

Commission de services
régionaux de Kent



Kent Regional
Service Commission

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

**February 20, 2025
4:00pm
Beaurivage**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Tina Beers opens the meeting at 4pm and welcomes everyone.

2. ATTENDANCE

- Arnold Vautour, Mayor of the Town of Beaurivage
- Jean-Charles Daigle, President of the Kent Rural District
- Jean-Pierre Richard, Mayor of the Town of Champdoré
- Jimmy Bourque, Mayor of the Village of Nouvelle-Arcadie
- Roméo Bourque, Mayor of the Rural Community of Beausoleil
- Tina Beers, Vice-Chair of the KRSC and Mayor of the Municipality of Five-Rivers

ABSENCE

- Aldéo Saulnier, Chair of the KRSC and Mayor of the Town of Grand-Bouctouche

OTHERS

- Paul Lang, Executive Director - KRSC
- Francine Arsenault, Administrative Assistant - KRSC (Grand-Bouctouche)
- Lynn Landry Caissie, Finance Director - KRSC
- Jean Goguen, Planning Director - KRSC
- Claudie Ringuette, Community Services Director – KRSC
- Marie-Paul Robichaud, Economic Development and Tourism Director - KRSC
- Yolande Chiasson, Interpreter
- Mélanie Savoie, CAO, Town of Beaurivage
- Jordan Cyr, Chair – Maritime Enforcement Services
- Marc Charest – Maritime Enforcement Services
- Samuel LeBlanc – Maritime Enforcement Services
- Members of the public

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Nothing to declare.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2025-009

It is moved by Jimmy Bourque, seconded by Arnold Vautour, that the agenda be adopted with the addition of 14 a. Regional welcome signs.

Motion carried

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2024 AND JANUARY 30, 2025 MEETINGS

2025-010

It is moved by Arnold Vautour, seconded by Jean-Charles Daigle, that the minutes of the Regular meeting of December 19, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Motion carried

2025-011

It is moved by Roméo Bourque, seconded by Jimmy Bourque, that the minutes of the Special meeting of January 30, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Motion carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nothing on this subject.

7. PRESENTATION

See item 10 c.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- January 6, 2025 - Traci Simmons, CEO of ONB
- January 14, 2025 - Léona Bernard, SMKH North Star Campaign
- February 10, 2025 - Christa Baldwin, CEO - Canadian Mental Health Association and Mark T. Fenety, Executive Director - Community Support Publications

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finances – Administration – Human Resources

The unaudited financial statements as of December 31, 2024 and the minutes of the Finance Committee of July 18, August 29 and October 24, 2024 are circulated.

Lynn Landry Caissie presents the unaudited financial statements to December 31, 2024 and provides explanations.

b. Audit

The audit will be presented in April 2025.

c. Health

Vitalité presented its master plan for the Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital and two options were recommended: 1. Expansion and renovation and 2. New construction. The Kent Health Committee will be meeting in March, and it would be important for the KRSC Board of Directors to be present. The three MLAs from the Kent region have asked for a formal consensus on the option that would be chosen by the community. This will then be presented to the government.

10. REPORTS ON COLLABORATIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES

a. Planning

The minutes of the Planning Review and Advisory Committee of December 11, 2024 as well as the construction reports for December 2024 and January 2025 are circulated.

Jordan Cyr, Chair of Maritime Enforcement Services (MES), came to make a presentation to the KRSC Board of Directors on the situation they are concerned with. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) advised them that they had to remove the red lights and blue stripes on their vehicles, saying they were illegal and too similar to RCMP vehicles. However, the Department of Public Safety is not clear with its

regulations and seems to be saying that yellow lights are no more acceptable. MES contacted the Honorable Robert Gauvin, who suggested they submit a request to DPS explaining the situation. MES is asking to be allowed to use yellow lights to identify and protect themselves, so that they can provide adequate and safe service to the municipalities they serve. These lights are also used by other by-law vehicles in the province. A second request would be to keep their design (logo) as it is well identified with “By law” or “municipal” so no conflict with other agencies. Jordan requests a letter of support from the KRSC Board of Directors to include with their request to the Department of Public Safety.

2025-012

It was moved by Jean-Pierre Richard, seconded by Jean-Charles Daigle, that a letter of support from the Kent RSC Board of Directors be sent to Maritime Enforcement Services to support their request to the Department of Public Safety to add yellow lights to their vehicles and keep their logo intact.

