

Western New Brunswick

Service Commission

Board of Directors
**Minutes of the February 18, 2026, Board Meeting
Via Zoom**

Board Members In Attendance:

Chair, Tom Eagles, Mayor, District of Tobique Valley
Andrew Harvey, Mayor of Carleton North
Trina Jones, Mayor, Woodstock
Cindy McLaughlin, Mayor of Southern Victoria
Leonard Foster, Mayor of Lakeland Ridges
Lynn Hambrook, Chair, Western Valley Rural
Tracey DeMerchant, Mayor, Hartland

Regrets:

Absent:

Staff In Attendance:

Katelyn McGrath, CEO
Andrea Callahan, Director of Operations (Recording Secretary)
Emily Clark, Director of Economic Development and Healthcare Collaboration
Fred Thompson-Brown, Director of Environmental Health & Public Safety

Call to Order:

The Chair, Tom Eagles, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

No conflict of interest was proclaimed by those in attendance.

**Motion at approve agenda as amended with addition of f) Lease
2026-0-05**

Motion: Tracey DeMerchant
Seconded: Cindy McLaughlin
Motion Carried.

**Motion to accept January 16,2026, minutes as distributed
2026-0-06**

Motion: Trina Jones
Seconded: Leonard Foster
Motion Carried.

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Andrea Callahan presented an updated grant program to include sporting events such as larger-scale sporting tournaments (Provincials, Atlantics, etc. that are bringing visitors to the region for multi-day stays and to include a few minor changes that the Board had requested.

Motion to accept the updated Regional Sport and Tourism Event Program

2026-0-07

Motion: Andrew Harvey

Seconded: Tracey DeMerchant

Motion Carried.

Cell Phone Service and Connectivity – Katelyn McGrath will compose a letter advocating for better connectivity and will share this with the Board before sending it to UMN and the Minister responsible for this portfolio.

Motion to postpone discussion of bin size, etching and decals

2026-0-08

Motion: Trina Jones

Seconded: Andrew Harvey

Motion Carried.

Fred Thompson-Brown commented on the Climate Change Adaptation Plans that some municipalities are undergoing with the assistance of consulting/engineering firms throughout the province. There are funds available to cover the entire cost. Municipalities are encouraged to investigate this program.

The CEO will contact the three MLAs in our region and see when they are available for a meeting and will let the Board know once she knows their availability.

The Board gave corporate staff direction to seek a proposal from the landlord for an extension of the office rental space. Some renovations are required so a proposal is necessary. This will be presented to the Board as soon as possible.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday March 20, 2026.

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Motion to Adjourn at 9:47 a.m.

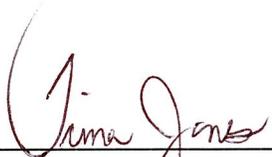
Moved: Andrew Harvey

Seconded: Cindy McLaughlin

Signed:



Chair, Tom Eagles



Secretary, Trina Jones

Healthcare Discussion

Tracey DeMerchant asked how the meeting went with Premier Holt and Horizon on February 6, 2026, in Fredericton. The Board is hopeful that the Premier sees the urgency that they have presented regarding services the Upper River Valley Hospital.