



KINGS RSC BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Village Hall Norton, Community Room, 10 Municipal Street, Norton, N.B.

Board Members Present:

Randy McKnight – Valley Waters
Peter Price – Kings Rural
Vicki Gaunce – Butternut Valley
Charity McDonald – Valley Waters
Marc Thorne – Sussex
Tim Wilson – Sussex
Alan Brown – Butternut Valley
Gordon Keirstead – Kings Rural

Josh Nowlan – Chief Executive Officer, Kings RSC
Pam Kaye – Recording Secretary
ELG – Terry Keating
EMO – Tim Nickerson
Public – Wayne Wilkins

Marc Thorne, Chairperson brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
Marc went over the voting procedures for motions are by a show of hands not verbal.
Agenda was approved by Tim Wilson, seconded by Randy McKnight

Marc asked if there was any conflict of interest. None declared.

Marc asked for approval of the special meeting held on February 25, 2023.
Motion for approval of minutes of February 25, 2023, by Alan Brown, seconded by Peter Price.

Presentation: NuFocus Group- Pierre LaPlante, Richard Theriault

Pierre and Richard gave a brief background of NuFocus. Then went on to clarify the Process being used and steps forward in collecting the information for the Strategic Plan for the community. There will be four working groups – waste disposal and planning, economic development and tourism, community development and transportation, regional infrastructure, and public safety. This will be a short intense process, as the deadline is July 1st. They will set up calendar deadlines with Josh. All questions were satisfactorily answered.

New Business

Approval of Procedural by-laws – questions and comments

Section 6.10 regulation based on population voting weight of votes for financial matters structured in gravity of decision e.g., Financial Motions - Sussex and Butternut Valley have two votes while Valley Waters and Kings Rural only have one.

Josh will send out to all members the summarized Voting guidelines.

3.4 to 3.7 Do these have committee recommendations?

Province has recommended prescribed composition, make sure you make requirements.

Opportunity to have better standing committees by allowing public to participate.

Strategic steering committee membership

How does the board want to seek and find members for standing committees?

Josh to send out email to board members requesting suggestions for and describing working groups (short term consultation sessions) and standing committees (long term). Josh will issue a request for public expression of interest for standing committees on website.

Motion to approve procedural bylaws made by Vicky Gaunce, seconded by Tim Wilson

Election of vice-chairperson – Josh received no expressions of interest from email, will be short term as one month until annual meeting.

Chairperson made a call from floor for nomination of interim vice chairperson – Alan Brown put his name forth.

Called three times for interest in interim vice- chairperson. No other nominations, nominations cease.

Alan Brown is vice-chairperson by acclamation.

Need a member from the board to serve for the interim on PRAC board. Consultants are comparing PRAC bylaws and recommendations, so they will be consistent across province.

All members will continue for the interim, is there any interest from the board? Gordon Keirstead accepted the position.

Motion to approve interim PRAC board members plus Gordon Keirstead made by Charity Macdonald, seconded by Tim Wilson

Community promotion funding thru Dept. of Health, is a very exciting opportunity. Josh explained that Dept. of Health will contribute \$100,000 to efforts aimed at health care retention and recruiting.

Transfer funding to RCS to work with regional health authority, that is already set up. There are some reporting requirements to Dept. Of Health. This is a great opportunity for the region. There will be a total of \$300,000.00 given over a 5-year period for doctor and health care recruitment and staff retention. We already have a working health action committee.

Board in consensus to access community funding.

Funding for local governance reform items- ELG has funding related to local governance reforms \$92,400 for reform, rebranding, and signage. Valley Waters and Butternut Valley will have new bylaws for new boundaries, will be working directly with CAO's. Governance and operation of the civic centre will be reviewed.

Questions from public – request for street light post road and piccadilly road – Kings Rural District by Wayne Wilkins: This request is for a streetlight to be installed on the corner of Post Road and Piccadilly Road. I believe it is a dangerous safety hazard and this has been a project of mine for a

couple of years. When driving from the golf course and you wish to turn left and head toward Sussex Corner, the turn is so dark that you are at the intersection before you know it. I believe a streetlight installed on the existing poles would enhance the visibility of the intersection. During rainy or foggy nights, it is even worse, making it nearly impossible to see the turn before its too late.

August 2022, I had Minister Scott-Wallace also visit the site and she agreed with my assessment and forwarded the request for a light. Nothing has been done since that time. I am asking RSC8 to investigate and request that a streetlight be installed ASAP.

Recommendation from the board to contact chair of Kings Rural District Gordon Keirstead to write a letter to the Minister, cc local district engineer Mike Rosart, ELG Terry Keating and Minister Scott-Wallace. Gordon will follow up with this request.

Next meeting will be April 26 along with AGM. 5:30 pm at the All Seasons in Sussex.

Alan Brown motioned to adjourn at 8:28.



Marc Thorne, Chairperson



Pam Kaye, Recording Secretary