

REGULAR MEETING

Town of Richibucto
February 19th, 2008

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

Present: Mayor Meldric J. Mazerolle, councilors: Rodolphe Monette, Gerard Richard and Yvon J.W. Richard. Gilles Belleau, General Manager and Melanie Gallant, Secretary.

Mayor Mazerolle presiding.

Councilor Monette read the prayer of council.

08-15

It was moved by councilor Monette that the agenda be adopted. This was seconded by councilor G. Richard. Motion carried.

08-16

It was moved by councilor Monette that the minutes of January 15th, 2008 be adopted as circulated. This was seconded by councilor Y. Richard. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCES

Letter – from Mr. Hermel Mazerolle, School District 11, requesting that a sidewalk be built between Lise Street to Commercial Street was read for information.

Letter – from Mr. Justin Guimond and Mrs. Sophie Caissie, Youth Club, requesting that the town purchases a theatre sound system for the youth club in the amount of \$799.00 plus taxes.

08-17

It was moved by councilor G. Richard that the town uses funds from the youth golf tournament to pay the system. This was seconded by councilor Y. Richard. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mr. Roger Daigle Jr. requesting some financial aid to pay hockey registration fees for his daughter.

08-18

It was moved by councilor G. Richard that the council accepts to pay \$100.00. This was seconded by councilor Monette. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mr. Owen J. Sullivan, Richibucto Lions Club, requesting that council not to charge them any water and sewerage tax until they are in a better financial situation.

Council agreed that a letter be sent refusing their request. Instead, they will offer them the possibility of using our facilities for any fund raiser.

Letter – from Father Robert Allain, Saint-Louis-des Francais Parish, requesting council support for a benefit dance organized for Mr. Armand Daigle who has Fibromyalgia.

Council agreed that the request be refused.

Letter – from Mrs. Nancy Poulin, MFR School, requesting financial assistance for the school bursary program.

08-19

It was moved by councilor Monette that a bursary of \$500.00 be offered to a student with the following conditions: 1) The student must be a graduate from Mgr. Marcel-Francois-Richard School; 2) The student can be a graduate from the previous year who continued in order to raise his grades; 3) The parents of the student and the student himself must have lived in the Richibucto town limits the previous year of obtaining the bursary; 4) The council would like to be consulted and approve the names of the students chosen for the bursary. 5) Council prefer to present the bursary themselves. This was seconded by councilor Y. Richard. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mrs. Carmel Robichaud, Minister of Local Government, informing council that in regards to the official languages service program for 2007-2008, the council's request was retained for the amount of \$5,000.00 was read for information.

Letter – from Mr. Brian Thompson, Richibucto Marina, thanking council for the subsidy received from council was read for information.

Letter – from the team “Les Arts et la Ville” welcoming the Town of Richibucto as a new member was read for information.

Letter – from Dr. Nicole LeBlanc, Dr.-George-L.-Dumont Hospital, thanking council for their generous contribution to the annual Tree of Hope campaign was read for information.

Letter – from Mrs. Rachelle Hebert, Michel C. Leger & Assoc. Firm, in regards to the small claims court was read for information.

Letter – from Hon. Roland Hache, 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 Mrs. Claudette Richard, Kent Planning Commission, informing council of the subdivision plan for Gaba Holding Inc. for phase III. The zoning will have to be change to multiple-family before completing this project.

08-20

It was moved by councilor Y. Richard that council accept the rezoning of Mundle Street and that Gaba Holding proceeds with phase III. This was seconded by councilor G. Richard. Motion carried unanimously.

Letter – from Mr. Vincent Daigle, Kent Planning Commission, informing council that an order of conformity was sent to the owner of St-Ignace Wood Truss Ltd informing him that a building permit is required according to the municipal by-law was read for information.

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Letter – from Mrs. Claudette Richard, Kent Planning Commission, informing council that Kent Community Economic Development Agency Inc., submitted a tentative subdivision plan creating one industrial lot and a public street was read for information.

Letter – from Mrs. Claudette Richard, Kent Planning Commission, informing council that she is awaiting for a letter of confirmation in order to accept the public street Richibucto-Rexton Industrial Park.

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It was moved by councilor G. Richard that a letter be sent to the Kent Planning Commission informing them that council has no objections. This was seconded by councilor Y. Richard. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mrs. Nadine Gauvin, Southern Gulf of St-Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability, inviting council to participate in a workshop on February 29th, 2008 at the Pavillon Pierre-Amand Landry at the U of M. Mayor Mazerolle will be present.

