



Commission de services  
régionaux de Kent

Kent Regional  
Service Commission

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

**September 15th, 2022  
6 :30pm  
Richibucto**

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Pierrette Robichaud opens the meeting at 6:34 p.m. and welcomes everyone present.

## **2. ATTENDANCE**

- Pierrette Robichaud, Chair of the KRSC and Mayor of the Village of Rogersville
- Aldéo Saulnier, Mayor of the Town of Bouctouche
- Claude LeBlanc, Vice-Chair of the KRSC and President of the LSD of Wellington
- 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
- 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
- Stella Richard, Mayor of the Town of Richibucto
- Tina Beers, President LSD of Harcourt
- Wayne Carpenter, Mayor of the Village of Rexton

## **ABSENCES**

- Gisèle Fontaine, President of the LSD of Saint-Louis
- Kris Morey, President of the LSD of Weldford
- Roger Richard, President of the LSD of Acadieville

## **OTHER**

- Paul Lang, Executive Director of the KRSC
- Francine Arsenault, Administrative Assistant KRSC Bouctouche
- Claudie Ringuette, Recreation Planning Coordinator
- Caroline Fontaine, Rural Settlement Coordinator
- Stéphanie Caissie, Social Inclusion and Community Development Coordinator
- Betty de Asis, Integration Support Services Coordinator
- Yolande Paulin, Translator
- Michel Soucy, Transition Facilitator (Zoom)
- Lucie Martin, Representative LSD of Baie Sainte-Anne (Zoom)
- Mario Tardif, Journalist, Acadie-Nouvelle
- Members of the public

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

No declarations.

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

2022-082

It was moved by Danielle Dugas, seconded by Paul Lirette, that the agenda be adopted with the addition to 14 d. Comment – caution.

Motion carried

## **5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2022 AND AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 MEETINGS**

### 2022-083

It was moved by Paul Lirette, seconded by Docile Cormier, that the minutes from the July 21st, 2022 Regular meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion carried

### 2022-084

It was moved by Marc Goguen, seconded by Claude LeBlanc, that the minutes from the August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Special meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion carried

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

### **a. Health Committee**

The KRSC Health Committee is embarking on a new initiative with Vitalité called "The Learning Community Concept". This is an initiative that brings together all health stakeholders with our health committee to implement a better collaboration between the community, the education sector (university) and the health sector. Every five years, Vitalité Health Network initiates a process to identify the health needs in different regions and it is Kent's turn to have its study. The process will be presented at the first meeting on September 29th. It is a process that lasts about 6 months with consultations and data collection. Paul Lang reminds members that the BOD had asked the Health Plan to have Kent County as a region and not divided into 4. This was accepted. So, the data that will come out of the health needs study will reflect the whole county rather than sections here and there. The data will be more reliable.

### **b. Immigration**

Caroline Fontaine, Rural Settlement Coordinator, introduces Betty de Asis, the new Integration Services Support Coordinator, who has been on the job for 2 weeks. Betty tells us a little about her experience, her responsibilities and what is to come. She is mainly there to help the newcomers, immigrants and their families settle in Kent. She plans to do community activities with different partners and others to ensure support within the community. As a former immigrant, she has a lot to offer.

### **c. Local Governance Reform**

#### **i. Community Development (Stéphanie Caissie)**

Paul Lang introduces Stephanie Caissie who was hired as the Social Inclusion and Community Development Coordinator last July. Stephanie takes the floor to say a few words. Paul Lang talks about the mandate of the committee before moving on to the proposal.

WHEREAS the Community Development Committee was created by the Kent RSC Board of Directors;  
WHEREAS the recruitment of potential members according to the mandate of the committee has been carried out over the past months;

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

### 2022-085

Therefore, be it resolved that the Kent RSC Board of Directors appoint the following persons to the Community Development Committee:

Person who has experienced poverty or is living in poverty: Yvon LeBreton, Saint-Antoine

Community sector: Linda O'Brien – Kent Violence Prevention Centre

Newcomer: Charisse Andal

Entrepreneur: Nicole Thébeau - East Coast Garlic

First Nations: Garet Francis (Elsipogtog)

Student: Madison Milliea (MFR)

Board members: Aldéo Saulnier and Tina Beers

Proposed by: Éric Tremblay

Seconded by: Danielle Dugas

Motion carried

## **ii. Recreation**

A presentation will be made at item 10 e.

