



REGULAR MEETING

Town of Richibucto

May 19th, 2020

The regular meeting held on May 19th, 2020, was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

20-44

It was moved by councilor S. Richard that the agenda be adopted with following additions:

Article 7 (iii) – Mallette Report

Article 8 (iii) – Accounting Firm 20220

Article 8 (iv) – Summer camps and information centre

Article 15 (i) - Adoption of the budget for the 2019 general operating fund

Article 15 (ii) - Adoption of the budget for the water and sewer system 2019

This was seconded by councilor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

20-45

It was moved by councilor G. Richard that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 23rd be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor Thompson. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The clerk informs the council that the request to the Borrowing commission was sent and that the notices have to be in the newspaper before may 29th. Also, the motion to Uni concerning the line of credit has been sent.

CORRESPONDANCES

Letter for information from the minister of environment and local governments, advising us that we are approved for the climate change adaptation plan with the ETF. More details will be provided soon.

Letter for information from M. Bill Oliver, minister of transport and infrastructure, informing us that they are now preparing for the 2021 construction and they will be studying propositions as part of its program to improve designated provincial roads in municipalities. We have to submit an up to date five-year plan before August 31st, 2020.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy regarding the collection of water and sewerage fees

20-46

It was moved by councilor Mazerolle that the policy regarding the collection of water and sewerage fees be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor Thompson. Motion carried.

Graduate banners - \$15,000

The clerk informed council that the cost for banners went up, and the new cost is \$15,000, \$5,000 per municipality.

20-47

It was moved by councilor Mazerolle that we accept to finance the project for graduate banners at the cost of \$5,000 maximum for the municipality. This was seconded by councilor G. Richard. Motion adopted.

Malette report

20-48

It was moved by councilor Mazerolle that the council finishes to revise the Malette report. This was seconded by councilor G. Richard. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Bursary recommendation MFR

20-49

It was moved by councilor S. Richard that the council recommends Chloé Blanchard of MFR high school as the recipient of the \$500 bursary and Nathalie Allain as a substitute. This was seconded by councilor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

Regional appeal committee for bylaws

20-50

It was moved by councilor G. Richard that the council accepts the principle of a regional appeal committee to enforce decisions relating to unsafe and unsightly locations. This was seconded by councilor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

Accounting firm 2020

20-51

It was moved by councilor G. Richard that the council accepts L. Bourque accounting firm for accounting verification for the 2020 financial year. This was seconded by councilor S. Richard. Motion carried.

Summer camps and information centre

The clerk asked the council if they want to have the summer camps and if the information centre will open or not this year, du to the covid-19 situation.

20-52

It was moved by councilor Mazerolle that the town organize summer camps. This was seconded by councilor S. Richard. Motion carried.

20-53

It was moved by councilor Thompson that we would not open the Information centre this summer, but that we would place information flyers at the town hall and at Jardine Park. This was seconded by councilor S. Richard. Motion carried.

The Kent Planning Commission report was presented for information;

The Kent Solid Waste Commission report was presented for information;

The Fire Report was presented. A request for a new firefighter, Paul Bastarache, was presented. Fire chief Melvin recommends him.

20-54

It was moved by councilor S. Richard that the council accepts the fire chief commendation, that Paul Bastarache joins the volunteer firefighters for the town of Richibucto. This was seconded by councilor G. Richard. Motion carried.

Jardine municipal park opens may 22nd, 2020. The opening date was moved one week to finish the electricity improvements.

The water and sewerage report was presented;

20-55

It was moved by councilor Mazerolle that we check with the firm L. Bourque to know the procedures to eliminate the water and sewer bills that will never be paid, bad debts. This was seconded by councilor Thompson.

The Financial Report was presented.

20-56

It was moved by councilor Mazerolle that the financial report dated April 30th be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor S. Richard. Motion carried.

Adoption of the budget for the 2019 general operating fund

20-57

It was moved by councilor S. Richard that the council adopts the 2019 audited financial report of the general fund as presented by the firm L. Bourque and this with a deficit of \$12,329. This was seconded by councilor Thompson. Motion carried.

Adoption of the budget for the water and sewer system 2019

20-58

It was moved by councilor Thompson that the council adopts the 2019 audited financial report of the water and sewer fund as presented by the firm L. Bourque and this with a deficit of \$75,092. This was seconded by councilor S. Richard. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

General manager – no report

UMNB, Animation and Promotion –
No report available

Recreation Council, Port authority and Infrastructure –
No report available

Chamber of Commerce, CBDC and Economic Development Committee –
Councillor Thompson informed the council that he received good comments
in regards to the open business list during Covid-19.

Scallop Festival, Environment and Wellness –
Councillor S. Richard informed council that there will not be a festival in
2020. The councilor also started cleaning the flowers in town.

20-59

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 –
No report available

AJOURNMENT

20-60

Councillor S. Richard proposed adjournment at 7:50 p.m.

Mélanie Savoie
Greffière

Roger Doiron
Maire