

Western New Brunswick

Service Commission

Board of Directors
Draft Minutes of the August 21, 2025
WNBSC Office
3143 Main Street, Centreville, N.B.

Board Members In Attendance:

Chair, Tom Eagles, Mayor, District of Tobique Valley
Cindy McLaughlin, Mayor, Village of Southern Victoria
Andrew Harvey, Mayor of Carleton North
Trina Jones, Mayor, Woodstock
Lynn Hambrook, Chair, Western Valley Rural

Regrets:

Tracey DeMerchant, Mayor, Hartland

Absent:

Leonard Foster, Mayor, Lakeland Ridges

Staff In Attendance:

Katelyn McGrath, CEO
Andrea Callahan, Director of Operations (Recording Secretary)

Other Attendees: Shelia Cummings, Councillor of Southern Victoria, Tina Pelkey, Treasurer, Hartland

Call to Order:

The Chair, Tom Eagles, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

No conflict of interest was proclaimed by those in attendance.

Motion to Accept Agenda

25-0-30

Moved: Andrew Harvey

Seconded: Trin Jones

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve July 24, 2025, Minutes

25-0-31

Moved: Trina Jones

Seconded: Lynn Hambrook

Motion Carried.

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Presentation – Derron Merriweather, Tim Smith and Randy McLean from J.S. Bellis

Derron Merriweather reported to the Board on the upcoming collection changes that will be implemented in mid-2026 and the implications that the municipalities will potentially incur including weekly collections and restricting the amount of garbage to a single bin per household.

Staff will work on the application to the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board for the purpose of purchasing new garbage waste carts for the residents of the region.

Motion to go in camera

25-0-32

Moved: Trina Jones

Seconded: Cindy McLaughlin

Motion Carried.

Motion to go out of camera

25-0-33

Moved: Cindy McLaughlin

Seconded: Trina Jones

Motion Carried.

New Business:

Katelyn showed the Board the letter that she has composed to be sent to the Minister of Health, and a few minor changes were suggested.

Katelyn reviewed the estimated costs of the portable washing stations and grandstands with the Board.

It was decided that we will begin by implementing a public education campaign and signage on invasive species before investing in portable washing stations.

It was also decided to table the portable grandstand discussion as it was felt that it is best to leave this up to the municipalities at this point in time.

Updates:

The Minister of Justice and Public Safety would like a meeting with the Board and Councils on September 23. Katie will contact them and ask for an afternoon meeting to accommodate council meetings already scheduled.

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Katelyn told the Board that we have not been notified yet as to when ELG is beginning the review of the RCS delivery model.

Next Board meeting is scheduled September 19, 2025, at 9 a.m.

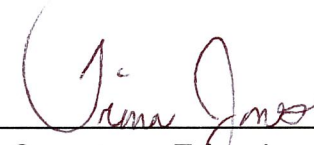
Motion to Adjourn at 11:22 a.m.

Moved: Trina Jones

Seconded: Lynn Hambrook

Signed:


Chair, Tom Eagles


Secretary, Trina Jones

Visit from MP Richard Bragdon:

Member of Parliament for Tobique-Mactaquac, Richard Bragdon, joined the group at 11:30 am to have an informal discussion about the needs of the region.

Several topics were discussed including Cell and internet reception throughout most of the province, inter-provincial trade, tariffs, softwood lumber, DFO, grants for organizations working with seniors, the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund and the Housing Accelerator Fund.