



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

**October 20th, 2022  
6 :30pm  
Richibucto**

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Pierrette Robichaud opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m., welcomed everyone and explained the reason for the absence of the Executive Director.

## **2. ATTENDANCE**

- Pierrette Robichaud, Chair of the KRSC and Mayor of the Village of Rogersville
- Achille Bastarache, Deputy-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 (Zoom)
- 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
- Isabelle Mazerolle, Deputy-Mayor of the Rural Community of Cocagne
- Jacques Cormier, President of the LSD of Saint-Paul (late arrival)
- Jean-Pierre Richard, Mayor of the Village of Saint-Antoine
- Paul Lirette, President of the LSD of Saint-Charles
- Roger Richard, President of the LSD of Acadieville
- Stella Richard, Mayor of the Town of Richibucto
- Tina Beers, President LSD of Harcourt
- Wayne Carpenter, Mayor of the Village of Rexton

## **ABSENCES**

- Aldéo Saulnier, Mayor of the Town of Bouctouche
- Kris Morey, President of the LSD of Weldford
- Marc Goguen, Mayor of the Rural Community of Cocagne
- Paul Lang, Executive Director of the KRSC

## **OTHER**

- Isabelle Godin, Assistant Executive Director of the KRSC
- Francine Arsenault, Administrative Assistant KRSC Bouctouche
- Claudie Ringuette, Recreation Planning Coordinator
- Caroline Fontaine, Rural Settlement Coordinator
- Jean Goguen, Planning Director of the KRSC
- Francine Babineau, Translator
- Roger Pitre, EMO
- Michel Soucy, Transition Facilitator (Zoom)
- Members of the public

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

No declarations.

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

2022-096

It was moved by Gisèle Fontaine, seconded by Paul Lirette, that the agenda be adopted with the addition of 14 a. NB Elections and moving item 10 e. Regional recreational infrastructure after 6 c. Local government reform.

Wayne Carpenter asked to remove the tourism motion from the agenda. The Chair asked if it could be addressed under item c. Local Government Reform item v. Tourism? Mr. Carpenter agreed.

Motion carried

#### **5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

2022-097

It was moved by Claude LeBlanc, seconded by Éric Tremblay, that the minutes from the September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion carried

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

##### **a. Health Committee**

Pierrette Robichaud gave a brief report on what is happening at the committee level. She announced that the Learning Community program is progressing well. The Board will be kept informed of any progress on this subject.

##### **b. Immigration**

Caroline Fontaine gave a brief update and reviewed the statistics that she had compiled from the beginning of September to today. She mentioned that they have seen 42 newcomers at their office, including 10 new students who were enrolled in 3 schools in Rexton. A pumpkin carving activity is planned next week for the newcomers. During this activity, they will also talk about Halloween safety, since some of them have never done Halloween trick or treating.

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

###### **i. Community Development**

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 taken place over the past months;  
WHEREAS Madison Milliea withdraws her name as a member of the committee and Miguel Estrada's name is added.

2022-098

Therefore, be it resolved that the Kent RSC Board of Directors appoint Miguel Estrada to the Community Development Committee and that Madison Milliea's name be withdrawn.

Moved by: Paul Lirette

Seconded by: Daniel Bourgeois

Motion carried

**ii. Recreation**

Nothing to report.

**iii. Economic Development**

Nothing to report.

**iv. Regional Transportation**

The committee met for the first time on September 29.

**v. Tourism**

Some members expressed their concerns about the tourism mandate. They are frustrated, feel manipulated, do not feel heard because there is a big lack of communication. Not being informed enough, they don't feel comfortable addressing the subject with their municipal council because they don't know the direction that tourism in Kent is going. In addition, they would like to know why the KRSC decided to take the service "in house" instead of joining Destination South East which is already established and in place? Tina Beers, who sat on the Tourism Committee for 2 years, explained that KRSC had partnered with Destination Sud-Est in the past and that the file was not progressing, so the partnership was dissolved.

2022-099

It was moved by Wayne Carpenter, seconded by Achille Bastarache, to table the mandate on tourism in its entirety until the next meeting of the BOD with the new council in January 2023.