## **iii. Economic Development**

A position for an Economic Development and Tourism Director has been announced. The person hired will start in early November and will be based at CBDC Bouctouche. The mandate of the committee was adopted by the Board of Directors earlier this year, so the person will create his committee with the specified profiles. The nominations will be brought to the Board and voted on. We are in the process of applying to Labour NB for funding for the new service. The North West RSC has just received funding, so we have a good idea of what we can apply for. A period of questions, answers and clarifications follows.

## **iv. Regional Transportation**

The service was transferred at the beginning of July and is going quite well. At the previous meeting, the Board had voted Alberte Richard to sit on the Regional Transportation Committee. Since KRSC has hired Ms. Richard as a casual employee, she cannot play a dual role and her name must be removed from the committee. In addition, there will be an additional candidate for the student position, as specified in the committee's mandate.

WHEREAS Alberte Richard's appointment on the Regional Transportation Committee is no longer effective as she is working for the KRSC as a casual employee;

WHEREAS a new nomination will have to be submitted to the Board for the position of service user.

### 2022-086

Be it resolved that Alberte Richard be removed from the Regional Transportation Committee due to her duties at the Kent RSC.

Moved by: Éric Tremblay

Seconded by: Aldéo Saulnier

Motion carried

WHEREAS the Regional Transportation Committee has been created, and among its members, there is a student position;

WHEREAS the KRSC has received the name of Jeremy LeBlanc of Richibouctou-Village, a grade 12 student at MFR school, as an interested person.

#### 2022-087

Be it resolved that Jeremy LeBlanc be nominated as a student member of the Regional Transportation Committee.

Moved by: Éric Tremblay

Seconded by: Jean-Pierre Richard

Motion carried

#### **v. Tourism**

Still waiting for clear guidelines from the Ministry of Tourism regarding the mandate. The other 12 RSCs are in the same situation. We will have more information as soon as the Ministry of Local Government can provide us with this information. Several questions are asked and clarifications are given by Paul Lang and Michel Soucy.

#### **7. PRESENTATION**

No presentation

#### **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- August 16, 2022 - The Honourable Bruce Fitch, Minister of Health
- September 6, 2022 - The Honourable Daniel Allain, Minister of Environment and Local Government

#### **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Nothing on this subject.

##### **b. Audit**

Nothing on this subject.

#### **10. REPORT ON COLLABORATIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES**

##### **a. Planning**

The minutes of the June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as well as July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Planning Advisory Committee meetings and the construction report for July 2022 are circulated. Paul Lang gives some figures from last year for comparison. At the end of 2021, the figure for building permits was \$49,000,000. At the end of July 2022, we are already over that amount. It is quite exceptional to see the construction activity taking place in Kent. The Board members would like Jean Goguen to come and give a short overview of the conference he attended in British Columbia, which could possibly help municipalities in the preparation of their urban plan.

**b. Solid Waste**

Paul Lang gives a short explanation before moving on to the resolutions.

**❖ Contract attribution for the collection of residential solid waste: K2 collection Territory.**

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission Kent adopted the 2015-065 motion to move forward with the optimized collection system;

WHEREAS the Town of Bouctouche was added to the optimized collection system through the 2022-061 motion;

WHEREAS a new year-round, on-call bulky waste collection system creating a 6<sup>th</sup> waste contract and removing all bulky waste collection from K1-K5 contracts;

WHEREAS the estimated annual cost for the collection of residential solid waste is \$2,685,175 and is included in the 2023 budget of the Commission;

WHEREAS the Commission launched the call for tenders for the K2 collection territory on August 12<sup>th</sup> for the intended services;

WHEREAS a total of three (3) proposals were received for the call for tenders # 2022-08-12-K2.

Here are the selected proposals:

Fero Waste & Recycling Inc. for the sum of \$1,494,908.01 for four (4) years excluding HST:

- \$397,672.51 for year one (1) of the contract
- \$354,989.00 for year two (2) of the contract
- \$365,638.67 for year three (3) of the contract
- \$376,607.83 for year four (4) of the contract

And a proposed maximum percentage price increases for one (1) optional year of 3%.

Miller Waste Systems Inc. for the sum of \$3,397,502.66 for four (4) years excluding HST:

- \$1,052,163.00 for year one (1) of the contract
- \$755,045.00 for year two (2) of the contract
- \$781,471.58 for year three (3) of the contract
- \$808,823.08 for year four (4) of the contract

And a proposed maximum percentage price increases for one (1) optional year of 3.5%.

