

Commission de services  
régionaux de Kent



Kent Regional  
Service Commission

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

**February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
6 :30pm  
ZOOM**

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Pierrette Robichaud, opens the meeting at 6:31 p.m. 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
- 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:**

- Jacques Cormier, President of the LSD of Saint-Paul
- Roger Richard, President of the LSD of Acadieville

## **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
- Daniel Goguen, Local Services Manager/Environment and Local Government
- Janice Goguen, Transition Facilitator
- Michel Desjardins, Transition Facilitator
- Jo Anne Nadeau, Community Inclusion Network
- Members of the public

## **3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

Nothing to declare.

## **4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

2022-001

It was moved by Aldéo Saulnier, seconded by Paul Lirette, that the agenda be adopted with the addition to 14 b. 2021 Census.

Motion carried

## **5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

2022-002

It was moved by Paul Lirette, seconded by Docile Cormier, that the minutes of the December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting be approved as presented.

Motion carried

## **6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **a. Health Committee**

Pierrette Robichaud gives an update on the work that has been accomplished by the committee to date and what is to come. She gives a brief summary of the meetings that took place with the Horizon and Vitalité health networks. The notes of these meetings will be provided with the next Board of Directors' documents.

### **b. Immigration (Sonia Mazerolle)**

Sonia Mazerolle announces that 14 people have arrived in the Richibucto area since January and that 3 people should arrive this week. A few more people are expected in March. For the moment, she is alone and therefore does not have the chance to do integration activities. As soon as the job vacancy is filled, she will be able to organize and offer integration activities to newcomers. When asked about housing, she answers that it is the responsibility of employers to find housing for newcomers.

### **c. Local Governance Reform - Short presentation of the Transition Leaders**

Paul Lang asks the transition facilitators present to introduce themselves to the group. Janice Goguen and Michel Desjardins introduce themselves and speak a bit about their experiences prior to arriving at their current position. They gave an overview of what is to come, the challenges and answered questions from the Board members.

Paul Lang and Jo Anne Nadeau give an overview of the transition from CIN to KRSC before moving on to the proposal.

### **i. Community Inclusion Network and Community Transportation**

WHEREAS the Kent Community Inclusion Network (CIN) has not had a coordinator since December 2021. WHEREAS the CIN Kent has asked the Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation if the activities of the CIN Kent could be transferred to the Kent RSC before the deadline of January 1, 2023.

WHEREAS the Executive Director of the Kent RSC and the President of the CIN Kent have met several times since January 1, 2022 to discuss the possibility of transitioning the activities of the CIN Kent to the Kent RSC before January 1, 2023.

WHEREAS four CINs in New Brunswick would be targeted by this first wave of transition and Kent would be part of this group.

WHEREAS the CIN Kent is in favour of transferring activities to the Kent RSC sooner than expected in order to ensure continuity in programming, such as community transportation and the implementation of initiatives provided for in the poverty reduction plan.

2022-003

Be it therefore resolved that the Kent RSC Board of Directors agrees to begin the transition process with the CIN Kent as soon as possible and that a memorandum of understanding between the Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation and the Kent RSC be prepared in order to ensure the necessary funding for the maintenance of the activities and programs offered in 2022 and the following years. Also, as soon as

the Memorandum of Understanding is prepared, that it be presented to the Kent RSC Board of Directors for final approval.

Moved by: Danielle Dugas

Seconded by: Paul Lirette

Motion carried

## **7. PRESENTATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

Nothing on this subject.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- December 14, 2021 - Léonard Bernard, manager. North Star Campaign, Kent Region
- December 22, 2021 - Patsy LeClair, President. Fundraising Campaign 21-22 - Violence Prevention Centre
- December 23, 2021 - Jeff McAloon, President Horizon Board of Directors
- January 5, 2022 - Linda Renaud, President. Le Vestiaire St-Jean Baptiste Inc.

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a. Finance – Administration – Human resources**

2022-004

It was moved by Aldéo Saulnier, seconded by Paul Lirette, that Tanya Collette be granted access to the Kent RSC bank accounts (for viewing purposes only) to facilitate her duties in accounting.

Motion carried

### **b. Audit**

The audit will take place starting March 7th. A resolution to accept the audit will be made at the April 21st meeting.

### **c. Kent Community Transportation**

After a short explanation from Paul Lang, the Board moves to the resolution.

WHEREAS personal transportation will become a mandatory service for the RSC as of January 1, 2023.

WHEREAS the Kent RSC established a community transportation committee but ceased its activities as the current service offered by the Kent Community Inclusion Network was to be transferred to the KRSC by January 1, 2023.

WHEREAS the Rexton Health Centre Committee had been fundraising to acquire a van to serve the Kent communities.

WHEREAS the Rexton Health Centre Committee does not wish to manage the van but would like an organization such as the KRSC to own and manage the van.

