



**Fundy Regional
Service Commission**

**Commission de Services
Régionaux de Fundy**

Regular Monthly Meeting

June 24, 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Fundy Regional Service Commission held on Monday, June 24, 2019, 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 10:03 a.m.

2. Record of Attendance

Gary Clark	Chairperson
Glen Baxter	Vice Chairperson
Bette Anne Chatterton	Mayor, St. Martins
Don Darling	Mayor, Saint John
Grace Losier	Mayor, Grand Bay-Westfield
Nancy Grant	Mayor, Rothesay (Phone)
Brenda Rathburn	Local Service District Representative
Jim Bedford	Local Service District Representative
John Cairns	Local Service District Representative

Absent

OTHERS

- Marc MacLeod, Executive Director, FRSC
- Alicia Raynes, Recording Secretary, FRSC
- Nick Cameron, Recreation Facilitator, FRSC
- Terry Keating, Department of Environment & Local Government
- Chris Green, Hockey New Brunswick
- General Public

3. Approval of the Order of Business

The Chairperson asked for approval of the Order of Business

Motion: To approve the June 24, 2019 Agenda as presented with the addition of item 9c "Town of Quispamsis."

Moved: Director Darling
 Seconded: Director Losier

Vote: *Motion Carried*

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None

5. Approval of the Minutes

Motion: To approve the May 27, 2019 minutes.

Moved: Director Chatterton

Seconded: Director Rathburn

Vote: *Motion Carried*

6. Planning – Building Inspection – May

The May, 2019 Report for Building, Development & Planning for the Village of St. Martins & FRSC Rural areas was provided for consideration.

Motion: To receive and file the report as provided.

Moved: Director Losier

Seconded: Director Baxter

Vote: *Motion Carried*

7. Annual Report

Executive Director MacLeod summarized the 2018 Annual Report which highlighted 4 key partners with the FRSC, Saint John Energy, Envirem Organics Inc., Scotia Recycling Ltd., and Opportunities NB. Mr. MacLeod briefly touched on some of the upcoming challenges such as the recycling market. The biggest issue in 2018 was the flood and the material coming into the landfill. In 2018 recreation focused on the Ice Strategy and The Coastal Link Trail. There were changes to the Financial statements and how they are presented which is more in line with transparency. The year ended in a surplus position.

Questions were asked regarding how plastic recycling is impacting the FRSC. In the future, staff will be investigating a program change to address the supply and purity requirements of the market.

The status of the PPP program in NB was questioned. It was clarified the program would come from the province through Recycle NB. The FRSC has a motion of support for the PPP program and now there is a mandate from the Prime Minister for PPP. The FRSC is hopeful that the program will move forward without too much time delay. It was requested that perhaps Mr. McCarthy of Recycle NB can do a presentation at the next monthly meeting.

Motion: To receive and file the Annual Report as presented.

Moved: Director Grant

Seconded: Director Bedford

Vote: *Motion Carried*

8. Regional EMO Discussion

Chair Clark discussed an overview of EMO for the Greater Saint John area and the region. It would be likely beneficial for all region members to have more collaboration on these issues.

Motion: To move discussion to Regional Collaboration Committee

Moved: Director Losier
Seconded: Director Rathburn
Vote: *Motion Carried*

9. Recreation

a. Town of Rothesay

A letter was provided by the Town of Rothesay which referenced correspondence from Hockey NB regarding the Regional Ice Strategy. The correspondence reiterated the negative ramifications of a non-resident user fee system and asked for reconsideration by the FRSC.

Motion: To receive and file letter from the Town of Rothesay as presented.

