

REGULAR MEETING

Town of Richibucto
April 17th, 2009

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Meldric J. Mazerolle, Councilors; Martin LeBlanc, Rodolphe Monette, Gerard Richard and Al Larin. General Manager, Gilles Belleau and Mélanie Savoie, Secretary.

Mayor Mazerolle presiding

Councilor LeBlanc read the prayer of council.

09-58

It was moved by councilor Monette that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

Article 6(xxix) – Letter from Mr. Denis Landry, Department of Transportation

Article 6 (xxx) – Letter from Mr. Stephen Battah, Local Government

Article 6(xxxi) – Letter from Mrs. Deborah McInnis, United Way Centraide

Article 9(iv) – Loan at the Caisse populaire

Article 9(v) – Trip to Bathurst

Article 9(vi) – Letter from McIntyre & Finn

Article 9(vii) – “Centre de la petite enfance”

Article 9(viii) – RCMP invoice

This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

09-59

It was moved by council Monette that the minutes of March 17th, be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor Larin. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCES

Thank you card – from Mr. Blaine Collette, thanking council for honoring his years of service with the town, was read for information.

Letter – from Hon. Fernand Robichaud, SENATE, acknowledging receipt of the letter dated March 25th, 2009 concerning the unanimous support of the establishment of the Astronomy Interpretation Center at Kouchibouguac National Park was read for information.

Letter – from Mr. Gerald Richard, School District No 11, informing council that the district supports the town by replacing the Eleanor W. Graham School by a learning center was read for information.

Letter – from Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, requesting council help in finding a space for their bus to park.
The General Manager will suggest the Marina or Cartier Coop parking lot.

Letter – from Mr. Louis-Philippe Gauthier, Conseil économique du NB Inc., inviting council to their Annual General Meeting and banquet for manager of the year on April 25th, 2009 was read for information.

Copy of a letter – from Mr. Clermont Richard to Mr. Yvon Johnson and Mr. Jean-Pierre Richard responding to a letter dated December 15th 2008 in the name of the Town of Richibucto was read for information.

Letter – from Mr. Pierre Lemonde, Rexton-Richibucto-Saint-Louis Cultural and Tourism Development Initiative, in regards to the system of geo localization GPS was read for information.

Letter – from AFMNB, inviting council to submit there nominations in regards to the “paysage linguistique dans nos municipalités” were read for information.

Letter – from Mr. Bill Levesque and Mrs. Janet Gagnon, Building Canada Fund, informing council that the request for financial assistance from Building Canada Fund was approved with an admissible cost for this project in the amount of \$947,922.00 was read for information.

09-60

It was moved by councilor Monette that council accepts the amount of \$947,922.00 for this project. This was seconded by councilor Richard.
Motion carried.

Letter – from Mr. André Chenard, Building Canada Fund, informing council that the amount of \$1,200 per year for a period of ten (10) years must be deposit in the water and sewerage reserve fund for the replacement of various equipments was read for information.

09-61

It was moved by councilor Monette that council accepts to deposit \$1,200 annually for a period of ten (10) years in the water and sewerage reserve fund for the replacement of various equipments. This was seconded by councilor LeBlanc. Motion carried.

- Letter – from Dr. Hubert Dupuis, “Égalité santé en français”, soliciting our support to defend our right to equal health care and management of our Acadian and French institutions was read for information.
- Letter – from Mr. Shaun LeBlanc, Canadian Cancer Society, informing council that the team Meli-Melo is presently doing a fundraising for the Relay for Life in the St-Louis/Richibucto area which will take place in June 2009 was read for information.
- Letter – from Mrs. Lise Ouellette, AFMNB, inviting council to submit a nomination for the Assumption life Louis-J Robichaud Award was read for information.
- Letter – from Mrs. Lise Ouellette, AFMNB, inviting council to submit the nomination of our municipality for the AFMNB Municipal Innovation Award was read for information.
- Letter – from Mr. Doug Bliss, Environment Canada, seeking council advice and input in the review of assessments for 32 terrestrial species, which the committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) has determined are at risk in Canada was read for information.
- Letter – from Mr. Arran McPherson, Fisheries and Oceans, informing council that the meeting scheduled in Halifax was re-scheduled to April 6th in Dartmouth was read for information.
- Letter – from Mr. Omer Chouinard, Moncton University, inviting council to a forum on social economy and inter-cooperation in the territory of Lameque-Miscou was read for information.
- Letter – from Mrs. Geraldine Tibayrene, NB Trails Council Inc, informing council that on June 6th, 2009 is the International Trails Day was read for information.
- Letter – from Mrs. Margaret-Ann Blaney, Canada Blood Services, requesting council support to preserve the CBS Center in NB.

