

**Regular Monthly Meeting  
July 22, 2014**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Fundy Regional Service Commission held on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at Crane Mountain, Saint John.

**1. Call to Order**

The Board Chairperson, Grace Losier, called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 [absent]  
Joan Seeley, Local Service District Representative  
Sandra Speight, Local Service District Representative

**OTHERS**

Jack Keir, Executive Director  
Mark McLeod, Fundy Region Solid Waste  
Brenda MacCullam, Fundy Regional Solid Waste  
Brian Shannon, Fundy Regional Service Commission  
Ian Macdonald, Department of Environment and Local Government  
Members of the Waste Diversion Committee – Matt Alexander, Anne McShane, Ray Riddell, David Merrithew  
Members of the Media

**3. Approval of Order of Business**

The Chairperson asked for approval of the agenda as presented.

**Motion:** To approve the July 22, 2014 agenda as presented.

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

#### **4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

None

#### **5. Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve minutes of the June 24, 2014 with the correction in item 7.2 to read tax base.

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

#### **6. Building and Planning Report**

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

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

#### **7. Presentation by the Waste Diversion Committee**

General Manager Marc MacLeod advised that during the July 9, 2013 monthly meeting it was brought to light that the current compost building and recycling blue bins were in need of replacement and repair. The Board then directed the General Manager to form a Waste Diversion Advisory Committee to perform a study on the current Waste Diversion Programs and other possible options which are available to determine if the current model is the right one or if there are other options that might be more efficient, cost effective, while meeting the necessary environmental requirement.

A Waste Diversion Committee was formed which consists of representatives from the Town's of Grand Bay-Westfield, Quispamsis, Rothesay, City of Saint John, Village's of Hampton and St. Martins and two from the LSD's. (Quispamsis representative opted out of the committee).

The report from the committee was presented by the Chairperson, Matt Alexander, outlining the steps taken which consisted of public input, via surveys, online and telephone, open houses and the Home Show; as well as meetings with Community Representatives and Town Managers, costs analysis, scoring; on the environmental, social and economic criteria of the three recommended options.

The options are as follows:

- Option 1 – Status Quo with Infrastructure Improvements
- Option 2 – Replace Compost for Curbside Recycling
- Option 3 – Add Curbside Recycling

The Committees recommendation is Option 3, adding curbside recycling to the existing programs.

Director Seeley asked if there was any consideration into having everything picked up and put into the landfill.

General Manager Marc MacLeod advised that as per the Order in Council 96849 the landfill is committed to waste diversion and although there were no specifics, it would not be acceptable to remove all of the programs. The commitment was made to divert 50% which is approximately 30,000 tonnes.

Executive Director Jack Keir advised that every region has different systems, Fredericton doesn't compost, but recycles and Moncton has compost and recycling. When the landfill was being sited it was one of the stipulations to have a waste diversion program.

Director Rathburn commented that she did not have an issue with cost increase attached to options 3, but had concerns about the possibility of a limit on the number of bags set out and a charge applied for exceeding the limit. This situation could result in an increase in illegal dumping.

Director Norton commented that he would like to have the Executive Director prepare a complete analysis for the Board which we would then take to our respective communities for further input.

**Motion:** To direct the Executive Director perform a detailed analysis as well as ask the Local Service Manager, Ian Macdonald assess the impacts to the Local Service Districts and have Executive Director draft a report for the boards review.

Moved: Director Norton  
Seconded: Director Driscoll

Discussion: Director Seeley commented that there are issues with the current compost carts as well if recycling changes to curbside, there will be issues with the storage of the recycling material given that pickup is only twice a month.

Chairperson Grace Losier commented that with option 2 there is the risk of increased odors and possible environment issues and it is important that we consider this as it could impact the attractiveness of the host communities.

Commissioner Rathburn commented that with option 2 that compost and garbage will now be collected in the same bag and so the compost cart will no longer be necessary. General Manager MacLeod confirmed the collection of compost would be put in with household garbage and that the existing compost carts would become receptacle for curbside recycling.

Executive Director Keir commented that although his heart is with option 3, his wallet is not, and that it is likely the case for a lot of people in the communities. We have to do what is right, but it has to be balanced financially, not at any cost.

Back when the landfill was sited there wasn't the technology that we have today which enables us to produce clean energy.

Director Driscoll asked if it is possible for different programs be adopted by different communities.

Executive Director Keir advised that whatever option the Board decides will be the service that will be provided by the Cane Mountain facility, however each community will have the ability to choose the services that are available.

Director Norton asked if the committees vote was unanimous. The committee Chair advised that it was a 4 to 5 vote for the recommended option 3.

