

Commission de services
régionaux de Kent



Kent Regional
Service Commission

**Special meeting of the Board of Directors
Kent Regional Service Commission**

**January 30th, 2025
4 :00pm
Beaurivage**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Tina Beers, Vice-Chair, opens the meeting at 4:05pm and welcomes everyone.

2. ATTENDANCE

- Arnold Vautour, Mayor of the Town of Beaurivage
- Jean-Pierre Richard, Mayor of the Town of Champdoré
- Jimmy Bourque, Mayor of the Village of Nouvelle-Arcadie
- Pauline Hébert, Councillor at the Town of Grand-Bouctouche
- Roméo Bourque, Mayor of the Rural Community of Beausoleil
- Tina Beers, Vice-Chair of the KRSC and Mayor of the Municipality of Five-Rivers

ABSENCES

- Aldéo Saulnier, Chair of the KRSC and Mayor of the Town of Grand-Bouctouche
- Jean-Charles Daigle, President of the Kent Rural District

OTHERS

- Paul Lang, Executive Director - KRSC
- Francine Arsenault, Administrative Assistant - KRSC (Grand-Bouctouche)
- Jean Goguen, Planning Director - KRSC
- Jules Léger, Building Inspector – Level 3 – KRSC (Grand-Bourcouthe)
- Stéphanie Caissie, Social inclusion and Community Development Coordinator - KRSC
- Mario Doiron, Community Resiliency Coordinator – KRSC
- Claudie Ringuette, Community Services Director - KRSC
- Yolande Chiasson, Interpreter
- Members of the public

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Nothing to declare.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2025-001

It is moved by Jean-Pierre Richard, seconded by Arnold Vautour, that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion carried

5. PLANNING – INSPECTION CASE (IN CAMERA)

2025-002

It is moved by Jimmy Bourque, seconded by Arnold Vautour, that the Board of Directors go in camera pursuant to Section 68 (1)g) of the Local Governance Act.

Motion carried

2025-003

It is moved by Jimmy Bourque, seconded by Arnold Vautour, that the meeting of the Board of Directors return to open session.

Motion carried

6. FOOD RESILIENCE STRATEGY – SELECTION OF CONSULTANT

Social Inclusion and Community Development Coordinator, Stéphanie Caissie, provides a few explanations before moving to the motion.

WHEREAS a request for proposals was issued on November 29, 2024, by invitation to begin the development of a regional food resilience strategy;

WHEREAS the regional food resilience strategy aims to ensure the food security of our communities and citizens over time, despite various and unforeseen disruptions;

WHEREAS the regional food resilience strategy must provide a framework for the initiatives of the Food and Environmental Resilience Coordinator, as well as guide the KRSC toward new, achievable, and viable actions that will improve the food resilience of our communities;

WHEREAS the request for proposals was prepared by the administration and sent to 6 consulting firms to facilitate the consultation process;

WHEREAS the KRSC received 3 proposals: JGV Consultants Inc. (\$27,615 including taxes), Maurice Maillet Consultant (\$29,606 including taxes), and All In / Food for All NB (\$63,940 excluding taxes);

WHEREAS an evaluation subcommittee was created and all members had the opportunity to review the proposals, share their comments, and propose their selection of a consulting firm during the Social Inclusion and Community Development Committee meeting;

WHEREAS the costs proposed by each consulting firm had a decisive weight on the selection of the proposed firm by the evaluation subcommittee and the Social Inclusion and Community Development Committee;

WHEREAS according to resolution **2025-002CD**, the Social Inclusion and Community Development Committee recommends that the KRSC Board of Directors accept the proposal from Maurice Maillet Consultant for the amount of \$29,606, and that an agreement be signed with the chosen bidder.

2025-004

It is therefore resolved that the KRSC Board of Directors accepts the recommendation of the Social Inclusion and Community Development Committee and adopts the recommendation to accept the proposal from the bidder, Maurice Maillet Consultant, for the development of the regional food resiliency strategy.

Moved by: Arnold Vautour

Seconded by: Jimmy Bourque

Motion carried

WHEREAS the development of a regional food resilience strategy is an initiative of the KRSC regional strategy;

WHEREAS funds had been budgeted in 2024 for its development and implementation, but the hiring of a consultant can only take place in 2025;

WHEREAS the hiring of a consultant will take place in the coming weeks.

2025-005

Therefore, be it resolved that the Kent RSC Board of Directors accepts that the sum of \$32,000 be transferred from the reserve fund to the Community Development operating fund to allow for the hiring of a consultant in 2025.

Moved by : Arnold Vautour

Seconded by : Roméo Bourque

Motion carried

7. FUNDING PROGRAM – SPORTS, RECREATION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Claudie Ringuette, Director of Community Services, gives some context to the proposition.

WHEREAS the update of the Recreation Master Plan is part of the implementation plan of the Department of Sports, Recreational and Cultural Infrastructures since the adoption of the regional strategy in 2023;

WHEREAS since then, the KRSC administration has recommended postponing the implementation of this initiative to allow for the completion of the preliminary study on the trails;

WHEREAS two significant new funding opportunities are currently available from the province to the RSCs: 1) Regional Action Planning for Physical Activity in Communities Pilot, and 2) Regional Sport Development Workforce Program;

WHEREAS each of these new opportunities fully aligns with the Physical Literacy for Communities (PL4C) program within the regional strategy, and the KRSC is well positioned to take advantage of them.

2025-006

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of KRSC agrees to modify the implementation plan of the Department of Sports, Recreational, and Cultural Infrastructures by removing the initiative "update of the Recreation Master Plan" until the next strategic planning exercise.

Moved by: Jimmy Bourque

Seconded by: Jean-Pierre Richard

Motion carried

2025-007

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the KRSC agrees to modify the implementation plan of the Department of Recreational, Sports, and Cultural Infrastructures by adding the initiative "taking advantage of new programs for regional action planning for physical activity and for the workforce development in sports" under the strategic objective "Diversification of partnerships and opportunities in the recreational, sports and cultural offer to unify community services and improve well-being and community life".

Moved by: Jimmy Bourque

Seconded by: Arnold Vautour

Motion carried

8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

2025-008

It is moved by Jimmy Bourque, that the adjournment be held at 4:48pm.

VICE-CHAIR

Executive Director/Clerk