



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

**July 21st, 2022
6 :30pm
Richibucto**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Paul Lang called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. and announced the need to elect a member to chair the meeting.

2. ATTENDANCE

- 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
- 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
- Paul Lirette, President of the LSD of Saint-Charles
- Stella Richard, Mayor of the Town of Richibucto
- Roger Richard, President of the LSD of Acadieville
- Tina Beers, President LSD of Harcourt
- Wayne Carpenter, Mayor of the Village of Rexton

ABSENCES

- Pierrette Robichaud, President of the KRSC and Mayor of the Village of Rogersville
- Claude LeBlanc, Vice-President of the KRSC and President of the LSD of Wellington
- Éric Tremblay, President of the LSD of Saint-Ignace
- Kris Morey, President of the LSD of Weldford
- Marc Goguen, Mayor of the Rural Community of Cocagne

OTHER

- Paul Lang, Executive Director of the KRSC
- Isabelle Godin, Assistant Executive Director of the KRSC
- Francine Arsenault, Administrative Assistant KRSC Bouctouche
- Caroline Fontaine, Rural Settlement Coordinator - Kent County
- Claudie Ringuette, Recreation Planning Coordinator
- Francine Babineau, Translator
- Michel Soucy, Transition Facilitator
- Gérard Thébeau, Consultant – Agricultural project
- Members of the public

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

No conflicts of interest declarations.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2022-065

It was moved by Gisèle Fontaine, seconded by Paul Lirette, that the agenda be adopted with the addition of appointing a chair for the meeting.

Motion carried

Tina Beers nominates Paul Lirette and he accepts.

2022-066

It was moved by Tina Beers, seconded by Jacques Cormier, that Paul Lirette chair the July 21, 2022 Board of Directors meeting.

Motion carried

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16TH, 2022 MEETING

2022-067

It was moved by Danielle Dugas, seconded by Aldéo Saulnier, that the minutes from the June 16th, 2022 regular meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Health Committee

The Health Committee has not met since the last BOD meeting. However, Paul Lang informed the group that he and Roger Doiron will be meeting with Brigitte Sonier Ferguson to learn more about the Learning Community program - profile of the people who should be on the committee and the implementation process. The Board will be kept informed.

b. Immigration

Caroline Fontaine, Rural Settlement Coordinator, gives a small overview of what has been happening on the immigration side since she arrived at the post 6 weeks ago. She has met with 17 newcomers and done assessments. She has done 6 follow-ups with clients that Sonia Mazerolle had seen before. Caroline also met with several employers and organizations in the community to introduce herself and see if there were any opportunities for collaboration. The biggest challenge she sees is housing. Another challenge would be to offer second language courses to newcomers, which she hopes to start in September or October. Two activities, to be determined, are planned for September. A position of Integration Services Support Coordinator remains to be filled. Caroline answered a few questions.

c. Local Governance Reform

i. Community Development

Stéphanie Caissie, Social Inclusion and Community Development Coordinator, started her position on July 4th and has already started meeting with groups, says Paul Lang. Part of her job is to develop a poverty reduction plan. Paul also mentioned that he has received two names of Board members to sit on the Community Development Committee but that he also needs citizens - a person who has experienced poverty, an entrepreneur, a newcomer, a high school student and a person from the community sector. The committee cannot be functional until the members are appointed by the Board. So please submit names by the next meeting.

ii. Recreation

Paul Lang introduced Claudie Ringuette, Recreation Planning Coordinator. Claudie gave us a brief overview of what she has done to date and the projects to come. She will be focusing on the Recreation Master Plan as well as the cost sharing of regional infrastructures - pool in Saint-Louis-de-Kent and the Rexton Curling Club. Paul Lang gave some explanations on infrastructure cost sharing and answered a few questions.

iii. Economic Development

Before moving on to the proposal, Paul Lang mentioned that the terms of reference that have been circulated have been validated by Opportunity New Brunswick. When the person is hired, they will have to have a committee to work with. Tonight is just to adopt the terms of reference. A question period followed. Michel Soucy added that the person hired will also work with partners related to economic development.

WHEREAS, as part of the local governance reform, the KRSC will be responsible for the Economic Development Department at the regional level.

WHEREAS the Economic Development Department will have to establish an advisory committee to assist the Economic Development management in the implementation of the various initiatives under its responsibility.

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

2022-068

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

Moved by: Danielle Dugas

Seconded by: Gisèle Fontaine

Motion carried

iv. Regional Transportation

Laureanne Stewart, Community Transportation Coordinator, started her job on July 4th. Paul Lang explained that although there were some small incidents at the beginning of the transition, everything is going well. He mentioned the need to have a more general platform and that the details will be shared at the next meeting.

WHEREAS the Regional Transportation Committee was created by the Kent RSC Board of Directors.