Michel explained that we cannot table a motion that was issued by the Transition Committee. A certain budget has been given to the KRSC for the tourism mandate and this will not change even if the motion proposed by the Transition Committee is not accepted. However, the structure of the mandate can be modified later in the process.

Michel Soucy explained that the mandate itself mentions collaboration with businesses, community leaders, and organizations in the region. So if Destination South East is an organization, there is nothing to stop the committee, the employee at KRSC, from working with Destination South East to advance tourism issues.

7 Yes  
9 Against  
Motion denied

Isabelle Godin explained that the motion being voted on today is for the mandate of the Tourism Development Committee and not for the mandate of the Tourism Department to be given "in house" or offered externally.

WHEREAS within the framework of the local governance reform, the KRSC will be responsible for the tourism development service at the regional level;

WHEREAS the Tourism Development Department will have to set up an advisory committee to assist the Economic Development and Tourism service in the implementation of the various initiatives under its responsibility;

WHEREAS the Transition Committee has validated the terms of reference for the Tourism Development Committee proposed by the Administration.

2022-100

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

Moved by : Gisèle Fontaine

Seconded by: Paul Lirette

Paul Lirette, for his part, sees the mandate as one that does not close the door but rather opens the door to get everyone involved, to help each other. In his opinion, he thinks that tourism must be done for the entire Kent region and not just for small sections. For the mandate, Paul understands that it is the organizations, with the help of the commission, that will make tourism work in Kent.

10 yay

6 nay

Motion carried

**i. Provincial Electoral Boundaries Commission**

WHEREAS the readjustment of provincial electoral boundaries is done every 10 years in New Brunswick;  
WHEREAS the electoral quotient selected by the Provincial Electoral Boundaries Commission is 11,714 voters;

WHEREAS the Kent region had an increase in population during the last census and this could justify the addition of an electoral district in the Kent territory;

WHEREAS the proposal submitted follows the geographic boundaries of the Kent RSC.

2022-101

It is therefore resolved that the motion be tabled for the time being brought to the special meeting in November 2022.

Moved by : Éric Tremblay

Seconded by: Gisèle Fontaine

Motion carried

**7. PRESENTATION**

No presentation.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- September 29, 2022 - Michèle Ouellette, Chair, Le mouvement acadien des communautés en santé NB

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Nothing to report.

**b. Audit**

Nothing to report.

**10. REPORT ON COLLABORATIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES**

**a. Planning**

The minutes of the August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Planning Advisory Committee meeting and the construction report for September 2022 are circulated.

Jean Goguen, Director of Planning, gave a presentation on the topics discussed at the Whistler 2022 Conference. In his report, Jean spoke about the requirements of the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP). During the conference, there were sessions on the integration of First Nations; public consultations; people with reduced mobility and urban design; agricultural protection; the carbon footprint in urban planning; the housing crisis; planning versus homelessness, and mistakes made in certain projects.

❖ **Planning for New Entities**

Jean Goguen provided some clarification before moving on to the motion.

WHEREAS, the commission will need to do a complete review of the plans for the new governing entities; WHEREAS the municipalization of the territory requires the Planning Services Department to do 7 plans in four (4) years;

WHEREAS, in the interest of good resource management, the priority of review will be established as follows; a city status as of the date of the motion, the age of the last registered plan (priority to older plans) and population served.

2022-102

Be it therefore resolved that the list of plans to be reviewed will be as follows: Greater Bouctouche and Beaurivage, Beausoleil and Five Rivers, Champdoré, Unincorporated Area and Nouvelle-Arcadie of Kent RSC.

Moved by : Paul Lirette

Seconded by : Jacques Cormier

Motion carried

**b. Solid Waste**

The waste report for September 2022 is circulated.

**c. Public Safety**

The minutes of the June 22, 2022 meeting are circulated.