09-62

It was moved by councilor Richard that a letter of support be sent and a resolution be adopted. This was seconded by councilor LeBlanc. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mr. Randy Dickinson and Mrs. Christyne Allain, Disability Awareness Week, requesting that council proclaims the week of May 31st to June 6th 2009 as Disability Awareness Week.
Council agreed that the week of May 31st to June 6th, 2009 be proclaimed as the Disability Awareness Week 2009.

Letter – from Mrs. Bonny Hoyt-Hallett, Local Government, informing council that the development of the community web profiles for each municipality and rural community in NB are completed was read for information.

Letter – from Mrs. Patricia Brayley, Population Growth, informing council that our application for funding through the Youth Engagement Funding Program was not selected for funding was read for information.

Letter – from Hon. Roland Haché, Minister of Environment, in regards to the amendments to the Community Planning Act with respect to the delivery of planning services was read for information.

Letter – from Natural Resources, informing council of the upcoming changes to the fees and rents associated with the use of Crown land was read for information.

Copy of a letter – from Mr. Meldric J. Mazerolle to Mr. Bill Levesque in regards to the development of the Downtown project – Phase II was read for information.

Copy of a letter – from Mr. Meldric J. Mazerolle to Mr. Bill Levesque in regards to the Jardine Municipal Park request for funds was read for information.

Copy of a letter – from Mr. Meldric J. Mazerolle to Mr. Bill Levesque in regards to the planning of the Richibucto Town Hall was read for information.

Copy of a letter – from Mr. Meldric J. Mazerolle to Hon. Micheal Murphy in regards to the Community Health Center was read for information.

Letter – from Mr. Denis Landry, Minister of Transportation, informing council that their request for work to be done on route 134 will not be possible this year was read for information.

Letter – from Mr. Stephen Battah, Local Government, informing council of the Federal Gas Tax Funding – Clarification of funding announcement of April 3rd, 2009 was read for information.

Letter – from Mrs. Deborah McInnis, United Way Centraide, inviting council to the annual meeting on May 22nd, 2009 at the Central United Church was read for information.

09-63

It was moved by councilor LeBlanc that the invoices be paid as presented. This was seconded by councilor Monette. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Employees anniversary (15,20,25 – 30 years plus)

09-64

It was moved by councilor Monette that council accepts to give a \$50 gift certificate for the employees of 15 years, a clock for the employees of 20 years, a watch for the employees of 25 years, a plaque and \$250 for the employees of 30 years and \$500 for the employees of 35 years. This was seconded by councilor LeBlanc. Motion carried.

2009 Tourism Special Edition in the Etoile

The General Manager informed council that there will be no tourism special edition in 2009.

Motion for FCM – Water bottles

This item was tabled to the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the 2008 Financial Statement

09-65

It was moved by councilor LeBlanc that the General Financial Statement and the Water and Sewerage Financial Statement be approved as presented. This was seconded by councilor Larin. Motion carried.

New Archive System

The General Manager informed council that the new archive system will be put in place soon at the office.

New Water Meter System**09-66**

It was moved by councilor Monette that council modifies the gas tax fund project in order to include the replacement of the new water meters counter at the cost of \$40,000.00. If this item is not accepted with the program, the money will be taken from the reserve fund. This was seconded by councilor Larin. Motion carried. Councilor LeBlanc and Councilor Richard voted against.

