PRESENT: Mrs. Maryse LeBlanc, Mayor
Mr. Laurie McGraw, Deputy Mayor
Mr. André Bourque, Councillor
Mr. Kevin Caissie, Councillor
Mr. Gilles Cormier, Councillor
Mr. Gaétan LeBlanc, Councillor
Mr. Omer Leger, Councillor
Mr. Jean Paul Melanson, Councillor
Mr. Richard Ratelle, Councillor
Mrs. Christine LeBlanc, Treasurer-Clerk

SUPPORT STAFF: Mrs. Charline Landry, Service Manager

ABSENT: Mr. Ronnie Duguay, Councillor

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Maryse LeBlanc.

Mayor Maryse LeBlanc welcomed the public and explained the itinerary of the meeting.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

I move the adoption of the agenda as presented and distributed with the addition of items 9 c) Report of the RSC.

Moved by Councillor Richard Ratelle
Seconded by Councillor Gaétan LeBlanc

Vote

Motion carried unanimously

3. Declaration of conflict of interest

Councillor Gilles Cormier declares a conflict of interest bearing point 10 d) Application – Activities for Carnaval Boule de neige.

4. Adoption of the minutes for the December 16th, 2013 meeting

Mrs. Christine LeBlanc reads the minutes from the December 16th, 2013 meeting.
I move that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 16th, 2013 be adopted.

Moved by Councillor André Bourque
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Caissie
Vote

Motion carried unanimously

5. Business arising from the minutes

None

6. Public Presentation

   a. Request and petitions from the public

      i. Crystal Ouellette at the Beausejour Family Crisis Resource Centre made a presentation to the Council to request the installation of a sign on violence against women in CRBe.

   b. Community informations

      i. Councillor Gilles Cormier invites the public to the Valentine’s Gala that will take place on February 8th and to the community breakfast of February 9th, 2014 at the Centre Saint-André-LeBlanc, two fundraisers for the Beausejour Family Crisis Resource Centre in Shediac.

7. New Business

None

8. Correspondences and activities

   a. Correspondence received

      i. We received two requests for funds, from the Centre Saint-André-LeBlanc and the Shemogue Golden Age Club, to organize activities during the Carnaval Boule de neige.

   b. Correspondence sent

      None

   c. Activities

      i. The clerk, Christine LeBlanc, informs us that the renovations went well and that the budget seems to have been respected. A more detailed report will be given when the necessary information is available.
9. **Reports**

a) The clerk, Christine LeBlanc, gives the report of the last meeting of the Comité de Planification et de Relations publiques.

b) Councillor Richard Ratelle, gives the report of the last meeting of the Comité de Planification stratégique.

c) Mayor Maryse LeBlanc, gives the report of the last meeting of the RSC.

10. **Subjects on the agenda**

a) **Correspondence to the Transportation and Infrastructure.**

WHEREAS the municipality has received several complaints about the snow removal strategy of the Ministry of Transport during the many snow storms we had this year;

WHEREAS this concerns us for the motorists safety and for the health of our residents who are more at risk because the streets are not plowed for long periods;

WHEREAS many people have had to miss work unnecessarily since the storm was long over, but they were still stuck at home because of the amount of snow on their street;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council sends a letter to the Transportation and Infrastructure to share our concerns and those of the population on this situation.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Laurie McGraw  
Seconded by Councillor Jean Paul Melanson  
Vote  
Motion carried unanimously

b) **Engineering firm for a feasibility study on shoulder**

WHEREAS the municipality had requested bids from three engineering firms to prepare a feasibility study on the possibility of building a safer shoulder for pedestrians and cyclists on the side of Route 133;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the submission of Crandall Engineering in the amount of $4,200 is retained and the work begins as soon as possible, as recommended by the firm.

Moved by Councillor Richard Ratelle  
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Caissie  
Vote  
Motion carried unanimously

c) **Preparation of a cultural policy**

WHEREAS the municipality has been selected by Les Arts et la Ville to participate in the mentoring program for the development of a municipal cultural policy:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council forms an ad hoc committee to work on the development of the policy and bring recommendations to the Council in respect of the elements to be included in the policy. The Committee will consist of Councillor André Bourque as President, Mayor, staff and two community members, namely Mr. Herménégilde Chiasson and a representative of the Société culturelle Sud-Acadie.

Moved by Councillor Richard Ratelle
Seconded by Councillor Jean Paul Melanson
Vote

Motion carried unanimously

Councillor Gilles Cormier left the room.

d) Application for Support – Activity for the Carnaval Boule de neige

WHEREAS the Centre of Saint-André-LeBlanc and the Shemogue Golden Age Club will organize activities during the Carnaval Boule de neige and they made a first request for financial support;

WHEREAS the municipality's objective is to encourage community service in the community and the support of community organizations policy states that applications will only be assessed after March 31st, after the event;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agrees to provide a financial support of $ 300 for to the Centre of Saint-André-LeBlanc and $ 400 for to the Shemogue Golden Age Club to help defray the cost of activities organized during the Carnaval Boule de neige in the community;

AND BE IT RESOLVED that another date be established in the fall for the evaluation of requests for support and an amount of $ 5,000 is added to the budget for this service.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Laurie McGraw
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Caissie
Vote

Motion carried unanimously

Councillor Gilles Cormier returned to the room.

e) Panels for Beausejour Family Crisis Resource Centre

WHEREAS Beausejour Family Crisis Ressource Centre is considering installing panels of awareness on the prevention of violence among the population and the municipality is a partner of the Center while supporting various initiatives they undertake;

WHEREAS the current rural plan does not allow the installation of such panels in the community;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council takes necessary steps to change the rural plan to accommodate the request of the Centre.

Moved by Councillor Gilles Cormier
Seconded by Councillor André Bourque
Vote
Motion carried unanimously

11. **Question period**

**Mr. Louis LeBlanc, resident of Saint-André-LeBlanc**
Mr. LeBlanc thanked the Council for the grant to the Centre of Saint-André-LeBlanc to organize activities during the Carnaval Boule de neige. He also wondered whether the renovations are finished.

**Mrs. Roseline Cormier, resident of Shemogue**
Mrs. Cormier thanked the Council for the grant to the Shemogue Golden Age Club to organize activities during the Carnaval Boule de neige. She asked whether the club will be eligible for another grant in 2014.

**Mr. Edgar LeBlanc, resident of Grand-Barachois**
Mr. LeBlanc asked for clarification on the report of the RSC on cultural policy and asked how to contact the Department of Transport.

12. **Next scheduled meeting**

The Mayor invites the Community to attend the next public meeting that will take place on Monday, February 17th, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room at 1709 Route 133 in Grand-Barachois.

13. **Adjournment**

*That the meeting be adjourned at 8:06 pm.*

Moved by Councillor Omer Leger

Adopted on February 17th, 2014

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Treasurer-Clerk