WHEREAS the federal government has just officially announced a funding program for the purchase of vehicles for the transportation of people in rural areas that covers up to 80% of the costs and that the KRSC is eligible to apply for this program.

WHEREAS the Rexton Health Centre Committee will be responsible for covering the missing 20% of the purchase.

WHEREAS the construction of the van may take up to one year and delivery will take place in 2023.

WHEREAS the remaining funds from the Rexton Health Centre Committee fundraiser would go towards the operational costs of the human transportation service in the Kent Region.

2022-005

Therefore, be it resolved that the Kent RSC Board of Directors request the administration to submit a funding request to the federal government for the acquisition of a van for the new public transportation service that will now be a responsibility of the KRSC.

Moved by: Aldéo Saulnier

Seconded by: Éric Tremblay

Motion carried

2022-006

Be it further resolved that the Kent RSC request the Rexton Health Centre Committee to proceed with the acquisition of the van and that a contribution agreement towards the operational costs be developed.

Moved by: Docile Cormier

Seconded by: Paul Lirette

Motion carried

**10. REPORT ON COLLABORATIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES**

**a. Planning**

The Planning Advisory Committee minutes of November 15 and December 13, 2021 and the December 2021 Construction Report are circulated.

**b. Solid waste**

The waste report for December 2021 is circulated. Docile Cormier is a little concerned about a report she saw and asks where our solid waste goes after it is picked up? Paul Lang explains that the waste that is in the clear bags goes directly to the landfill. From there, the Southeast RSC, with the methane that is produced from the landfill, produces electricity. Compost is used for many things. The recycling is sorted and sent to Canadian and American markets that process the material. The rest of the material that cannot be used is sent to landfill. Isabelle Godin takes the floor to explain that ECO360 makes a conscious effort to seek markets in America since their standards are higher.

**c. Public safety**

Nothing on this subject.

**d. Emergency measures (Roger Pitre)**

Roger is very optimistic that there is light at the end of the tunnel with respect to the pandemic. Emergency measures will be relaxed as of midnight on February 18th. After that, training and exercises can resume. They have been very busy with the pandemic, the winter and the protests.

**e. Regional community infrastructures (Julie Payer Lafrance)**

In the absence of Julie Payer Lafrance, no report was presented.

Wayne Carpenter asks if other municipalities have been approached by a company looking for businesses and such who could sponsor their project to advertise/promote the fishing industry? Since it could touch tourism, he has approached Julie who will check into it.

Wayne also announces that they have lost the Curling Center. The snow has knocked out the system that provides power to the building. It's completely ruined.

#### **11. CHAIR (December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022)**

December 15: Meeting with Vice-President and Executive Director by Zoom

December 16: BOD meeting by Zoom

December 20: Evaluation of the Executive Director

January 17: Health Committee meeting by Zoom

January 18: Meeting with Roger Doiron and Executive Director regarding the Health Committee by Zoom

January 19: Meeting with President and CEO of Horizon by Zoom

January 21: Meeting with President and CEO of Vitalité by Zoom

January 25: Meeting with Vice-President and Executive Director by Zoom

January 28: Meeting with Roger Doiron and Executive Director regarding the Health Committee by Zoom

January 31: Meeting with Janice Goguen and Executive Director for the Transition Committee by Zoom

February 02: Meeting with Provincial Health Task Force by Zoom

#### **12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022)**

DECEMBER 11 - Destination South East presentation in Bouctouche

DECEMBER 13 - EMO and KRSC meeting in Richibucto

DECEMBER 13 - COVID update by Teams

DECEMBER 14 - Meeting with municipal CEOs in Richibucto

DECEMBER 14 - Kent Community Resiliency Steering Committee meeting by Teams

DECEMBER 15 - Meeting with Chair, Vice-Chair and ED of the KRSC by Zoom

DECEMBER 15 - Meeting for Community Safety Plan with UdeM Criminology Department

DECEMBER 15 - AMANB Education Committee meeting by Zoom

DECEMBER 16 - AMANB meeting by Zoom

DECEMBER 16 - CMNCP Board meeting by Zoom

DECEMBER 16 - Board of Directors meeting by Zoom

DECEMBER 17 - Meeting with South East RSC and EMO to discuss emergency measures

DECEMBER 17 - Meeting KRSC and ESIC by Teams

DECEMBER 20 - Meeting with Pierrette in Richibucto

DECEMBER 21 - Meeting with Resiliency Committee and DTI regarding the trail file by Zoom

