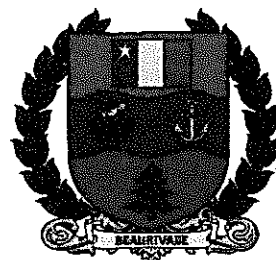




REGULAR MEETING

Town of Beaurivage
December 19, 2023



Present: Arnold J. Vautour (Mayor)
Stella Richard (Councillor at Large)
Danielle Dugas (Councillor at Large)
Oswald Mazerolle (Councillor Ward 1)
Argentine Robichaud (Councillor Ward 2)
Howard Vautour (Councillor Ward 3)
Paul Lirette (Councillor Ward 4/Deputy Mayor)
Melanie McDermott (Councillor Ward 5)
Roger Doiron (Councillor Ward 6)
Melanie Savoie (General Manager)
Mireille Leblanc (Secretary)

WELCOME VISITORS

The mayor, Mr. Arnold J. Vautour, chaired the meeting which was declared open at 7:00 p.m.

QUORUM

A quorum was present.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23-196

Councillor Paul Lirette moved that the agenda be adopted as presented.
Seconded by councillor Danielle Dugas. Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts were declared.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

23-197

It was moved by councillor Howard Vautour that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 2023, be adopted as presented. Seconded by councillor Oswald Mazerolle. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

i.) Atlantic Alliance Elevators

Presented for information purposes only, this letter from Brad Tricoteux (President: Atlantic Alliance elevators) aims to introduce himself and describe the services offered by their company.

ii.) Thank you letter PCSCFNB

Presented for information purposes only, this letter is to thank the Town of Beaurivage for its generous donation to the New Brunswick Breast and Women's Cancers Partnership last November: following a walk-a-thon organized by Community Agent Julie Vautour, we raised over \$2,500 for the cause.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

i.) Coastal Shell Product Plant

As announced in recent news, the KCAAC group has lost its injunction case against Coastal Shell: the court ruled that this was not a civil case, but one to be resolved by the Agricultural Practices Review Board. To this end, the Town of Beaurivage will not be proceeding with its injunction, since a precedent has already been set with last November's decision. Furthermore, we have no affidavits to support a request that could be submitted to the Agricultural Practices Review Board, and so the Town is currently considering its legal options before making any further decisions on this file.

Councillor Roger Doiron suggests that we approach the company hired to deal with the odour emitted by the Coastal Shell plant to find out where else in Canada they have had success with their equipment in the same type of situation.

ii.) AquaKent Center

Councillor Danielle Dugas lists the following facts regarding the AquaKent Center in the ward of Saint-Louis:

➤ *2017: ice storm*

The Centre serves as a warming space during the ice storm that leaves many residents without power. The village of Saint-Louis receives a visit from Minister Dominic Leblanc and is given a tour of the AquaKent Centre to show him how it is in dire need of repair. The village works with the government and engineering companies to find a renovation project for the Centre. Meanwhile, the Friends of the Pool committee organizes a Chase the Ace activity to raise funds for an elevator (with its objective of getting more use out of the upstairs room), which raises about \$180,000. The money is still available and has been deposited until ready to be used.

➤ *December 2021*

The town receives good news that it can go ahead with the renovation project. The Crandall Engineering company begins to look at anticipated costs.

- *June 2022*
We put out a call for tenders and prices have almost doubled. Minister Leblanc assures us that funds will still be available to continue the project.
- *September 2022*
The documents are signed with the new amounts. However, the engineering company Crandall advises us that they do not have an architect to draw up the necessary plans for the project.
- *December 2022*
The government, along with Crandall engineering company, decides to wait until the new Beaurivage entity had been created before proceeding with the project.
- *January to March 2023*
Finally, the plans were completed: the Fire Marshall visited the site and determined that some of the wooden structures were not suitable or safe and needed to be rebuilt in concrete (this project would cost in excess of 4.5 million).
Since the funds already promised are due to expire in March 2023, the Crandall company suggests continuing the project, but making some changes (abolishing the elevator project and prioritizing roofing and ventilation).
- *April 2023 to present*
The Crandall company recommends a phase 2 of the project to build a new community hall on the same level as the pool: It is suggested that the money set aside for the Ace Hunt activity be put against this phase of the project and that the Town of Beaurivage approach the Borrowing Board to pay the balance, when the time comes. In the meantime, the lifeguards can go to Miramichi or elsewhere to renew their certification, as we don't want them to lose what they've already accomplished.

NEW BUSINESS

- i.) *Motion: Capital Borrowing Board*
This item has been postponed until the next meeting on January 16, 2024.
- ii.) *March 5, 2024 Meeting*
For information: The regular meeting scheduled for March 19, 2024 will now take place on March 5, 2024 instead.
- iii.) *Financial Institution*

23-198

It was moved by councillor Oswald Mazerolle that the General Manager explore the possibility of changing financial institutions in the new year 2024. Seconded by Councillor Paul Lirette. Motion carried.

KENT PLANNING COMMISSION

Report presented for information.

KENT SOLID WASTE COMMISSION

Report presented for information.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

Report presented for information.

WATER & SEWERAGE REPORT

Report presented for information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

i.) Recreation, Sports and Culture Committee (Paul Lirette)

Councillor Paul Lirette met with Claudie from the Kent Regional Services Commission to discuss what they can offer us in terms of culture: they will work together to develop a detailed plan for the new year 2024. In addition, the Imperial Kent-North Centre Advisory Committee had its last meeting on December 5: they discussed the NHL Legends Game, which went very well on November 30. They also looked at a number of suggestions for improving the services and operations of the canteen and the center in general.

DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS

(Public interventions and requests)

Council members listen to visitor questions and concerns. Items will be addressed at the next meeting:

i.) Can the Friends of the Pool Committee be officially reactivated?

23-199

It was moved by councillor Paul Lirette that the Town of Beaurivage reactivate the Friends of the Pool Committee and check with former members to see if they still want to remain on board. Seconded by Councillor Melanie McDermott. Motion carried.

Following this motion, Councillor Danielle Dugas clarified that in the past, the mandate of this committee was to raise funds to ensure the smooth running of the AquaKent Centre. General Manager Melanie Savoie will make contacts in January 2024 to establish their objectives. More details to follow.

ii.) Is there a possibility of reopening the municipal building in Saint-Louis so that residents can have more localized services?

- iii.) *Is it possible to alternate the Christmas Parade between Richibucto and Saint-Louis from year to year?*
- iv.) *Is it possible to alternate regular town council meetings between each ward from month to month?*
- v.) *Can the town create a position for a communications director?*
- vi.) *What plans does the town council have to ensure that each ward in Beaurivage doesn't lose its identity or sense of belonging?*

ADJOURNMENT

23-200

Councillor Stella Richard moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Melanie Savoie
General Manager

Arnold Vautour
Mayor