



REGULAR MEETING

Town of Richibucto

June 16th, 2020

The regular meeting held on June 16th, 2020, was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Roger Doiron, Deputy Mayor Dennis Mazerolle, Gerard Richard, absent, Stella Richard and Dwayne Thompson councillors. Mélanie Savoie Clerk, Sonia Mazerolle, secretary.

20-61

It was moved by councilor Mazerolle that the agenda be adopted with following additions:

Article 8 (ii) – Create a human resources committee

Article 8 (iii) – Businesses with non-secured garbage bins

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

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It was moved by councilor Thompson that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 16th be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

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It was moved by councilor Mazerolle that the minutes of the special meeting of June 3rd be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor S. Richard. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The acting GM informed council that the town is waiting to sign contract documents for the water treatment plant upgrade.

We received the banners and they have been installed on Friday, June 12. Also, the acting GM informs council that we have not received any information flyers, if we receive them, they will be placed in the town hall, but not at Jardine Park because of the limited space inside.

The firm L. Bourque let us know that eliminating the water and sewer bills that will never be paid, bad debts, will have to be done eventually. Mélanie advises the council that we can gradually absorb the debt or wait until the end of the year, so that it does not affect this year's budget. Starting in July, we will send out notices to people who are not paying.

Mélanie informs council that the summer camps are almost full and will begin next week, June 22nd. They will mainly take place at IKNC and Jardine Park, weather permitting. The cost per child is \$ 45 / week. We have three summer student projects that are paid 100%.

CORRESPONDANCES

Letter for information from Healthy Forest to find an intervention strategy to prevent a spruce budworm infestation in NB and Atlantic Canada.

NEW BUSINESS

Elected evaluation of allocation committee

20-64

It was moved by councilor Thompson that an elected evaluation of allocation committee be created. The committee made up of citizens would assess the salaries of elected members based on salaries, infrastructure, etc. They would make a recommendation to the council following an analysis of what an elected member of the community deserves. The council would not need to accept the proposal. This was seconded by councilor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

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It was moved by councilor Mazerolle that the mayor and council each suggest someone from the community and explain why they think they should be on the elected evaluation of allocation committee by Friday, June 26. This was seconded by councilor Thompson. Motion carried.

Create a human resources committee

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It was moved by councilor Mazerolle that the human resources committee be composed of the Mayor, Roger Doiron, the acting GM and councilor Stella Richard. This was seconded by councilor Thompson. Motion carried.

Businesses with non-secured garbage bins

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It was moved by councilor Mazerolle that we check with business owners of large garbage bins to make sure that the bins are locked and emptied regularly to prevent garbage from flying on citizens' properties. If these rules are not followed, we must try to have a garbage bin bylaw. This was seconded by councilor Thompson. Motion carried.

20-68

The Kent Planning Commission report was presented for information;

The Kent Solid Waste Commission report was presented for information;

The Fire Report was presented. Firefighters received many calls this month, according to Melvin's report.

Jardine Municipal Park Report was presented. There are 75 seasonal sites. Energy NB did the required work. We have our own security at the park and we have had problems with staff during the last few years.

20-69

It was moved by councilor Mazerolle that we ask the cost for a security guard company and we compare with the cost of our own security to make a decision based on our best option. This was seconded by councilor S. Richard. Motion carried.

The water and sewerage report was presented; we are waiting for the Neptune system to be compatible so we can read the meters by June 30th.

The Financial Report was presented.

20-70

It was moved by councilor Mazerolle that the financial report dated May 31st be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor S. Richard. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

General manager – no report

The acting GM advises council that we are going forward with the golf tournament. There will have to be little changes due to Covid-19.

There are large trucks that park on the main street and leave their boxes, this causes a security problem. Sean will ask them to move, and if they do not comply, we will look at provincial approval to install a sign prohibiting parking.

UMNB, Animation and Promotion –
No report available

Recreation Council, Port authority and Infrastructure –
No report available – Councilor Mazerolle advises Melanie to make an official request for financing for the graduate banners.

Chamber of Commerce, CBDC and Economic Development Committee –
Councilor Thompson informs that the members of the Chamber of Commerce participated in a Zoom meeting, Louis Philip from the CFIB was the invited guest. The main subject was concerning employees not returning to work because they are receiving money from the government. The CFIB will be there to support businesses.

Trails NB – They are no longer looking after trails, but it has been cleaned by town employees. The fence needs to be repaired.

20-71

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

Scallop Festival, Environment and Wellness –
Councillor S. Richard informed council that there will not be a Scallop Festival for 2020. The councilor is done cleaning the flower beds and shrubs in town.

20-72

It was moved by councilor S. Richard that the report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

Forum des maires, AFMNNB, ZAA et Comité Mission et Vision –

Mayor Doiron advises the council that there is no Forum des maire. The ZAA will be donating \$1000 for flowers again this year. Also, they are working on three projects:

- Robert presented 9 of the 12 panels, Hanson Sign is operating with only a third of their staff members because of Covid-19, three panels remain to be completed.

-Gazebo at the Point O’Leary, we are examining the cost of the work that needs to be done.

-Park in the curb on rue Main in front of Léonide Richard, Sean proposed ideas for that popular area of town. We are going to ask the same company that worked on the River of Fire Park to come take a look.

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Mayor Doiron proposed his report. This was seconded by councilor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

20-74

Councillor S. Richard proposed adjournment at 8:35 p.m.

Mélanie Savoie
Greffière

Roger Doiron
Maire