



REGULAR MEETING

**Town of Richibucto
December 15, 2020**

The regular meeting of December 15, 2020, was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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)

WELCOME VISITORS

No visitors present.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

20-143

It was moved by councillor G. Richard that the agenda be adopted with the following withdrawals (the item will be brought forward at the next meeting):

Article 7 (iv) – Water & Sewerage (collection agency)

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

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No declared conflict.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

20-144

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle that the minutes of the regular meeting from November 17th be adopted as presented. Seconded by councillor Thompson. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Report presented for information.

CORRESPONDENCE

i. TC-Kent Letter

Council received a letter from Laureanne Stewart of TC-Kent informing us of a new pilot project that features many improvements to address the need for access to community transportation for the citizens of Kent. Ms. Stewart offered her availability to meet with members of City Council to discuss this in more detail. Council concluded that there is no need for a meeting as the letter was well detailed and we have had no complaints from the residents of our town. Mireille will prepare a letter to thank them for the information shared.

ii. NB Environmental Network Letter

Council received a letter from the NB Environmental Network asking us to make a contribution to provide a training program for teachers, enabling them to acquire the skills necessary to incorporate outdoor spaces into their teaching. Council concluded that there was a lack of information in the letter and asked GM Savoie to call Soleil Levant School to see if a contribution could be made directly to the school so that the money would stay in our community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

i. By-Law 20-02: By-Law to enforce the By-Laws of the Town of Richibucto

20-145

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle that the third reading of By-Law 20-02, being the By-Law to enforce the By-Laws of the Town of Richibucto, be adopted. Seconded by councillor Thompson. Motion carried.

20-146

The following appointment was moved by councillor Mazerolle and seconded by councillor G. Richard:

Whereas the Municipal Council has passed various by-laws; and whereas Council may appoint Local Government By-Law Enforcement Officers and fix their terms of reference; be it resolved that the following persons be appointed as Local Government By-Law Enforcement Officers pursuant to the Local Governance Act (Act), the Police Act and the Community Planning Act: NICHOLAS HUDSON, JORDAN NOWLAN, KEITH PICCO AND COLIN COCHRANE.

Be it further resolved that the above appointment include the duties prescribed by Section 3.3 of By-Law 2020-05, the Act, the regulations to the Act and the Police Act; and that the position of By-Law Enforcement Officer is employed for the preservation and maintenance of the public peace within the boundaries of the local government; and that the Local Government By-Law Enforcement Officers shall exercise his or her discretion based on records from the Clerk or from patrols within the Local Government; and that the above appointment shall continue as long as the individual is hired or retained by the Municipality.

Motion carried.

ii. Mini excavator

The cost of a small CAT excavator (including the trailer and modifications to the city's truck to tow it) is \$111,780 taxes included; this would also include a 5-year unlimited warranty on the excavator. GM Savoie will inquire about insurance costs.

20-147

It was moved by councillor G. Richard that we purchase the CAT excavator at a cost of \$111,780. Seconded by councillor S. Richard. Motion carried.

20-148

It was moved by councillor G. Richard that we use the reserve funds to purchase the excavator if there is no program that offers 0% interest financing. Seconded by councillor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

iii. Red Cross Building

GM Savoie will contact Tabatha from the Red Cross to ask if they would be willing to switch locations (due to the structural problems with the building) or if they wish to pay for the necessary repairs to remain in the same location.

iv. Water & Sewerage (collection agency)

This item will be brought forward at the next meeting.

v. Chalets du Havre

York Street, from the Chalets du Havre, is now completed and we are waiting for the official documents to be signed in the presence of a lawyer to take possession of it.

NEW BUSINESS

i. New construction option

General Managers Savoie and Richard will prepare a report on the different options that can be offered to residents building new construction in Richibucto.

ii. *Resolution for losses during Covid-19*

20-149

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle and seconded by councillor Thompson that the Council requests financial support through the Safe Restart Agreement to cover Covid-19-related losses to the following expenses:

Total of additional COVID-19 specific costs	\$34,942.46
+ Total of COVID-19 specific losses	\$36,904.63
- Total of COVID-19 specific operational savings	<u>\$14,986.00</u>
= <i>Net COVID-19 impact</i>	<i>\$56,861.09</i>

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

No report.

WATER & SEWERAGE REPORT

Report presented for information.

RECREATION, CULTURE & TOURISM REPORT

GM Richard advises that Brad Keeley's next project includes billboard publicity at the CKN centre; we will focus on advertising in the gym as there is more visibility in that area since Covid-19.

20-150

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle that the recreation, culture & tourism report be adopted as presented. Seconded by councillor S. Richard. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

i. *General Managers*

No report.

Council concluded that the GMs should present a report at each meeting, detailing a list of their active projects and an update on each file.

ii. *UMNB/ Animation and Promotion Committee/ Wellness*

No report.

iii. *Recreation Council/ Port Authority/ Infrastructure*

The Christmas parade that was supposed to take place on December 13th has been postponed to December 20th due to inclement weather forecast. They received five entries in the residential Christmas light decoration contest.

20-151

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle that the Recreation Council report be adopted as presented. Seconded by councillor S. Richard. Motion carried.

iv. *Chamber of Commerce/ CBDC/ Economic Development Committee*

The Chamber of Commerce made a donation to the food bank on their behalf. City businesses were contacted to request that more Christmas lights be added to embellish the city, but Councillor Thompson advised that there was much less enthusiasm to participate this year than in previous years.

20-152

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

v. *Scallop Festival/ Environment & Wellness*

No report.

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

The Mayor informed us that the AFMNB association presented a document on governance and taxation, and advised us that there will be changes to come. The BIA meeting has been postponed to the new year since we were in the orange phase of Covid-19: the date is to be determined.

20-153

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)

No public interventions.

ADJOURNMENT

20-154

Councillor G. Richard proposed adjournment at 8:39 p.m.

Melanie Savoie
Clerk

Roger Doiron
Mayor