McAction Enterprise Inc. for the sum of \$5,353,078.85 for four (4) years excluding HST:

- \$1,395,030.00 for year one (1) of the contract
- \$1,255,527.00 for year two (2) of the contract
- \$1,318,303.33 for year three (3) of the contract
- \$1,384,218.52 for year four (4) of the contract

And a proposed maximum percentage price increases for one (1) optional year of 5%.

WHEREAS following the analysis of the selected proposals, it is recommended to award the contract for the K2 collection territory to the lowest bidder.

2022-088

It is therefore resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission award the contract #2022-08-12-K2 to **Fero Waste & Recycling Inc. for the amount of \$1,494,908.01** for a period of four (4) years (excluding HST).

Moved by: Danielle Dugas

Seconded by: Paul Lirette

Motion carried

❖ **Contract attribution for the collection of residential solid waste: K3 collection territory.**

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission Kent adopted the 2015-065 motion to move forward with the optimized collection system;

WHEREAS the Town of Bouctouche was added to the optimized collection system through the 2022-061 motion;

WHEREAS a new year-round, on-call bulky waste collection system creating a 6<sup>th</sup> waste contract and removing all bulky waste collection from K1-K5 contracts;

WHEREAS the estimated annual cost for the collection of residential solid waste is \$2,685,175 and is included in the 2023 budget of the Commission;

WHEREAS the Commission launched the call for tenders for the K3 collection territory on August 12<sup>th</sup> for the intended services;

WHEREAS a total of three (3) proposals were received for the call for tenders # 2022-08-12-K3.

Here are the selected proposals:

Fero Waste & Recycling Inc. for the sum of \$1,591,371.56 for four (4) years excluding HST:

- \$423,333.56 for year one (1) of the contract
- \$377,895.76 for year two (2) of the contract
- \$389,232.63 for year three (3) of the contract
- \$400,909.61 for year four (4) of the contract

And a proposed maximum percentage price increases for one (1) optional year of 3%.

Miller Waste Systems Inc. for the sum of \$3,099,264.87 for four (4) years excluding HST:

- \$971,860.20 for year one (1) of the contract
- \$684,884.28 for year two (2) of the contract
- \$708,855.23 for year three (3) of the contract
- \$733,665.16 for year four (4) of the contract

And a proposed maximum percentage price increases for one (1) optional year of 3.5%.

McAction Enterprise Inc. for the sum of \$6,325,737.27 for four (4) years excluding HST:

- \$1,635,075.00 for year one (1) of the contract
- \$1,487,918.25 for year two (2) of the contract
- \$1,562,314.16 for year three (3) of the contract
- \$1,640,429.86 for year four (4) of the contract

And a proposed maximum percentage price increases for one (1) optional year of 6%.

WHEREAS following the analysis of the selected proposals, it is recommended to award the contract for the K3 collection territory to the lowest bidder.

2022-089

It is therefore resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission award the contract #2022-08-12-K3 to **Fero Waste & Recycling Inc. for the amount of \$1,519,371.56** for a period of four (4) years (excluding HST).

Moved by: Danielle Dugas

Seconded by: Aldéo Saulnier

Motion carried

❖ **Contract attribution for the collection of residential solid waste: K4 collection territory.**

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission Kent adopted the 2015-065 motion to move forward with the optimized collection system;

WHEREAS the Town of Bouctouche was added to the optimized collection system through the 2022-061 motion;

WHEREAS a new year-round, on-call bulky waste collection system creating a 6<sup>th</sup> waste contract and removing all bulky waste collection from K1-K5 contracts;

WHEREAS the estimated annual cost for the collection of residential solid waste is \$2,685,175 and is included in the 2023 budget of the Commission;

WHEREAS the Commission launched the call for tenders for the K4 collection territory on August 12<sup>th</sup> for the intended services;

WHEREAS, the tender contained minimum requirements for vehicles in use for this contract;

WHEREAS a total of three (3) proposals were received for the call for tenders # 2022-08-12-K4.

Here are the selected proposals:

McAction Enterprise Inc. for the sum of \$1,779,956.89 for four (4) years excluding HST:

- \$491,266.53 for year one (1) of the contract
- \$421,085.60 for year two (2) of the contract
- \$429,507.31 for year three (3) of the contract
- \$438,097.45 for year four (4) of the contract

And a proposed maximum percentage price increases for one (1) optional year of 5%.

