

**Annual General Meeting
May 26, 2014**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Fundy Regional Service Commission held on Monday, May 26, 2014 at Place 400, 400 Main Street, Saint John.

1. Call to Order

The Board Chairperson, Grace Losier, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

2. Record of Attendance

BOARD MEMBERS

Grace Losier, Mayor, Grand Bay-Westfield, Chairperson
Murray Driscoll, Mayor, Quispamsis, Vice-Chairperson
Bill Bishop, Mayor, Rothesay
Bette Ann Chatterton, Mayor, St. Martins
Mel Norton, Mayor, Saint John
Brenda Rathburn, Local Service District Representative
David Rogers, Local Service District Representative
Joan Seeley, Local Service District Representative
Sandra Speight, Local Service District Representative

OTHERS

Jack Keir, Executive Director
Mark McLeod, Fundy Region Solid Waste
Brian Shannon, Fundy Regional Service Commission
Ian Macdonald, Department of Environment and Local Government
Members of the Media

3. Approval of Order of Business

The Chairperson asked for approval of the agenda as presented.

Executive Director Keir advised there were two items to be added tender results and the Financial Statements for the period ending April 30, 2014.

Director Seeley asked to have three items added.

- Election of officers be via secret ballot
- Regional Policing
- LSD Committee

Motion: To approve the agenda May 26, 2014 with the additions.

Moved: Director Seeley
Seconded: Director Speight
Vote: Motion Carried

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None

5.1 Approval of the Minutes

Motion: To approve minutes of the Closed Session, April 8, 2014 as circulated.

Moved: Director Norton
Seconded: Director Rathburn
Vote: Motion Carried

5.2 Approval of the Minutes

Motion: To approve minutes of the Open Session, April 8, 2014 as circulated.

Moved: Director Norton
Seconded: Director Rogers
Vote: Motion Carried

6. Motion to Approve Annual Report

Motion: To approve the 2013 Annual Report for the Fundy Regional Service Commission as presented.

Moved: Director Seeley
Seconded: Director Chatterton

Discussion: Executive Director Keir; 2013 was the start-up year there was more collaboration done behind the scenes. There have been regular meetings with the Town and City Managers which have resulted in very good discussions on opportunities to benefit the region.

One item that recently arose is Road Signs, with the elimination of access to the provincial sign garage, we have reached out to the City of Saint John's purchasing department to see if we can discuss options to perhaps piggy back on the cities purchasing contract.

Director Rathburn advised that the LSD of Westfield should be designated Westfield West or East rather than just Westfield.

Director Rogers asked with the change from having a Planner on staff to a contract planner will there be a way to see if there is a cost savings with the change.

Executive Director Keir advised that the expense will show on the yearend Financial Statements.

Vote: Motion Carried

6a. Tender update

General Manager MacLeod advised that a tender for a used Dump Truck was issued with a closing date of May 2nd of which there were no bids received, therefore FRSW will pursue other options.

Motion: To receive and file the tender update as presented.

Moved: Director Driscoll
Seconded: Director Chatterton
Vote: Motion Carried

6b. Financial Statement for Period Ending April 30th

Executive Director Keir and General Manager MacLeod gave an overview of the Financial Statements.

Motion: To receive and file the Financial Statements as presented.

Moved: Director Seeley
Seconded: Director Speight
Vote: Motion Carried

6c. Election of Officer By Ballot

Motion: To have the election of the Chair and Vice Chair be done by ballot.

Moved: Director Seeley
Seconded: Director Speight

Discussion: Director Seeley explained that as the By-laws do not specify the method of nomination and elections of Officers that as per Roberts Rules there is an opportunity to have written nominations and votes. This way no one will feel intimidated or forced when voting.

Roberts Rules states that if the procedure is not stated in the by-laws, a member of the assembly can make a motion explaining the procedure to follow. Nominations by ballot are followed by voting by ballot.

Director Norton commented that although he doesn't have an issue with using ballots, the goal here should be that the vote is unanimous.

Director Rathburn commented that we are never all together for anything, that we have to work together and she agrees with using a ballot process.

Director Bishop commented that he had no problem with a ballot vote, but certainly with a group this size there is no need to have a write in process. If someone does not agree with a nominee then they can nominate another.

Director Speight commented that the past years vote was done by placing names in a box so not sure why that cannot be done again. It is nobody's business how we cast our vote, this way there is no problem with saying no.