DECEMBER 21 - COVID Update by Teams

DECEMBER 22 - Resiliency Committee meeting by Zoom

DECEMBER 22 - ESIC working group by Teams

DECEMBER 22 - Social Pediatrics meeting

DECEMBER 22 - EMO and RSC by Zoom

JANUARY 17 - Radio-Canada interview on emergency measures

JANUARY 17 - Rural Crime Prevention Training with Maxime Babineau, RCMP

JANUARY 17 - Health Committee meeting

JANUARY 18 - RSCs presentation for ESIC by Teams

JANUARY 19 - Health Committee and Horizon meeting

JANUARY 20 - Meeting with 3D Planeta by Zoom  
JANUARY 20 - Community Safety Plan meeting by Zoom  
JANUARY 21 – Health Committee and Vitalité meeting by Zoom  
JANUARY 24 - Meeting regarding the purchase of a "Flusher" by Zoom  
JANUARY 24 - Resiliency Committee meeting for Trail Guide by Teams  
JANUARY 24 - 3D Planeta meeting by Zoom  
JANUARY 25 - Meeting with Chair, Vice-Chair and ED of the KRSC by Zoom  
JANUARY 26 - EPFT meeting by Teams  
JANUARY 27 - Bi-monthly meeting of RSC EDs by Zoom  
JANUARY 27 - CMNCP Board meeting by Zoom  
JANUARY 27 - CSR-CIN working group  
JANUARY 28 - MAC Board meeting by Webex  
JANUARY 31 - Meeting for Community Safety Plan with UdeM Criminology Department  
JANUARY 31 - Social Pediatrics Board meeting  
FEBRUARY 01 - Meeting with CMNCP for the Community Safety Plan by Teams

### **13. RESOLUTIONS**

Paul Lang explains the reasons for the proposal and answers the questions asked.

#### **a. Voluntary Services - "Flusher" and Street Sweeper**

WHEREAS the municipalities of Saint-Antoine, Bouctouche, Richibucto and Saint-Louis-de-Kent share the "flusher" equipment for the sewer cleaning service.

WHEREAS the flusher has reached the end of its life and the acquisition of new equipment is essential for the proper functioning of the sanitary sewer systems.

WHEREAS the municipalities of Bouctouche, Richibucto and Saint-Louis-de-Kent share the sweeper service  
WHEREAS the sweeper is also at the end of its life and the acquisition of new equipment is essential to maintain the service.

WHEREAS the Kent RSC was created to facilitate the sharing of service between communities, and the request of the municipalities falls within the role of KRSC.

WHEREAS the KRSC has received a request from the Kent municipalities to conduct a study on the acquisition of flusher and sweeper equipment and the management of the operators of this equipment for the benefit of the participating municipalities.

WHEREAS it is more expensive for communities to subcontract these services to service providers than to offer them themselves.

WHEREAS the study will determine the cost sharing formula between the participating communities, the development of the intermunicipal agreement and the Kent RSC and the financial analysis for the borrowing of funds for the acquisition of the equipment.

WHEREAS the Kent RSC does not currently have any debts and it is preferable for the communities to go through the Kent RSC for the acquisition of this equipment rather than asking a municipality to do the acquisition of this equipment.

WHEREAS the Department of Local Government and Governance Reform is aware of the interest of the participating municipalities to share the costs for the acquisition of the equipment and the management of its operations.

#### 2022-007

Be it therefore resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent RSC accepts that the Executive Director work in partnership with the General Managers of the participating municipalities (Bouctouche, Saint-

Antoine, Richibucto, Saint-Louis-de-Kent) in the development of a cost-sharing and equipment management agreement as well as the call for tenders for the acquisition of a "flusher" and a "sweeper" and that a version of the agreement be presented to the participating municipalities and the Kent RSC no later than the Spring of 2022.

Moved by: Danielle Dugas  
Seconded by: Marc Goguen

Motion carried

#### **14. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a. Transition - Local Governance Reform**

See 6c for details.

Marc Goguen asks the group if anyone receives a per diem for attending transition committee meetings? Paul Lirette said that he has prepared a letter to send to the Minister requesting that members be compensated for their travel and participation in transition committee meetings. He is willing to share the letter he has composed with the Board members for inspiration. A discussion ensued and a proposal was made.

##### 2022-008

It was moved by Jean-Pierre Richard, seconded by Eric Tremblay, that a letter be sent to the Minister of Local Government and Governance Reform, on behalf of the Kent Regional Services Commission, requesting remuneration for the members of the transition committees.

Motion carried

##### **b. 2021 Census**

In the 2021 Census table shared by Paul Lang, the numbers are very positive in Kent. He adds that in an article that appeared in l'Acadie Nouvelle, Richard Saillant mentioned that the majority of the population increase north of the three major centers came from the Kent region. The KRSC has a role to play in the good results. Éric Tremblay mentions that our population is aging and in order for Kent not to be only a dormitory for retirees, we must place importance on infrastructures in order to keep young families in our region and attract others. We are a multicultural and dynamic region, which makes Kent an attractive place.

#### **15. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No questions from the public.

#### **16. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

##### 2022-009

It was moved by Aldéo Saulnier, that the adjournment be held at 9:02pm.

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CHAIR

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Executive Director/Clerk