



Southwest New Brunswick Service  
Special Board Meeting – July 28, 2022, 6:00 pm  
Purpose of Meeting: To gain consensus on  
direction of Economic Development for SNBSC

**Commission Members, Guests & Staff Present:**

Winston Gamblin – Harvey	Annette Townes - Alternate
Heather Hatt – LSD	John Detorakis – St. George
Dennis Blair – LSD	Glenn Hawkins– LSD
Sam Walsh - LSD	Ken Stannix – McAdam
Jim Tubbs – LSD	Bonnie Morse – Grand Manan
Allan MacEachern – St. Stephen	Wade Greenlaw – LSD
Jamie Hirtle – St. Andrews	Hollis Bartlett - Staff
Alain Basque - PETL	Ken Anthony – Facilitator
Donald Hammond – ONB	Natalie Dubois – ELG
Scott Wright – LSD Lepreau	Kendall Kadatz – Future St. Stephen

**Call to order**

Chair, K. Stannix called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

***Declaration of Quorum, Acknowledgement of Visitors***

Live streamed via YouTube.

**Conflict of Interest Declarations**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**Adoption of Agenda**

**22-25** It was moved by J. Tubbs and seconded by S. Walsh to accept the agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Introduction of Donald Hammond, Alain Basque & Natalie Dubois**

**Requirements of Economic Development Service Delivery**

H. Bartlett reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the RSC:

- Providing a strategic focus for regional economic growth
- Creating investment-ready communities
- Supporting a healthy business community
- Supporting workforce development and labour force growth (including newcomer retention)



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### **Current State of Economic Development Plan**

- **Options: Internal, External, Hybrid**

There have been preliminary discussions with organizations such as Envision Saint John and Future St. Stephen to explore options.

### **Potential Partners**

### **Committee Structure**

There will be an Economic Development Committee formed. H. Bartlett questioned what the makeup of this Committee will be. A. Basque noted there will be one agreement within the RSC, with targets set. The approach is there will be someone at RSC 10 who will be the point of contact with the Province. The draft targets are done by the planning staff in the Department. N. Dubois noted that the Province does not want to create duplication and that at a regional level, we are developing a vision and collaborating on certain aspects. K. Kadatz asked for an inventory from PETL of what we would deem those initial initiatives.

### **Board Discussion**

B. Morse felt it would be good to understand what the other initiatives are in the region. G. Hawkins noted this discussion needs to be had about all aspects of the new mandates. K. Anthony said he will attend the next board meeting with a full update. S. Walsh questioned what all the acronyms are and who oversees these organizations, the Province, Towns, and or volunteers? J. Detorakis questioned the cost to the taxpayer.

### **Next Steps**

Get together as a Board in the next couple of weeks to share the knowledge from each community.

N. Dubois noted it is tourism promotion that is in the mandate. As for the timeline, the service delivery model was supposed to be nailed down by the end of June, as well as the draft budgets received by the end of August.

### **Q&A with the Public**

K. Kadatz requested an asset inventory gathering of all regions. And is there additional funding? N. Dubois noted there is funding available from other departments. They have gathered this information and will share it with the Facilitators and the Executive Director. A. MacEachern noted his frustration with the changes and more so the potential tax increases, which will be handed down and not decided by the municipalities.



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**Next Meeting**

Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm at the conference room at Hemlock Knoll, Lawrence Station, NB

Minutes were recorded via YouTube and transcribed by Claudette MacLean, Staff.

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Ken Stannix, Chair, SNBSC  
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Hollis Bartlett, Executive Director,