Loan at the Caisse populaire**09-67**

It was moved by councilor LeBlanc that council authorizes the Caisse to open a credit line for the town equaling 4% of the general fund 2009 budget and 50% of the water and sewerage fund 2009 budget. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Trip to Bathurst**09-68**

It was moved by councilor Monette that council accepts to pay a part of the expenses for the trip to Bathurst to meet with the college for a cost of \$300.00. This was seconded by councilor Leblanc. Motion carried.

Letter from the Firm McIntyre, Finn

This item was tabled to the next meeting

Petite Enfance Center

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

RCMP invoice**09-69**

It was moved by councilor Richard that a letter be sent to the RCMP to advise them that no invoices will be paid before we have a meeting with them in order to fix the problem with the high cost for there services for the population of Richibucto. This was seconded by councilor LeBlanc. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORT

General Manager – The web site is presently online. The “fonds de développement économique de Miramichi” does not exist anymore and was replaced by the “fond de développement économique du Nord” and Richibucto is part of this fund. The architect, Jacques Boucher will be presenting and evaluation the cost for the project toward April 28th. The opening of Jardine Municipal Park will be on May 15th. He also informed council that our photocopier will be change shortly.

Finance, Municipal Infrastructure and Chamber of Commerce –

The financial statement for 2008 were presented and accepted.

A meeting will be held in regards to the Arena with Martin, Sean, and Michel from Crandall and Gilles on April 22nd.

No manager will be hired for Jardine Municipal Park, Gilles and Christine will take charge with more security hired.

The Chamber of Commerce AGA was held on April 15th, 2009

09-70

It was moved by councilor LeBlanc that the report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor Monette. Motion carried.

Recreation Council, Youth Club, Leisure Activities, Education & Formation –

No meeting was held with the Recreation Council. The giant yard sale will take place at the end of May.

In regards to the Youth Club, they need equipment at the gym and also add another night the help with the high demands.

09-71

It was moved by councilor Monette that the report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor LeBlanc. Motion carried.

Water & Sewerage, Kent Solid Waste Commission and Kent Planning Commission –

In regards to the Kent Solid Waste, a meeting was held on April 9th and the tonnage was 27 ton for the month of March 2009.

The building permit report was presented indicating a total of \$20,000.00 at the end of March 2009.

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It was moved by councilor Richard that the report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor Monette. Motion carried.

Environment, Scallop Festival, Transportation and Port Authority –

The fire report was presented indicating 3 calls for a total of 41 hours for the month of March 2009.

The police report was presented.

09-73

It was moved by councilor Larin that the report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Public Relations, Human Resource, Forum of Municipalities, Richibucto Team and Kent Enterprise –

March 19th – Meeting at MFR School to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Acadian Flag;

March 19th – Phone interview with the Acadie Nouvelle;

March 19th – Meeting with Gilles, Sean and Michel Cormier in regards the new well;

March 24th – Meeting in regards to the South Eastern Tourism Project;

March 27th – Meeting with the representative of McAlliseter Group concerning the old Lounsbury building;

March 30th – Meeting in Cap-Pele with Gilles concerning Building Canada Funds and our new well;

April 2nd – Meeting in Fredericton with Gilles to discuss projects with Bill Levesque from SDR;

April 2nd – Meeting with Gilles and the accountant to discuss the financial statement;

April 3rd – Night of recognition for the employees and firemen;

April 6th – Two (2) interviews in regards to the announcement made for the four lane highway;

April 7th – Meeting with Jacques Boucher, Pierre Lemonde and Gilles;

April 7th – Meeting with Entreprise Kent;

April 9th – Meeting with Michelle Murphy regarding a survey on health and the position of the town in regards to this domain;

April 15th – Participated in the Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting;

April 20th – Meeting with the accountants;

April 21st – Meeting with Emile Chevarie;

09-74

It was moved by councilor Monette that the report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

09-75

It was moved by councilor Larin that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m. This was seconded by councilor LeBlanc. Motion carried.

Gilles Belleau
General Manager

Meldric J. Mazerolle
Mayor