

**SOUTHWEST NEW BRUNSWICK SERVICE COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING**

Hemlock Knoll Sanitary Landfill
5749 Route 3, Lawrence Station, NB
6:00 P.M., Thursday, April 19, 2018

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Joyce Wright, LSD Denis Weston - Chairperson
Garry Christie, LSD St. Patrick - Vice Chair
Terry James, Village of Blacks Harbour
Dennis Blair, LSD McAdam / St. Croix
Winston Gamblin, Village of Harvey
Ken Stannix, Village of McAdam
Doug Naish, Town of St. Andrews
Carla Brown, LSD St. David
Heather Hatt, LSD Fundy Bay
Annette Townes, LSD St. James
James Tubbs, LSD Dumbarton
Allan MacEachern, Town of St. Stephen
Wayne McQuarrie, Alternate
Doug Rowlands, LSD Pennfield

GUESTS:

Tara Devlin-Huys - Opportunities New Brunswick
John Heseltine - Stantac

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Eight members of the public were present.

STAFF

Hollis Bartlett - Executive Director
Claudette MacLean - Superintendent of Administration and Board Relations
Michael Young - Superintendent of Operations
Alex Henderson - Superintendent of Planning

Call to Order

The Chairperson, Joyce Wright called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

She indicated that there were 14 Board members at the table, and thus quorum was declared.

No members were in attendance via conference call.

Conflict of Interest Declarations

The Chair asked all members to declare any conflicts of interest that they may be in. No conflicts were declared.

Adoption of Agenda

18-11 It was moved by W. Gamblin, seconded by D. Rowlands that the agenda be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

Presentation of Southwest New Brunswick Recreation Master Plan Final Report

Staff member, Alex Henderson began the PowerPoint presentation. He noted there were several open houses held within the Region over the past few months as well as an online survey on social media. John Heseltine of Stantec arrived and continued with the presentation.

The ultimate goal of this Master Plan is to enhance the wellness of Southwest New Brunswick residents and their communities. The means is to build a regional approach by strengthening the RSC to overcome the barriers to collaboration that currently inhibit recreation development within the towns, villages, municipalities, and LSDs comprising the Southwest New Brunswick region.

In addition to the engagement of a recreation director or coordinator by the RSC to handle recreation service responsibilities.

A summary of recommendations from this report are as follows:

- Recreation facilities are out of step with evolving demographics. The local population is aging and facilities like arenas do not meet their needs. The facilities themselves, furthermore, are old. The need refurbishment/upgrading, without which they are costly to run.
- Facilities are lacking in east Charlotte County.

- Sharing facilities (a regional approach) is critical. Lack of information on recreation opportunities across the region. Municipalities don't promote facilities.
- Availability of transportation and lack of funding diminish access to facilities.
- Need additional facilities, especially in the east. Funding required to meet these needs.
- A regional approach is needed (overcome geographic barriers, silos and iconoclasm).
- Need an accurate needs assessment (consult with the public).
- Need to increase communication/usage of existing facilities.

The plan is available for download at <http://rsc10.org/downloads/snbsc-recreation-master-plan-final-report.pdf> .

Date, Time and Location of Next Board Meeting:

The Regular Board Meeting will be Thursday, April 26th 4:30PM – 5:30pm with the Annual General Meeting @ 6:00pm – 8:00pm **at the Halstead / QM Construction / LK Toombs Conference Room, Garcelon Centre, St Stephen.**

Question & Answer Period with Public in Attendance

Questions arose concerning the tourism component of this plan and if there would be any input from this Provincial department. The Community Schools concept was noted to be the primary recreation facilities in most areas and that the need to maximize their use. The need to motivate people and increase participation was also discussed.

Adjournment

It was moved by J. Tubbs that the meeting adjourn (at 7:37 p.m.)