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Kent Regional
Service Commission

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

**March 26, 2026
4:00pm
KRSC - Beaurivage**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Aldéo Saulnier calls the meeting to order at 4pm and welcomes 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
- Marc Babineau, Acting Mayor of the 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
- Louise Girouard, Accounting Clerk – KRSC (Grand-Bouctouche)
- Lucie Chiasson, Community Development Consultant
- Chanelle Daponte, Health Promoter, Department of Public Health
- Miguel Allain, Community Safety Coordinator - KRSC
- Daniel Goguen, Manager – Kent Rural District – Environment and Local Government
- Ronald Fournier, Interpreter
- Members of the public

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

No conflict declarations.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2026-019

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

Motion carried

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2026 MEETING

2026-020

It is moved by Tina Beers, seconded by Roméo Bourque, that the minutes of the Regular meeting of February 19, 2026 be adopted as presented.

Motion carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Committee of the Whole

WHEREAS the Mayor of Five Rivers introduced the idea of creating a Committee of the Whole to replace the Finance Committee and the Audit Committee;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission (KRSC) requested the administration, at its regular February 2026 meeting, to prepare a document explaining what a Committee of the Whole could look like;

WHEREAS the administration prepared a document explaining the evolution of standing committees at the Kent RSC and the impact that a Committee of the Whole would have on the operation of activities within the Kent RSC;

WHEREAS the proposed changes to the procedural by-law of the Kent RSC are also included in the package;

WHEREAS these changes would come into effect when the new Board of Directors of the Kent RSC takes office, in June 2026.

2026-021

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent RSC agrees to abolish its Finance and Audit Committees and to create a Committee of the Whole comprising all members of the Board of Directors of the Kent RSC, and that this committee be effective as of June 1st, 2026.

Moved by: Tina Beers

Seconded by: Arnold Vautour

Motion carried

2026-022

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission accepts the proposed amendments to the procedural by-law as presented by the administration.

Moved by: Tina Beers

Seconded by: Marc Babineau

Motion carried

7. PRESENTATION (Miguel Allain and Chanelle Daponte)

Miguel Allain and Chanelle Daponte present the concept of a project aimed at creating a regional youth advisory committee. This committee would aim to involve 10 to 11 young people aged 14 to 19, attending secondary school and residing in the Greater Kent region. It would offer them the opportunity to actively participate in projects that directly concern them, particularly in the area of community safety as well as within the Planète Jeunesse program. This initiative would allow them to be meaningfully involved and consulted in reflection and decision-making processes. Among the anticipated benefits: giving youth a voice; strengthening the relevance of actions; fostering leadership and community engagement.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finances – Administration – Human Resources

No updates on this subject.

b. Audit

The Audit Committee will be convened for a meeting in the week preceding the April 16, 2026 AGM in order to review the auditors' report.

c. Health

No updates on this subject.

10. REPORTS ON COLLABORATIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES

a. Planning

The minutes of the Planning Review Committee meeting held on January 27, 2026, as well as the construction reports dated February 28, 2026, were circulated.

b. Solid Waste

The minutes of the Solid Waste Management Technical Committee from October 30, 2025, as well as the solid waste report from February 2026, were circulated.

c. Public Safety

EXPLORATION OF A YOUTH COMMITTEE

WHEREAS one of the actions in the Community Safety Plan is to create a youth advisory committee that can be consulted during the development or implementation of new initiatives or programs;

WHEREAS the Planet Youth program also promotes the inclusion of youth voices in decisions that concern them;

WHEREAS there is currently no formal structure that allows for reaching and consulting youth on a regular basis at the regional level;

WHEREAS the regional Planet Youth coalition supports this opportunity to align efforts around the creation of a youth committee;

WHEREAS the administration wishes to obtain authorization from the Board of Directors of the Kent Regional Service Commission (KRSC) to explore this concept.

2026-023

It is resolved that the Board of Directors of the KRSC mandates the administration to explore the possibility of establishing a regional youth advisory committee and to present the results of this process, including a potential model, no later than October 31, 2026.

Moved by: Tina Beers

Seconded by: Arnold Vautour

Motion carried

d. Economic Development and Tourism

Paul Lang provided an update on the agricultural project. Currently, 20 Mennonites are in the process of settling in MacLean Settlement. The Regional Development Corporation (RDC), through the Department of Agriculture, confirmed today that funding to continue our initiative will be renewed for an additional year. This is excellent news, especially since our consultant, Gérard Thébeau, is extremely busy due to the high number of requests. The project is evolving quickly, and we are pleased to see that it will continue over the coming year.

The Mayor of Champdoré, Marc Babineau, added that the KRSC is playing a remarkable role in the process, as is the community of Saint-Paul. Several people have volunteered to pick up the newcomers at the Moncton train station recently. They are currently working with VIA Rail and CN to establish, in the future, a drop-off/pickup point along Route 126. This would greatly facilitate access to the train for these families. This is a practice already common elsewhere in Canada. VIA Rail has indicated that it is quite favorable to the idea, commonly referred to as a “flag stop.”

e. Social Inclusion and Community Development

No updates on this subject.

f. Regional Transportation

No updates on this subject.

g. Recreation Planning

POSTPONEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS the Kent Regional Service Commission (KRSC) has a Recreation, Sport and Culture Committee composed of elected officials and community members representing the various sectors related to recreation;

WHEREAS the composition of this committee, pursuant to the *Regional Service Delivery Act* (O.C. 2022-317), provides, among other things, for a seat reserved for a member of the Board of Directors—currently held by Mayor Arnold Vautour—as well as a seat for an advisor with expertise in sport, recreation and culture—currently held by Mr. Philippe Savoie-Vienneau;

WHEREAS the terms of reference also provide for a seat representing the active trails sector, currently held by Ms. Guylaine Jean-Gagnon;

WHEREAS these positions were appointed for a three-year term ending on March 21, 2026;

WHEREAS due to the municipal elections scheduled for May 11, 2026, the administration recommends extending the terms of these members of the Recreation, Sport and Culture Committee until the date of the election;

WHEREAS the appointments to these committee positions will take place at the first meeting of the KRSC Board of Directors.