Vote: Motion Carried

## **8. Regional Services Successes**

Executive Director Keir presented a brief report as per Director Seeley's request at last month's meeting to have the regions Regional Service Commission's successes outlined. Highlighting the fact that this region has worked together successfully prior to the creation of the RSC's in ways that other regions are just now looking into, such as Regional Facilities Commission, amalgamation.

**Motion:** To receive and file the Regional Services Successes report received and filed.

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

## **9. Correspondance – Joint ETF Application**

Executive Director Keir advised that the province has formed a Provincial Solid Waste Committee, with representatives from Departments of Environment and Local Government as well as from the Regional Service Commission. The group has

recommended that the RSC's make a joint application to ETF to perform a study on a solid waste management system in New Brunswick. The Committee has requested a letter of support of the application by August 15.

Director Seeley asked what the goal is for this study; is it to have one model for solid waste management.

Executive Director Keir advised that it would be the end goal.

Director Seeley asked if they would be looking at privatization.

Executive Director Keir advised not at this time.

**Motion:** To draft a letter of support from the Board's Chair for the application of a solid waste management study to the ETF.

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

#### **10. Request by Director Seeley – Municipality Designation**

Chairperson Losier asked Director Seeley to speak to the item.

Director Seeley advised that she had been taken aback after reading an article that the RSC's are being designated a municipality by the Federal Government and asked for clarification.

Executive Director Keir advised that prior to the establishment of the RSC's in 2013 the Landfills were under the municipal umbrella for HST rebate purposes, which allowed for 57.14% rebate on HST purposed made at the Landfill.

A subsequent review by the Federal Government resulted in the decision that this designation is no longer applicable and it was revoked.

This was discussed extensively during the meetings of the Executive Directors and with the Department of Local Government. It was believed that this designation should remain. The Provincial and Federal governments agreed and the designation was recently reinstated allowing for the FRSC to receive payment for an outstanding accounts receivable in the amount of \$178,000.00.

#### **11. Regional Policing Study Update**

Chairperson Losier advised that as agreed at last month's meeting the Executive Director would update the progress on the Regional Policing Study.

Executive Director Keir advised that he has met with Police Chief Bill Reid and his staff is putting together a comprehensive request to the KV Police Force and RCMP for details on their policing models. Such items to be looked at would be types of call, crime rates etc.

Director Seeley asked if this information could be provided by the province or the Regional Service Manager.

Mr. Macdonald advised that the information he would have would be general information only.

Director Driscoll asked if there would be another request for funding above the agreed \$10,000 which was after much discussion passed and of which he voted to support. However, he reiterated that his town council has expressed zero interest in receiving policing services other than what they are receiving currently.

Executive Director Keir advised that he has not received any further requests and that this funding was requested so that the FRSC would have "skin in the game", but that the balance of the study would be funded by the City of Saint John.

Director Norton commented that this study will require countless hours by staff and that as previously discussed that no community will be forced to go with any service other than what they are currently using if that is their wish. Having said that, he would hope that people would be open to looking at options that could improve or benefit a community or service and that he would be disappointed if the Mayor and council had made up their minds regarding a report that has yet been presented.

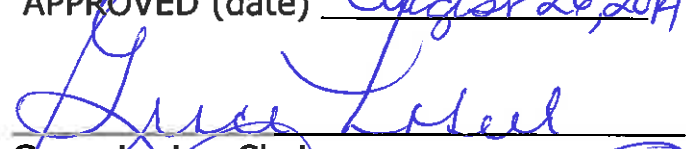
## **12. Motion to Adjourn**

Chairperson Losier called for a motion to adjourn.

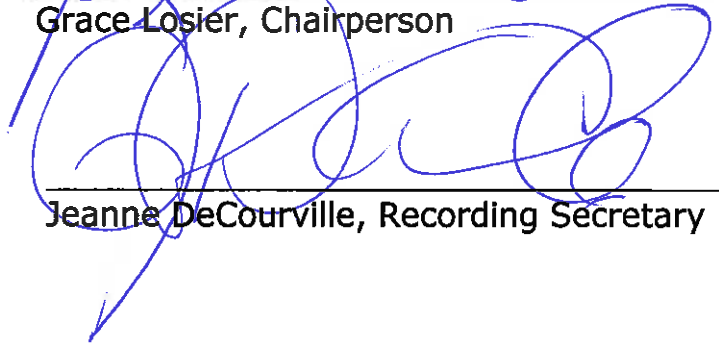
**Motion:** The Chair called for a motion to adjourn at 11:45 am.

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

APPROVED (date) August 26, 2011



Grace Losier, Chairperson



Jeanne DeCourville, Recording Secretary

