

Region Service Commission 8

Minutes of the Regional Service Commission 8 AGM, June 7, 2018 at Hampton.

A. Attendance

Marc Thorne, Mayor of Sussex, Chair
Catherine MacLeod, Deputy Mayor of Sussex Corner
Juliana Booth, Mayor of Norton
Ken Chorley, Mayor of Hampton
Pam McKenzie, LSD Representative
Tammie Spraggett, LSD Representative
Karin Boye, LSD Representative
James McCrea, LSD Representative
Elaine Dailey – LSD Alternate
Thom Parkhill – LSD Representative
Ella Lawrence, LSD Alternate

Absent: Maryann Coleman, Tony Raymond (in public audience)

Staff of RSC8 – Executive Director Steve Roberts, Conor Tripp, Bev Wilcox, Kaitlin Burpee, Wayne Mercer, Andrea Davis-Hourihan, Gerry Legacy and Elaine Murphy
Recording Secretary – Pam Kaye
LSD representative – Terry Keating
King County Record – Tammy Scott Wallace
MLA Fundy – St. Martins – Bruce Northrup
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B. Opening of Meeting – Thom Parkhill in the Chair

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed everyone attending.
The chair asked for approval of the agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda of June 7, 2018 AGM

Moved: Director McKenzie

Moved: Director Boye

Motion carried (11-0)

The Chair introduced each board member and thanked them for their hard work over the year.

C. Conflict of Interest

The Chairman asked if anyone had a conflict of interest. None declared

D. Approval of Minutes – minutes were read

Motion to approve minutes of 2017 AGM, April 27th meeting

Moved: Director Chorley

Seconded: Director MacLeod

Motion Carried (11 -0)

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E. 2017 ANNUAL REPORT – A look back... and a look forward by Executive Director Steve Roberts

First I would like to thank the staff tonight for their dedicated and hard work during the past year, it has been good team work.

As well a thank you to the board for their willingness to work together.

Steve went over the RSC8 make up of 4 municipalities and 14 LSD's

In 2017, RSC8 approved a total of 60 subdivisions, involving the creation of 89 building lots. While 354 building permits with a total value of \$23.3 million were issued an increase from last year. Of those, 90 were for new housing starts with a value of \$11,997,000 and 149 electrical permits were issued for the year.

RSC8 staff were involved with several other initiatives such as meetings and workshops to keep up with current professional associations.

RSC8 applied for and received an Environmental Trust Fund grant from the Province of NB in the amount of \$50,000 to support: Introduction of Three Stream Sorting Campaign.

A review of the Village of Norton Rural Plan was in progress throughout 2017 and is completed now. Hampton, Waterford and Johnston have requested plans

In Solid Waste services the tonnage numbers weighed in at RSC8 Transfer Station for 2017 saw an overall decrease compared to those of 2016. Residential waste had a decrease of approximately 237 tonnes. A decrease of approximately 308 tonnes was recognized for Industrial, Commercial and Institutional waste. We will continue to monitor tonnage data in 2018.

In February 2017, the RSC8 Board of Directors passed a motion to switch from the current blue/green sorting system to the new 3-stream sorting system. This meant the addition of a clear bag, a change to sorting requirements as well as adapted pick-up schedules. The new program officially launched in September and the results have been positive, given the magnitude of change.

Several mapping projects were carried out by the Geomatics person during the year.

Leisure Services – this was the final year of a three year project with many successes. They will strive to enhance and grow a regional network by connecting communities with one another in an effort to explore and provide cost effective, affordable and sustainable leisure services in the region. The project is guided through the Hampton Regional Leisure Services Committee a dedicated group of volunteers who foster the enhancement of leisure services for the greater Hampton region for the health and well-being of the people. Six objectives have been identified To guide the enhancement of regional leisure services which are collaboration, cooperation, communication, awareness, capacity building and infrastructure. The committee continues to strive to enhance and grow a regional network by connecting communities with one another in an effort to explore and provide cost effective, affordable and sustainable leisure services in the region.

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F. Presentation of 2017 audited financial statements by Keith McQueen of Teed Saunders Doyle

Last week the board went over the financial statements and answered questions. Keith noticed a vast improvement this year and have small surplus, leaving us in a very stable, firm position. The chair thanked Keith for the report and will have questions later.

Motion to approve audited financial statements by Director McCrea, seconded by Director McKenzie

Motion accepted (11-0)

G. New Business

Motion to appoint Pam Kaye as Board Secretary by Director Spragett, seconded by Director Boye

Motion carried (11-0)

Motion to appoint Teed, Saunders Doyle to perform 2018 audit by Director Chorley, seconded by Director MacLeod

Motion carried (11-0)

This is 3rd year of 3 year agreement that was tendered.

Board Election conducted by ED Steve Roberts

Nomination of Chair & Vice-Chair

Chair Parkhill is not re-offering but thanked everyone for their support in the past year.

Nominations were done previously through email.

Only one nomination for Chair James McCrea – call for further nominations, called three times, nominations seized.

Congratulations to James McCrea being voted in as Chairperson

Two nominations for vice-chair – Tony Raymond and Pam McKenzie. ED Steve Roberts called for nominations, called three times, nominations seized.

Vote – 11 ballots 9 – Pam McKenzie 2- Tony Raymond

Congratulations to Pam McKenzie being voted in as Vice-Chair

Director Chorley thanked outgoing chair Thom Parkhill for his time and dedication and the board members.

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Questions from Public

Tony Raymond – At last May's meeting the Solid Waste Committee was asked for recommendations for the transfer station, this was in the strategic plan. Are we not following the plan? The LSD's would be a lot better off if the solid waste numbers were adjusted. Solid Waste is supposed to be measured in Tonnes and it is not at this time. There was also a meeting that all the ED's attended about garbage collection and how it could be sent out of the province cheaper. Why was this not brought to the board for a vote?

Director Thorne answered the solid waste question extensively as it has been asked several times before with the same outcome.

ED Roberts said he did not attend or hear about any meeting about garbage disposal. Tony repeated it was in the paper. ED Roberts said it must be true if it was in the Telegraph.

Mac McKnight – why could we not get financial reports before the meeting?

ED Roberts said the financial reports are draft until they are passed at the meeting and not for the public review.

We need to cut the budget so our taxes won't be going up every year. We cannot sustain this every year.

ED Roberts replied the budget does not directly affect tax rates.

Frank Jopp is also concerned about financial reports and thinks they should be available to the public before the meeting. Asked what other commissions are doing with their transfer station?

Director Thorne replied every area is unique so that doesn't help in comparison. It doesn't come down to financial bottom line we have to have some environmental stewardship.

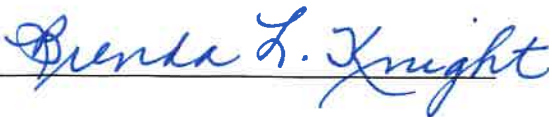
Frank replied he was a farmer and every day it is his job to look after the environment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Everyone enjoyed refreshments and some conversation.



Board Secretary



Trustee