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

In his report, Roger Pitre talks about Storm Fiona and the fact that some people did not take the warnings seriously and therefore were not prepared for the disaster. Compared to NS and PEI, we were spared. Disaster financial assistance went into effect within two or three days of the storm and applications will be accepted until January 31, 2023. He warns that the process is very lengthy but that uninsurable losses will be covered. Information is available at gnb.ca. In the future, this should be at the forefront of all new planning processes. EMO is still teaching courses. However, virtual courses are not ideal as they do not allow for group interaction. The Emergency Operations Center course is being evaluated by a task force as it does not really reflect today's realities and is not relevant to municipalities. Roger provided examples and explained the course flow. In the new year, Roger will be touring municipalities to assist them with

their all-hazard risk assessments for inclusion in their emergency plans. It is very important that emergency plans be put in place as soon as possible. In closing, EMO is always available to answer any inquiries about training sessions.

**e. Regional community infrastructures (Claudie Ringuette)**

**❖ AquaKent Center**

WHEREAS this cost sharing agreement for the regional recreation facility (AquaKent Center) is concluded in anticipation of the commencement of *An Act Respecting Local Governance Reform, 2022* (S.N.B. 2022, c. 31) and the directives issued from the Department of Environment and Local Government;

WHEREAS the AquaKent Center is considered “regional” under the following identification criteria:

- The AquaKent Center is providing a truly regional benefit;
- The scale of ongoing operations of the AquaKent Center’s and its capacity to host events is more substantial in comparison to other infrastructure in the region;
- The AquaKent Center has a unique character;
- The AquaKent Center offers a variety of activities to appeal to different age groups.

WHEREAS the Village de Saint-Louis-de-Kent provides recreational services at the Centre AquaKent for the benefit of the residents of the local governments and the local service districts, which is also served by the Kent Regional Service Commission;

WHEREAS the Village de Saint-Louis-de-Kent agrees to ensure the management of the facility and to be accountable to the Kent Regional Service Commission;

WHEREAS the Village de Saint-Louis-de-Kent is willing to enter into this cost-sharing agreement that would include oversight provided through the Kent Regional Service Commission;

WHEREAS the costs to be shared are the anticipated net operating costs of the AquaKent Center;

WHEREAS the cost sharing methodology was developed based on the tax base and population of the entities, as well as the distance to the AquaKent Center;

WHEREAS the Village de Saint-Louis-de-Kent remains financially responsible for the debentures and related capital costs;

WHEREAS this cost sharing agreement will be in effect from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2028, inclusive.

**2022-103**

Be it therefore resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent RSC adopt and sign a 5-year agreement with the Village de Saint-Louis-de-Kent.

Moved by: Éric Tremblay

Seconded by: Gisèle Fontaine

A question period ensued, concerns about the formula used were shared and explanations were given. Michel Soucy clarified that if the Board does not accept the formula presented tonight, it could be that the government will decide the cost and will not take into consideration the distance as in the formula presented tonight. Claudie Ringuette provided some context and additional explanations.

12 Yay

4 Nay

Motion carried

❖ **Rexton Recreation Centre**

WHEREAS this cost sharing agreement for the regional recreation facility (Rexton Recreation Centre) is concluded in anticipation of the commencement of *An Act Respecting Local Governance Reform, 2022* (S.N.B. 2022, c. 31) and the directives issued from the Department of Environment and Local Government; WHEREAS the Rexton Recreation Centre is considered “regional” under the following identification criteria:

- The Rexton Recreation Centre is providing a truly regional benefit;
- The scale of ongoing operations of the Rexton Recreation Centre and its capacity to host events is more substantial in comparison to other infrastructure in the region;
- The Rexton Recreation Centre has a unique character;
- The Rexton Recreation Centre offers a variety of activities to appeal to different age groups.

WHEREAS the Village of Rexton provides recreational services at the Rexton Recreation Centre for the benefit of the residents of the local governments and the local service districts, which is also served by the Kent Regional Service Commission;

WHEREAS the Village of Rexton agrees to ensure the management of the facility and to be accountable to the Kent Regional Service Commission;

WHEREAS the Village of Rexton is willing to enter into this cost-sharing agreement that would include oversight provided through the Kent Regional Service Commission;

WHEREAS the costs to be shared are the anticipated net operating costs of the Rexton Recreation Centre;

WHEREAS the cost sharing methodology was developed based on the tax base and population of the entities, as well as the distance to the Rexton Recreation Centre;

WHEREAS the Village of Rexton remains financially responsible for the debentures and related capital costs;

WHEREAS this cost sharing agreement will be in effect from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2028, inclusive.

