



REGULAR MEETING

Town of Richibucto
April 19, 2022

The regular meeting of April 19, 2022, was called to order at 7 p.m.

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

WELCOME VISITORS

Council welcomes all visitors present at the meeting.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

22-45

It was moved by Councillor Babineau that the agenda be adopted with the following addition:

9 x.) *Correspondence from Jean Richard*

Seconded by councillor Vautour. Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts presented.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

22-46

It was moved by councillor Thompson that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 15, 2022 be adopted as presented. Seconded by councillor Babineau. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

i. Proclamation (New Brunswick Disability Awareness Week)

22-47

Whereas, the municipality of Richibucto is committed to assisting citizens with disabilities to participate fully in our community, and

Whereas, many persons living with disabilities face barriers in the areas of employment, access to information, transportation, housing, education, recreation, and other disability-related supports; and

Whereas, we believe that more citizens with disabilities should have the chance to access disability related supports to improve their opportunities in New Brunswick; and

Whereas, we support the theme: “Adapt – Improvise – Overcome!”;

Now Therefore Be It Known That I, Stella Richard, Mayor of Richibucto, do hereby request the citizens of Richibucto to join with our Council in recognizing persons with disabilities and their role in our community by the observance of Disability Awareness Week, May 29th to June 4th, 2022.

Proposed and read by Stella Richard, on this 19th day of April 2022. Seconded by councillor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

ii. Letter presented for information (Coastal Shell Products Ltd.)

A letter from Gary Crossman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, in response to concerns with the Coastal Shell Products Ltd. facility located in Richibucto was presented for information.

iii. Request for financial support (NBBWCP)

We received a letter from Claire Leblanc, president of the NB Breast and Women’s Cancer Partnership (NBBWCP) asking for a contribution for their “Spring into Action” campaign. Council agrees to organize a community walk/fundraiser to help support their initiative. General Manager Christine Richard will communicate with Mrs. Leblanc to organize the event. More details to come.

iv. Request for financial support (SCKN)

22-48

It was moved by councillor Thompson that we purchase a half-page ad for 3 months, in the amount of 270\$, to help support the Kent-North cultural society with their monthly bulletins. Seconded by councillor Vautour. Motion carried.

v. *Filipino-Canadian Heritage Month (Flag raising/Cake cutting)*

We received a letter from Ms. Gina Moreno, President of the FCNB Provincial Board, requesting that the Filipino-Canadian community of NB conduct their Flag raising/Cake ceremony in front of the Richibucto Town Hall during their Annual Filipino Heritage Month in June. Council agrees that they conduct their activities during 1 day only: Mireille will contact them to find out on what day they would like the event to be held and to see if they need anything else from us to go ahead with the activities.

vi. *AFMNB Regional Tour*

The francophone municipal association of NB will be holding its regional tour on May 12th for the Kent region and would like as many members to attend as possible. More details to come.

vii. *NB Housing Supply Challenge*

We received an email from Lisa Léger asking for the municipality to support the NB Housing Supply Challenge (that aims to stimulate housing supply projects across the province) by participating in meetings or workshops in Saint-John this coming month of May. Council decides to pass on this request at this time.

viii. *Resignation Letter from Denis Robichaud*

We received a letter from Denis Robichaud, public works director, confirming his resignation as of April 22nd, 2022.

ix. *Operation Smile Canada*

We received an email from Candy Keillor at Operation Smile Canada asking us to proclaim June 19th, 2022 as the Longest Day of Smiles, and to help raise awareness for children born with cleft conditions. Council agrees for Mireille to make a post on our digital billboard at Town Hall in order to promote this day.

x. *Correspondence from Jean Richard*

22-49

It was moved by councillor Thompson that we purchase a quarter-page ad in colour for the amount of 440\$, to help support the NB Association of Fire Chiefs with the publication of their annual Children's Fire Safety Booklets. Seconded by councillor Babineau. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- i. *KRSC: Decision notice (Garderie la Boussole)*

22-50

It was moved by councillor Vautour that we accept the KRSC's decision to move forward with the zoning by-law amendment in order to change the current zoning from "Residential One & Two Family" (R1) to "Community" (CO) to permit the construction of a new daycare for children on property PID #25139403 located on High Street in Richibucto. Seconded by councillor Babineau. Motion carried.

- i. *KRSC: Decision notice (Jerry Johnson)*

22-51

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle that we accept the KRSC's decision to move forward with the zoning by-law amendment in order to change the current zoning from "Residential One & Two Family" (R1) to "Residential Multifamily" (R2) to allow the conversion of the current building into an apartment building of four housing units on property PID #2514121 located at 53 High Street in Richibucto. Seconded by councillor Thompson. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- i. *Request for Setback at 26 Evangeline Street*

22-52

It was moved by councillor Babineau that the request from Rey & Rhona Portugaliza to install a modular home on the property at 26 Evangeline Street with a setback of 3.65 meters from the rear lot line be accepted as presented, since the house will be positioned at the best place on the lot. Seconded by councillor Vautour. Motion carried.

- ii. *Morgan Street Development Proposal*

22-53

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle that council meet with the investors at JPKN Real Estate Development to discuss their development proposal for a project on Morgan Street in Richibucto, and that General Manager Melanie Savoie arrange a meeting time that is convenient for everyone. Seconded by councillor Babineau. Motion carried.

- i. *Variance Request (9381 Main Street)*

22-54

It was moved by councillor Mazerolle that the variance request for 724993 NB Inc. requesting to install a commercial container on a new deck on the back of the property located at 9381 Main Street in Richibucto be accepted as presented. Seconded by councillor Vautour. 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

Report presented.

ii. Dennis Mazerolle, councillor

Councillor Mazerolle attended the Halifax Saltscapes Expo last weekend with Mayor Richard and says the event was very engaging.

Recreational Council update: they will be having a meeting in May to decide where the remaining funds will go. More details to come.

22-55

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

iii. Dwayne Thompson, councillor

The next chamber of commerce meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 21st to discuss the future of the chambers after the amalgamation. Councillor Thompson also mentions that Covid rapid test kits are still available at Town Hall for business that register online.

22-56

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

iv. Lucie Vautour, councillor

The next BIA (business improvement area) meeting will be held on Wednesday April 20th at 7:45 am. More details to come.

22-57

It was moved by councillor Vautour that her report be accepted as presented. Seconded by councillor Thompson. Motion carried.

v. Marc Babineau, councillor

Scallop festival meeting update: The committee met last week and things are moving well with the planned activities. They are pleased with the number of volunteers that are donating their time. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 20th at 6:30 pm. More details to come.

22-58

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

vi. Stella Richard, mayor

Mayor Richard attended the Halifax Saltscapes Expo with councillor Mazerolle and says she was impressed by the number of exhibitors and visitors.

She recently attended some public meetings on local governance but participation was not as high as she would have hoped.

22-59

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

DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS

(PUBLIC INTERVENTIONS & HEARING OF REQUESTS)

Council addresses questions and concerns from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

22-60

It was moved by councillor Thompson that the meeting be adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Melanie Savoie
Clerk

Stella Richard
Mayor