

Commission de services  
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Kent Regional  
Service Commission

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

**January 22, 2026  
4:00pm  
Beaurivage**

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Aldéo Saulnier calls the meeting to order at 4:05pm as he 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 (via Zoom)
- Marc Babineau, Interim Mayor of the Town of Champdoré
- Roméo Bourque, Mayor of the Rural Community of Beausoleil (via Zoom)
- Tina Beers, Vice-Chair of the KRSC and Mayor of the Municipality of Five Rivers (via Zoom)

## 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)
- Stéphanie Caissie, Social Inclusion and Community Development Coordinator – KRSC
- Mario Doiron, Community Resilience and Environment Coordinator – KRSC
- Stéphane Leclair, New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation
- Hélène Hébert, New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation
- Rob Webber, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of Five Rivers
- Marley Burke, Community Development Director, Municipality of Five Rivers
- Ronald Fournier, Interpreter
- Members of the public

## 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Nothing to declare.

## 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2026-001

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

Motion carried

## 5. PRESENTATIONS

### a. Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation (Stéphane Leclair)

Stéphane Leclair presents the key points of the report *“Together to Overcome Poverty 4.”* He outlines the mandate entrusted by the province and discusses the five-year plan. He mentions the consultations that took place, as well as the results achieved and the main issues identified—housing, transportation, income support, child care services, stigma and discrimination, food security, access to health services, cost of living, access to public services, and community inclusion. He also discusses the goals of the advisory committee and some of the programs offered. Hélène Hébert then takes the floor and announces the launch of the new website: [www.nbtogether.ca](http://www.nbtogether.ca). She speaks about alignment and regional collaboration.

Stéphane Leclair then presents the new recognition award, “*The Economic and Social Inclusion Award.*” This award recognizes individuals, organizations, and partners who are actively working to reduce poverty, promote economic and social inclusion, and reduce social stigma. He highlights the collaboration of the KRSC, which acts as a leader in this initiative. A question-and-answer period follows.

**b. Report on the Rexton Recreation Center (Municipality of Five Rivers)**

Rob Webber, from the Municipality of Five Rivers, and Marley Burke, from the Rexton Recreation Centre, present the report and respond to the various questions raised by members of the Board of Directors, providing clarifications as needed.

WHEREAS under the current cost-sharing agreement for the Rexton Recreation Center, Five Rivers is required to provide the KRSC with a copy of its audited financial statements, including a schedule of net operating expenses;

WHEREAS Five Rivers is also required to submit an annual report to the KRSC each year containing:

- the audited financial statements;
- a summary of the main activities and other relevant achievements;
- the challenges facing the entity and the proposed solutions to overcome them;
- data showing the importance and use of the facility, such as the number of people who use the facility and its programs, as well as their place of residence;

WHEREAS, overall, this report should provide a transparent overview of the activities of the Rexton Recreation Center during the calendar year;

WHEREAS Five Rivers presented this activity report on the operation of the facility at this meeting of the Board of Directors.

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It is therefore resolved that the Board of Directors of the KRSC acknowledge receipt of the Five Rivers report on regional infrastructure, the Rexton Recreation Center, for the year 2024.

Moved by: Roméo Bourque  
Seconded by: Arnold Vautour

Motion carried

**6. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS a new provincial economic and social inclusion plan, *Overcoming Poverty Together 4*, was launched by the Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation of New Brunswick on February 18, 2025;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Economic and Social Inclusion Act (GNB, CHAPTER E-1.105, 2010), the Community Inclusion Network (CIN), now integrated within the Kent Regional Service Commission (KRSC), is required to submit to the Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation, every two years, a regional plan based on the recommendations of the current *Overcoming Poverty Together* plan;

WHEREAS a new two-year regional plan based on *Overcoming Poverty Together 4*, was developed by the CIN/KRSC and submitted to the Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation in October 2025, and that the necessary adjustments were made following the feedback received;

WHEREAS the regional plan was presented to the Social Inclusion and Community Development Committee at its Special meeting held on December 10, 2025;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolutions **2025-014CD** and **2025-015CD**, the Social Inclusion and Community Development Committee acknowledges receipt of the regional plan and recommends that the KRSC Board of Directors adopt this amendment at its meeting of January 22, 2026;

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Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission accepts the recommendation of the Social Inclusion and Community Development Committee and adopts Overcoming Poverty Together 4 – Regional Plan for a period of two years.

Moved by: Marc Babineau

Seconded by: Tina Beers

Motion carried

Amendment to the Terms of Reference of the Social Inclusion and Community Development Committee

WHEREAS according to Resolution **2025-083**, the KRSC Board of Directors adopted the 2025 Regional Food Resiliency Strategy, prepared in collaboration with consultant Maurice Maillet, at its regular meeting of September 18, 2025;

WHEREAS the strategy recommends the formation of a working group responsible for supporting the coordination and implementation of the intervention areas identified in the strategy;

WHEREAS this working subcommittee would be composed of ex officio members, namely the Food Resiliency and Environment Coordinator, the Social Inclusion and Community Development Coordinator, as well as representatives from various sectors working across the different intervention areas;

WHEREAS an amendment to the Terms of Reference of the Social Inclusion and Community Development Committee must be made to allow for the creation of working subcommittees administered by the Committee;

WHEREAS this proposed amendment would allow the Committee to create working subcommittees in order to support the effective implementation of its mandate and ensure follow-up on specific projects, such as the implementation of the Food Resiliency Strategy;

WHEREAS according to Resolution **2025-012DC**, the Social Inclusion and Community Development Committee has acknowledged receipt of the revised Terms of Reference—including the addition of the possibility of creating working subcommittees—and recommends that the KRSC Board of Directors adopt this amendment at its meeting on January 22, 2026.

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Be it resolved that the KRSC Board of Directors accept the recommendation of the Social Inclusion and Community Development Committee and adopt the revised Terms of Reference of the Committee.

Moved by: Arnold Vautour

Seconded by: Marc Babineau

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing on this subject.

**8. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No questions from the public.

**9. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

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It is moved by Marc Babineau, that the adjournment be held at 5:17pm.

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CHAIR

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Executive Director/Clerk