



## **REGULAR MEETING**

**Town of Richibucto  
February 23, 2021**

**The regular meeting of February 23, 2021, was called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Present** Roger Doiron (Mayor)  
G rard Richard, Stella Richard & Dwayne Thompson (Councillors)  
Melanie Savoie & Christine Richard (General Managers)  
Mireille Leblanc (Secretary)

**Absent** Dennis Mazerolle (Deputy Mayor)

### **WELCOME VISITORS**

Council welcomes Anne-Marie Leach to the meeting.

### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#### **21-12**

It was moved by councillor G. Richard that the agenda be adopted as presented.  
This was seconded by councillor Thompson. Motion carried.

### **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor S. Richard declares a conflict of interest in regard to the following item:  
6 (i) Correspondence: Letter (River Drive)

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

#### **21-13**

It was moved by councillor S. Richard that the minutes of the regular meeting from January 19, 2021, be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councillor Thompson.  
Motion carried.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Report presented for information.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

*i. Letter (River Drive)*

Council discusses a letter received from James and Yvonne Briggs concerning traffic and safety hazards at the end of River Drive.

### **21-14**

It was moved by councillor G. Richard that we post signs at the end of River Drive (no exit, no parking, no U-turns, etc.) to warn of traffic hazards and ensure safety. Once the situation has been re-evaluated, and if council finds that this has not resolved the issue, the item will be discussed again and they will consider blocking access completely. Seconded by councillor Thompson. Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*i. New construction options*

Council discusses the possibility of offering an incentive to residents or businesses doing new construction in the city.

### **21-15**

It was moved by councillor Thompson that we select option 2, which offers an allowance against water and sewerage fees, as well as connection fees (50% of connection fees up to a certain maximum; this maximum would be determined at a later date). Seconded by councillor G. Richard. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*i. Tri-community Scavenger Hunt*

The General Managers discuss an activity organized by the municipalities of Richibucto, Rexton and Saint-Louis-de-Kent that would be held sometime in March: The Scavenger Hunt would enable residents of each community to participate in various ways (online, in person, etc.) after which they would submit their photos through Facebook Messenger and have a chance to win participation prizes.

### **21-16**

It was moved by councillor S. Richard that we make a 200\$ donation to help fund the costs associated with this event. Seconded by councillor G. Richard. Motion carried.

**KENT PLANNING COMMISSION**

Report presented for information.

**KENT SOLID WASTE COMMISSION**

Report presented for information.

**FIRE REPORT**

Report presented for information.

**JARDINE PARK REPORT**

We are planning to start taking reservations within the next few weeks. We have also contacted many of the 2020 seasonal campers to confirm whether or not they will be returning to their lot in 2020.

**WATER & SEWERAGE REPORT**

Report presented for information.

**RECREATION, CULTURE & TOURISM REPORT**

No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- i. *General Managers*  
Report presented for information.
- ii. *UMNB/ Animation and Promotion Committee/ Wellness*  
No report.
- iii. *Recreation Council/ Port Authority/ Infrastructure*  
No report. (Dennis Mazerolle absent)
- iv. *Chamber of Commerce/ CBDC/ Economic Development Committee*  
Report presented for information: The next meeting with the Chamber of Commerce will be held this Thursday, February 25 by Zoom.

**21-17**

It was moved by councillor Thompson that the Chamber of Commerce report be adopted as presented. Seconded by councillor G. Richard. Motion carried.

- v. *Scallop Festival/ Environment & Wellness*  
No report.

vi. *Mayor's Forum/ AFMNB/ BIA & Mission and Vision Committee*

The Mayor informs us that the southeast Mayor's forum meeting that was held last week by Zoom, dealt mainly with the subject of municipal reorganization. A special meeting will take place at the end of March to finalize any decisions concerning this matter.

The mayor asks GM Savoie to contact FCM about the new federal legislation on firearms that was presented by the Trudeau government. More information to come.

Furthermore, the Mayor informs us that there will be a BIA meeting tomorrow morning at 7:45 a.m. to discuss the AGM and the "Park with no name."

**21-18**

It was moved by Mayor Roger Doiron that this report be adopted as presented. Seconded by councillor S. Richard. Motion carried.

**DELEGATION & PETITIONS**  
**(PUBLIC INTERVENTIONS AND HEARING OF REQUESTS)**

Anne-Marie Leach addresses the council:

As requested, the Mayor clarifies item 6 (i) and comments on the cleanup process at the site of the old Coop hardware store on Main Street.

Mrs. Leach also suggests adding a floating fountain in one of the town ponds/rivers that would change colours at night. GM Richard will look at the available options and more information will follow.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**21-19**

Councillor S. Richard proposed adjournment at 7:46 p.m.

Melanie Savoie  
Clerk

Roger Doiron  
Mayor