

REGULAR MEETING

Town of Richibucto
December 16th, 2008

The 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. Gilles Belleau, General Manager and Melanie Savoie, Secretary.

Mayor Mazerolle presiding.

08-169

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

Article 6(xxvii) – Letter from Raymond Belliveau, Chalet du Havre

Article 6(xxviii) – Letter from Georges-L.-Dumont Hospital

Article 6(xxix) – Copy of a letter from M. Meldric J. Mazerolle to Hon. Micheal Murphy

This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

08-170

It was moved by councilor Richard that the minutes of November 18th, 2008 be adopted as circulated. This was seconded by councilor Larin. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCES

Letter – from Mr. Adrien Mazerolle, The Harbor Family Support Services, requesting the \$3,000.00 grant and to exempt the water and sewerage taxes for a new construction that will be completed in spring 2009 was read for information.

Letter – from Mr. Jean-Louis Caron, School District 11, inviting council to become a partner by contributing financially to the Sensitization to Work and Technology Center project, which will open its doors at Soleil Levant School.

This item was tabled to January 2009.

Letter – from Mr. Guy Leger, Kent Enterprise, inviting council to renew the 2009-2010 membership fee for the amount of \$5,570.00.

08-171

It was moved by councilor Richard that the membership fee in the amount of \$5,570.00 be paid to Kent Enterprise. This was seconded by councilor Larin. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mrs. Lise Ouellette, AFMNB, inviting council to renew their membership fee in the amount of \$2,609.00 for the year starting January 2009.

08-172

It was moved by councilor LeBlanc that the membership fee in the amount of \$2,609.00 for the year 2009 be paid. This was seconded by councilor Monette. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mrs. Dianna Ryan, Canadian Red Cross, informing council that the door to door campaign will take place in March 2009 was read for information.

Letter – from the students and staff of Soleil Levant School, thanking council for the contribution was read for information.

Letter – from Mr. Bob LeGoff, Royal Canadian Legion, thanking council for sharing Remembrance Day with them was read for information.

Letter – from Mr. Elie LeBlanc, “Papa Noël” committee, informing council of the fund raiser campaign which is being held for Christmas 2008.

08-173

It was moved by councilor LeBlanc that council donates \$100 to the “Papa Noël” committee. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mrs. Paulette Bastarache, Kent Enterprise, inviting council to the 2008 Holiday Open House to celebrate the holiday season, Thursday, December 20th, 2008 from 2 to 5 pm was read for information.

Letter – from Mr. Jeremy Graham, requesting financial assistance to help with the cost for the hockey tournaments his son will be enrolled in during the 2008-2009 hockey season.

08-174

It was moved by councilor Monette that council donates \$100 to Mr. Graham to help with the cost. This was seconded by councilor LeBlanc. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mrs. Pamela Doiron, requesting \$100 donation for the Richibucto citizens who have kids in minor hockey to help pay for the tournaments.

08-175

It was moved by councilor Monette that a donation of \$100 be given to help with the cost. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mrs. Pauline Whalen, requesting financial assistance to help with the cost for the hockey tournaments his son will be enrolled in during the 2008-2009 hockey season.

08-176

It was moved by councilor LeBlanc that council donates \$100 to Mrs. Whalen to help with the cost. This was seconded by councilor Monette. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mr. Julien Daigle, requesting financial assistance to help with the cost to go represent the Atlantic in the World Hockey Championship for the 17 years old and younger in Port Alberni on Vancouver Island.

08-177

It was moved by councilor Monette that a donation of \$100 be made from the Youth Golf Tournament funds, accompanied by a congratulation letter. This was seconded by councilor Larin. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mr. Mike Gallant, Pee wee AAA, requesting financial assistance in order to go represent the region in the prestige international tournament in Quebec.

08-178

It was moved by councilor Monette that a donation of \$100 be made from the Youth Golf Tournament funds. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mr. Robert Frenette, Bullying Canada, requesting that council declares December 17th 2008, also this day in the following years, as “Blue Day”.