A question period follows and explanations are given. Claudie Ringuette provides context and further explanation.

2022-104

Be it therefore resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent RSC adopt and sign a 5-year agreement with the Village of Rexton.

Proposed by: Tina Beers

Moved by: Éric Tremblay

Mr. Wayne Carpenter mentioned that the Village of Rexton has reservations. Tina Beers spoke up to say that Mr. Carpenter could not speak for the Five Rivers entity as nothing was discussed at their Transition Committee meetings.

11 yay

5 nay

Motion carried

❖ **Imperial Kent North Center**

To provide some context, Claudie Ringuette provides explanations.

WHEREAS a cost-sharing agreement for general operations of the Imperial Kent North Centre was concluded in 2018 between the Ville de Richibucto and the Kent RSC, with the Village de Saint-Louis-de-



Kent, the Village of Rexton and the Local Service Districts of Pointe-Sapin, Carleton, Saint-Louis, Saint-Ignace, Aldouane, Saint-Charles, Richibucto, Cap-de-Richibucto and of Weldford;

WHEREAS in anticipation of the commencement of *An Act Respecting Local Governance Reform, 2022* (S.N.B. 2022, c. 31) and the directives issued from the Department of Environment and Local Government, the current cost-sharing agreement for the sub-regional recreation facility, the Imperial Kent North Centre, will be eventually repealed.

#### 2022-105

Be it therefore resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent RSC request that the Kent RSC administration prepare a new agreement in collaboration with the Town of Richibucto while taking into account taxing authorities of the local service districts participating in the current agreement.

Proposed by: Gisèle Fontaine

Moved by: Paul Lirette

Motion carried

#### **11. CHAIR REPORT (SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 TO OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2022)**

September 15 - Presentation to the commission for the division of the federal constituencies

September 15 - KRSC Board meeting

September 29 - Meeting with Vitalité for the Learning Communities program

September 29 - AGM Kent Violence Prevention Centre

October 04 - Zoom meeting for KRSC finances with the province

October 04 - Zoom meeting with the Executive Director and the Vice-Chair of the KRSC

October 06 - Transition Committee meeting

#### **12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 TO OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2022)**

September 8 – Bi-weekly ED of RSCs meeting by Zoom

September 9 - Municipal Advisory Corporation Committee in Moncton

September 12 - Follow-up Learning Community with Vitalité NB

September 12 - Consultation with NB Stewardship Plan for Packaging and Paper

September 12 - Meeting with Social Development regarding community transportation

September 12 - Update on Community Transportation Service Offer

September 13 - Meeting ED of KRSC with CAOs of Municipalities in Richibucto

September 14 - Meeting Police Committee with Public Safety by Zoom

September 14 - Labour NB, CBDC and KRSC meeting in Richibucto

September 14 - KRSC budget presentation to facilitators in Richibucto

September 14 - Public Safety Committee meeting in Richibucto

September 15 - Bi-weekly ED of RSCs meeting by Zoom

September 15 - KRSC Board of Directors meeting in Richibucto

September 16 - Municipal Advisory Corporation Committee in Dieppe

September 17 - Public Safety Day in Richibucto

September 20 - Meeting with Kent – Francophone Welcoming Community

September 20 - Discussion with René Côté from CBDC regarding Excellence NB in Bouctouche

September 22 - Meeting with Councillor Mariette Cormier regarding transportation in Bouctouche

