

UNOFFICIAL BRIEF REPORT
MEETING MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
BEAUBASSIN-EST RURAL COMMUNITY
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM AT 1709 ROUTE 133, GRAND-BARACHOIS
February 1st, 2017 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Mr. Ronnie Duguay, Mayor
Mrs. Susan Cormier, Deputy Mayor
Mr. André Bourque, Councillor
Mrs. Michelle Gallant-Richards, Councillor
Mr. Michel Gaudet, Councillor
Mrs. Sophie Landry, Councillor
Mr. Omer Leger, Councillor
Mr. Terry Richard, Councillor
Mrs. Josée Vautour, Councillor
Mrs. Charline Landry, Acting CAO
Mr. Yves M. Leger, Acting Clerk

ABSENT: Mr. Gaétan LeBlanc, Councillor
Mrs. Josée Vautour, Councillor

SUPPORT STAFF: Mrs. Carole Friolet-Landry, Acting Assistant CAO

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Ronnie Duguay. Mayor Duguay shares a message of thanks to the interveners during the ice storm of the previous week. He also provides information on how people can help other affected regions.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

I move that the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Susan Cormier

Seconded by Councillor Omer Leger

Vote

Motion carried unanimously

3. Declaration of conflict of interest

None

4. Adoption of the minutes

None

5. Business arising from the minutes

None

6. Public Presentations

a. Requests and petitions from the public

The Acting Clerk informed that a petition had been received from residents of Grand-Barachois concerning the Grand-Barachois trail (gas tax fund project) and the addition of a selective service.

b. Community Information

None

7. New Business

None

8. Correspondence and activities

a. Correspondence received

None

b. Correspondence sent

None

c. Activities

None

9. Reports

None

10. Subjects of the agenda

i. By-Law 2013-01 (Procedural By-Law of the Council of the BERC)

The Acting Clerk began the discussion in order to understand the priorities of the council members with respect to the amendments to the procedural by-law. Councillors will have until February 15th, 2017 to submit comments to the Acting Clerk.

ii. Branding

The Acting Clerk began the discussion in order to understand the priorities of the council members with respect to the branding. Councillors will have until February 15th, 2017 to submit comments to the Acting Clerk.

- iii. Constitution of Council in a closed session

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council shall constitute itself in closed session.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Susan Cormier
Seconded by Councillor Michelle Gallant-Richards
Vote

Motion carried unanimously

- iv. Section 10.2(4)(j) of the *Municipal Act* - labor and employment information, including collective agreement negotiations

- v. Return to the Special Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council returns to the special meeting.

Moved by Councillor Omer Leger
Seconded by Councillor Michel E. Gaudet
Vote

Motion carried unanimously

- vi. Gas Tax Funds – Walking Trail Grand-Barachois

The Acting CAO shared that a petition had been received from residents of Grand-Barachois concerning the Grand-Barachois trail (gas tax fund project) and the addition of a selective service. The council begins a discussion regarding the procedure for adding a selective service.

- vii. Adoption of resolution(s)

Study for a selective service in Grand-Barachois

CONSIDERING THAT the municipality had established a procedure allowing wards to be taxed for selective services according to their needs or wishes;

CONSIDERING THAT residents of Grand-Barachois have submitted a petition requesting a meeting so that the public can decide whether they wish to assume the annual maintenance costs related to a new walking trail in Grand-Barachois built with the Gas Tax Fund;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the staff organize a meeting at the Grand-Barachois Hall with the necessary promotion to present the application to the public and to have a vote on the possible increase in their property taxes.

Moved by Councillor André Bourque
Seconded by Councillor Michel E. Gaudet
Vote

Motion carried unanimously

11. Question period

Mr. Jean-Albert Cormier, resident of Haute-Aboujagane

Mr. Cormier asked questions about the installation of road signs. He suggested that the community should promote tourism facilities. The telephone in emergency situations - the need to have a generator during an outage to ensure better communication from the municipality (via the media such as radio).

Mrs. Odette Babineau, resident of Shediac

Mrs. Babineau asked questions about the issue of branding and the use of gas tax funds. She suggested that the council invite Mr. Luc Thériault to explain the process of the next phase on the gas tax. Mrs. Babineau suggests that we no longer wait and decide on a generator for the municipality to facilitate communication by the municipality, as well as a generator at the Haute-Aboujagane fire station.

Mr. Edgar LeBlanc, resident of Grand-Barachois

Mr. LeBlanc commented on the gas tax.

Mr. Robert Audoux, resident of Grand-Barachois

Mr. Audoux asked questions about the procedure for submitting petitions and the plan submitted to the province on the planning of the Gas Tax Fund projects and the annual report that the municipality must submit for approval by the Government of New Brunswick. He suggests that the rural community make a plebiscite for determining projects for the use of gas tax funds.

Mr. Jean-Paul Melanson, resident of Grand-Barachois

Mr. Melanson asked that the council finally take a decision on the gas tax fund projects.

12. Next scheduled meeting

Acting Clerk informs the public of the next Council Regular Meeting will be on February 20th, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room at 1709 Route 133 in Grand-Barachois.

13. Adjournment

I propose that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Moved by Councillor Omer Leger

Adopted on February 20th, 2017

Mayor

Acting Clerk