- Letter – from Mrs. Dianna Ryan, Canadian Red Cross, requesting council's support for the door to door campaign in March 2008.
Council agreed to support the door to door campaign.
- Letter – from Hon. Hermenegilde Chiasson, Lieutenant Governor of NB, requesting candidates for the Order of New Brunswick
Council agreed that the same documents as last year will be sent to nominate Mr. Normand Caissie.
- Letter – from Mrs. Anne Reynolds, Order of NB, informing council that the nominations sent last year were not saved. We have to send a new request.
- Letter – from Mr. Michael Quinn, Elections NB, giving council details for the 2008 municipal elections and information on the 2008 municipal orientation.
Council agreed that three (3) rooms be reserved.
- Letter – from Mr. Gary Fontaine, SPFF, inviting council to the 19th edition of the “Semaine provinciale de la fierté française” March 17th, 2008 at Calixte F. Savoie School.
Mayor Mazerolle will be present.
- Letter – from Mr. Stephane Hachey, Acadia Games, informing council of the procedures to select a municipality to host the 31st Acadia Games Final for 2010 was read for information.
- Letter – from Kent Enterprise inviting council to participate in the forum on postsecondary education and industries which will be held on Wednesday, February 27th, at the Crystal Palace Ramada Hotel.
Mayor Mazerolle and Gilles will be present.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Formation of a Committee for the Remuneration of Council

Mayor Mazerolle informed council that the committee is formed by Jean-Louis Guitard, Blanche Landry, Maurice Daigle, Gilles Robichaud and Leona Bernard. A meeting will be held to give suggestions.

Relay for Life

Gilles informed council that a meeting will be held on February 20th, 2008 and the official opening will be on February 27th, 2008. The General Manager informed council that it would be good to have a council member present at the meeting to represent the town.

Committee to Revise the By-Law

Mayor Mazerolle informed council that he had approached Mr. Paul Leger to have a member of the BIA and Richard Thebeau for a member of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce nominated Mr. Laurent Brideau and we have no one as yet from the BIA.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for the Snowbirds and the Sky Hawks for 2009

Councilor Y. Richard informed council that a request is in the process to have the Snowbirds and the Sky Hawks for their 40th anniversary of the Scallop Festival. A meeting will be held on March 2nd which a representative will explain which steps to undertake in order to welcome them.

Partnership with Soleil Levant School-District

08-23

It was moved by councilor Monette that council negotiates an agreement with Soleil Levant School and this agreement be presented to council for approval. This was seconded by councilor G. Richard. Motion carried.

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Survey for the Down-Town Development

The General Manager informed council that the survey is being prepared, there will be three (3) surveys done by the Richibucto Access Centre. The first one will be done to find out the consumption habits of the Richibucto citizens, the second one will be oriented towards the businesses and the third one will be for the people employed in Richibucto living outside the town limits.

Hiring Students for the Position of Leader

Councilor Monette informed council that two (2) students were hired, Sophie Caissie and Dannie Mazerolle, for the 2008 leadership positions.

Public Works Canada's Request

The General Manager informed council that Public Works request permission for right of way to the lot behind our lagoon lot. After Sean and Michel Cormier recommendation, council agreed to give permission for a right of way.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Manager – In regards to small claims court, a date was schedule for May 8th, 2008. Our lawyer, Marc Antoine Chiasson, will give the affidavits to the lawyer in charge in regards to the River Drive situation. The banners are completed. The projects for the “Fond de relance de la Miramichi” were submitted to the province for the amount spent to this date. In regards to the project for the expansion of the Arena, a meeting will be held with Denis Caron of the Regional Development Society at the beginning of April.

Protection, Transportation, Kent Solid Waste Commission and Kent Planning Commission –
The fire report was presented indicating a total of three (3) calls for a total of 39 hours for the month of January 2008.
The police report was presented.
In regards to the Kent Solid Waste Commission, a meeting was held on February 10th. The tonnage was 27.05 for the month of January.
In regards to the Kent Planning Commission, a meeting was held February 4th and there was no building permit for the month of January.

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08-24

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

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

Water & Sewerage, Recreation Council and Youth Committee –

In regards to the Recreation Council, they participated in the carnival on February 15th with the magician which 120 people participated. The Garage Sales is scheduled for the end of Mai 2008.

A meeting was held with the Library Committee.

The Youth Club organized a Wing Night. They also organized a night for the youth on February 16th.

Councilor Monette participated to the Carnival Breakfast.

08-25

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

Environment, Scallop Festival, NB Trails and Recreational Activities –

Councilor Y. Richard informed council that he participated a day in Beresford with the AFMNB in regards to the wind energy. A meeting was held on March 5th with a representative of the wind energy.

A meeting will be held on March 12th in Bouctouche in regards to NB Trail. Councilor Y. Richard informed council that it would be important for council to be at the meeting.

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

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

January 18th – Meeting with the Minister of Justice in Moncton with Gilles, Adrien Mazerolle and Pierre Lemonde;

January 22nd – Meeting with Michel Saurette RCMP;

January 23rd – Meeting with Dominic LeBlanc and Jean-Guy Lirette;

January 23rd – Meeting with the Health Committee;

January 24th – Meeting with the Minister of Natural Resources;

January 24th – Meeting with the Minister of Transportation, Denis Landry;

January 25th – Meeting with Rose-May Poirier, Village of St-Louis and Village of Rogersville;

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January 30th – Meeting with Dave Hanson, Village of Rexton;

February 4th – Meeting with MPO, Public Works Canada and the Richibucto Port Authority;

February 7th – Meeting in Neguac with the insurance group which insures the towns in NB;

February 7th – Meeting with Donald McGraw and Jacques Boucher;

February 7th – Participated at the Forum of Mayors and Administrators;

Mayor Mazerolle thanks everyone that participated in the Winter Carnival 2008.

08-27

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

ADJOURNMENT

08-28

It was moved by councilor Monette that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m. This was seconded by councilor G. Richard. Motion carried.

Gilles Belleau
General Manager

Meldric J. Mazerolle
Mayor