September 22 - Monthly CMNCP Board meeting by Zoom

September 23 - Several updates with Public Safety regarding storm Fiona

September 23 - Meeting with Public Safety Crime Prevention Division regarding Kent Community Safety and Wellness  
September 24 - Update with Public Safety regarding storm Fiona  
September 26 - Meeting for Resiliency Committee plan by Teams  
September 27 - Local Governance Orientation Planning Committee by Teams  
September 27 - CMNCP 2022 AGM by Zoom  
September 28 - Aboriginal Cultural Competency presentation in Richibucto  
September 29 - Bi-weekly ED of RSCs meeting by Zoom  
September 29 - Health and Learning Community Committee meeting in Richibucto  
September 29 - Transportation Committee meeting in Richibucto  
October 3rd - External Advisory Committee meeting - Strategic Planning by Teams  
October 4 - Meeting with NBCC intern in Richibucto  
October 4 - Meeting with Chair, Vice-Chair and ED  
October 4 - Discussion KRSC and Education post secondary, training and labour  
October 6 - Bi-weekly ED of RSCs meeting by Zoom  
October 6 - Transition Committee meeting in Richibucto  
October 7 & 8 - UMN Conference in Fredericton  
October 7th - Meeting with Black Arcs  
October 11 - Zoom meeting with YHC Environment regarding transportation booking platform  
October 11 - Meeting with RCMP regarding transportation – Hospital in Richibucto

### **13. RESOLUTIONS**

#### **a. Transfer from the reserve fund**

WHEREAS, due to higher-than-expected cost of gasoline, the Kent RSC had to implement its compensation formula with the garbage collectors for the reimbursement of additional costs related to the collection; WHEREAS the Kent RSC had budgeted \$60,000 in 2022 and this amount will not be sufficient to cover the costs this year;

WHEREAS in order to avoid a deficit in 2022, that the administration recommends withdrawing the necessary funds from the Solid Waste Department's operational reserve fund to cover the anticipated deficit;

WHEREAS, the estimated amount required to cover the deficit is \$80,000.

#### 2022-106

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent RSC accepts that the sum of \$80,000 be withdrawn from the Solid Waste operational reserve fund to cover the anticipated deficit due to the increase in collection costs.

Moved by : Gisèle Fontaine

Seconded by: Docile Cormier

Isabelle Godin provided clarification before moving to a vote.

Motion carried

#### **b. Call for tender "Flusher Truck"**

WHEREAS the Kent RSC has done a feasibility study for the purchase of a flusher truck for the municipalities of Bouctouche, Cap-Pelé, Saint-Antoine, Richibucto and Saint-Louis-de-Kent;

WHEREAS the study shows that the cost of purchasing and maintaining the flusher truck justifies the purchase of this piece of equipment for the participating municipalities;  
WHEREAS KRSC went before the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board on September 12, 2022 and its application was approved by the Minister of Local Government and Governance Reform;  
WHEREAS the Public Works Directors of the participating municipalities have met to prepare the desired specifications for the requested piece of equipment;  
WHEREAS a cost sharing agreement will be developed by the KRSC, verified by our legal counsel and recommended to the Kent RSC Board of Directors prior to the purchase of the equipment.

2022-107

Be it therefore resolved that the Kent RSC Board of Directors agrees to go to tender for the purchase of a "flusher truck" as identified in the specifications developed by the public works personnel of the participating municipalities.

Moved by : Gisèle Fontaine

Seconded by: Daniel Bourgeois

Motion carried

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Elections NB**

Paul Lirette talked about the mistake Elections NB made in sending out false cards to many voters saying there would be no election this year. People were misled and are confused. This error needs to be corrected by the government and not by the communities. The transition committees will be sending a letter asking the government to correct its mistake and they are looking for support from the KRSC who could also send a letter. Advertisements in newspapers and on social media are not enough to solve the problem.

2022-108

It was moved by Paul Lirette, seconded by Gisèle Fontaine, that the KRSC send a letter to the government denouncing its error and rectifying the situation by sending new cards to voters by mail.

Motion carried

**15. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- ❖ A member of the public expressed concern about the new tourism mandate, saying that there will surely be repercussions in the years to come since there has been no consultation with other partners in the field. The member of the public recalled that the White Paper stated that there would be promotion of regional tourism, but with the mandate proposed by the Transition Committee, it is only tourism development. This same person thinks that Destination South East has strong regional expertise and does an excellent job. Understanding that the Tourism Department was imposed by the government, this person is rather concerned about the execution that was done on the ground.
- ❖ A second member of the public commented that they had heard on CBC today that there would be no correction to the NB election and that they did not expect to send out new voter information cards. This person is happy that the KRSC and the transition committees will be sending out letters to make the correction.

**16. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

2022-109

It was moved by Daniel Bourgeois, that the adjournment be held at 9:03pm.

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CHAIR

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Executive Director/Clerk