

Commission de services
régionaux de Kent



Kent Regional
Service Commission

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

**September 4th, 2025
3:00pm
Beaurivage**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Aldéo Saulnier, opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

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
- Lucie Martin, Substitute for the Kent Rural District
- 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, Executive Director – KRSC
- Isabelle Godin, Assistant Executive Director - KRSC
- Francine Arsenault, Administrative Assistant - KRSC (Grand-Bouctouche)
- Lynn Landry Caissie, Finance Director - KRSC
- Marie-Paul Robichaud, Director of Economic Development and Tourism - KRSC
- Claudie Ringuette, Director of Community Services - KRSC
- Daniel Goguen, Manager Kent Rural District, Environment and Local Government
- Yolande Chiasson, Interpreter (Zoom)
- Members of the public

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Nothing to declare.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2025-068

It is moved by Jimmy Bourque, seconded by Marc Babineau, that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion carried

5. BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT – PLANNING

WHEREAS the Kent RSC has an agreement with Maritime Enforcement Services for the enforcement of land use by-laws;

WHEREAS the Kent Rural District and all member municipalities of the Kent RSC receive this service;

WHEREAS the Kent RSC has received an offer from Maritime Enforcement Services for the years 2026 and 2027, and the administration recommends this offer.

2025-069

Be it therefore resolved that the Kent RSC accept the offer from Maritime Enforcement Services for the year 2026 at \$55,000 plus HST and for the year 2027 at \$56,400 plus HST and that this service be provided

to the Kent Rural District and all member municipalities of the Kent RSC according to the cost sharing prescribed by section 16(1)(b) of the Regional Services Act.

Moved by: Marc Babineau

Seconded by: Arnold Vautour

Motion carried

6. 2026 KRSC DRAFT BUDGET PRESENTATION

Lynn Landry Caissie, Director of Finance, presents the draft budget for 2026.

WHEREAS Kent RSC is responsible for providing regional transportation within its territory;

WHEREAS there has been a significant increase in ridership since KRSC became responsible for the service in 2023;

WHEREAS 53% of trips taken using the service are related to health care needs;

WHEREAS Kent RSC participated in a pilot project with the Vitalité Health Network to receive funding for patient transportation, but this funding was completely exhausted after only four months of use;

WHEREAS the Kent RSC Board of Directors recognizes the importance of the service, particularly for the most vulnerable members of the community, and that a significant increase in user fees would create an additional barrier to access.

2025-070

It was moved by Marc Babineau, seconded by Tina Beers, that a letter be sent from the Kent Regional Service Commission to the Department of Health requesting financial support in order to ensure the viability of regional transportation services and enable Kent RSC to continue providing affordable service to its population.

Motion carried

WHEREAS the UMNb and the AFMNb have joined forces to denounce the freeze on municipal tax bases; WHEREAS the two municipal associations are asking municipalities to put pressure on provincial elected officials to receive financial compensation to mitigate this tax base freeze;

WHEREAS, due to the tax base freeze, municipalities will be forced to make difficult choices in 2026 during their budget deliberations;

WHEREAS the members of the Kent RSC Board of Directors support the action taken by the municipal associations.

2025-071

It is moved by Marc Babineau, seconded by Jimmy Bourque, that the Kent Regional Service Commission issue a letter of support to the municipalities in its region, addressed to the Minister of Local Government, regarding obtaining financial assistance from the province to mitigate the impact of revenue related to the property assessment freeze.

Motion carried.

2025-072

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission recommends that the tipping fee be \$121.00 per tonne in 2026, with \$80.00 per tonne for the South-East Regional Service

Commission and \$41.00 for the Kent Regional Service Commission and that the tipping fee for the communities of Elsipogtog and Indian Island be \$240.00 per tonne.

Moved by: Marc Babineau
Seconded by: Arnold Vautour

Motion carried

2025-073

Be it also resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission recommends that the tipping fee be \$10.00 per tonne in 2026 for ICI and \$6.00 per tonne for C&D waste.

Moved by: Arnold Vautour
Seconded by: Tina Beers

Motion carried

2025-074

It is moved by Marc Babineau, seconded by Roméo Bourque, that the Kent Regional Service Commission's Board of directors recommend that the total operating budget of the Kent Regional Service Commission for the calendar year 2026 includes total revenues of \$8,526,587 and total expenditures of \$8,526,587, and that the total capital expenditure budget includes total expenditures of \$100,000.

Motion carried with 1 Nay – Jimmy Bourque and
5 Yes – Arnold Vautour, Lucie Martin, Marc Babineau,
Roméo Bourque and Tina Beers

7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

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It is moved by Roméo Bourque, that the adjournment be held at 4:32pm.

CHAIR

Executive Director/Clerk