Director Speight said that it is not about the Chair but how we want to vote. Over the last 16 months there has been little collaboration, there are 9 LSD's with opinions, but you are 5 and we are 4 so my opinion doesn't count.

Director Driscoll commented that we are not as far apart as people are talking about. We are not always going to agree or vote unanimously on everything. We should follow the normal process of taking nominations then if the decision is to vote using ballots then go for it.

Director Chatterton commented that she had no problem with a show of hand but did not see the need for a ballot nomination and vote.

Director Rogers commented that as he felt there was an issue with the treatment of some of the members he would like to have the nomination and vote by ballot.

Chairperson Losier commented that in 1997 during the discussion regarding amalgamation that communities felt threatened but that we saw the merits of working together to make the decisions that are in the best interest of the citizens.

Director Norton commented that we have an opportunity today to take one more shot at working together.

Director Seeley commented that the LSD's account for 47% of the population, 85% of the land mass and 100% of the natural resources so we are not intimidated. But the board is undemocratic because of the numbers and almost without exception the vote goes the same way. With someone else at the helm perhaps things would be different.

The election of Officers will be performed with open nominations followed by a ballot vote.

Vote: Motion Carried

6d. Regional Policing

Director Seeley advised that with the increasing costs of policing she would like to make the following motion.

Motion: To have the Executive Director thoroughly investigate the current cost of the regional policing services in the RSC 9 regions with the idea of looking toward the possible establishment of a regional police force and prepare a report for the board without using any outside consultation.

Moved: Director Seeley
Seconded: Director Speight

Discussion: Chairperson Losier commented that a study such as request would require many weeks and much data as it would require looking at cost and level of service among server other aspects.

Director Rogers mentioned that in the past there was a provincial police force maybe that could be formed again.

Director Seeley commented that there must be a way out of using the RCMP after all St. George and Blacks Harbour are looking at this, so it is not written in stone.

Director Driscoll commented that we have been down that road and that there is no appetite in the town to move from the present policing services.

Director Norton commented that although the motion was a good motion, the City of Saint John is not able to now or in the foreseeable future change from the current police force, due to the pension solution. As well with the changes to RCMP policy the city is not eligible to use their services and therefore that option is off the table.

The City of Saint John does have the capacity to provide a regional police force and therefore that could be an option available for interested communities.

Executive Director Keir commented that the option proposed by Director Norton is completely different and frankly an easier analysis with fewer hurdles than having to do a report on the entire regions policing cost.

Chairperson Losier commented that the town had this issue back when standards changed and the current police force was not able to meet the new standards. The town then invited the area police forces to provide bids for servicing the town and only

one was received and that was from RCMP. That study was extensive and costly but resulted in a service that we are very happy with.

Director Seeley commented that she is requesting that we look at all expenses of the policing services and followed by suggestion of available options.

Executive Director Keir asked to have a clear direction on what they want him to investigate and what they want in terms of the result and the report.

Chairperson Losier commented that regional policing is not viable given that the City of Saint John cannot change to the RCMP. Therefore the options would be either the City of Saint John or the RCMP.

Director Norton brought forth an amended motion on the regional policing item.

Motion: To have the Executive Director thoroughly investigate the cost of have policing services provided by the City of Saint John Police Force for the Fundy Regional Service Commission region as a whole as well as individual communities without incurring additional costs and bring a report back to the board for review.

Moved: Director Seeley
Seconded: Director Speight

Director Driscoll asked for clarification that there is no expectation after the fact that any community must buy into the proposal.

Chairperson Losier advised that would be the case that any community wishing to opt out of the proposal would have that ability.

Executive Director advised that in the report there will be the process which must be followed regarding obtaining permission from the Minister. As well if during the process if additional costs are necessary he will bring to the board for approval.

Vote: Carried
(Nay) Director Bishop and Director Driscoll

6e. LSD Committee

Director Seeley advised that she would like to put forth a motion to form an LSD Committee to put forward LSD business without the interference of the municipalities. The committee would meet at the FRSC offices when needed to discuss and then put forward ideas to the Board.

Chairperson Losier asked Mr. Macdonald if the process exists with the RSC's at the RAC meetings to have individual or collective ideas discussed and brought forward.

Local Service Manager Macdonald advised that yes that is one of the aspects of the quarterly RAC meetings.

