

**Board of Directors Meeting
October 22, 2013**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Fundy Regional Service Commission held on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at Place 400.

1. Call to Order

The Board Chairperson, Grace Losier, called the open session meeting to order at 2:00 p.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
Ivan Corbett, Dept. of Environment and Local Government
Media

3. Approval of Order of Business

The Chairperson asked for approval of the agenda as presented.

Motion: To approve the agenda October 22, 2013 as presented.

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

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None

5. Approval of the Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of September 17, 2013 open session as presented.

Moved: Director Rathburn
Seconded: Director Chatterton

Discussion: Director Bishop asked what the status of the Airport presentation/request.

Executive Director Keir advised that he has been in contact with Mr. Allen and has requested further information on the program/plan for the funds requested. To date this has not been received. *(Note: this information has been received and sent to all board members for approval from their communities).*

Another issue concerning the funds is that the Provincial government must figure out how to handle this from an LSD perspective. We are a bit ahead of the government with this type of request.

Director Bishop advised that there needs to be a formal request with complete details, and percentages in order to have a proper discussion and make a decision.

Chairperson Losier commented that now that the Executive Director has made the Airport aware that the data received to date is not efficient to make a decision and has requested a more comprehensive report, this item is on hold until the information is received.

Director Speight asked if as indicated on page 4 of the minutes regarding the airport request that a line item would be added to the budget, if this had indeed been done.

Executive Director Keir advised that it had not.

Vote: Motion Carried

6. Building and Planning Report

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

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

7. Tender Result

Chairperson Losier asked General Manager Marc MacLeod to give a brief review of the background of the request for tender.

As a result of discussions at the September 4th meeting regarding the MRF a tender was posted on the New Brunswick Opportunities Network (NBON) which resulted in three expressions of interest but only one bidder which was \$45,050.00 plus taxes from ABCO Industries Ltd.

General Manager MacLeod advised that since the inception of the 1-2-3 Depot program and the MRF they been able to refine the fibre stream which has resulted in being able to meet specifications of regional pulp mills. The local mill at Lake Utopia uses OCC in their process and it is estimated that 25% of the recovered material meets the grade which would result in \$26000 to the bottom line.

With the installation of this custom mobile conveyor the payback would be approximately 2 years and could actually result in a decrease in costs by eliminating double handling of the product. Under the Building Canada Fund, monies are set aside annually for capital reinvestment in the Material Recovery Facility and currently there is a minimum of \$50,000 available.

Motion: To approve the purchase of a mobile material recovery facility inspection conveyor for \$45,050 plus applicable taxes from ABCO Industries Ltd. To be funded from the general capital fund.

Moved: Director Seeley
Seconded: Director Rogers

Discussion: Director Bishop asked what the Building Canada Fund is.

General Manager MacLeod advised that this fund is the result of a stipulation of the original federal grant awarded to build the facility which was that FRSW sets aside annually a sum of \$25,000.00 for reinvestment.

Vote: Motion Carried

8. Correspondence – Marigolds on Main Street

Motion: To receive and file the correspondence from Marigolds on Main Street.

Moved: Director Driscoll
Seconded: Director Seeley

Discussion: Chairperson Losier advised that she had received the correspondence from Mr. Ogden with the request to spread awareness in FRSC's communities and that this year they set a world record for the number of participants with 5,600.

Vote: Motion Carried

9. Report on Collaborative Services

Executive Director Keir gave an overview of the various ways in which the Fundy Regional Service Commission's communities collaborate, from Fire and Policing Services to Recreation, Arts and Culture, Transportation, Waste Facilities and Purchasing.

Although there is considerable collaboration currently, there is still more that can be done to bring forth positive change and benefit to the communities of FRSC. We need to approach this one item at a time. We have to tell our story, involve the whole region. It will be a lot of work and not every idea to work for everyone. But what is clear is that everyone wants what is best for our communities.

Director Seeley commented that there has to be a more creative way on the ask to the LSD's. Communities being asked to contribute their fair share to a facility or facilities that their citizens may or may not use and that that is not the way to go.

Chairperson Losier commented that it is not about people using a facility it is about communities being able to offers services and a way of life that will attract businesses and workforce to come to the area. The advantage is to all of us, we have to look at the big picture.

Director Driscoll commented that the report was long overdue and although we should have known how much our communities work together, it was still an eye opener. There were 12 suggestions from the City of Saint John as part of the report which we should explore.

The next step is to draft another report around these suggestions and other ideas for future collaboration to be reviewed and discussed.

Motion: To direct the Executive Director to facilitate meetings with city and town managers to investigate the options put forth from the City as well as any others for collaboration in the region and prepare a report which the Board will review on an item by item basis with the right to opt out of any of the items.

Moved: Director Driscoll
Seconded: Director Norton

Discussion: Executive Director Keir advised that he now meets with the City and Town Managers every couple of months. He will contact the group to schedule meetings to include the Regional Manager, Mr. Corbett to discuss the topic.

Vote: Motion Carried

9. Budget Approval

Motion: To approve 2014 budget for the Fundy Region Service Commission as presented.

Moved: Director Seeley
Second: Director Rathburn

Discussion: Director Norton commented that there are concerns with what the net value is that is being delivered for the residents as a collective. What ways are we delivering true value for residents?

Executive Director Keir commented apart from the landfill, which services the whole region, not sure what the value is other than finding ways to deliver services in a more effective and economical way. That is the discussion for the board going forward.

Items such as IT services, line painting to name a couple, the City of Saint John has these resources and there could be ways for the region to share and in turn possibly have cost savings as a result.

Another item is Insurance and opportunities for savings as a whole.

Director Bishop commented that Rothesay pays their fair share of the landfill budget and now has the additional cost of the FRSC, is this added cost being justified in any way.

Chairperson Losier pointed out that the FRSC is a product of legislation and not anyone's first choice. As in 1997 there was a lot of discussion and in the end it fueled great results and a greater understanding of what the City was doing. None of us would exist without the city, our residents work and shop there and it is unfair for the tax payers of Saint John to bear the full cost.

Director Norton commented that the priority planning session held this summer was a missed opportunity and would like to see another session scheduled with the goal being a way to find opportunities that will net some real dollar savings for all residents.

With regards to the City of Saint John supporting any future budgets we will have see real value delivered.

Executive Director Keir advised that the Priority Planning session was to be broken into two sessions due to time that would be needed to complete the process with the first being held in early summer and the second session was to be for late fall.

Director Bishop commented that Director Norton's issues are not new and are well taken and that there is no magic answer.

Chairperson Losier commented that Director Driscoll's motion is the first step in bringing people together to continue the discussion, it is a good sign, and this will not be solved in a week or a month. But the proof of how we can move forward will be in the recommendations provided in this next report.

Vote: Motion Carried

9. Motion to Adjourn

Motion: The Chair call for a motion to adjourn at 3:25 pm.

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

APPROVED (date) November 21/13



Grace Losier, Chairperson



Jeanne DeCourville, Recording Secretary