Letter – from Mrs. Cindy Dickie, Winter Active, requesting that council organizes activities during the Winter Active promotional campaign which will be held from January 15th to February 27th, 2009.

Council agreed that activities will be organized during the Winter Carnival.

Letter – from Mr. Kenneth H. Maybee, NB Lung Association, requesting council to proclaim December 2008 as Lung Awareness Month in our Municipality was read.

08-179

It was moved by councilor Monette that council proclaims December 2008 as Lung Awareness Month. This was seconded by councilor LeBlanc. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mr. Daniel Connolly, NB Heart & Stroke Foundation, requesting council to proclaims February 2009 “Heart & Stroke Awareness Month”.

08-180

It was moved by councilor Monette that council proclaims February 2009 as the Heart & Stroke Awareness Month. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mr. Eric Forest, “Les Arts et la Ville”, requesting council to renew the membership fee of \$50 for “Les Arts et la Ville”.

08-181

It was moved by councilor Monette that the 2009 membership fee of \$50 be paid. This was seconded by councilor Larin. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mr. Stephen Battah, informing council that the Department of Environment is accepting Environmental Trust funds applications. The General Manager informed council that the BIA is going to apply for this project.

Letter – from Mr. Thierry Arseneau, Local Government, in regards to the Youth Engagement Funding Program – Population Growth Secretariat. This letter will be given to Christine.

Letter – from Mrs. Mary Schryer, announcing the dates and time of the dialogue session “Bringing the pieces together” was read for information.

Letter – from Mrs. Kim Hughes, Environment, in regards to the National Building Code 2005 was read for information.

Copy of a letter – from Mr. Meldric J. Mazerolle to Mr. Maurice Daigle, Beausoleil House, congratulating the Beausoleil House for bringing the title of Business of the year in the category of business numbers less than five million dollars, given by the NB Economic Council was read for information.

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

Copy of a letter – from Mr. Clermont Richard, informing council that a peddler is exerting illegally within the town limits was read for information.

Letter – from Mr. Raymond Belliveau, Chalets du Havre, requesting the \$3,000.00 grant for a new construction built in 2008. The General Manager informed council that he is waiting for the required papers from the Kent Planning Commission.

08-182

It was moved by councilor LeBlanc that this item be tabled to the next meeting. This was seconded by councilor Monette. Motion carried.

Letter – from George-L.-Dumont Hospital, advising council that the Town of Richibucto is now in the family of founders from \$10,000 to \$24,999, the name of the Town of Richibucto will appear in the Leon Richard Oncology Center section.
Council agreed to give permission to the George-L.-Dumont Hospital to put our name on the wall.

Copy of a letter – from Mr. Meldric J. Mazerolle to Mrs. Christine Clercy, following a meeting that was held at Soleil Levant School was read for information.

08-183

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Snow Removal Contract for 2009-2011

08-184

It was moved by councilor Monette that council accept Warren Ready Mix's tender for the snow removal contract for 2009-2011. This was seconded by councilor Larin. Motion carried.

Janitor Contract for 2009-2011

08-185

It was moved by councilor Richard that council accepts Mr. André Pouliot's tender for the janitor contract for 2009-2011. This was seconded by councilor LeBlanc. Motion carried.

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1st Reading of By-Law (08-02) for the Peddlers

08-186

It was moved by councilor Monette that the first reading of by-law 08-02 being a by-law respecting peddlers and temporary sales businesses be made. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

2nd Reading of By-Law (08-02) for the Peddlers

08-187

It was moved by councilor LeBlanc that the second reading of by-law 08-02 being a by-law respecting peddlers and temporary sales businesses be made. This was seconded by councilor Larin. Motion carried.

1st Reading of By-Law (08-03) for the BIA (\$0.10/\$100)

08-188

It was moved by councilor Leblanc that the first reading of by-law 08-03 being a by-law respecting the BIA budget be made. This was seconded by councilor Larin. Motion carried.

