



REGULAR MEETING

Town of Richibucto
November 16th, 2010

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

Present: Mayor Meldric J. Mazerolle, Councilors; Gérard Richard and Rodolphe Monette. Gilles Belleau, General Manager and Lucille Sawyer, Administrative Secretary.

Mayor Mazerolle presiding.

Councillor Richard read the prayer of council.

10-154

It was moved by Councilor Monette that the agenda be adopted with the following addition;

Article 8(vi) – Normand Fontaine – Water bill

Article 9(v) – Resolution Gas Tax

Article 9(vi) – Office hours during the holidays

This was moved by Councilor Larin. Motion carried.

10-155

It was moved by Councilor Richard that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 19th, 2010 be adopted as presented. This was seconded by Councillor Monette. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDANCES

Letter – from Mr. Yvon J. W. Richard thanking council for having chosen him to receive the merit award from the Province of NB at the NB Day 2010 celebration was read for information.

Letter – from Soleil Levant School thanking council for their generosity during their financial campaign was read for information.

Letter – from Mrs. Denise Violette, General Manager of the NB Foundation for the Arts stressing that the Banners Festival has done very well even though they didn't received the award of the 2010 Arts but are inviting us to apply again.

Letter – from Mr. Walter Brown, NB Provincial Capital Commission informing council that the check of \$10,000.00 is the balance of their financial support from the celebrations of the 2010 NB Day Festival was read for information.

Letter – from Imperial Manufacturing Group thanking council for their support during their golf tournament was read for information.

Letter – from Public Works and Government Services Canada offering the sale to the municipality the Park Canada Staff Housing for the amount of \$90,000.00 was read for information.

Letter – from Mr. Dennis Mazerolle, Richibucto Scouts requesting to council the permission to use the back room of the town hall for their activities. Council agreed to give them permission to use the back room on a temporary basis.

Letter – from Kent Center Junior B Bears hockey team asking for council's support in contributing sweaters for the team.

10-156

It was moved by councilor Richard that council contributes five (5) sweaters for a maximum amount of \$500.00 to Kent Center Junior B Bears hockey team. This was seconded by councilor Monette. Motion carried.

Letter – from "Comité Papa Noël de Richibucto" requesting a contribution for their campaign this year was read.

10-157

It was moved by councilor Monette that council contributes the sum of \$100.00 for their 2010 campaign in order to help families during the holidays. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mrs. Diane Allain, Accounting Officer of Enterprise Kent informing council that the contribution for the Town of Richibucto for the year 2011-2012 (from April 2011 to March 21 2012) will be \$6,140.00 which represent an increase of 5%.

10-158

It was moved by councilor Monette that a letter be sent advising them that council is not in agreeable with the increase of 5% but recommend an increase of 3% maximum. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mr. Aurèle Babineau, President of the Kent Planning Commission informing council that the 2011 budget enclosed shows that the contribution of the town is \$33,335.00.

10-159

It was moved by councilor Monette that the invoice be paid but a letter be sent advising them of our dissatisfaction and our concerns by the fact of the increase annually and a copy be sent to the “Association des Municipalités francophone du NB”. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Letter – from Mrs. Lise Babineau, Community Program Officer inviting council to participate in a session at their central office in Fredericton was read. Councilor Monette suggested that Mr. Paul Leger be approached to ask him if he can attend.

Letter – from Mr. Walter Holleran, President of the Rexton Curling Club inviting council to participate in a commercial league was read for information.

Letter – from « Les Amis de l'Hôpital Stella-Maris-de-Kent » inviting council to participate at the Tree of Hope illumination which will be held on November 18th, 2010 at 4:40 p.m. at the hospital was read. Councilor Monette will be attending.

Letter – from Bouctouche Chamber of Commerce inviting council to participate their 13th Christmas Parade which will be held on December 5th, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. was read for information.

Letter – from NB Economic Council inviting council to their banquet of the year which will be held on November 20th, 2010 at the Delta Beauséjour was read for information.

Letter – from Mayor Peter Kelly, Halifax Regional Municipality inviting council to a conference which will be held on October 27th - 30th, 2010 in Halifax was read for information.

Letter – from Team New Brunswick inviting council to become the honorary member of the team was read for information.

Letter – from Mr. Joseph-Lionel Gaudet, President of Go Ahead Seniors Inc. requesting to council a contribution to compensate the budget cuts for the year 2010-2011 was read for information.