Motion carried

b. Solid Waste

The minutes of the Solid Waste Management Technical Committee of November 7, 2024 and the Solid Waste Report for December 2024 and January 2025 were circulated.

c. Public Safety

Arnold Vautour mentions that Minister Gauvin will be invited to the next committee meeting on March 13.

d. Economic Development and Tourism

Paul Lang explains that they've had a request from the Villa de Collette, which is run by a non-profit association. They want to work on a housing project in the area following a study that was carried out in 2022. There is an urgent need for housing. Create housing through cooperatives. There is a request for a letter of support.

WHEREAS the Kent RSC has commissioned a study on housing in 2022;

WHEREAS the study reveals that, according to the reference scenario, an additional 553 units per year will be required to meet the projected housing demand by 2026 for the Kent RSC territory;

WHEREAS the Villa de Colette is requesting the support of the Kent RSC for a study project.

2025-013

It is moved by Jimmy Bouque, seconded by Arnold Vautour, that a letter of support for the Villa de Colette project be sent.

Motion carried

e. Community Development

WHEREAS the municipality of Champdoré is requesting a letter of support from the Board of Directors of the Kent RSC to endorse its request for the acquisition of the land of the former Saint-Paul School (PID 25038068), currently owned by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure;

WHEREAS the municipality of Champdoré is submitting a feasibility analysis;

WHEREAS this land would be acquired for the purpose of carrying out a project aimed at revitalizing the region and addressing the current needs of the population;

WHEREAS this land would have THREE (3) main purposes: 1) development of a community garden, 2) creation of a starting and finishing point for ATV trails, and 3) construction of affordable housing for seniors;

WHEREAS community gardens, motorized trails, and affordable housing are part of the action plan of the Kent RSC's regional strategy.

2025-014

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent RSC officially supports the municipality of Champdoré's initiative with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure for the acquisition of the land identified by PID 25038068 and that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the municipality.

Moved by: Jean-Pierre Richard

Seconded by: Jimmy Bourque

Motion carried

f. Regional Transportation

The minutes of the Transport Committee meeting of December 9, 2024 and the statistics for 2024 were circulated. Statistics as of January 29, 2025 are distributed and explanations are provided.

g. Recreation Planning

Mélanie Savoie, CAO of the Town of Beaurivage, reads the 2023 report and the financial reports before moving to the motion.

WHEREAS according to the cost-sharing agreement in effect for the AquaKent Center, Beaurivage must provide the KRSC with a copy of the audited financial statements, including the statement of the revenues and operating costs, within thirty (30) days after it is formally accepted by council;

WHEREAS Beaurivage is also required to submit an annual report to the RSC containing:

- the audited financial statement;
- a record of the key activities and accomplishments;
- challenges that the entity must overcome and the solutions to address them;
- data showing the impact of the facility, such as number of people who use the regional recreation facility and its program, and their location of residence.

WHEREAS overall this report needs to offer a transparent view of the AquaKent Center's activities over the course of the calendar year;

WHEREAS, through its mayor or general manager, Beaurivage presented this activity report regarding the facility during this Board of Directors' meeting.

2025-015

Be it therefore resolved that the KRSC Board of Directors acknowledges receipt of the report from Beaurivage regarding the regional infrastructure, the AquaKent Center for 2023.

Moved by: Arnold Vautour

Seconded by: Roméo Bourque

Motion carried

11. CHAIR REPORT (DECEMBER 12, 2024 TO FEBRUARY 12, 2025)

December 18 - Meeting with CEO, Chair and Vice-Chair of the KRSC - Beaurivage

December 19 - KRSC Board meeting - Beaurivage

January 13 - Meeting with CEO, Chair and Vice-Chair of the KRSC - Beaurivage

January 16 - Board meeting to prepare discussions with various ministries - Beaurivage

January 21 - Meeting on health in Beresford
January 23 - Social Inclusion and Community Development Committee meeting - Zoom
January 28 - Meeting with Susan Holt - Grand-Bouctouche

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (DECEMBER 12, 2024 TO FEBRUARY 12, 2025)

