



REGULAR MEETING

**Town of Richibucto
April 20, 2021**

The regular meeting of April 20, 2021, was called to order at 7 :00.

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

WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Doiron welcomes the visitors.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

21-34

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

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict declared

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

21-35

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle that the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 16th, 2021 be adopted as presented. Seconded by councillor S. Richard. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Report presented for information.

CORRESPONDENCE

- i. Request for support for “Support for Delivering Community Power”*
The council discussed Mrs. Jan Simpson’s request, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, asking the council to support, “Community power”.

21-36

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle that the following be approved and sent

Whereas, there is an urgent need for banking services among the unbanked or underbanked, given that thousands of villages and rural municipalities do not have a bank branch and more than 900 municipalities have expressed their support for postal banking;

Whereas, thousands of Canadians do not have access to affordable high-speed Internet, and the federal government has long promised to bridge the rural broadband gap;

Whereas, urgent action is needed to establish a robust network of electric vehicle charging stations;

Whereas to achieve carbon-neutral targets by 2050, Canada Post must greatly accelerate the electrification of its fleet;

Whereas, the extensive network of post offices in our communities can provide a wide range of services as community hubs;

Whereas Canada Post’s letter carriers and RSMCs can check-in on vulnerable residents to help keep us in our homes longer as we age;

Whereas, Canada Post must play its part for a more equitable post-pandemic recovery;

Whereas “The Way Forward for Canada Post”, the report of the 2016 federal public review of the postal service, recommended that Canada Post expand services and adapt its services to the changing needs of the public;

Whereas the Canadian Union of Postal Workers has advanced *Delivering Community Power*, a vision of the post-carbon digital-age postal service that address the above needs and more;

Be it resolved that the municipality of Richibucto endorse *Delivering Community Power and* writes to the Minister of Public Services and Procurement, the Honourable Anita Anand, with its rationale and a copy of this resolution.

This was seconded by councillor G. Richard. Motion carried.

ii. *Email from Pam and Gordon Reidpath*

The council discussed the email from Pam and Gordon Reidpath, asking the council to install garbage cans along Park Street, to help with the garbage along the road. They also asked the council to evaluate the instillation of a speed bump on the street.

21-37

It was moved by councillor S. Richard that the General Manager gets informed for the possibility of a speed bump on Park Street and that garbage cans and signs be placed along the street. This was seconded by councillor Thompson. Motion carried.

iii. *Email from Cheyenne Joseph (Anchor)*

The council discussed the email from Cheyenne Joseph concerning her bad experience on two separate occasions when she made reservations at the anchor and there was a double booking and she did not get the gym. General Manager Savoie informed council that she offered Miss Joseph the Gym at the Anchor for free, she was happy with this.

iv. *Letter from Brett Reidpath*

The council discussed the letter from Brett Reidpath, regarding the Blue Acres Development Ltd project to dig a well in Aldouane for his blueberry fields, which could affect the municipalities water supply. General Manager Savoie informed council that she has already contacted Crandall, and the director of public works is in contact with the environment. Council will be advised of any development as it changes.

v. *Letter from Carol Bernard, SCKN*

The council discussed the letter from the Société Culurel Kent Nord, offering the municipality a chance to purchase publicity in their cultural bulletin, in order to help with the cost of publication.

21-38

It was moved by councillor Thompson that council accepts to put some advertise in the bulletin for a few months, half a page per month at a cost of \$100 per month. This was seconded by councillor S. Richard. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- i. *3rd Reading of By-Law 21-01 – Municipality of Richibucto Water and Sewerage By-Law*

21-39

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle that the third reading of by-law 21-01, being the Richibucto Water and Sewerage By-Law be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councillor Thompson. Motion carried.

- ii. *3rd Reading of By-Law 21-02 – By-Law designating portions of roads in the Town of Richibucto as being accessible to off-road vehicles*

21-40

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle that the third reading of by-law 21-02, being a by-law designating parts of roads in the Town of Richibucto accessible to off-road vehicles, be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councillor G. Richard. Motion carried.

- iii. *3rd Reading of By-Law 21-03 – Richibucto Mayor and Council Remuneration By-Law*

21-41

It was moved by councillor Thompson that the third reading of by 21-03, being the Richibucto mayor and councillor's remuneration by-law be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councillor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

- iv. *3rd Reading of By-Law 21-04 – Town of Richibucto Jardine Municipal Park By-Law*

21-42

It was moved by councillor G. Richard that the third reading of by-law 21-04, being the by-law regarding the Jardine Municipal Park of the Town of Richibucto be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councillor Thompson. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- i. *Approval of the 2020 General Fund Financial Report*

21-43

It was moved by councillor G. Richard that council approved the 2020 general fund financial report with a surplus of \$114,572 for 2020. This was seconded by councillor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

- ii. *Approval of the 2020 Utility Fund Financial Report*

21-44

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle that council approved the 2020 utility fund financial report with a surplus of \$29,745 for 2020. This was seconded by councillor G. Richard. Motion carried.

- iii. *Accounting Firm L. Bourque*

21-45

It was moved by councillor S. Richard that council accepts the firm Bourque, Richard, Boutote for accounting verification for the 2021 financial year. This was seconded by councillor G. Richard. Motion carried

KENT PLANNING COMMISSION

The report was presented for information

KENT SOLID WASTE COMMISSION

The report was presented for information

FIRE REPORT

The report was presented for information

JARDINE PARK REPORT

The report was presented for information

WATER & SEWERAGE REPORT

The report was presented for information

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- i. *General Managers*
Report presented for information
- ii. *UMNB, Animation and Promotion Committee, Wellness*
No report available. Mayor Doiron did inform the council that Mrs. Margo Cragg stepped down as the UMNB GM.
- iii. *Recreation Council, Port Authority, Infrastructure*
Councillor Mazerolle informed the council that the recreation council will resume their meetings in May to see in which direction the recreation council is going as a committee. Concerning the infrastructures, councillor Mazerolle informed council that no decision regarding the Anchor will be taken until the new council is in place.

21-46

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle that the report of the Recreation Council, Port Authority & Infrastructure, be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councillor G. Richard. Motion carried.

- iv. *Chamber of Commerce, CBDC, Economic Development Committee*
Councillor Thompson informed the council that the Chamber of Commerce had a meeting with the Chamber Plan, who is an insurance firm, with whom the Chamber deals with for the insurance plans. They are working on getting more members to join this firm.

21-47

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

- v. *Scallop Festival, Environment, Wellness*
Councillor S. Richard contacted the Province to get information regarding the Scallop Festival. They suggested to wait for more details before starting to organize any activities for the Festival.

21-48

It was moved by councillor S. Richard that the Scallop Festival, Environment & Wellness report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councillor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

- vi. *Forum des Maires, AFMNB, BIA & Mission and Vision Committee*
Mayor Doiron presented his report.

21-49

It was moved by Mayor Doiron that his report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councillor G. Richard. Motion carried.

DELEGATION & PETITIONS
(PUBLIC INTERVENTION AND HEARING OF REQUEST)

No public intervention

ADJOURNMENT

21-50

Councillor S. Richard proposed that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Melanie Savoie
Clerk

Roger Doiron
Mayor