Director Seeley commented that with there being five municipal Mayors that almost without fail vote in a block and therefore our items go nowhere. This is a democratic issue regarding this board.

Executive Director Keir advised that the province set the criteria that formula is based on population of which this regions LSD have 11% and so there would actually only be 1 member on the board, however to be fair the province set it up to have a minimum of 4 members.

Director Driscoll commented that democracy is at work here even though at times it may not appear that way and that the municipalities are not block voting.

Executive Director Keir asked if perhaps there needs to be additional RAC meeting that perhaps Mr. Macdonald could look into the possibility.

Director Seeley agreed to withdraw the motion on the basis that there is already a committee in place (RAC) to look after the LSD's issues and concerns.

7. Election of Officers

Executive Director Keir called for nominations for the Chairperson.

Bill Bishop nominated Grace Losier for the office of Chairperson, Mel Norton seconded the nomination. Ms. Losier accepted the nomination.

Sandra Speight nominated Mel Norton for the office of Chairperson, David Rogers seconded the nomination. Mr. Norton declined the nomination.

Sandra Speight nominated Murray Driscoll for the office of Chairperson, Joan Seeley seconded the nomination. Mr. Driscoll declined the nomination.

The Executive Director called for any further nominations, there being only one nominated candidate for the position the Executive Director declared Grace Losier to have been selected by acclamation to the position of the Chairperson of the Board.

Executive Director Keir called for nominations for the Vice-Chairperson:

Grace Losier nominated Murray Driscoll for the office of Vice-Chairperson, Bill Bishop seconded the nomination. Mr. Driscoll accepted the nomination.

Sandra Speight nominated Joan Seeley for the office of Vice-Chairperson, Brenda Rathburn seconded the nomination. Ms. Seeley declined the nomination.

The Executive Director called for any further nominations, there being only one nominated candidate for the position the Executive Director declared Murray Driscoll to have been selected by acclamation to the position of the Vice-Chairperson of the Board.

8. Building and Planning Report

Motion: To receive and file the Building and Planning Report as presented.

Moved: Director Rogers
Seconded: Director Chatterton
Vote: Motion Carried

9. Host Community Projects Clarification of item 22

Executive Director Keir advised that this item is a result of a request at last month's meeting to have clarification on the item 22 which is the Epworth Park Outing Association project on the CMEI Host Community Projects list. As stated in the correspondence received from the Association the application for funding has been withdrawn.

10. CMEI Waste Diversion Option Support

Chairperson Losier advised that in advance of the report to the board and as per the operating license a presentation from the Waste Diversion Committee was given to CMEI and they have given their support for the support of Option 3.

Executive Director Keir advised that this is a huge issue which will have a financial impact on the communities involved so there is still a lot to be done to find a business case that will work. We are looking at possibly July or maybe September in order to get the costs etc. put together.

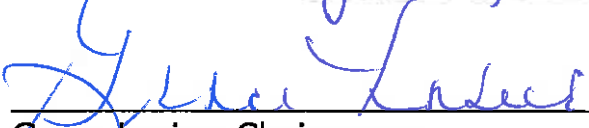
10. Motion to Adjourn

Chairperson Losier asked before we call for adjournment she wanted to mention there is going to be the Official Opening of the Blueberry Hill Trail on June 14. This trail is the result of a land donation from the Forever Nature Trust and the trail connects the Town of Grand-Bay Westfield and the City of Saint John.

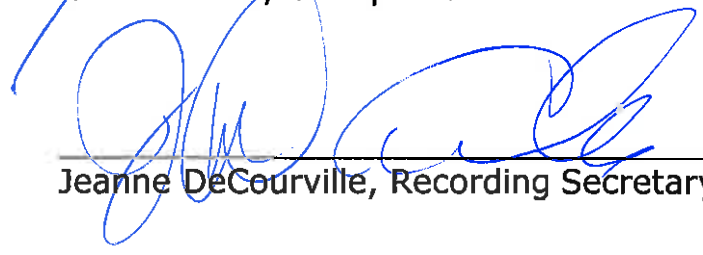
Motion: The Chair called for a motion to adjourn at 12:40 pm.

Moved: Director Bishop
Seconded: Director Seeley
Vote: Motion Carried

APPROVED (date) June 24, 2014



Grace Losier, Chairperson



Jeanne DeCourville, Recording Secretary