Moved: Director Darling
Seconded: Director Baxter
Vote: *Motion Carried*

b. Hockey NB

Chris Green, with Hockey New Brunswick, presented an overall summary and recommendation to the Commission regarding the need for a Regional Ice Strategy. Mr. Green reiterated how important it is to see the value that Minor Hockey has in the region. He discussed the benefits to all communities, reviewed current numbers of those involved in Minor Hockey and also discussed the economic spinoffs that would impact each community. Mr. Green discussed the major events that have been held in the region in the past as well as those they anticipate in the future and the effect this could have on those events if a Regional Ice Strategy cannot be reached. Player costs were discussed and it was reiterated that many programs will not be feasible and some players will not be able to afford to play based on the non-resident user fee model. Mr. Green also talked about Hockey NB commitments and provided examples of some of the types of user fees in other areas of the province that were not working as intended. They are recommending that the FRSC works together to find a collaborative and collectively beneficial solution that will support healthy communities through greater sport participation across the region and offers an alternative to user fees.

It was expressed that everyone is in favor of a Regional Ice Strategy but differed on how to get there. A concern was raised regarding what is included in the operating costs at different facilities. It is important to know this information before committing to sharing these costs. It was asked whether it had been considered to use Harbour Station? The response from Hockey NB was that Minor Hockey does not need another rink according to the current number of players. However, Hockey NB would certainly sit at the table with Harbour Station if they are willing. It was reiterated that these facilities are not just hockey arenas, they are community centers that are important to everyone for all types of usage. These facilities contribute to the overall community fabric. Everyone should pay, not just users.

Motion: To receive and file presentation from Hockey NB as presented.

Moved: Director Darling
Seconded: Director Baxter
Vote: *Motion Carried*

Motion: a) The applicable cumulative operating cost deficit of all regional arenas shall be redistributed among taxpayers of the respective municipalities and LSDs based on proportion of usage in the respective jurisdictions,

b) Operating cost deficits determined not to be applicable shall not be included in the funding formula and shall remain the responsibility of the host municipality, and

c) Following commitment to the above-mentioned principles, the established Working Group identifies, using external consulting services if necessary, the applicable operating cost deficits and usage data that would be subsequently recommended to the Commission to be included in the Funding Formula.

d) that any final plan be brought back to the commission for final endorsement and acceptance.

Moved: Director Darling
Seconded: Director Baxter

Concerns over the word “applicable” were discussed. It was asked if Director Darling would amend his motion and re-number item c) to item a). Director Darling’s response is that we need to agree to share “applicable” costs first, then we can hash out what “applicable” means.

Concerns were also raised regarding the sharing of operating costs. More information is needed before there can be a commitment by municipalities to sharing operating costs.

Nick Cameron, Recreation Facilitator, FRSC was invited to speak to the issues and the need to hire a consultant. He reiterated that the consultant will need to figure out the “applicable” costs so that we can compare apples to apples. It is also important to have usage information so that we know how many hours are spent at the different facilities. All of these things need to be taken into consideration when comparing “applicable” operating costs across the different facilities.

It was asked if Director Darling would amend his motion and remove from item 1a) “LSDs based on proportion of usage in the respective jurisdictions”. Whether or not everyone should be contributing regardless of whether or not they use the facilities was also discussed.

Motion: Move to insert “and overall community benefit” after the word deficit in section a) of the main motion.

Moved: Director Darling
Seconded: Director Baxter
Nay: Director Chatterton, Losier, Grant, Rathburn, Cairns

Vote: *Motion Defeated*

Executive Director MacLeod asked that it be noted that any consultation or report costs are not a budgeted item for the FRSC.

Motion: To table the item for discussion with the Regional Collaboration Committee.

Moved: Director Losier
Seconded: Director Grant
Nay: Director Darling, Rathburn, Bedford, Cairns
Vote: *Motion Carried*

c. Town of Quispamsis

A letter was provided by the Town of Quispamsis which referenced a presentation from Hockey NB regarding the failed Regional Ice Strategy. The letter is referring the request to revisit the Regional Ice Strategy issue to the FRSC.

Motion: To receive and file letter from the Town of Quispamsis as presented.

Moved: Director Rathburn
Seconded: Director Darling
Vote: *Motion Carried*

Chairperson Clark called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 11:43 am.

Moved: Director Darling
Seconded: Director Baxter
Vote: *Motion Carried*

APPROVED (date) September 10, 2019



Gary Clark, Chairperson



Alicia Raynes, Recording Secretary