAS the Kent RSC, with assistance from Martine McIntyre, will prepare a brief to be sent to the Minister as part of the health care reform.

WHEREAS the members of the local committees have stressed the importance of considering the creation of a regional committee on health care in the region.

2021-022

It is therefore resolved that the Board of Directors give the mandate to the current Health Committee to prepare a document which would determine the objectives, mandate, vision, etc. of the Regional Health Committee and that a recommendation be made to the BOD at a future meeting.

Moved by : Roger Doiron

Seconded by: Jean Hébert

Motion carried

10. CONTRIBUTION HOSPICE SOUTHEAST – LSDs

Pierre LeBlanc had a concern and asked why a charitable contribution for Hospice South East was imposed on the LSDs without consultation? Paul Lang explained that since the LSDs are managed by the Department of Local Government, it was the government that made the decision to impose this contribution without consulting the advisory committees. That being said, the LSDs will have the perfect opportunity to discuss and express their dissatisfaction, their point of view, during the regional consultation sessions with local governance that will take place soon.

11. IMMIGRATION – (IN CAMERA)

2021-023

It was moved by Roland Fougère, seconded by Paul Lirette, that the BOD meeting go in camera as per section 68 (1) c) and section 68 (1) j) of the Local Governance Act.

Motion carried

2021-024

It was moved by Danielle Dugas, seconded by Claude LeBlanc, that the meeting return to public session.

Motion carried

2021-025

It was moved by Gisèle Fontaine, seconded by Paul Lirette, that Kent Regional Services Commission staff prepare terms of reference for the population growth plan study.

Motion carried

12. NEW BUSINESS

a. BOD members recognition

The President thanked Roland Fougère and Jean Hébert for their service and dedication to the Board of Directors over the past few years. She presented a gift to each of them.

b. Cellular/Internet services

Maurice Maillet would like to do a survey regarding cell phone/internet services in the community of Sainte-Marie-de-Kent and other interested communities. He wondered if the KRSC could offer technical assistance to develop a survey on this subject that could also be used for other subjects in the future? Isabelle Godin would be willing to help develop a survey. Maurice Maillet and Gisèle Fontaine would be willing to help develop the questions.

2021-026

It was moved by Roland Fougère, seconded by Jean Hébert, that KRSC develop a survey of cellular/internet services in the region.

Motion carried

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No questions from the public.

14. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

2021-027

It was moved by Roland Fougère, that the closure of the meeting is at 9:17pm.

PRESIDENT

Executive Director/Clerk