

THE GREATER SHEDIAC SEWERAGE COMMISSION

Monthly meeting, meeting No. 674, held on

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

at 6:00 p.m., in Boudreau-Ouest,

in the Commission's boardroom

Members present:	H.J. (Harry) McInroy, Laura Gallant, Marie Ann Cormier, Susan Cormier, Raymond Cormier, Jean-Charles Dugas,	chairperson vice-chairperson treasurer secretary member member
Also present:	Joey Frenette, Stephanie Bernard,	general manager office manager
And:	Chris Gallant.	Crandall Engineering Ltd.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The chairperson, H.J. (Harry) McInroy, called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. He wishes a warm welcome to all who are present.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

19-76 Moved by: Raymond Cormier
Seconded by: Jean-Charles Dugas

That the agenda, dated November 20, 2019, be approved as submitted.

Motion Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes of the monthly meeting, meeting No. 673, held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019.

19-77 Moved by: Marie Ann Cormier
Seconded by: Susan Cormier

That the minutes of the monthly meeting, meeting No. 673, held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, be approved as submitted.

Motion Carried

4. PRESENTATIONS, ENQUIRIES AND PETITIONS

1. There are no presentations, enquiries and petitions for this meeting.

5. REPORTS

1. Administrative report

The office manager presented the administrative report and answered questions from the members.

19-78 Moved by: Marie Ann Cormier
 Seconded by: Laura Gallant

That the administrative report, dated November 20, 2019, is approved as submitted.

Motion Carried

2. General Manager's report

The general manager read his report and answered questions from the members

19-79 Moved by: Raymond Cormier
 Seconded by: Jean-Charles Dugas

That the general manager's report, dated November 20, 2019, is approved as submitted.

Motion Carried

3. General Committee

There is no general committee report for this meeting.

4. Report – Town of Shediac representatives

Laura Gallant mentioned that she had concerns with stop signs reinstallation on Gallagher Street and will discuss this with the town council. She also mentioned that Margot Allain Bélanger, Director of Municipal Operations for the town of Shediac, has resigned from her position.

5. Report – Beaubassin-est Rural Community representatives

There is no report for this meeting.

6. Report – Pointe-du-Chêne LSD representative

There is no report for this meeting.

7. Report – Scoudouc Road LSD representative

There is no report for this meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. There is no correspondence for this meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2020 budget.

The general manager explained that, according to the Clean Environment Act, we must wait at least 45 days after submitting the draft budget to participating municipalities and to the minister of ELGNB before adopting the budget. Therefore, he recommends that the members approve the budget by a special meeting to be held by email on Saturday, November 30, 2019. The members agreed.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Infiltration study

Update

Chris Gallant explained that there is no new data information since the two flow meters are not working. One flow meter was submerged in water and will be sent to the manufacturer for repair, and the other had dead batteries.

2. Funds / Subsidies

a) Building Canada Fund

Update

Chris Gallant mentioned that there is no new update. However, he has emailed Luc Theriault from the Community Funding Branch, NBDELG, and is hoping to get an update soon.

b) Gas Tax Fund

Update

Chris Gallant mentioned that there is no new update for this meeting.

3. Long-term study

a) Update – Preliminary design

Chris Gallant mentioned that there is no new update for this meeting.

b) Update – IBA Fund

Chris Gallant mentioned that Crandall Engineering is still working on setting up a meeting with the Province early in the new year.

4. GTF – Pointe-du-Chêne Sanitary Sewer System Improvements (2017)

a) Contract 2 (St-John Street piping)

Update

Chris Gallant mentioned that he asked the contractor to add gravel near the manholes to help prevent the snow plows from hitting them during the winter. The general manager mentioned that since the project is complete, that this item can be removed from the agenda for future meetings. The members agreed.

5. Parlee Beach Sanitary Sewer System Improvements and lift station No. 10.

Update

Chris Gallant mentioned that only minor deficiencies remain, such as: painting the inside of the lift station doors and general cleanup. He also mentioned that the check valves will have to be recoated to our satisfaction at no cost or the supplier will have to provide new valves.

The general manager added that he spoke with the Parlee Beach Provincial Park's manager today and asked for an update on the outside shower and sidewalk drains issue. The park manager indicated that he submitted a request to the province for their upcoming capital budget for permanent upgrades to the drainage issue. He will also look at a temporary solution with the park's maintenance supervisor to minimize the amount of surface water entering these drains for this winter and upcoming spring.

6. Town of Shediac – Gallagher Street refurbishment

Chris Gallant mentioned that the project is 99% complete. There are still some hydro poles to be moved. Some sidewalk sections may have to be completed with cold patch for this winter, and then completed with concrete in the new year. There will be a walk-through next week with the engineers, the Town of Shediac, the GSSC, and the contractor to ensure everything is satisfactory for the winter.

The general manager took the opportunity to mention that a similar project was completed last year (top portion of Tipperary Street). Although the reconstruction plan and tender documents required all sanitary sewer services be replaced up the property line, some were only replaced up to the concrete curb. The engineer for this project explained that it would have proven difficult in some cases to replace the sanitary sewer service up to the property line since some of the houses are so close to the street. The general manager only became aware of this when one of the houses experienced a sewer blockage a month ago and the issue was located underneath the concrete curb. A video of the sewer service revealed that the pipe material at the blockage is asbestos cement, and not PVC. The Town and project engineer were notified. The project engineer resolved the issue by having the project contractor repair the sewer service by excavating and replacing the section of asbestos cement pipe with PVC pipe.

The chairperson added that he had an issue with the as-built drawing for the project seemingly showing that all sewer services were replaced to the property line. The project engineer has since resubmitted the as-built drawing showing the exact locations of the connections from PVC material to the existing services.

For future projects, the general manager will ensure that all parties understand that any deviations from the reconstruction plan or tender documents related to the sanitary sewer system be brought to the GSSC's attention for a decision.

7. Lift station No. 8. Addition of a generator.

Update

Chris Gallant mentioned that the DELGNB has requested that the proposed outside generator location be moved from the grass to the gravel driveway. After discussing this with the general manager, Chris emailed the DELGNB and explained that it would become a safety issue and an environmental issue to have the generator at the bottom of the gravel driveway since the driveway has a steep slope and it would be very difficult to conduct snow removal. He is awaiting their response.

8. Christmas supper

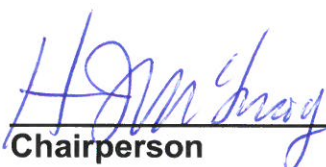
The general manager confirmed that the Christmas supper will take place Saturday, November 30, at 7:00pm, at the restaurant Gabrièle.

9. NEXT MEETING

A special meeting by email is scheduled for Saturday, November 30. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, at 6:00pm, at the Commission's head office.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Laura Gallant moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:28 p.m.



 Chairperson