



**Board of Directors Special Meeting
May 23, 2018**

In Attendance:

Elaine English, Chair, Mayor, Canterbury
Arthur Slipp, Mayor, Woodstock
James Kennedy, LSD, Debec
Joseph Weston, LSD, Lakeville
Leonard Foster, LSD, North Lake
Michael Stewart, Mayor, Centreville
Tena McLellan, LSD, Simonds

Alexis Fenner, Mayor, Plaster Rock
Gailen Allan, LSD, Aberdeen
Joseph Trevors, LSD, Peel
Karl Curtis, Mayor, Florenceville-Bristol
Marianne Bell, Mayor, Perth Andover
Stephen Manuel, LSD, Canterbury
Tracey DeMerchant, Deputy Mayor, Hartland

Regrets:

Brent Pearson, Vice-Chair, LSD, Glassville
Troy Stone, Secretary, Mayor, Bath

Absent:

Lance Graham, Mayor, Meductic
Marven Demmings, Mayor, Aroostook
Brian Hayden, LSD, Woodstock

Staff In Attendance:

Katelyn McGrath, Executive Director / Planning Director
Bev Gullison, Office Administrator

Meeting was called to order by Chair of the Board, Elaine English at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: To approve the agenda of the May 23, 2018 meeting.
Moved: Alexis Fenner
Seconded: Karl Curtis
Carried

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

None

Presentations:

New Brunswick Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture: 2017 New Brunswick Trails Action Plan.

Presenters: Carl Lavigne, NB Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture
Jane Murphy-McCulloch, Terminus Consulting

An NB Trails Action Plan update was provided and the presenters reiterated prior meeting discussions and presented the proposed implementation plan. The presenters advised that the final documentation will not be made public until a formal announcement has occurred. The presenters recommended that the Western Valley Regional Service Commission apply to ACOA for assistance with funding the Wolastoq Valley Cycling Route project including the hiring of a NB Trails Co-ordinator, who would be an employee of the Western Valley Regional Service Commission, hired as a consultant on a part-time basis.



Elaine English advised that the Recreation Committee of the Western Valley Regional Service Commission unanimously approved a motion during their May 3, 2018 committee meeting to recommend to the Board of Directors to support making an application to ACOA for trail funding under the NB Trails Action Plan and to support the implementation of the Trails Action Plan.

Alexis Fenner requested clarification from the Chair that there is no requested commitment of funding from the members and Elaine confirmed that was accurate.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Valley Regional Service Commission approve making an application to the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) for trail funding under the New Brunswick Trails Action Plan and to support the implementation of the Trails Action Plan.

Moved: Jim Kennedy
Seconded: Joseph Weston
Motion unanimously carried

Arthur Slipp requested to speak to the motion and that the minutes reflect that his council supports the concept but noted that Recreation is not one of the mandated services of the Commission. He also stated that his council is prepared to support the NB Trails Resolution with the understanding that if in the future Recreation does become a mandated service than he would be voting nay.

Adjournment:

Motion: The Chair, Elaine English called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.
Moved: Alexis Fenner

Recording Secretary: Bev Gullison

Troy Stone
Secretary

Katelyn McGrath
Executive Director

Acting