Fero Waste & Recycling Inc. for the sum of \$2,165,907.23 for four (4) years excluding HST:

- \$576,170.42 for year one (1) of the contract
- \$514,328.13 for year two (2) of the contract
- \$529,757.97 for year three (3) of the contract
- \$545,650.71 for year four (4) of the contract

And a proposed maximum percentage price increases for one (1) optional year of 3%.

Miller Waste Systems Inc. for the sum of \$5,111,110.03 for four (4) years excluding HST:

- \$1,582,242.87 for year one (1) of the contract
- \$1,136,062.96 for year two (2) of the contract
- \$1,175,825.16 for year three (3) of the contract
- \$1,216,979.04 for year four (4) of the contract

And a proposed maximum percentage price increases for one (1) optional year of 3.5%.

WHEREAS following the analysis of the selected proposals, it is recommended to award the contract for the K4 collection territory to the lowest bidder.



2022-090

It is therefore resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission award the contract #2022-08-12-K4 to **McAction Enterprise Inc. for the amount of \$1,779,956.89** for a period of four (4) years (excluding HST) subject to the purchase of new equipment as indicated in the submitted proposal.

Moved by: Danielle Dugas

Seconded by: Claude LeBlanc

Motion carried

❖ **Contract attribution for the collection of residential solid waste: K6 collection territory.**

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission Kent adopted the 2015-065 motion to move forward with the optimized collection system;

WHEREAS the Town of Bouctouche was added to the optimized collection system through the 2022-061 motion;

WHEREAS a new year-round, on-call bulky waste collection system creating a 6<sup>th</sup> waste contract and removing all bulky waste collection from K1-K5 contracts;

WHEREAS the estimated annual cost for the collection of residential solid waste is \$2,685,175 and is included in the 2023 budget of the Commission;

WHEREAS the Commission launched the call for tenders for the K6 collection territory on August 12<sup>th</sup> for the intended services;

WHEREAS a total of three (3) proposals were received for the call for tenders # 2022-08-12-K6.

Here are the selected proposals:

Fero Waste & Recycling Inc. for the sum of \$1,350,297.35 for four (4) years excluding HST:

- \$257,452.73 for year one (1) of the contract
- \$353,568.42 for year two (2) of the contract
- \$364,175.47 for year three (3) of the contract
- \$375,100.73 for year four (4) of the contract

And a proposed maximum percentage price increases for one (1) optional year of 3%.

McAction Enterprise Inc. for the sum of \$1,465,539.05 for four (4) years excluding HST:

- \$260,400.00 for year one (1) of the contract
- \$366,420.00 for year two (2) of the contract
- \$384,741.00 for year three (3) of the contract
- \$453,978.05 for year four (4) of the contract

And a proposed maximum percentage price increases for one (1) optional year of 5%.

Miller Waste Systems Inc. for the sum of \$3,685,652.75 for four (4) years excluding HST:

- \$836,790.08 for year one (1) of the contract
- \$917,146.27 for year two (2) of the contract
- \$949,246.39 for year three (3) of the contract
- \$982,470.01 for year four (4) of the contract

And a proposed maximum percentage price increases for one (1) optional year of 3.5%.

WHEREAS following the analysis of the selected proposals, it is recommended to award the contract for the K6 collection territory to the lowest bidder.

## 2022-091

It is therefore resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission award the contract #2022-08-12-K6 to Fero Waste & Recycling Inc. for the amount of \$1,350,297.35 for a period of four (4) years (excluding HST).

Moved by: Paul Lirette

Seconded by: Danielle Dugas

Motion carried

### **c. Public Safety**

The Public Safety Committee met last night, September 14, 2022. Claude LeBlanc reminds the group of the Public Safety Day that will be held this Saturday, September 17, 2022. He encourages everyone to participate. Paul Lang adds that there will be several specialized vehicles, a cart with simulation glasses as well as inflatable bouncy castles.