Letter – from Union of the Municipalities of NB inviting council to become a member of this association was read.

This letter was tabled to the January regular council meeting.

Letter – from the Proclamation of the Community without Intimidation was read by Mayor Mazerolle.

10-160

It was moved by councilor Monette that the proclamation be accepted as read. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Copy of letter – from Mayor Meldric J. Mazerolle to Hon. Bruce Fitch congratulating him for his victory during the provincial election of September 27th, 2010 was read for information.

Copy of letter – from Mayor Meldric J. Mazerolle to Hon. David Alward, Prime Minister congratulating him for his victory during the provincial election of September 27th, 2010 and inviting him to meet us was read for information.

Copy of letter – from Mayor Meldric J. Mazerolle to Hon. Paul Robichaud, Vice Prime Minister congratulating him for his victory during the provincial election of September 27th, 2010 and inviting him to meet with us to discuss the arena was read for information.

Copy of letter – from Mayor Meldric J. Mazerolle to Hon. Martin Couombe, Minister of Education Post-secondary congratulating her for her victory during the provincial election of September 27th, 2010 and inviting her to meet with us to discuss the Eleanor Graham School was read for information.

Copy of letter – from Mayor Meldric J. Mazerolle to Hon. Keith Ashfield, Minister responsible for APECA in regards to the preparation from the federal for the construction of the new Arena was read for information.

Copy of letter – from M. Rodolphe Monette, Deputy Mayor to Hon. Marie-Claude Blais, Minister of Justice and Consumption congratulating her for her victory during the provincial election on September 27th, 2010 and inviting her to meet us to discuss the Provincial Court was read for information.

Copy of letter – from Mayor Meldric J. Mazerolle to Hon. Claude Williams, Minister of Transportation congratulating him for his victory during the provincial election on September 27th, 2010 and inviting her to meet with us to discuss the Recreation Center Project was read for information.

Copy of letter – from Mayor Meldric Mazerolle to Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Deputy Rogersville-Kouchibouguac congratulating him for his victory during the provincial election on September 27th, 2010 was read for information.

10-161

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Strategic Planning (Nu-Focus)

The general director informed council that the meeting for the strategic planning (No-Focus) is reschedule in 2011.

First and Second Reading of the Amendment of the By-Law respecting the water and sewerage

10-162

It was moved by councilor Richard that the first reading of By-Law 10-1, a by-law to modify item 14 d) of the by-law respecting the water and sewerage systems in the Town of Richibucto that the interest of one percent per month, or 12% per year based on simple interest is applied to any unpaid balance, starting the first day of the month following the due date be adopted. These rates may be changed by resolution of council. This was seconded by councilor Monette. Motion carried.

10-163

It was moved by councilor Richard that the second reading of By-Law 10-1, a by-law to modify item 14 d) of the by-law respecting the water and sewerage systems in the Town of Richibucto that the interest of one percent per month, or 12% per year based on simple interest is applied to any unpaid balance, starting the first day of the month following the due date be adopted. These rates may be changed by resolution of council. This was seconded by councilor Monette. Motion carried.

Gazebo Project – Necessary Financing

10-164

It was moved by councilor Monette that the work to be done on the Gazebo project will start as soon as possible. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Project “Eleanor Graham”

This item was tabled to 2011.

Rankine Street Development

Council agreed that a letter be sent to all the citizens on Rankine Street in order to meet with them to discuss the modifications that council plants to do.

Donation for the Minibus of MFR School

10-165

It was moved by councilor Monette that council accepts to contribute \$2,500.00 in 2010 from the Youth funds and \$2,500.00 in 2011 from the town funds. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Letter from Mr. Normand Fontaine

10-166

It was moved by councilor Monette that a letter be sent to Mr. Normand Fontaine inviting him to meet with the general manager, the responsible of water and sewerage system and a member of council in order to discuss his water bill. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Loan Approval for the Fire Department

10-167

It was moved by councilor Monette that the Town of Richibucto proceed to borrow the sum of \$1,200,000.00 at a 3.50% interest rate for a period maximum of 20 years to the Mortgage and Housing Canadian Society. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Hiring of the Community Development Director

The general director informed council that he received two applications up to this day. He suggested a hiring committee. Councilor Monette and the general manager will be doing the interviews.

