

Commission de services
régionaux de Kent



Kent Regional
Service Commission

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

**June 19, 2025
4:00pm
KRSC - Beaurivage**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Aldéo Saulnier opens the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and welcomes everyone.

2. ATTENDANCE

- Aldéo Saulnier, Chair of the KRSC and Mayor of the Town of Grand-Bouctouche
- Arnold Vautour, Mayor of the Town of Beaurivage
- Jean-Charles Daigle, President of the Kent Rural District
- Jimmy Bourque, Mayor of the Village of Nouvelle-Arcadie
- Marc Babineau, Deputy Mayor, Town of Champdoré
- Roméo Bourque, Mayor of the Rural Community of Beausoleil
- Tina Beers, Vice-Chair of the KRSC and Mayor of the Municipality of Five-Rivers

OTHERS

- Paul Lang, Chief Executive Officer – KRSC
- Isabelle Godin, Assistant Executive Director – KRSC
- Claudie Ringuette, Community Services Director - KRSC
- Marie-Paul Robichaud, Director of Economic Development and Tourism - KRSC
- Michael Cormier, Building Inspector - KRSC
- Marc Doiron, Building Inspector - KRSC
- Lynn Landry Caissie, Finance Director - KRSC
- Jean Goguen, Planning Director - KRSC
- Francine Arsenault, Administrative Assistant - KRSC (Grand-Bouctouche)
- Ronald Fournier, Interpreter
- Cathy Cormier, Senior Provincial Director – Ambulance NB
- Jean-Pierre Savoie, Vice President – Ambulance NB
- Ronnie Allain, Regional Director – Ambulance NB
- Jane McCulloch, Consultant – Terminus Consulting
- Members of the public

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

No declarations.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2025-052

It is moved by Arnold Vautour, seconded by Jimmy Bourque, that the agenda be adopted with the addition of the introduction of inspectors before item 7a. as well as item 14c. Letter of support – Beaurivage.

Motion carried

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 15, 2025 MEETING

2025-053

It is moved by Roméo Bourque, seconded by Jimmy Bourque, that the minutes of the Regular meeting of May 15, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Motion carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nothing on this subject.

*Jean Goguen, Director of Planning, introduces the two new inspectors of the KRSC: Michael Cormier and Marc Doiron.

7. PRESENTATIONS

a. AmbulanceNB

Jean-Pierre Savoie, Vice President of Ambulance NB, gives a presentation to the Board of Directors with the goal of encouraging open and ongoing communication with mayors and representatives from rural districts across the province of New Brunswick. During his presentation, Mr. Savoie outlines the pressures facing the ambulance system, shares the organization's concerns, and highlights current challenges. He also presents relevant statistics, discusses upcoming programs, and explores potential initiatives aimed at attracting more individuals to enroll in paramedic training.

b. Trails study

Jane McCulloch, consultant with Terminus Consulting, presents the feasibility study for a regional active trail network. She explains the objective of the study as well as the methodology used, which included compiling feedback from respondents to an online survey and input gathered during more than 15 public sessions. She outlines the main findings of the study and highlights the strategic themes that emerged, providing concrete examples and additional information to illustrate their significance. In conclusion, Jane presents a series of recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding possible next steps for the development of active trails.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- May 5, 2025 – Hon. Robert Gauvin, Minister responsible for La Francophonie/Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs – PSLO 2025-2026 funding request.
- June 9, 2025 – Hon. Robert Gauvin, Minister of Public Safety/Ministry of Justice and Public Safety – Correspondence for meeting

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finances – Administration – Human Resources

A meeting is scheduled for July.

b. Audit

Nothing to report.

c. Health

The report from the June 10 meeting with Vitalité NB has been circulated.

