KINGS RSC BOARD MEETING
All Seasons Inn & Restaurant, 1015 Main St., Sussex, N.B.
Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 5:30 pm.

Board Members Present:
Randy McKnight – Valley Waters
Peter Price – Kings Rural
Vicki Gaunce – Butternut Valley
Charity McDonald – Valley Waters
Marc Thorne – Sussex
Tim Wilson – Sussex
Alan Brown – Butternut Valley
Gordon Keirstead – Kings Rural

Josh Nowlan – Chief Executive Officer, Kings RSC
Pam Kaye – Recording Secretary

Public – Wayne Wilkins

Marc Thorne, Chairperson brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm, welcoming everyone.
Marc added to the agenda under New Business, (g) Service at RCMP office.
Amended Agenda was approved by Alan Brown, seconded by Peter Price.

Marc asked if there was any conflict of interest. None declared.

Marc asked for approval of the March 29, 2023, meeting.
Motion for approval of minutes of March 29, 2023, by Tim Wilson, seconded by Vicki Gaunce

No Business arising from the minutes.

New Business

a) **RSC office lease** – Josh spoke about the previous lease for office space expired at the end of February 2023 and the issue of not enough room for all staff now that staff are not working at home. Following staff research into what is available, it is recommended to expand to the second floor of the present location, rather than the expense of relocating. At present the current ground floor space is 1555 sq ft. at $28.88 per sq. ft., proposed new lease has 2472 sq ft. at a cost of $21.38. Based on budget amount for 2023, projected cost for lease and utilities would be within budget amount +/- $1000.

Tim Wilson made a motion to approve signing a 5-year lease at the present location, seconded by

Randy McKnight. Motion carried.

b) **Update on Regional Strategy Development** – Josh
Two stakeholder consultation workshops have been held to date and next workshops are scheduled as well as steering committee planning sessions. At least one board member will be on each committee plus CAO's

c) **Public Safety Standing Committee Membership** – Josh – It is recommended the following individuals be appointed to the Public Safety Standing committee:
Tim Nickerson (REMC Region 8)
Tony Reicker (Sussex Fire Chief)
Gwynn Boye (Ambulance NB)
Sgt. Tyson Nelson (RCMP)
Cpl. Zack Kierstead (JPS)
Travis Parker (DTI)
Hanna Duguay (Red Cross)
Phil Howe (Greater Fundy Ground Search and Rescue)
Lori Coleman (Region 8 Resiliency Coordinator)
Todd Silliphant (Social Development)
Thomas Jeffery (Butternut Valley Councillor/Coles Island Fire Chief)
Marc Thorne (Kings RSC)
Alan Brown (Kings RSC)
Gordon Kierstead (Kings RSC)
Vicki Gaunce (Kings RSC)

Alan Brown made a motion to accept the standing committee as presented, seconded by Tim Wilson. Motion carried.

d) **Update on Standing Committees (Expressions of Interest) – Josh**
Five individuals have expressed interest from post on website in past couple of weeks.

e) **Regional Recreational Infrastructure** – report for Minister
Regional report on infrastructure cost-sharing is to be submitted to the Minister by June 30. Each community needs to prepare a list of all sport, recreational and cultural infrastructure in the community that is considered regional. The Nutrien Civic Centre has been identified and the 8th Hussars arena has been taken off the list.
Josh will ask each community to identify infrastructure by May 15. It was also suggested to invite the Manager from Nutrien Civic Centre to make a presentation on future strategic plan. This will give board enough time to submit letter to Minister.

f) **Solid Waste Facility** – Josh – RSC has been in discussion with the Regional Development Corporation (RDC) about funding assistance for potential projects and future initiatives. Recommend having a building and site condition assessment at the regional solid waste facility. This assessment will help inform decision making for both short and long term improvement/maintenance projects at the regional solid waste facility. The expected total cost would be in the range of $25 -30k.

Tim Wilson made a motion to engage in the building and site condition assessment at the regional solid waste facility, seconded by Gordon Keirstead. Motion carried.

g) **Service at Sussex RCMP office** – Marc spoke on the issue of the RCMP office being closed to the public most of the time, very hard to get criminal checks done as well as speak to an officer.
The RSC would like to explore the option of asking for another resource person from public safety to serve the public. The Federal government would pay 30% and 70% of wages would be covered by RSC.

Tim Wilson made a motion to explore the option of a second person in the Sussex RCMP office by sending a letter to justice, seconded by Vicki Gaunce. Motion carried.

Questions from public –Wayne Wilkins asked about the money for health care applied for at last meeting. Josh advised that the RSC is working with the health steering committee that was already established. Wayne asked that monthly information be available. New updated website is a work in progress that will have regular updates.

Next meeting will be May 31, 2023

Randy McKnight motioned to adjourn at 6:46pm.

Marc Thorne, Chairperson

Pam Kaye, Recording Secretary