

REGULAR MEETING

Town of Richibucto
February 17th, 2009

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

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

Mayor Mazerolle presiding.

Councilor Richard read the prayer of council.

09-24

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

Article 3B – Word from the Mayor

Article 6 (xii) – Letter from Brittany Brun and Josee Gallant, Youth club

Article 6(xiii) – Letter from Hon. Michael B. Murphy

Article 6 (xiv) – Invitation from the Tree of Hope

Article 6 (xv) – Letter from Bonarlaw Memorial School

Article 6 (xvi) – Letter from Raphael Moore “Jeux d’acadie”

Article 6 (xvii) – Letter from Hon. Hermenegilde Chiasson

Article 6 (xviii) – Letter from Adoption and Action

Article 9 (v) – Crime Stoppers

Article 9 (vi) – Pierre Lemond’s Touristic Initiative Project

This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Mayor Mazerolle offers his sincere sympathies to Gilles and his family for the lost of his father on behalf of the members of council, employees and the citizens of Richibucto.

09-25

It was moved by councilor Richard that the minutes of January 20th, 2009 be adopted as circulated. This was seconded by councilor Larin. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCES

Letter – from Mr. Robert Sheldon, Parks Canada, inviting council to a multi-stakeholder session February 25th, 2009 at the Kouchibouguac Community Center was read for information.
Mayor Mazerolle will be present.

- Letter – from Relay for Life, inviting council to participate in the “Big Launch” St-Louis/ Richibucto 2009 was read for information.
Mayor Mazerolle or Deputy Mayor LeBlanc will be present.
- Letter – from AFMNB, presenting the “élu-e” bulletin that invites council to a few information sessions was read for information.
- Letter – from FCM, informing council that a list has been published with municipal infrastructure projects that are ready to be put in Chantier and are presented to the Federal Government was read for information.
- Letter – from Mr. Thierry Arseneau, Department of Local Government, in regards to a federal-provincial agreement extending funding for NB infrastructures was read for information.
The General Manager informed council that we will be completing the first phase in March 2010 and the second phase will begin in April 2010.
- Letter – from Mr. Thierry Arseneau, Department of Local Government, in regards to the comprehensive Brownfield Redevelopment Plan Released was read for information.
- Letter – from Mrs. Bettie Arseneault, inviting council the 11th Annual General Meeting of the NBPSGA which will be held at the Rodd’s Inn in Miramichi, February 19th was read for information.
- Letter – from Mr. Stephen Battah, Local Government, informing council that the second payment for gas tax for the year 2008 for a sum of \$27,325.50 will be sent soon was read for information.
- Letter – from Mrs. Joanne Berube-Gagne, TIANB, presenting the annual TIANB calendar was read for information.
- Letter – from Mrs. Clair LeBlanc, Canadian Heritage, inviting council to commemorate the 44th anniversary of the National Flag of Canada February 15th, 2009 was read for information.
- Letter – from Mr. Michael P. Quinn, Elections NB, informing council that the next municipal and rural community by-elections will be held May 11th, 2009 was read for information.

Letter – from Mrs. Josee Gallant and Brittany Brun, Youth club, requesting that council pays \$450.00 to help with the cost of a ski trip to Sussex with the youths.

09-26

It was moved by councilor Monette that council accepts to pay \$450.00 from the Education and Formation Fund. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Letter – from Hon. Michael B. Murphy, acknowledging receipt of the letter concerning the community health centre in the Richibucto town limits was read for information.

A letter will be sent with more details concerning our request.

Letter – from the Tree of Hope, inviting council to the unveiling of the Tree of Hope and Discoveries Campaign Recognition Wall Monday, February 23rd, 2009 at the Dr. Léon-Richard Oncology Centre was read for information.

Letter – from Bonarlaw Memorial School, in regards to the 2009 bursary was read for information.

This item was already approved.

Letter – from Mr. Raphael Moore, “Jeux de l’Acadie”, in regards to the selection procedure for the hostess municipality of the opening for the 32nd Final of the “Jeux d’Acadie” in 2010 and the 33rd Final of the “Jeux d’Acadie” in 2011.