2026-024

It is therefore resolved that the Board of Directors of the KRSC agrees to extend the terms of the current members serving as advisor, Board member representative, and active trails representative on the Recreation, Sport and Culture Committee until June 18, 2026.

Moved by: Marc Babineau

Seconded by: Jimmy Bourque

Motion carried

11. CHAIR REPORT (FEBRUARY 7 TO MARCH 17, 2026)

February 18 – Economic Development and Tourism Committee meeting – Beaurivage

February 18 – Meeting with the Vice-Chair as well as the CEO of the KRSC – Zoom

February 19 – KRSC Board of Directors meeting – Beaurivage

February 25 – Workplace Safety Committee meeting – Grand-Bouctouche

February 26 – Recruitment and Retention Committee meeting – Beaurivage

12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT (FEBRUARY 7 TO MARCH 17, 2026)

February 7 – Meeting with Patrice Finnigan – Nouvelle-Arcadie

February 10 – Meeting with AFMNB regarding coastal risk mapping – Teams

February 11 – Working session with KRSC and Beausoleil – Grand-Bouctouche

February 12 – Meeting of RSC Chief Executives – Zoom

February 12 – KRSC Health Committee meeting – Beaurivage

February 17 – Meeting of CAOs with the KRSC CEO – Beaurivage

February 17 – Meeting between Le Voisinage and KRSC – Beaurivage

February 18 – Meeting with Susan Holt – Champdoré

February 18 – Meeting with the Chair, Vice-Chair, and CEO of the KRSC – Grand-Bouctouche

February 19 – Meeting of RSC Chief Executives – Zoom

February 19 – Municipal training – Grand-Bouctouche

February 19 – KRSC Board of Directors meeting – Beaurivage
February 24 – Local governance orientation planning committee meeting – Zoom
February 25 – Meeting with Mennonites regarding building codes – Grand-Bouctouche
February 26 – Meeting of RSC Chief Executives – Zoom
March 12 – Meeting with the new Assistant Director of Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital – Grand-Bouctouche
March 12 – Meeting of RSC Chief Executives – Zoom
March 12 – Special meeting of the Nouvelle-Arcadie Council – Nouvelle-Arcadie
March 16 – Discussion on municipal direction – Champdoré
March 17 – Discussion with RDC – Grand-Bouctouche
March 17 – Presentation of CREWS results and community preparedness status – Teams

13. RESOLUTIONS

a. Cancellation of the May 2026 meeting

2026-025

It is moved by Arnold Vautour, seconded by Jean-Charles Daigle, that the regular meeting for the month of May 2026 be cancelled due to the quadrennial elections of May 11, and that swearing-in ceremonies will only take place from mid-May through early June.

Motion carried

14. NEW BUSINESS

a. UMNAB Associate Membership

WHEREAS the Kent Regional Service Commission (KRSC) regularly collaborates with both municipal associations on various matters affecting RSCs and municipalities;

WHEREAS the CEO, and many municipalities in the Kent region, are members of the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick (UMNB);

WHEREAS the UMNB has created a new category of membership (associate) to respond to a growing need for collaboration with RSCs;

WHEREAS the AFMNB attempted, at its 2025 AGM, to create an associate membership category for RSCs and other partners, but this matter was deferred to a future AGM;

WHEREAS the continuation of this collaboration and the opportunity to become an associate member would strengthen ties between municipalities in the region, the RSC, and the UMNB.

2026-026

Therefore, be it resolved that the Kent RSC become an associate member of the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick at a cost of \$1,500.

Moved by: Arnold Vautour

Seconded by: Tina Beers

Motion carried

b. Maple Hills Support – Civic Addressing

WHEREAS the Rural Community of Maple Hills has requested that the Southeast RSC provide civic addressing (911) services for their community;

WHEREAS the Southeast RSC does not offer this type of service to its member municipalities;

WHEREAS the Rural Community of Maple Hills does not have the administrative capacity to deliver this service internally;

WHEREAS the Kent RSC has an employee trained in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) who currently provides this service to municipalities within the Kent RSC territory;

WHEREAS the employee responsible for this service has informed the administration that they would have the capacity to provide civic addressing (911) services to the Rural Community of Maple Hills;
WHEREAS the Department of Public Safety has confirmed that delivery of this service can be carried out by the Kent RSC provided that an agreement is signed by both parties;
WHEREAS the administration of the Kent RSC has conducted an analysis and recommends that the Board of Directors offer this service to the Rural Community of Maple Hills at a fee per civic address issued, and that a five-year agreement be prepared and signed by both parties;
WHEREAS the cost of the service will be billed per civic address (911) processed by the Kent RSC, with unit costs of \$75 in 2026, \$78.75 in 2027, \$83 in 2028, \$87 in 2029, and \$91.25 in 2030.

2026-027

Therefore, be it resolved that the Kent Regional Service Commission provide civic addressing (911) services to the Rural Community of Maple Hills, and that a five-year agreement be signed by both parties before April 30, 2026.

Moved by: Jimmy Bourque

Seconded by: Arnold Vautour

Motion carried

15. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

- A member of the public requests further details about the project presented by Miguel and Chanelle, which are provided.

16. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

2026-028

It is moved by Jimmy Bourque, that the adjournment be held at 4:57pm.

CHAIR

Chief Executive Officer/Clerk