2nd Reading of By-Law (08-03) for the BIA (\$0.10/\$100)

08-189

It was moved by councilor Monette that the second reading of by-law 08-03 being a by-law respecting the BIA budget be made. This was seconded by councilor Larin. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to Approve the 2009 General Budget

08-190

It was moved by councilor LeBlanc that the 2009 General Operating Fund Budget be approved in the amount of \$1 782,690.00, with a warrant of \$1 158,097.00 and with a tax rate of \$1.2778. This was seconded by councilor Monette. Motion carried.

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Motion to Approve the 2009 Water & Sewerage Budget

08-191

For the reason of supplementary information that we are waiting for from our accountant, it was moved by councilor LeBlanc that this item be tabled to the next regular meeting in January 2009. This was seconded by councilor Monette. Motion carried.

2008 Surplus or Deficit for the General Account

08-192

It was moved by councilor LeBlanc that if there is a surplus from the general account for the year 2008 that it be applied to the Reserve Fund. This was seconded by councilor Monette. Motion carried.

2008 Surplus or Deficit for the Water & Sewerage Account

08-193

It was moved by councilor LeBlanc that if there is a surplus from the water & sewerage account that it be applied to the Reserve Fund. This was seconded by councilor Larin. Motion carried.

Gas Contract for 2009 and 2010

The General Manager informed council that the gas tenders will be opened on Friday and the recommendations will be brought to the January 2009 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Manager – The contact center is officially open since Friday, December 5th, 2008. In regards to the small court case, a meeting is schedule between the town and the concerned citizens at the office of Ms. Rachel Hébert in Shediac, on January 13th 2009. The new calendars are completed and they are more attracted and interesting than the first one.

Finance, Municipal Infrastructure and Chamber of Commerce –
The financial report was presented.
In regards to the Chamber of Commerce, a meeting was held on December 2nd, 2008.

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Councilor LeBlanc attended the meeting of Strategic planning with NuFocus.

08-194

It was moved by Councilor LeBlanc that the report be adopted as Presented. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Recreation Council, Youth Club, Leisure Activities, Education & Formation –
In regards to Recreation Council, the Christmas Parade went very well.
Mrs. Alice doesn't work anymore at the Library. (retirement)
In regards to the Youth Center, activities are organized for the month of December with projects for the winter.
Councilor Monette attended the meeting of Strategic planning with NuFocus.
Three meetings was held concerning the Early Childhood Center.

08-195

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

Water & Sewerage, Kent Solid Waste Commission and Kent Planning Commission -
A meeting was held on December 11th with Kent Solid Waste Commission And the tonnage was 30.8 ton for the month of November 2008.
A meeting was held on December 15th with Kent Planning District Commission.
The building permit report was presented indicating a total of \$3 057,900 at the end of November 2008.
A meeting was held on January 13th, 2009 with our lawyer, Ms Rachel Hébert and the concerned citizens.

08-196

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

Environment, Scallop Festival, Protection, Transportation and Port Authority –
The fire report was presented indicating 3 calls for a total of 31 hours for the month of November 2008.
The police report was presented.

08-197

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

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Public Relations, Human Resource, Forum of Municipalities, Richibucto Team and Kent Enterprise –
November 24th – Attended the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Super
November 25th – Attended the conference with Bill Clinton in Moncton
November 25th – Meeting with Michel Saurette, RCMP
November 26th – Meeting with Kent Enterprise
December 1st – Attended a meeting at Soleil Levant for the Early Childhood Center
December 5th – Attended the employees Christmas super
December 6th – Attended the radiothon in Elsipogtog
December 11th – Special meeting
December 14th – Participated in the Christmas Parade. Mayor Mazerolle congratulate the Recreation Council including the employees, Santa Clause and volunteers.
December 15th – Attended a Christmas Play at Soleil Levant
On behalf of council, Mayor Mazerolle wishes a Merry Christmas to all the citizens of the Town of Richibucto, to the employees and the town volunteers.

08-198

It was moved by Councilor Monette that the report be adopted as Presented. This was seconded by Councilor Larin. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

08-169

It was moved by Councilor Monette that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m. This was seconded by Councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Gilles Belleau
General Manager

Meldric J. Mazerolle
Mayor