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

Roger Pitre is very happy to announce that the summer was relatively calm. There were almost no forest fires. Certainly no fires that would have threatened a residence. Hurricanes are behaving so far. He encourages everyone to participate in the Public Safety Day that will be held on Saturday, September 17. He mentions the hiring of a new person, Melissa Pageault, Regional Emergency Management Coordinator for Region 7. The Director of NBEMO is now retired and a replacement should be in place by the end of September or mid-October. Everything that is done at EMO is currently under review. A survey has been sent to several partners to find out what they expect from EMO, what they are looking for. Roger is still trying to get the BEM course changed from online to face to face. He has no idea what happened to the letter sent by KRSC. He will try to find out when he is in Fredericton next week. Training is still available upon request for those interested. Roger mentions that his colleagues Rhonda Hulan and Les Webber attended the Public Safety Committee meeting and they were impressed with the participation of the partners around the table.

### **e. Regional community infrastructures**

Claudie Ringuette gives her presentation to the group on "Recreational Infrastructure Cost Sharing". She reminds the group of the public consultations that took place in 2016 to arrive at the Recreation Master Plan in 2017. She mentions that the public recognized some recreation facilities that could be considered regional. She talks about the evolution of the discussions in the White Paper in 2021. The PowerPoint presentation, including corrections, will be sent to members.

***\*The written agreements are being finalized with the lawyer and will be given to you once completed, in about 2 weeks.***

## **11. CHAIR REPORT (JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> TO SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2022)**

No report by the Chair for this period.

## **12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> TO SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2022)**

July 18 - Meeting with Accountant - Moncton

July 18 - Financial meeting (reform) with auditor in Moncton

July 19 – KRSC ED meeting with CAO of municipalities in Richibucto

July 19 - Meeting KRSC and YHC Environnement by Zoom  
July 21 - RSC ED meeting by Zoom  
July 21 - DIP Engagement meeting by Zoom  
July 21 - CMNCP Finance Committee meeting by Teams  
July 21 – KRSC BOD meeting in Richibucto  
July 22 - Health Committee meeting - Brigitte Sonier Ferguson in Moncton  
August 2nd - Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) meeting by Teams  
August 4 – RSC ED meeting by Zoom  
August 4 - Climate Change meeting by Zoom  
August 8 – Interview for Local government with UdeM in Bouctouche  
August 9 - Transportation and YHC Environnement meeting by Zoom  
August 9 – KRSC ED meeting with CAO of municipalities in Richibucto  
August 9 - Community Transportation meeting in Richibucto  
August 10 - Meeting with Chair, Vice-Chair and ED by Zoom  
August 10 - Meeting with Ryan Donaghy (EGL) to discuss the hiring of the ED by Teams  
August 10 - Meeting ED and André Frenette from Stantec in Shediac  
August 10 - CMNCP Governance Committee meeting by Zoom  
August 11 - RSC ED meeting by Zoom  
August 11 - Meeting with Mathieu Caissie for Beausoleil budget support in Bouctouche  
August 11 – KRSC BOD meeting in Richibucto  
August 31 - Meeting with Economic Development by Teams  
August 31 – Meeting KRSC and ESIC  
September 1st - RSC ED meeting by Zoom  
September 1 – Teams meeting to discuss Community Safety Plan  
September 6 - EBCS/Kent Learning Community follow-up by Zoom  
September 7 - Meeting with Chair, Vice-Chair and ED in Rogersville

### **13. RESOLUTIONS**

#### **a. Project - book on the history of Kent**

Finally, after 4 years, the project is coming to an end. Since the publisher has reduced the price since the documents were sent out, Paul Lang provides the new amount to the members before passing the resolution.

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 Institute of Acadian Studies have found publishers for the publication of the book: Septentrion (French) and Baraka Books (English);

WHEREAS the cost of publication for both works is \$17,614;

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 at \$34.95\$ per copy.

#### 2022-092

Be it therefore resolved that the Kent RSC accept to pay the sum of \$17,614 for the publication of the book on the history of Kent and that the publishers Septentrion and Baraka Books be hired to carry out the project.

Moved by : Danielle Dugas

Seconded by: Éric Tremblay

Motion carried

### **14. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. Minister of Justice letter**

Jean-Pierre Richard, Mayor of the Village of Saint-Antoine, expresses his concerns for the justice system. At his Public Safety Committee meeting the previous evening, it was stated that the existing law dates back to 1972. In his opinion, it is high time that this law be reviewed and updated as the justice system is not working as is. Jean-Pierre asks if the KRSC Board would be willing to send a letter to the Minister of Justice, Mr. Flemming, to lobby for a review of the law?

#### 2022-093

It was moved by Aldéo Saulnier and seconded by Jean-Pierre Richard, that a letter be sent to Minister Flemming, on behalf of the KRSC Board of Directors, to have the existing law reviewed and updated.