Garbage Collection's Tender

The general manager informed council that the tenders for the garbage collection will be received at the office by Monday, November 22nd, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Motion for the 2013 "Jeux de l'Acadie" (nomination from the president)

10-168

It was moved by councilor Monette that Germaine Guimond be nominated as president of the committee organizing the 2013 "Jeux de l'Acadie". This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Resolution for the Four-Year Plan – Funds on Gas Tax

10-169

It was moved by councilor Monette that the amounts from the Gas Tax Funds for the period 2010 to 2013 for the amount of \$100,251.00 per year for an entire amount of \$401,004.00 be dedicated to the project of the Multifunctional Recreation Center in order to install a geothermic system. Consequently, it is proposed that the document entitled "Municipality of Richibucto – Four-Year Plan (2010-2013" prepared by the planning committee of the fixed assets be adopted. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

Office Hours During the Holidays

10-170

It was moved by councilor Monette that the office will be close at noon on December 24th, 2010 up to January 4th, 2011. The employees will take three days as holidays. This was seconded by councilor Richard. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORT

General Manager – In regards to the Small Claim Court, our lawyer sent letters to all non hook up accounts also those accounts in arrears since more than two years. We have presently collected more than \$10,000.00 in interest.

For the new fire station, the construction is progressing very well. The firemen should be able to move in their new building in the month of March as anticipated. Our request for the supplement of \$100,000.00 should be presented in front of the Capital Borrowing Board Monday, November 8th, 2010.

In regards to the Gazebo project, we have begun certain work in order to have ice for this winter. We still never received any news from SDR. For the Community Development Director's position, we have received up to now two applications for the position. The due date is November 19th, 2010.

The Cartier Boulevard pass the NB Power Station was damaged a lot due to a beaver dam. It will cost the town between \$1,200.00 to \$1,500.00 to repair the road.

Next bulletin and 2011 calendar will be done for December.

Finance, Municipal Infrastructure, Chamber of Commerce –

No report available.

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

Meeting with the representative of “Les Jeux d’Acadie de Petit-Rocher” to visit the Rexton, Richibucto and Saint-Louis sites. Also, a meeting in Edmundston to learn that the Municipality of Saint-Louis and Richibucto was going to be the hostess of the 34th Summer Games in 2013.

Miss Brigitte Daigle from Point Sapin, gym teacher of MFR School also received the award as the volunteer for the year 2010 of the Kent County

from the “Société des Jeux de d’Acadie”. It was suggested that a letter of congratulation be sent to Miss Daigle.

A meeting is scheduled for December 7th, 2010 between the two municipal councils for a press conference.

Councilor Monette informed that he participated to several meetings. In regards to the Recreation Council, he had different meetings. Mr. Louis Mazerolle officially presented his letter of resignation as president of the Recreation Council but the council took the liberty to pursue the 25th Christmas Parade which will be held on December 12th in Richibucto.

The Richelieu Club committee accepted this year to look after the Santa Claus sleigh.

In regards to the Youth Club, he had two meeting with the committee and three projects are being organized, one dance before the holidays and two ski trips during the winter.

Also, for the Youth Club, we are looking to hire a youth municipal organizer, two youth has applied and the interviews will be done shortly.

10-171

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

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

The building permits report was presented indicating a total value of \$835,200.00 at the end of October 2010.

In regards to the Kent Solid Waste Commission, the waste collection for the month of October was 58.98 tons for a total of 403 tons, an increase of 35.4 tons compare to last year.

10-172

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

Environment, Scallop Festival, Protection, Transport and Port Authority –

No report available.

Public Relation, Human Resources, Forum of Municipalities, Health Committee, Richibucto Team and Enterprise Kent –

Oct. 26 – Special Meeting

Nov. 2 – Special Meeting

Nov. 11 – Mayor Mazerolle thanks councilor Larin for replacing him on Remembrance Day

Nov. 15 – Special Meeting

Mayor Mazerolle thanks councilor Richard for replacing him at a meeting for the Early Childhood Center and also councilor Monette for replacing him at the annual meeting of the CBDC in Richibucto.

Nov. 17, there will be a press conference for the Web site of the cultural coast which will be held at the Marina in Cocagne.

10-173

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

ADJOURNMENT

10-174

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

Gilles Belleau
General Manager

Meldric J. Mazerolle
Mayor