



REGULAR MEETING

**Town of Richibucto
December 21, 2021**

The regular meeting of December 21, 2021, is called to order at 7 p.m.

Present Stella Richard (Mayor)
Dwayne Thompson (Deputy Mayor)
Dennis Mazerolle, Lucie Vautour & Marc Babineau (Councillors)
Mélanie Savoie & Christine Richard (General Managers)
Mireille Leblanc (Secretary)

WELCOME VISITORS

Council welcomes all visitors to the meeting.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

21-130

It was moved by Councillor Thompson that the agenda be adopted as presented.
Seconded by councillor Babineau. Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts presented.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

21-131

It was moved by councillor Thompson that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 16, 2021 be adopted as presented. Seconded by councillor Babineau. Motion carried.

21-132

It was moved by councillor Vautour that the minutes of the special meeting of November 17, 2021 be adopted as presented. Seconded by councillor Thompson. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

i. *Suggestion Letter (Jean-Pierre Bernard)*

Council received a letter from Mr. Jean-Pierre Bernard regarding suggestions for the Jardine Municipal Park. It was agreed that Director General Richard and the park manager (Brad Keeley) would work together to see what points could be considered or developed.

ii. *Letter from Gilles Gagné (photos)*

Council reviews a correspondence from Mr. Gilles Gagné concerning a collection of photos of activities that took place in our municipality during the last years. Mr. Gagné proposes that the municipality purchase these photos (copies and rights of use) at a cost of \$1,500 without taxes. It was agreed that Director General Savoie contact Mr. Gagné regarding the number of photos offered, the content of the collection and to see if the price is negotiable. More details to come.

iii. *New construction (Fernand Johnson – 76 York Street)*

Council received a letter from Fernand & Shirley Johnson regarding a new construction at 76 York Street, according to which they would qualify for a refund of \$1,500 to help cover the cost of the water & sewer connection. It was agreed that Mireille would prepare a reimbursement cheque for the amount requested.

iv. *Atlantic Canada Fishing Gear Coalition*

Council received correspondence from the Atlantic Canada Fishing Gear Coalition. According to this letter, the group would help the Town of Richibucto to reduce the waste of abandoned or unusable lobster traps by recycling them. They are asking the municipality to contribute a minimum of \$3,500 as well as staff to help support the logistics and administration of the program feasibility study. Council concluded that Director General Savoie approach the members of the Richibucto Port Authority to see if they would like to get involved with this project. More details to follow.

v. *Letter of Support (Royal Canadian Legion of NB)*

Council received a letter from the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Command of N.B. regarding the purchase of an advertisement in their booklet recognizing military service.

21-133

It was moved by councillor Thompson that the Town of Richibucto purchase a quarter-page ad (full colour) at a cost of \$465. Seconded by councillor Babineau. Motion carried.

vi. *Letter of Support ('Moniteur Acadien')*

Council received correspondence from Mr. Jason Ouellette regarding an advertising contract with the weekly French newspaper, Le Moniteur Acadien. Mr. Ouellette proposes that the Town of Richibucto commit to pay an advertising placement of \$6,000 in 2022 and \$6,000 in 2023, in addition to acquiring paper copies at a cost of \$2.00 each which would be distributed free of charge in the community.

21-134

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle that the Town of Richibucto commit to pay an advertising placement of 6,000\$ for the year 2022 only and that we purchase 10 paper copies of the newspaper to be distributed at the different municipal buildings such as the Town Hall, the Library and the CKN Arena. Seconded by councillor Babineau. Motion carried.

vii. *Letter of Support (Kent Centre Bears)*

Council received a letter from Nicole Robichaud (Kent Centre Bears minor hockey committee member) regarding donations to help pay for the expenses of a hockey tournament in January 2022. Council agreed to donate ice time at the CKN arena as well as some prizes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

i. *By-Law 19-02 (zoning modification)*

21-135

It was moved by councillor Babineau that the amendment to the municipal plan of the Town of Richibucto, to change the zoning of a property located on Main Street from industrial to multi-family residential (to allow the construction of a new three-storey apartment building with a total of six housing units), be accepted as presented. Seconded by councillor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

i. *2022 Budget*

Mayor Stella Richard presents the amounts approved for the 2022 budget.

ii. *Trackless \$35,000*

21-136

It was moved by councillor Babineau that we purchase a trackless sidewalk tractor at a cost of \$35,000 (from Warren Ready Mix Ltd.) and that we use the money from the reserve fund, as long as we can test and inspect it before concluding the purchase. Seconded by councillor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

iii. *Donations to the Papa Noël Committee*

The total amount of the cheque presented to the 'Papa Noël' Committee, which was collected during the Christmas tree-lighting ceremony, the Christmas market and contributed by the Town of Richibucto, was \$1062.10.

iv. *Sale of baseball field*

21-137

It was moved by councillor Thompson that we sell the old baseball field in the amount of \$50,000 to a contractor wishing to build a new apartment building, as long as municipal by-laws and construction codes are respected. Seconded by councillor Vautour. Motion carried.

v. *Policy regarding Code of conduct for elected officials*

21-138

It was moved by councillor Thompson that the policy regarding the code of conduct for elected officials be adopted as presented. Seconded by councillor Babineau. Motion carried.

KENT PLANNING COMMISSION

Report presented.

KENT SOLID WASTE COMMISSION

Report presented.

FIRE REPORT

Report presented.

WATER & SEWERAGE REPORT

Report presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

i. *General Managers*

Nothing to report.

ii. *Dennis Mazerolle, councillor*

Report presented: A public meeting on environmental issues will be held in the new year 2022. Details will be mailed to residents and posted on the Town of Richibucto Facebook page.

21-139

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle that his report be adopted as presented. Seconded by councillor Thompson. Motion carried.

iii. *Dwayne Thompson, councillor*

Report presented: Councillor Thompson advised that COVID-19 rapid test kits are still available for businesses that register online at cccgm.ca.

21-140

It was moved by councillor Thompson that his report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Councillor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

iv. *Lucie Vautour, councillor*

Report presented: Councillor Vautour noted that the Christmas tree lighting ceremony held in early December was a success! She also advised that the Richibucto Business Improvement Area committee has not yet set a date for their next meeting. More details to come.

21-141

It was moved by councillor Vautour that her report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Councillor Babineau. Motion carried.

v. *Marc Babineau, councillor*

Report presented: The Scallop Festival Committee has not yet set a meeting date due to new COVID-19 regulations. More details to come.

21-142

It was moved by councillor Babineau that his report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Councillor Thompson. Motion carried.

vi. *Stella Richard, mayor*

Report presented: The Annual General Meeting of the 'Association francophone des municipalités du N.-B.' was held in Moncton in early December. The mayor notes that the atmosphere was very positive and that the meeting was overall a success.

21-143

It was moved by Mayor Stella Richard that her report be adopted as presented. Seconded by councillor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS

(PUBLIC INTERVENTIONS & HEARING OF REQUESTS)

Council addresses questions and concerns from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

21-144

It was moved by councillor Babineau that the meeting be adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Melanie Savoie
Clerk

Stella Richard
Mayor