



**Regular Monthly Meeting  
September 26, 2022**

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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Fundy Regional Service Commission held on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 10 Crane Mountain Rd, Saint John, NB.

**1. Call to Order**

The Board Vice Chairperson, Jim Bedford, called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

**2. Record of Attendance**

Jim Bedford	Chairperson
John MacKenzie	Deputy Mayor, Saint John
Nancy Grant	Mayor, Rothesay
Libby O'hara	Mayor, Quispamsis
Erin Toole	Deputy Mayor, Grand Bay-Westfield
Ray Riddell	Local Service District Representative
John Cairns	Local Service District Representative

**Absent**

Cindy MacCready, Local Service District Representative  
Bette Ann Chatterton, Mayor, St. Martins

**OTHERS**

Marc MacLeod, Executive Director, FRSC  
Alicia Raynes, Recording Secretary, FRSC  
Robert Doucet, Mayor, Hampton  
Maurice Robichaud, Transition Facilitator  
Ken Anthony, Transition Facilitator, FRSC  
Terry Keating, Department of Local Government  
Bill Thompson, Transition Facilitator, Entity 51, Entity 46  
Marlo Glass, Reporter, Telegraph Journal

**3. Approval of the Order of Business**

The Vice Chairperson asked for approval of the Order of Business

**Motion:** To approve the September 26, 2022 Agenda as presented.

**Moved:** Director O'Hara

Seconded: Director Grant  
Vote: Motion Carried

**4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

None

**5. Approval of the Minutes**

None

**6. Consent Agenda – None**

**7. 2023 Budget**

The 2023 budget was presented. It was asked if the legislation has been amended regarding the requirement to provide 45 days notice to consult communities. It was explained that the Minister will be approving the 2023 budget, as opposed to the FRSC Board and this removed the 45-day notice period normally required under the Act. It was explained that budgets are expected to be in the Minister's 'hands' by October 7, 2022. Committee members requested to have that date extended to October 17, 2022 which will give them the opportunity to review the budget with their respective councils prior to it being sent to the Minister. Mr. Robichaud explained that he will make the request, however, he cannot guarantee that the Minister will agree to push the date.

The merit of capital costs was discussed. The Greater Saint John Regional Facilities Act does not include capital costs. The only way to add capital costs under the current Act is with a unanimous vote. Additionally, it was asked why LSD areas are not required to contribute to capital costs but municipalities are. It was explained that the Greater Saint John Regional Facilities Act does not name the LSD areas as participants, therefore, they are not required to contribute to capital or operations. It was asked where the decision came from to include capital costs. It was explained that this is the information that was given to us as a directive from GNB. Transition facilitator, Mr. Robichaud explained that the decision to include capital costs is not final at this point in time, but likely, as it is shown as the default payment in lieu of an RSC agreement under the budget guidelines. The list of regional facilities was also discussed. It was suggested that the removal of the Trade in Convention Centre from the list of regional facilities be considered.

Questions were asked with regards to what is happening in the other regions of the province as far as Regional Facilities are concerned. It was explained that the Fundy Region is the only region in the province that has a Regional Facilities Commission. A key issue surrounding capital costs is that the FRSC and most members have no ownership of these facilities and therefore, limited input or value-added return.

As there are still questions that remain unanswered and a new version of the 2023 budget was not available at the time, no motion was put forward.

The date of the next meeting was discussed. The next meeting will be held on October 17, 2022 at 10am.

Chairperson Bedford called for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

Moved: Director Riddell  
Seconded: Director O'Hara  
Vote: Motion Carried

APPROVED (date) Oct 19, 2022

  
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Jim Bedford, Vice Chairperson

  
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Alicia Raynes, Recording Secretary