WHEREAS the recruitment of potential members, according to the committee's mandate, has been ongoing over the past few months.

WHEREAS a list of interested persons is submitted to the Kent RSC for adoption.

WHEREAS the student position will be filled when school resumes in September.

2022-069

Be it therefore resolved that the Kent RSC Board of Directors appoint the following persons to the Regional Transportation Committee:

Drivers:

Normand Maillet (Sainte-Anne-de-Kent)

Claudette Dupuis (Saint-Antoine)

Clients :

Alberte Richard (Saint-Louis-de-Kent)

Bea Patterson (Grande-Digue)

Newcomer :

Rey Portugaliza (Richibucto)

First Nations:

Garet Francis (Elsipogtog)

Board members (already appointed):

Gisèle Fontaine

Éric Tremblay

Docile Cormier

Moved by: Aldéo Saulnier

Seconded by: Gisèle Fontaine

Motion carried

v. Tourism

Still waiting for departmental guidelines. It was recommended by the Transition Committee that the service be provided in-house. This has been submitted to the department and will be proposed for the 2023 budget. However, there is still time for changes. Michel Soucy answered a few questions that were asked.

7. PRESENTATION

Gérard Thébeau gave the group a brief report on the project to renew the agricultural industry. He mentioned that for the past few years, in partnership with the KRSC, he has been trying to attract agricultural communities, either Amish or Menonite, to settle in Kent. He spoke of the visit made to Ontario with Paul Lang and himself as well as the visits of two Menonite communities in our region. One of the communities showed great interest in land in the Acadieville area. He explains the process from the communities' side. They are mostly interested in areas where there could be room for expansion. We are still waiting for an answer. It is a long process. Another Menonite community came to visit New Brunswick last week and Kent was their second choice, in the Cails Mills area. They will meet soon and give us an answer. It is more or less a question of time. Gerard is confident that in the next few months we will have an answer and that one or even two Menonite communities will come to Kent. The KRSC is only involved in revitalizing agriculture.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- April 26, 2022 - Hon. Bill Hogan, Minister of Public Safety

The KRSC had sent him a letter when he was appointed Minister of Public Security and he responded to us requesting a meeting. Paul Lang and Pierrette Robichaud had the opportunity to meet with him on July 6th. At the next meeting, we will have a report of the meeting to present to the Board. We invited him to our next Public Security Committee meeting and he accepted. He is also interested to see our community safety plan that we are working on and there will be possible funds for the implementation of initiatives. He was also interested to see our report on the study of the centralization of the courts and the impact of victimization so we sent him a copy of the report. He is very open to working with us.

A member was wondering if we had gotten a response to the RCMP funding request as to why we were covering outside of Kent County? Paul Lang responded that the Manager of Contract Policing was at a meeting he attended recently and he asked her for more information (a paper trail). She mentioned that the Greater Miramichi RCMP provides 1 FTE (full time equivalent) so there is a transfer of funds equivalent to 1 FTE. Paul feels that this is not enough, but with the change in boundaries, it will change the formula. So 1 FTE will be enough. He is expecting an answer soon. Paul also mentioned that he is now on the new provincial police committee representing RSCs.

- June 15, 2022 - Chief Arren James Sock, Elsipogtog Band Council

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance – Administration – Human resources

2022-070

This resolution was abolished because there was no quorum at the last Finance Committee meeting, so the report was not presented.

b. Audit

Nothing to report.

c. Kent Community Transportation

Nothing to report.

10. REPORT ON COLLABORATIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES

a. Planning

The minutes of the May 13th, 2022 Planning Advisory Committee meeting and the construction report for June 2022 are circulated.

b. Solid Waste (Isabelle Godin)

Isabelle Godin gave a presentation to the group on bulky waste. She explained that nothing will be voted on tonight. She talked about the current situation, three collections per year (except Bouctouche and Saint-Antoine), 15 items per collection for a total of 45 items per year. Problems that arise from the current situation are that waste accumulates from October to May, large quantities even with a limit of 15 items, challenge of recruiting and retaining manpower, long delays, unhappy and impatient residents. She gave examples of bulky waste collections elsewhere in New Brunswick. Her proposed solution is the City of Moncton model which is a separate contract just for bulky waste. On-call collection every 6 weeks (8 collections per year). Limit of 6 items per collection (48 items per year). One contract for all of Kent. Territory divided according to the new entities. This model will increase the service offer, there will be no accumulation of waste, registration will be done by phone, online or on the app (ReCollect - which offers the addition of the service to the existing system), permanent employees, list of addresses where to pick up, one week to complete the work in one entity. She provided cost comparisons and estimates. She talks about communications to promote this program and social media campaigns to get the word out. She is also willing to go into the communities to make presentations to educate the public.

c. Public Safety

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 14th. Paul Lang announced that there will be a Public Safety Day in Richibucto on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Publicity to come.

d. Emergency measures (Roger Pitre)

Roger Pitre is not present to give his report.

e. Regional community infrastructures

Discussed earlier.

