

Meeting of the Community Committee Chéticamp-Lemoine (CCCL)

Date of meeting: September 14, 2016

Present: Paul Gallant, Marie Aucoin, Stéfán Sogne, Lynn Deveau, André Roach, Dr. Marcel Aucoin and Denise Arsenault.

Regrets: Gloria Leblanc, Alfred Arthur Poirier, Perry Muise, Shawn Smith, Gilberte Cormier, Yvette McPhee and Alfred Deveau

I Meeting was called to order at 7:15PM.

II Marcel Aucoin moved and Marie Aucoin seconded adoption of the agenda as read. Motion carried.

III Reading and adoption of the Minutes of June 8:

Stéfán Sogne moved that the Minutes of June 8, 2016 be adopted. Seconded by André Deveau. Motion carried.

IV Old Business

a) Breakfast Networking events - Marie Aucoin suggested that Board members be advised of the upcoming breakfast event dates. This would allow sector reps to suggest potential subjects for discussion that may be important to their respective sectors. Three of these events have been held so far. They are informal, social get-togethers held in a casual setting which allow development organizations in the region to network and share information. At the previous event, the lack of housing in the region suitable for the communities' needs was discussed.

b) We discussed the upcoming public meeting on housing scheduled for September 21st. Presentations will be made by Conrad Taves (who was contracted to research Inverness County's housing situation); Edgar Arsenault (Executive Director, Chez-nous PEI assisted living facility), New Dawn representative; and, possibly a NS government housing representative. It was suggested that we should also take advantage of this opportunity to advertise CCCL.ca and share our email contact information.

c) Paul requested a meeting with Rodger Cuzner. He was advised that he (Cuzner) will try to make contact the next time he visits Chéticamp.

d) We continue to request a meeting with representatives of REN.

e) Communication plan. The communications sub-committee have not yet held a formal meeting. However, Stefan has created a draft of some information to be uploaded to the website. The page will eventually include hyperlinks to our Minutes, News and other information.

f) Sector vacancies on the Board at CCCL: There have been requests made to members of sectors where vacancies exist asking them to nominate people to fill the positions. However, we are still waiting for responses from them. In future, as per the decision taken at the June 8th meeting: when a member is retiring from the Board, they will be required to find someone from their sector willing to allow their name to be put forward for election as the representative of that particular sector.

V New Business

a) A study will be undertaken to determine what bilingual services are available in all municipal regions of Nova Scotia compared to the municipality of Inverness County.

b) A request from the CCCL will be put forth to the next meeting of the CEC asking them to meet with the CCCL Board to provide us with an update on their activities.

c) Stéfán Sogne read us an email that CCCL had received from Paul Strome about destructive clear-cutting taking place on the island to provide biomass fuel for the Port Hawkesbury mill. Mr Strome advised that he would like to write a letter to the *Oran* decrying this practice and asked the CCCL to support his stance on the subject. Marie Aucoin suggested that Mr Strome draft the proposed letter and submit a copy of it to us. Knowing the contents of the letter beforehand would allow us to make a considered decision: Once we receive Mr Strome's proposed letter, it should be added to the agenda for discussion at the next regular meeting of the Board.

d) Marie Aucoin brought information about a salary subsidy program offered by Saint Mary's University that could allow us to have an intern made available to the committee. It may be worth some follow-up.

VI Other Items

Denise Arsenault reported that there have been recent changes to legislation concerning child care centres in the province.

VI Next Meeting

A date for the next meeting (scheduled for November) will be chosen via the Doodle Meeting app.

VII Adjournment

Marcel moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 pm.