This item was tabled to a special meeting.

Letter – from Hon. Hermenegilde Chiasson, Order of NB, encouraging us to submit nominations of people illegible to receive the Order of NB. Council agreed to nominate the same person as last year, Mr. Normand Caissie.

Letter – from Adaptation & Acation, in regards to tools for rural communities facing climate change from February 27th to March 1st 2009 at Mount Allison University was read for information.

09-27

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution – Renovations of front buildings

09-28

It was moved by councilor Monette that council accepts the resolution to establish a program to revitalize by renovating the front of buildings situated on Main Street in Richibucto, limited by the company Ennis Paint at South-Ouest and Richibucto Furniture at North-East. This was seconded by councilor LeBlanc. Motion carried.

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Tourism strategy for South-Eastern (\$750.00)

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It was moved by councilor Monette that council accepts to pay \$750.00 for the tourism strategy for South-Eastern project. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

NEW-BUSINESS

Motion to make changes to minutes from 2002 to 2007

09-30

It was moved by councilor Richard that council accepts to modify the minutes of 2002 to 2007 in the budget section in order to include the amount of the budget, the mandate and the rate of taxation required by the law on municipalities. This was seconded by councilor Larin. Motion carried.

File on Edgar Johnsons retirement

This item was tabled to a special meeting.

Meeting with Rues Principales February 26th and 27th

The General Manager informed council that the meeting with Rues Principales was rescheduled to March 5th and 6th.

Motion to alternate the gas contract

09-31

It was moved by councilor Monette that council considers alternation of gas contract once the present contract is finished. The alternation will be done every two (2) years. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Crime Stoppers

The General Manager informed council that Crime Stoppers is looking for representative of the town to be on the committee.

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Initiative tourism project by Pierre Lemonde

09-32

It was moved by councilor Richard that council accepts the budget presented by Mr. Pierre Lemonde for the initiative tourism project. This was seconded by councilor Monette. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORT

General Manager – In regards to the small claims court, we are still waiting for a court date. The website is done. Gabriel Doiron will be hired on a project for people with special needs for a period of six (6) months. For the year 2009 a suggestion was made to offer a gift certificate to the employees on for there birthday. A meeting with NuFocus is scheduled for February 24th. Gilles thanks council in particular Mr. Mayor for the flowers and the support for the lost of his father on February 7th.

Finance, Municipal Infrastructure and Chamber of Commerce
No report available.

Recreation Council, Youth Club, Leisure Activities, Education & Formation –
The next Recreation Council meeting will be held in March.

In regards to the Youth Club a few activities were organized during the carnival including a few movies and a ski trip.

09-33

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 –

In regards to the Kent Solid Waste Commission the tonnage was 24 ton for the month of January 2009. The hazard waste pick up will be held on May 21st in Cocagne and October 17th in Richibucto.

No meeting was held with the Kent Planning Commission.

09-34

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

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Environment, Scallop Festival, Transportation and Port Authority –

The fire report was presented indicating 3 calls for a total of 44 hours for the month of January 2009.

The police report was presented.

09-35

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

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

January 21st – Meeting in Fredericton with the Minister of Environment and Sean, Michel Cormier and Gilles in regards to the new well;

January 22nd – Press conference at Imperial Sheet Metal to announce the Learning Centre;

January 22nd – Press conference at Soleil Levant School to announce the project Soletec;

January 23rd – Meeting with Dominic LeBlanc;

January 25th – Visited the funeral home of Guy Leger's father;

January 28th – Meeting with the Minister of Immigration in Fredericton;

February 2nd – Meeting with the anti-poverty committee;

February 10th – Meeting with Entreprise Kent;

February 12th – Meeting with the Forum of Mayors of South-Eastern NB;

February 17th – NB Strategic tourism meeting;
The winter carnival went well. Mayor Mazerolle thanks the Richelieu club, the Lions, members of council and Christine. A thank you letter will be sent.

09-36

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

ADJOURNMENT

09-37

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

Gilles Belleau
General Manager

Meldric J. Mazerolle
Mayor