11. CHAIR REPORT (JUNE 9TH TO JULY 13TH, 2022)

June 16: KRSC Board of Directors meeting by zoom

June 20: KRSC Reform Committee in Richibucto

July 5: Reform Committee by zoom

July 6: Meeting with the Minister of Public Safety in Fredericton

July 6: Meeting with Lucie Martin from Baie Sainte Anne in Rogersville

July 8: Interview for new CEO Moncton

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (JUNE 9TH TO JULY 13TH, 2022)

June 8 - Meeting with Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries Department (TERRIS) by Zoom

June 9 – RSC ED meeting by Zoom

June 9 - Meeting with Municipal Public Works regarding "Flusher" in Bouctouche

June 9 - Kent ICN Transition Update meeting (ESIC) by Teams

June 9 - Public Safety Consultation in Richibucto

June 13 - ED of KRSC with CAO of municipalities in Richibucto

June 13 - CPSSE Board meeting in Shediac

June 14 - Meeting with Chair, Vice-Chair and ED by Zoom

June 14 - Meeting DSFS, KRSC and UdeM (Kent history book) by Zoom

June 14 - Meeting with Justice and Public Safety by Teams

June 15 - 17 - AMANB Annual Conference in Moncton

June 16 - KRSC staff meeting by Zoom

June 16 - Board meeting in Richibucto

June 20 - Zoom meeting with Guy Léger (Expansion Dieppe) by Zoom

June 20 - Transition Committee meeting in Richibucto

June 21 - Destination Southeast meeting by Zoom

June 22 - Meeting with Michel Soucy for transition by Zoom

June 22 - Meeting with Minister Holland for protected zones update by Zoom

June 22 - Meeting with UdeM for Kent History Book by Zoom

June 22 - Public Safety Committee meeting in Richibucto

June 23 - 24 - CMNCP meeting in Toronto

June 27 - Consultation with Destination Southeast

July 5 - Meeting - Recreational Infrastructures in Bouctouche

July 5 - Zoom Transition Committee meeting

July 6 - Meeting with Minister Hogan in Fredericton

July 6 - Meeting with Lucie Martin from Baie-Ste-Anne in Rogersville

July 7 – RSC ED meeting by Zoom
July 7 - Health Committee meeting in Richibucto

13. RESOLUTIONS

a. Project - book on the history of Kent

Paul Lang explained that he is still waiting for the figures and that he would like to have them for the August 11 Board meeting.

WHEREAS the Kent RSC has been working on a book project on the history of Kent with the “Institut des études acadiennes” for over 4 years.

WHEREAS public meetings, historical research, interviews, etc. have been held since the idea was launched and data collection is completed.

WHEREAS the researchers at the “Institut des études acadiennes” have completed the writing of the manuscript and the Kent RSC has paid for the translation of the manuscript.

WHEREAS the researchers at the “Institut des études acadiennes” have found a francophone publisher for the book: Septentrion. This publisher specializes in the publication of historical works. The English publisher will be Baraka Books.

WHEREAS the cost of publication for both works is \$xxxxx.

WHEREAS the District scolaire francophone Sud will purchase 150 copies for the schools in the Kent region.

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Public Library System will purchase 20 French and 20 English copies for all municipal libraries.

WHEREAS the Kent RSC will be able to recover a portion of the expenses through book sales.

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Since the numbers have still not been received, this proposal is deferred to the August 11, 2022 meeting.

b. Additional bank account

In preparation for the new service, UNI requires us to have a BOD resolution.

WHEREAS the Kent RSC will soon be taking on a new service, namely Economic Development.

WHEREAS this service requires funds to operate.

WHEREAS the best practice is to add a bank account for each service managed by the KRSC.

WHEREAS the financial institution of the KRSC, UNI Financial Cooperation, requires that the Board of Directors accept by resolution the opening of the bank account necessary for the proper functioning of the KRSC.

2022-072

Be it therefore resolved that the Kent RSC Board of Directors request the administration to open a bank account for the new Economic Development Department and that the signatories on the account be Pierrette Robichaud, Claude LeBlanc, Aldéo Saulnier and Paul Lang.

Moved by : Danielle Dugas

Seconded by : Docile Cormier

Motion carried

14. NEW BUSINESS

The next Board meeting will be held on August 11 and will be a special meeting.

15. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No questions from the public.

16. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

2022-073

It was moved by Jacques Cormier, that the adjournment be held at 8:45pm.

CHAIR

Executive Director/Clerk