

Commission de services
régionaux de Kent



Kent Regional
Service Commission

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

**November 20, 2025
4:00pm
ZOOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Aldéo Saulnier called the meeting to order à 4:00pm and welcomed 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
- 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

ABSENCE

- Jimmy Bourque, Mayor of the Village of Nouvelle-Arcadie

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
- Yolande Chiasson, Interpreter
- Members of the public.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Nothing to declare.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2025-115

It is moved by Arnold Vautour, seconded by Jean-Charles Daigle, that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion carried

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 23, 2025 MEETING

2025-116

It is moved by Roméo Bourque, seconded by Marc Babineau, that the minutes of the Regular meeting of October 23, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Motion carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nothing on this subject.

7. PRESENTATION - SOCIETY FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INCLUSION – STÉPHANE LECLAIR

The presentation is moved to January 2026.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- October 31, 2025 – Honorable Dr. John Dornan, Health Minister

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finances – Administration – Human Resources

Lynn Landry Caissie presents the unaudited financial statements as of September 30, 2025, providing explanations as needed.

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It is moved by Arnold Vautour, seconded by Tina Beers, that the unaudited financial statements as of September 30, 2025, be adopted as presented.

Motion carried

b. Audit

Nothing on this subject.

c. Health

Paul Lang provides a brief update on this file. The committee met a few weeks ago, and a presentation was given by Vitalité NB, covering, among other things, the issue of the emergency department closure, but especially the ongoing renovations at the Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital, notably the kitchen and cafeteria. Delays have been caused by the building's structure. There was also a discussion about the Extra-Mural program leaving the 2nd floor and Vitalité's plans for using that space to add new services. Engineering plans will need to be completed before confirming which services can be set up there.

10. REPORTS ON COLLABORATIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES

a. Planning

The minutes of the Planning Review Committee meeting held on September 23, 2025, and the construction report dated October 31, 2025, were circulated.

WHEREAS the municipalities of Champdoré, Five Rivers, and Grand-Bouctouche have an agreement with Maritime Enforcement Services for the enforcement of by-laws, which expires on December 31, 2025;
WHEREAS the municipal councils of these three municipalities have expressed their interest, by resolution, in renewing this agreement for another two years;
WHEREAS the municipality of Grand Bouctouche wishes to add 10 hours per week to this service in 2026 for the sum of \$27,500.

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It is therefore resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent RSC, on behalf of the municipalities of Champdoré, Five Rivers, and Grand-Bouctouche, accept the service offer from Maritime Enforcement Services for the amounts of \$55,000 in 2026 + \$27,500 for Grand-Bouctouche and \$56,400 in 2027.

Moved by: Marc Babineau

Seconded by: Tina Beers

Motion carried

b. Solid Waste

The solid waste report for October 2025 and the minutes of the Solid Waste Management Technical Committee meeting held on August 7, 2025, have been circulated.

Isabelle Godin takes the floor to inform the group that Circular Materials wishes to extend the current agreement with us and establish a new long-term agreement. They would be ready to sign, if everything is in order, until 2030, or potentially even until 2033, which would ensure us a stable source of revenue. They would also be willing to meet our request to cover 25% of the costs, which would be very beneficial. However, a few conditions apply. Certain elements will need to be added to our calls for tenders and discussed with the waste collectors, which does not pose a major issue. The condition that directly concerns the municipalities is the following: to continue working with them, we must be able to refuse bags placed at the roadside. This is not possible as long as there is no municipal bylaw governing waste collection in your territory. Isabelle has already prepared a draft bylaw, since it was part of our regional strategy. The draft will be sent to your general managers as early as next week. To demonstrate to Circular Materials that we are serious and wish to continue our collaboration, she is requesting your support in having this bylaw adopted as quickly as possible in your municipalities. Indeed, we cannot begin refusing bags only in Grand-Bouctouche, Champdoré, or Nouvelle-Arcadie: this must be done once all municipalities have adopted the bylaw. We will also work with the department to ensure we obtain the necessary authorizations in rural districts. Once all municipalities have adopted the bylaw, we will be able to move forward. Since our contract with Circular Materials ends in December 2026, the sooner the bylaw is adopted by your municipalities, the better we will be able to demonstrate concretely that we are ready to accept their conditions.

c. Public Safety

The next meeting will take place on December 3, 2025.

d. Economic Development and Tourism

Paul Lang spoke about the visit of five Orthodox Mennonite farmers from Ontario who wish to acquire a few hundred acres of land in the McLean Settlement area. They intend to settle there as early as the spring. They had the opportunity to meet with the municipality of Champdoré, as well as the mayor of Bouctouche and the KRSC. We are working with them, along with the Department of Agriculture, to ensure a smooth integration. Meetings between the municipalities and the relevant partners will continue leading up to their arrival.

e. Social Inclusion and Community Development

The minutes of the Social Inclusion and Community Development Committee meeting of September 3, 2025, have been circulated.

f. Regional Transportation

The minutes of the Regional Transportation Committee meeting held on July 21, 2025, and the statistics for July to September 2025 have been circulated.

g. Recreation Planning

Nothing on this subject.

11. CHAIR REPORT (OCTOBER 17 TO NOVEMBER 13, 2025)

October 17–19 – AFMNB Conference

October 22 – Meeting with the Vice Chair and CEO of the KRSC – Beaurivage
October 23 – KRSC Board meeting – Beaurivage
October 25 – Kent 2025 Entrepreneurial Gala – St-Charles
October 30 – Social Inclusion and Community Development Committee meeting – Beaurivage
October 31 – Meeting with board members and consultants to review the CSRs – Beaurivage

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (OCTOBER 17 TO NOVEMBER 13, 2025)

October 17–19 – AFMNB Conference
October 20 – Health Committee meeting with Vitalité NB – Teams
October 21 – Meeting between municipal CEOs and KRSC CEO – Beaurivage
October 22 – Presentation on coastal tools (erosion, flooding) – Teams
October 22 – Meeting with KRSC Chair, Vice Chair and CEO – Beaurivage
October 23 – Meeting with RSC CEOs – Zoom
October 23 – Strategy presentation session for RSCs – Teams
October 23 – KRSC board meeting – Beaurivage
October 25 – Kent 2025 Entrepreneurial Gala – Saint-Charles
October 29 – Rural Greenhouse meeting – Zoom
October 29–30 – “AAPNB Grand Rassemblement”
October 30 – Meeting with consultants regarding RSC review
October 31 – Meeting with board members and consultants for RSC review – Beaurivage
November 3 – Discussion with the Department of Health – Teams
November 4–6 – CCFSC Conference – Halifax
November 12–14 – RSCs meeting – Fredericton
November 12 – Meeting with the Rural Settlement Network with new employment counselors

13. RESOLUTIONS

No resolutions.

14. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

15. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No questions from the public.

16. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

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It is moved by Roméo Bourque, that the adjournment be held at 4:53pm.

CHAIR

Executive Director/Clerk