

Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission
Board Meeting – January 27, 2022
Via Zoom



Commission Members & Staff Present:
(Absent members printed in bold and italic)

Allan MacEachern – St. Stephen	<i>Brian Glebe – LSD</i>
Heather Hatt – LSD	John Detorakis – St. George
Sam Walsh – LSD	Brad Henderson – Saint Andrews
<i>Wayne MacQuarrie – LSD</i>	Harvey Matthews – Campobello
Wade Greenlaw – LSD	Bonnie Morse – Grand Manan
<i>John Craig – Blacks Harbour</i>	<i>Sheena Young – LSD</i>
Jim Tubbs – LSD	Ken Stannix – McAdam
Dennis Blair – LSD	Glenn Hawkins– LSD
Annette Townes – Alternate	Jason Gaudet – CAO St. George
Rhonda Hulan – REMC	Hollis Bartlett – Staff
Claudette MacLean - Staff	

Call to order

Chair, K. Stannix called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Declaration of Quorum, Acknowledgement of Visitors

Live streamed via You Tube.

Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Adoption of Agenda

22-01 It was moved by W. Greenlaw and seconded by J. Tubbs to accept the agenda as presented.

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22-02 It was moved by A. MacEachern and seconded by H. Hatt to accept the November 25, 2021, minutes as presented.

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22-03 It was moved by J. Tubbs and seconded by G. Hawkins to accept the December 14, 2021, minutes as presented.

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Business Arising from Previous Meetings

Policing Update

G. Hawkins informed the Commission of changes and more responsibilities to the RSC.
H. Bartlett noted that a Public Safety Committee will be formed.

Local Governance Reform Update

H. Bartlett informed of a meeting with the Transition Leader, Wayne Tallon. It appears there's no firm plan in place. He did inform of two committees he would like formed: one being a Staff Committee consisting of CAO's, the other being a Political Committee. K. Stannix questioned who is going to pay for these committees. He would like to know this information before we form these committees.

The next issue is who is doing the hiring of CEO's and staff. This is causing anxiety amongst staff, to have to compete for their own jobs. A. MacEachern noted the same issue is happening with the town. He stressed we should not allow the province to hire these people. B. Henderson echoed these concerns and won't be taking it quietly. J. Detorakis threw in another angle which is municipalities joining, which brings some complications. H. Bartlett noted it's province that is doing this, who does the CEO work for? This is NOT in the White Paper. The fix for this situation is supposed to be known by Monday, January 31, 2022.

New Business

RCMP Special Meeting February 15, 2022

K. Stannix asked about the quarterly report, with Hollis promising to send out tomorrow. He asked the board to send Hollis an email with the three or four priorities to prepare for this meeting. J. Detorakis questioned if a Community Watch has been set up, with K. Stannix noting this has been done in the Village of McAdam. Which resulted in several charges being laid. He also noted the leaders of the Community Watch must be very conscience of the people involved as they can't have people who are head strong; moreover, to be able to sit back and watch, taking notes. It's all really about education. The Chair asked all members to read the report and come back with comments.

A. MacEachern informed of the retroactive pay for the officers back to April 2017. This is a charge that will be put back on the Municipalities and LSD's.

J. Detorakis questioned if other municipalities would be able to help the situation with Blacks Harbour not having a CAO or clerk. He wants to be sure his CAO works 100% for St. George. A. MacEachern expressed he felt this was an opportunity as they will soon be one entity. B. Henderson has concerns over this noting their job descriptions do not include working for another municipality. S. Walsh expressed this is not Service Commission business, this should be left at the municipal level. The Chair agreed to take this under advisement.



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Committee & Staff Reports

Executive Director's Report

H. Bartlett presented his report which was included in the Board Packages distributed by email. The report is longer than usual as it's more of an annual wrap up. In with the package, there was information on the basketball court project.

22-04 It was moved by J. Detorakis seconded by B. Henderson to endorse a letter of support for the basketball court project.

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Regional Collaborative Committee Report

H. Bartlett presented his report which was included in the Board Packages distributed by email. J. Detorakis commented that we need more direction from the province as to who is going to pay for the recreation policy. S. Walsh informed it is a two-cent cost presently which is paying for various facilities. This fund is not intended to pay 100% for all facilities. It is regional corporation, each entity is to fund their own recreation incentives.

Health Planning Committee Report

A MacEachern presented his report which was included in the Board Packages distributed by email.

Human Resources Committee Report

W. Greenlaw presented his report which was included in the Board Packages distributed by email.

Financial Report

H. Bartlett presented his report which was included in the Board Packages distributed by email. We have been discussing closing on Saturdays for the winter months.

Date & Time of next regularly scheduled meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board be **Thursday, February 24, 2022 @ 6:00 PM.**

Q&A with the Public



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Adjournment

**It was moved by D. Blair that the board meeting be adjourned at 7:34 pm.
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Minutes recorded via You Tube and transcribed by Claudette MacLean, Staff.

Ken Stannix, Chair, SNBSC

Hollis Bartlett, Executive Director