Motion carried

#### **b. Provincial Electoral Boundaries Commission**

Pierrette Robichaud and Paul Lang had a meeting with the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission in Shediac this morning. Two documents had been sent to the commission before the meeting and they touched on the points mentioned in these 2 documents; therefore, at least the arguments of the KRSC were shared. At the provincial level, the KRSC is currently part of 3 ridings - Kent North, South Kent and Shediac Bay/Dieppe, so 3 MLAs. Paul explains the process of the Provincial Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Commission and shares the numbers available. He asks the Board members if they wanted to have 3 ridings within the boundaries of Kent County. By doing so, it could happen that some communities would be divided in 2 or that part of Kent territory would be part of another district. But Paul could easily move the boundaries since he has the number of voters per pole for each riding, he knows exactly how to redistribute. He explains that it is almost impossible to divide into 3 ridings without dividing communities. A member mentions that it would be advantageous to have 3 MLA's because the KRSC would have better representation in Fredericton. If the KRSC wants to bring a proposal to the Provincial Electoral Boundaries Commission, Paul needs principles that the Board wants to maintain as soon as possible because a first document will be coming out in December 2022. Paul asks if the BOD if they want to wait to see the first document before moving forward with a proposal? Pierrette adds that with Baie Sainte-Anne joining us in 2023, we would be represented by 4 members at the provincial level. Some clarifications were requested before making a decision. A consensus was reached and the members agreed that Paul should start the process to keep the 3 ridings in Kent even if it means dividing some communities.

#### **c. Maritime Enforcement Services contract**

Presently, the KRSC has a contract with MES for the development side of the business which is in the amount of \$80,000 per year. Since we now have 3 building inspectors on the territory, we have more eyes in the field. So MES has reduced their contract for the next 2 years.

## 2020-094

It is moved by Jacques Cormier, seconded by Paul Lirette, that the Kent RSC accept that the firm Maritime Enforcement Services be hired for the execution of planning and construction by-laws in the municipalities and the role of development officer in the rural district for the sum of \$56,000 plus taxes for 2023 and \$57,500 plus taxes for 2024 with the same terms and conditions as the current contract.

Motion carried

### **d. Comment – caution/awareness**

Marc Goguen, Mayor of the Rural Community of Cocagne, would like to issue a warning to his colleagues to be vigilant. Since the population has increased on his territory, he had a visit from the Commissioner of Official Languages telling him that their community had exceeded the 20% threshold and that from now on, they will have to offer services in both languages at all times. Therefore, at every meeting, they will have to have translation available. Mr. Goguen said that this will generate big costs for the municipality. It should therefore be included in the budget.

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

- ❖ Lucie Martin, representing Baie Sainte-Anne, comments that she sees the common interests of joining the Kent communities on many levels and especially that there are other francophone communities.
- ❖ A member of the public asks if the economic development of Beaurivage would become the responsibility of the KRSC Board of Directors or the new Beaurivage Council?  
*Paul Lang explains that Beaurivage will have responsibilities in economic development in addition to the KRSC and the provincial government. It will be a shared responsibility.*
- ❖ A member of the public asks if it would be possible to obtain data on the users of regional infrastructures? What is the real impact? What is the profile of the users of these services?  
*Paul Lang explains that for the AquaKent Centre the numbers are available. However, since the Rexton Curling Club has asked a third party (Kent Curling Association) to provide the service, no user data is available.*
- ❖ With respect to tourism, a member of the public clarifies that there was never any annual core funding in the NB tourism associations. There was only special projects funding.
- ❖ A member of the public asks if the tourism file would be in-house and therefore the responsibility of the KRSC? And if so, would like the KRSC to work closely with the organizations already in place.  
*The Transition Committee made a recommendation to the provincial government to have a Regional Tourism Committee. Nothing official at this time. A motion will be brought to a future meeting.*
- ❖ A member of the general public asks if the KRSC budget has been distributed to the municipalities and LSD's as in previous years?  
*Paul Lang stated that the budget had been sent to the Board members and presented at the August 11th Board meeting. Since the solid waste contracts were adopted this evening, the final documents will be sent to the administrators so that they can complete their budget.*

**16. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

2022-095

It was moved by Éric Tremblay, that the adjournment be held at 9:17pm.

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CHAIR

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Executive Director/Clerk