

Regular Monthly Meeting February 24, 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Fundy Regional Service Commission held on Monday, February 24, 2020, at 10 Crane Mountain Rd., Saint John NB.

1. Call to Order

The Board Chairperson, Gary Clark, called the regular board meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

2. Record of Attendance

Gary Clark	Chairperson
Glen Baxter	Vice Chairperson
Bette Anne Chatterton	Mayor, St. Martins
Shirley McAlary	Deputy Mayor, Saint John
Grace Losier	Mayor, Grand Bay-Westfield
Matthew Alexander	Deputy Mayor, Rothesay
Brenda Rathburn	Local Service District Representative
Jim Bedford	Local Service District Representative
John Cairns	Local Service District Representative

Absent

Don Darling, Mayor, Saint John Nancy Grant, Mayor, Rothesay

OTHERS

Marc MacLeod, Executive Director, FRSC
Alicia Raynes, Recording Secretary, FRSC
Nick Cameron, Recreation Facilitator, FRSC
Brenda MacCallum, Public Relations & Program Development Officer, FRSC
General Public
Brian Shannon, Building Inspector/Development Officer, FRSC

3. Approval of the Order of Business

The Chairperson asked for approval of the Order of Business

Motion: To approve the February 24, 2020 Agenda as presented.

Moved:

Director Losier

Seconded:

Director Baxter

Vote:

Motion Carried

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None

5. Approval of the Minutes

Motion: To approve the January 27, 2020 minutes.

Moved:

Director Baxter

Seconded:

Director Rathburn

Vote:

Motion Carried

6. Planning – Building Inspection – Q4 2019

Brian Shannon, Building Inspector/Development Officer, FRSC presented the 4th Quarter Report for Building, Development & Planning for the Village of St. Martins & FRSC Rural areas. The 2019 estimated cost of construction is \$634,761 higher than 2018.

It was requested that a report in the form of a spreadsheet be provided to board members as part of the meeting kit moving forward as it provides a clear picture of the data.

Motion: To receive and file the report as provided.

Moved:

Director Losier

Seconded:

Director McAlary

Vote:

Motion Carried

7. Recreation Update - Nick Cameron

Brenda MacCallum, Public Relations & Program Development Officer, FRSC, was invited to provide a brief overview of the Fundy Region Recreation Action Plan. Ms. MacCallum indicated that the action plan began in 2017 and the end of the original 3-year timeline is approaching for Recreation Facilitator Nick Cameron. There are still items in the Recreation Action plan that have been identified but not yet implemented. The FRSC is asking for a continuation for another 2 years which is already included in the 2020 budget. The FRSC will apply for a Provincial grant to cover 75% of the salary for the position. Ms. MacCallum invited Nick Cameron, Recreation Facilitator, FRSC to speak with regards to the Fundy Region Recreation Action Plan over the next 2 years.

Mr. Cameron indicated that there are 4 key action areas to be addressed over the next 2 years with a focus on Rural areas. Those 4 areas are Placemaking, Blueway Access, Active Transportation and Regional Collaboration. The goal is to build on the assets that are already owned, improve community spaces, increase use as well as promote public access points and collaborate solutions for access and parking issues. Additionally, measuring and promoting the benefits of Active Transportation are also a focus as well as a Regional collaboration which will help to streamline policies to advance important initiatives across the region.

Motion: To continue implementation of the Fundy Region Recreation Plan under the 2-year action plan and outcomes as presented.

Moved:

Director McAlary

Seconded:

Director Alexander

There was a discussion regarding the benefits of continuing with the 2-year action plan, especially those communities with their own recreation director. Some of the proposed work was perceived as redundant. It was noted that having someone look at the overall picture is a benefit to the region as a whole, not just one segment of the community.

Director MacLeod clarified that FRSC is looking for 75% of the Recreation Facilitator salary to be funded by a Provincial Government Grant and the remaining 25% will be split 70/30 between the LSDs and Municipalities.

Nay: Director Losier, Director Rathburn

Vote:

Motion Carried

Chairperson Clark called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 11:01 am.

Moved:

Director Losier

Seconded:

Director Rathburn

Vote:

Motion Carried

APPROVED (date)

Gary Clark, Chairperson

Alicia Raynes, Recording Secretary