WHEREAS Vitalité Health Network has undertaken an exercise to develop a master plan for Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital;

WHEREAS Vitalité Health Network has hired CIM Consulting to lead the master plan development exercise;

WHEREAS Vitalité Health Network accepted the Kent RSC's request to be part of the consultation process for the development of the master plan. First Nations, as well as a group of newcomers, participated in the consultation process;

WHEREAS Vitalité Health Network Senior Director of Infrastructure Marco Ouellette, along with CIM Consulting, presented the results of the master plan to the Kent RSC Health Committee in the winter of 2025. A copy of the master plan was also circulated to Kent RSC elected officials;

WHEREAS the Vitalité Health Network Board of Directors adopted the master plan for the Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital and forwarded it to the Department of Health in order to move the file forward;

WHEREAS the master plan proposes two infrastructure options: the construction of a new hospital or the renovation and expansion of the existing building;

WHEREAS modification of the current infrastructure, either through the renovation and expansion of the existing hospital or the construction of a new hospital, is necessary and must be carried out in accordance with the master plan;

WHEREAS the master plan proposes the addition and expansion of a range of services, such as:

- Improved emergency services (larger spaces and more stretchers);
- The return of hospital beds with an emphasis on stays of up to 7 days;
- The addition of 2 radiology machines;
- The addition of an ultrasound machine;
- The addition of a computed tomography (CT) scanner;
- The addition of outpatient clinics;
- The addition of one-day nursing follow-ups;
- The addition of an endoscopy clinic and recovery beds;
- The addition of dialysis services (up to 6 chairs);
- The addition of oncology services (up to 6 chairs);
- Adding additional primary health care, public health, and mental health services.

WHEREAS the master plan timelines are too long with regard to the addition and delivery of essential services to the population served by the SMKH, and for this reason, the KRSC wishes to prioritize services to be implemented in the short and medium term (2 to 5 years);

WHEREAS some of these services could be provided outside the walls of a hospital and instead in the community;

WHEREAS the Kent RSC Health Committee and Board of Directors met in April to discuss the options presented and agreed by consensus to focus on adding services rather than deciding on one of the two options for hospital infrastructure.

2025-054

It is therefore resolved that the Kent RSC Health Committee recommend to the Kent RSC Board of Directors that it send a letter to the Minister of Health, the CEO of Vitalité, the President of Vitalité, and the members of Parliament and ministers from the Kent region, indicating the pressing needs for health services and listing the above as those that must be added as quickly as possible in the region.

Moved by: Jimmy Bourque

Seconded by: Tina Beers

Motion carried

10. REPORTS ON COLLABORATIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES

a. Planning

The minutes of the Planning Review Committee of April 29, 2025 as well as the construction report for May 2025 were circulated.

WHEREAS the Kent RSC has a Planning Review Committee (PRC);

WHEREAS the PRC is composed of 6 individuals, and may include a maximum of 2 elected municipal officials;

WHEREAS the nomination process was launched and the administration received one nomination, that of Claude LeBlanc;

WHEREAS an invitation to submit nominations to the committee to fill the vacant position was sent to the members of the Board of Directors;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors has received one nomination and nominations from the floor may be accepted if the nominee is present in the room.

2025-055

It is moved by Jean-Charles Daigle, seconded by Arnold Vautour, that nominations for a maximum of one person for the position on the Planning Review Committee take place.

Motion carried

Nominations: Claude LeBlanc

The election chair asks three times for nominations.

2025-056

It is moved by Marc Babineau, seconded by Jimmy Bourque, that nominations cease.

Motion carried

2025-057

It is therefore resolved that **Claude LeBlanc** be appointed to the **Planning Review Committee** for a term ending in June 2029, and that his or her term of office be determined by the Community Planning Act.

Moved by: Tina Beers

Seconded by: Jean-Charles Daigle

Motion carried

Appointment of Marc Doiron as Building Inspector

WHEREAS Marc Doiron was hired as a Building Inspector at the KRSC in June 2025 as a Development Officer and Building Inspector;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission has the authority, on behalf of the Minister, to appoint a Building Inspector to serve the Rural District of Kent;

WHEREAS his appointment will enable immediate collaboration with the planning department and the use of his experience as a certified and qualified Level 3 inspector.

