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Western New Brunswick
Service Commission

Board of Directors

Minutes of the December 13, 2024
WNBSC Office
3143 Main Street, Centreville, N.B.

Board Members In Attendance:
Chair, Tom Eagles, Mayor, District of Tobique Valley
Cindy McLaughlin, Mayor, Village of Southern Victoria via zoom
Andrew Harvey, Mayor of Carleton North
Leonard Foster, Mayor, Lakeland Ridges via zoom
Tracey DeMerchant, Mayor, Hartland via zoom
Trina Jones, Mayor, Woodstock via zoom
Lynn Hambrook, Chair, Western Valley Rural District

Regrets: **Absent:**

Staff In Attendance:
Katelyn McGrath, CEO
Andrea Callahan, Director of Operations (Recording Secretary)

Call to Order:

The Chair, Tom Eagles, called the meeting to order at 10:27 a.m.

No conflict of interest was proclaimed by those in attendance.

Motion to Accept Agenda
24-0-43
Moved: Trina Jones
Seconded: Tracey DeMerchant
Motion Carried.

Motion to accept August 15, 2024, minutes
24-0-44
Moved: Cindy McLaughlin
Seconded: Trina Jones
Motion Carried.

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Motion to accept September 20, 2024, minutes
24-0-45
Moved: Tracey DeMerchant
Seconded: Cindy McLaughlin
Motion Carried.

Motion to accept October 25, 2024, minutes
24-0-46
Moved: Andrew Harvey
Seconded: Trina Jones
Motion Carried.

No business arising from the minutes

Motion to approve 2025 Budget
24-0-47
Motion: Resolved that, "the 2025 WNBSC budget be approved."
Moved: Andrew Harvey
Seconded: Tracey DeMerchant
Motion Carried.

Motion to adopt the Regional Marketing Strategy
24-0-48
Motion: Resolved that the Western New Brunswick Service Commission adopt the Regional Marketing Strategy as prepared by WebSolutions."
Moved: Trina Jones
Seconded: Andrew Harvey
Motion Carried.

Motion to award the RFP for Regional Trails Strategy to We6
24-0-49
Motion: Resolved that, "The Western New Brunswick Service Commission awards the RFP for the Regional Trails Strategy to WE6 Consulting if WE6 Consulting agrees to the the amended scope of work for the strategy, as prescribed by the Board of the Western New Brunswick Service Commission."

Katelyn McGrath will meet with the consultants of WE6 to discuss.

Moved: Andrew Harvey
Seconded: Cindy McLaughlin
Motion Carried

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Motion to send letter of concern to the Ministers of Justice and Public Safety, Environment and Local Government.

24-0-50

Motion: Resolved that, "The Western New Brunswick Service Commission send a letter on behalf of its member communities relaying their extreme disappointment and concern in the policies administered by Ambulance New Brunswick that may serve to put municipalities, the volunteer fire departments and the volunteer fire fighters at risk due to ANB's lack of available staff to sufficiently serve the region on a 24-hour basis."

Moved: Andrew Harvey
Seconded: Trina Jones
Motion Carried.

Round Table

Chair Tom Eagles asked each attendee for comments.

Leonard Foster mentioned that Lakeland Ridges would still like to use the same Bylaw enforcement Officer as Hartland if possible. The name was given to Mayor Foster.

Trina Jones thanked the RSC staff for their work and is excited about having more communication that will help the Board make more informed decisions.

Cindy McLaughlin thanked the RSC staff for the great work on the budget and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Tracey DeMerchant reiterated that the Commission and the Board have made great strides in 2024, and she is looking forward to what we can do together in 2025.

Lynn Hambrook thanked Katelyn for her leadership and remarked on how much she has learned over the last year.

Andrew Harvey congratulated Hartland on their new arena complex.
He noted that the Brighton Wind Farm Project has received EIA approval and will begin the project in the Spring of 2025.

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Andrew mentioned that he had a meeting with the new Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure about upcoming projects that we can work together on.
Mayor Harvey indicated that he is excited for the Commission and their staff to work together for the betterment of the municipalities.

Andrea Callahan thanked the Board for collaborating well throughout the year and for supporting the initiatives of the WNBSC
.
Katelyn McGrath reiterated that everyone at the Board table wants collaboration, and it is so nice to have a group that wants to work together for the betterment of the region.

Katelyn mentioned that the Regional Housing Strategy will be presented at the January meeting.

Chair, Tom Eagles remarked that we have really "moved the yardstick" in the last year and that it is necessary that we do not stay idle but keep moving forward. Mayor Eagles wished everyone a very safe and happy holiday season.

Motion to Adjourn at 11:13 a.m.
Moved: Andrew Harvey
Seconded: Cindy McLaughlin

Signed: _____

Chair, Tom Eagles Secretary, Trina Jones