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REGULAR MEETING

**Town of Richibucto
June 15, 2021**

The regular meeting of June 15, 2021 was called to order at 7:00 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

Louise Richard-Martin
Jacqueline Fugere
Anne-Marie Leach
Mary Sullivan
Joanne Robichaud

PRESENTATION PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

A group of students and teachers from École Soleil-Levant School presented a request to council asking them for ideas on collaborations/grants/fundraising to reach their goal of \$425,000 for a new inclusive playground for the school (they currently have \$17,000 raised). Council concludes that the Town of Richibucto will work in partnership with the school to help reach their goal.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

21-55

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

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Richard declares a conflict of interest on the following item:
8 (i) Invoice - River Street

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

21-56

It was moved by councillor Babineau that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 18, 2021 be adopted as presented. Seconded by councillor Mazerolle.
Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No report to present.

CORRESPONDENCES

- i. Letter from Dave MacLean Healthy Forest*
Letter submitted for information regarding the spruce budworm infestation at the NB/Québec border.
- ii. Letter from AFMNB*
Letter presented for information to congratulate the new mayor.
- iii. Letter from La Boussole*
Letter received from 'La Boussole' daycare requesting a reserved outdoor play space in the Anchor parking lot. GM Richard will contact the person in charge asking them for a plan to ensure the safety of the children and the dimensions of the space requested. This item will be deferred to the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- i. Anchor*
GM Richard informs us that the immediate repairs that need to be made to the Anchor could cost us between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 (roof, elevator, chimney, boiler, plumbing) and that council needs to make a decision regarding the renewal of the lease as soon as possible.

21-57

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle to send a letter to our current tenants advising them that the Town of Richibucto will not be renewing the rental agreement for the Anchor due to the high cost of repairs. It was also moved to advise the tenants that they will be accommodated in other ways in order to keep them in our community. A letter will also be sent to the Department of transport & infrastructure at a later date. Seconded by councillor Thompson. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

i. Invoice – River Street

Mayor Richard is absent from this part of the meeting due to a conflict of interest. GM Savoie presides during her absence.

We received an invoice from McInnis Cooper for \$4,129.00 regarding the River Street file. Since this request was authorized by the former mayor of Richibucto without council's authorization, we are unable to pay the amount without the approval of the new municipal council.

21-58

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle that GM Savoie approach the concerned law firm to see if it is possible to bill the former mayor since he did not receive the approval of his council to go ahead with this file (and while the request was sent from his personal email and not from the email assigned by the Town of Richibucto). Seconded by councillor Thompson. Motion carried.

ii. Request – change driveway entry from Acadie to Cunard

A citizen wishes to change his driveway from Acadie Street to Cunard Street for safety reasons. The cost of the change and the repairs of the sidewalk is evaluated at \$3000.

21-59

Councillor Thompson moved that the Town of Richibucto assume the cost of the sidewalk repairs (since the sidewalks are owned by the municipality) in order to make the requested change: However, if there is a policy in place, council reserves the right to bill the citizen (in part, or for the full amount) after the work is completed, following this policy. Councillor Mazerolle does not agree that the municipality pay the complete cost of the repairs since the citizen undertook some changes before receiving the approval of the council. Seconded by councillor Babineau. Motion carried.

iii. Global Windows – purchase of lot in industrial park

The company Global Windows wishes to buy a lot in the industrial park in order to build an apartment complex. Council decides to forward this item to the next meeting after having studied the construction plan.

iv. Tennis Court

We have received a request from some citizens to use the track on the old tennis court to paint race tracks for their remote-control cars.

21-60

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle to accept this request (with the condition that the municipality can reuse the land if needed and requested). Seconded by councillor Babineau. 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

No report - this item can be removed as it is part of the General Manager's report.

WATER & SEWERAGE REPORT

The report was presented for information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- i. General Managers*
Report was presented for information.
- ii. AFMNB/ Environment (Dennis Mazerolle)*
No report to present.
- iii. Port Authority/ Chamber of Commerce/ Economic Development (Dwayne)*
No report to present.
- iv. BIA/ Recreation Council (Lucie Vautour)*
No report to present.
- v. UMNB/ Scallop Festival (Marc Babineau)*
No report to present.
- vi. Mayors Forum/ KRSC/ Library (Stella Richard)*
No report to present.

DELEGATION & PETITIONS
(PUBLIC INTERVENTION AND HEARING OF REQUEST)

i.) *Joanne Robichaud*

She addresses council regarding the climate change committee. According to GM Savoie, the report is complete, but more details are to come at the next meeting.

ii.) *Louise Richard-Martin*

She addresses council regarding the Anchor. The board clarifies that we are not making any profit with this infrastructure and that no matter what the repairs are, we are accumulating a debt. They also advise that there is no money left in the infrastructure program to help with these monetary obligations.

iii.) *Anne-Marie Leach*

She addresses council regarding River Street (Mayor Richard is absent from this part of the meeting due to a conflict of interest). Mrs. Leach asks council to enlarge the "no U-turn" sign since people don't seem to notice it. Council agrees to enlarge the sign for safety reasons.

ADJOURNMENT

21-61

Councillor Thompson proposed that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Melanie Savoie
Clerk

Stella Richard
Mayor