2025-058

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission appoints Marc Doiron to the position of Building Inspector.

Moved by : Tina Beers

Seconded by : Roméo Bourque

Motion carried

b. Solid Waste

Nothing to report.

c. Public Safety

The minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of March 13, 2025 have been circulated. The Public Safety Day held in Rogersville on June 8 went very well. There was a very good turnout.

d. Economic Development and Tourism

The minutes of the Regional Immigration Committee meeting held on February 27, 2025 have been circulated.

Delivery Service Study - Tourism

WHEREAS the Kent RSC is responsible for regional tourism development services;

WHEREAS the Kent RSC has an Economic Development and Tourism Committee composed of a maximum of 2 members of the Board of Directors with tourism operators as well as stakeholders and in the field;

WHEREAS since January 2024, the mandate has been entrusted to the Destination Sud-Est marketing destination organization;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors wishes to study different service delivery options.

2025-059

It is therefore resolved to mandate the staff of the Kent RSC to prepare a preliminary study presenting the models for delivering regional tourism development services, along with their associated costs.

Moved by: Tina Beers

Seconded by: Jimmy Bourque

Motion carried

e. Social Inclusion and Community Development

No updates.

f. Regional Transportation

Election of Regional Transportation Committee

WHEREAS the Kent Regional Services Commission Board of Directors has a Regional Transportation Committee;

WHEREAS the committee has two seats reserved for Kent Transportation clients;

WHEREAS the Kent Transportation dispatcher has been informed of the death of Shivran Siddhu, who served on the committee as a client.

2025-060

It is moved by Marc Babineau, seconded by Arnold Vautour, that nominations for a client position on the Regional Transportation Committee be held.

Motion carried

Nominations: Francine Daigle (Beaurivage)

The election chair asks three times for nominations.

2025-061

It is moved by Jimmy Bourque, seconded by Jean-Charles Daigle, that nominations cease.

Motion carried

2025-062

It is therefore resolved that **Francine Daigle** be appointed to the **Regional Transportation Committee** for a four-year term (June 2029) as outlined in the Regional Transportation Committee's mandate.

Moved by: Jean-Charles Daigle

Seconded by: Arnold Vautour

Motion carried

g. Recreation Planning

The minutes of the March 31, 2025 meeting of the Recreation, Sports, and Culture Committee have been circulated.

WHEREAS conducting a feasibility study for a regional active trail network is an action item in the implementation plan of the Department of Sports, Recreation, and Cultural Infrastructure;

WHEREAS this step is solely intended to gauge the interest of communities in a project of this scope and to confirm the commitment of the Kent Regional Service Commission (KRSC) and the municipalities;

WHEREAS Terminus Consulting facilitated the consultation process in 2024 and 2025;

WHEREAS Terminus Consulting has presented its preliminary report for a regional active trail network to the Recreation, Sport and Culture Committee meeting on June 2, 2025;

WHEREAS according to resolution 2025-012RSC, the Recreation, Sport and Culture Committee recommends that the Board of Directors of the KRSC acknowledge receipt of the report submitted by Terminus Consulting.

2025-063

Be it resolved that the Kent Regional Services Commission Board of Directors acknowledge receipt of the report submitted by Terminus Consulting for a regional active trail network.