December 12 – Bi-weekly meeting of EDs of RSCs - Zoom
December 12 - Discussion with Alain Lamarre - Teams
December 12 - 5 to 7 meet in Champdoré
December 13 - Follow-up to Sport Development Workforce pilot program - Zoom
December 16 - Meeting with Kent Family Resource Centre - Grand-Bouctouche
December 17 - Meeting with the ED of the KRSC and the CAOs of municipalities - Beaurivage
December 17 - Update meeting with Vitalité NB - Teams
December 18 - Meeting with CEO, Chair and Vice-Chair of the KRSC - Beaurivage
December 19 - Bi-weekly meeting of EDs of RSCs - Zoom
December 19 - CCCS monthly board meeting - Teams
December 19 - KRSC Board meeting - Beaurivage
January 9 - Tax Reform Working Group - Zoom
January 13 - Meeting with CEO, Chair and Vice-Chair of the KRSC - Beaurivage
January 13 - Meeting Paul Lang and Vitalité NB - Teams
January 14 - Meeting with public health regarding climate change - Teams
January 15 - Government Frameworks presentation - Teams
January 15 - Meeting with Horizon Health regarding transportation funding request - Teams
January 16 - Meeting with Vitalité regarding Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital - Teams
January 16 - Bi-weekly meeting of EDs of RSCs - Zoom
January 16 - AMANB Board meeting - Zoom
January 16 - KRSC Board meeting to plan discussions with ministers - Beaurivage
January 16 - Meeting with judges for Restigouche entrepreneurial gala - Teams
January 20 - AMANB Training Committee - Zoom
January 21 - AMANB Annual Convention Organizing Committee (COCA 2025 in Bouctouche) - Zoom
January 21 - Vitalité Board of Directors - Danny's Inn
January 22 - Meeting with Stéphane Godin regarding Learning Community - Beaurivage
January 23 - MAC meeting - Zoom
January 23 - Meeting with United Way - Moncton
January 23 - Presentation to Université de Moncton Criminology Department - Moncton
January 27 - CBC Radio interview for Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital
January 28 - Meeting with Work NB - Zoom
January 28 - CCFSC Governance Committee meeting - Zoom
January 28 - Meeting with Susan Holt - CSRK Grand-Bouctouche
January 29 - Meeting with Vitalité regarding integration activity - Teams
January 30 - Bi-weekly meeting of EDs of RSCs - Zoom
January 30 - CCFSC monthly board meeting - Teams
January 30 - KRSC Board of Directors meeting - Beaurivage
February 4 - Organizing committee for the AMANB 2025 annual convention in Bouctouche - Zoom
February 4 - Meeting with Roger Doiron
February 5 - Meeting - Learning Community - ÉBCS de Kent - Beaurivage
February 6 - Bi-weekly meeting of EDs of RSCs - Zoom
February 6 - Health Committee meeting - Beaurivage

February 7 - Interview with Radio Canada regarding Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital
February 12 - EDs of RSCs meeting - Bathurst

13. RESOLUTIONS

a. Cancellation of Board meeting of March 2025

WHEREAS the mayors of the region are invited to participate in two events organized by the AFMNB and the UMNb on two consecutive Thursdays in March;
WHEREAS in view of these events, the administration recommends that the March regular meeting be cancelled.

2025-016

Therefore, be it resolved that the regular meeting of the KRSC Board of Directors for the month of March be cancelled.

Moved by : Jean-Charles Daigle
Seconded by : Jimmy Bourque

Motion carried

b. Proposition from NX Career

2025-018

It is moved by Roméo Bourque, seconded by Jimmy Bourque, that the Board of Directors go in camera pursuant to Section 68 (1j) of the Local Governance Act.

Motion carried

2025-019

It is moved by Arnold Vautour, seconded by Jean-Charles Daigle, that the meeting of the Board of Directors return to open session.

Motion carried

WHEREAS a proposition has been issued by NX Career concerning the evaluation of the position of Executive Director;
WHEREAS this evaluation is essential to identify the criteria and skills required to fill this strategic position;
WHEREAS the expertise of NX Career is recognized in the field of executive recruitment and assessment.

2025-020

It is moved by Jimmy Bourque, seconded by Arnold Vautour, to accept NX Career's proposition again this year to proceed with the evaluation of the position of Executive Director at a cost of \$3,800 (HST and travel not included).

Motion carried

14. NEW BUSINESS

a. Regional welcome signs

Jean-Charles Daigle would like to see welcome signs at entry points to Kent. This would be a good way to welcome people from elsewhere to our region.

2025-017

It is moved by Jean-Charles Daigle, seconded by Arnold Vautour, that a study be done on the type of signs wanted, the design, the cost, etc.

Motion carried

15. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nothing on this subject.

16. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

2025-021

It is moved by Jimmy Bourque, that the adjournment be held at 5:31pm.

VICE-CHAIR

Executive Director/Clerk