



GMSC - (Special) Meeting 2025-4
March 28, 2025
11:00 AM
GMSC Boardroom

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The Chairperson, Art O'Donnell, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Item 2025-4-1 Record of Attendance

Members present:

Mayor Art O'Donnell
Mayor Kevin Russell
Mayor Ernest Robichaud

Virtual:

Lynn Gegan, Rural District Rep
Mayor Doug Munn
Tina Hayes, MRV

Also present:

Justin Forbes, Director of Operations/Planning Director
Edna Moorhouse, Recording Secretary
Carrie Price, Executive Director, Discover Miramichi
Nathan DeLong, Media

Item 2025-4-2 Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Kevin Russell
Seconded: Ernest Robichaud

Item 2025-4-3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None Declared

Item 2025-4-4 RDMO Board Member Election

Carrie Price, Executive Director of Discover Miramichi advised that one of the members (Indigineous) stepped down from the Board and she is looking to replace the vacancy with Patricia Dunnett who has experience in various areas in the Region.

Motion: That Patricia Dunnett, General Manager at Metepenagiag Heritage Park, be appointed as the seventh member of the RDMO Board.



Moved: Kevin Russell
Seconded: Lynn Gegan

Resolved, that Patricia Dunnnett be appointed as the seventh member of the RDMO Board.
Carried

Item 2025-4-5 Regional Sport Development Workforce Program

Justin Forbes, Director of Operations/Planning Director spoke of the briefing the Board had received on a potential funding opportunity to express interest in a Regional Sport Development Workforce Program. It had been requested by a Board member to put the item on the Agenda again. Mayor Robichaud suggested if the position is created, perhaps it can be used to assist Member Communities develop/enhance their own programs that could ultimately be aligned within the Region over the next decade. Justin advised members that he had been in touch with the funding contact and they will hold off on release of funding until the Board completes it's review. The Commission would continue with the Operational Review for 2025 and provided that the review rationalizes the need for the position, then it would move forward. There would be no costs to the Communities. Justin confirmed Mayor Russell's question that there is no actual money coming from the Communities. Mayor Munn voiced his concern that when more staff is hired, there are more cuts in equalization grants. Mayor O'Donnell asked how long it will be for the Terms of Reference to be completed. Justin Forbes will bring a draft copy to the April meeting, but it will be a few months before much direction again. Mayor O'Donnell suggested not to commit to funding opportunity until documents are completed, showing it is advantageous to do. Mayor O'Donnell suggested a motion be put on the table to vote on.

Mayor Lordon, who was not present at the meeting, sent an email to be read, stating he agrees with Justin Forbes, Director of Operations/Planning Director on the following motion:

Motion: The GMRSC Board authorizes staff to submit a preliminary application to the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture's Sport Workforce Development Program for the recruitment of a Sport Development Coordinator, contingent upon the Operational Review conclusively demonstrating a need for this role within the refined priorities in the Community Development Department.

Moved: Lynn Gegan
Seconded: Doug Munn

Resolved, that the GMRSC Board authorizes staff to submit a preliminary application to the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture's Sport Workforce Development Program for the recruitment of a Sport Development Coordinator, contingent upon the Operational Review conclusively demonstrating a need for this role within the refined priorities in the Community Development Department.
Carried

Item 2025-4-6 Next GMSC Board Meeting

April 23, 2025



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Moved by Mayor Robichaud to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Roberta McIntyre, CEO

Justin Forbes, Director of Operations/Planning Director

Edna Moorhouse, Recording Secretary