Moved by: Arnold Vautour

Seconded by: Marc Babineau

Motion carried

11. CHAIR REPORT (MAY 8 TO JUNE 11, 2025)

May 12 – Meeting with Social Development – Beaurivage

May 14 – Meeting with Chair, Vice-Chair and CEO – Beaurivage

June 2 – Letter from Hon. Susan Holt and Hon. Aaron Kennedy *

June 4 – Photo shoot in Rexton for Transport Kent van

*Tina Beers draws attention to the letter and provides explanations.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (MAY 8 TO JUNE 11, 2025)

May 8 – Capital renewal funding – Local governments – Teams

May 8 – Meeting of RSC CEOs – Zoom

May 9 – KRSC and NBMC meeting in Fredericton

May 12 and 13 – MAC meetings in Fredericton

May 14 – Meeting of KRSC Chair, Vice-Chair and CEO – Beaurivage

May 14 – Meeting between the KRSC CEO and municipal CEOs – Beaurivage

May 14 – MADA presentation – TC Kent – Grand-Bouctouche

May 15 – Meeting of RSC CEOs – Zoom

May 15 – Meeting with Marc Babineau

May 15 – KRSC Board meeting – Beaurivage

May 20 – Meeting of the organizing committee for the 2025 AMANB annual conference – Zoom

May 20 – KRSC and RDC meeting – Grand-Bouctouche

May 22 – Meeting of RCS CEOs – Zoom

May 23 – Meeting on “Health Service Needs – Kent Community” with Vitalité NB – Teams

May 23 – Meeting of the Kent Health Committee – Beaurivage

May 25 to 29 – Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators Conference – Mont-Tremblant

June 2 – Meeting with Hon. Patrice Finnigan regarding the Mennonite project

June 3 – Meeting with the organizing committee for the 2025 AMANB annual conference – Zoom

June 3 – Webinar – Motorcycle gangs in NB

June 4 and 5 – KRSC meetings with Mathieu G. Caissie and Jimmy Bourque – Nouvelle-Arcadie

June 9 – Resilience follow-up with CEOs – Teams

June 9 – Interviews in Champdoré

June 10 – Training on the wage coalition – Moncton

June 11 – RSC presentation – Work NB – Zoom

13. RESOLUTIONS

No resolutions.

14. NEW BUSINESS

a. Cancellation of Board of Directors meetings in July and August 2025

WHEREAS, due to summer vacations, it is sometimes difficult to achieve a quorum for the Board and to ensure the attendance of staff members at meetings;

WHEREAS, in recent years, the regular Board meetings in July and August have been canceled.

2025-064

It is therefore resolved that the Kent RSC Board of Directors cancel the regular meetings in July and August 2025 and that, if there are pressing matters, special meetings be held.

Moved by: Jimmy Bourque

Seconded by: Arnold Vautour

Motion carried

b. Brush Cutting Study

WHEREAS the Board of the Kent RSC had asked the administration to prepare a study on adding a brush cutting service along roadways;

WHEREAS the administration held meetings and calls with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to better understand the scope of the service currently offered by the department and its associated costs;

WHEREAS the department provided some data, but it was insufficient to conduct a thorough study on the service;

WHEREAS due to the lack of this data, the administration is currently unable to make a recommendation to the Board of the Kent RSC.

2025-065

It is therefore resolved that the Board of the Kent RSC agrees to put this project on hold until the administration can collect enough data and information to prepare a recommendation that reflects the reality and needs of the communities.

Moved by: Jean-Charles Daigle

Seconded by: Jimmy Bourque

Motion carried

c. Letter of support – Beaurivage

The Mayor of Beaurivage, Mr. Arnold Vautour, is seeking the support of the members of the Board of Directors to endorse the request submitted to Ambulance NB for the placement of a permanent ambulance at the new fire station in the Town of Beaurivage.

2025-066

It is moved by Tina Beers, seconded by Jean-Charles Daigle, that the Board of Directors of the Kent RSC prepare a letter in support of the Town of Beaurivage in their request for a permanent ambulance to be based at their new fire station.

Motion carried

15. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public requests a printed copy of the trail report. *A copy is provided to him.*

16. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

2025-067

It is moved by Jimmy Bourque, that the adjournment be held at 5:54pm.

CHAIR

Chief Executive Office/Clerk