



VILLE DE DIEPPE
FRANCOPHONIE COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at 4 p.m.
Saint-Anselme Room – City Hall

MINUTES

Members present: Luc Belliveau, Educational Institution Representative
France Caissy, Community Representative
Annie Duguay, Staff Representative
Joanne Maillet, City Business Community Representative
Isabelle McKee-Allain, Community Representative
Luc Richard, Staff Representative
Ernest Thibodeau, Councillor and Chair

Members absent: Madeleine Arseneau, Youth Representative
Serge Milot, Community Representative
Yvan Roy, Educational Institution Representative
Philippe Thériault, Champlain Place Representative

1. Welcoming remarks

The chair welcomed members to the meeting. The March 26 meeting had to be rescheduled due to bad weather.

2. Adoption of agenda

Adoption of the agenda was moved by Luc Belliveau and seconded by France Caissy.

Motion carried

3. Approval of minutes of meeting held February 12

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held February 12 was moved, with a few changes, by Isabelle McKee-Allain and seconded by Luc Belliveau.

Motion carried

4. Review of developing a suggestion for city council (Ernest Thibodeau)

A discussion with the Collège communautaire was undertaken to see if their new way of distributing information to their students (“Boulevard”) was working. The College is still analyzing the process at this time. It was mentioned that we may want to wait until the study is completed. The door is open on their end.

Based on information received here at the City of Dieppe our activities are functioning quite well since the College's new distribution system was implemented. The City's Activity Guide continues to be distributed to homes.

Seeing that they want to work on building identity and improving communication, it was mentioned that the City of Dieppe will contact the School District for a verbal agreement on obtaining their co-operation.

New guidelines for taking a suggestion to council were adopted.

Suggestion – CCF– 02-04-2014	Responsibilities 1 and 2
<i>That city council put in a request to the superintendent and chair of District scolaire francophone Sud to explore solutions for improving the distribution of information to various audiences regarding artistic and cultural activities offered by the City of Dieppe.</i>	
Moved by Luc Belliveau. Seconded by Isabelle McKee-Allain. Carried unanimously	

Suggestion – CCF– 02-04-2014	Responsibilities 1 and 2
<i>That the same request be sent to the Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick, Campus de Dieppe, and the Université de Moncton.</i>	
Moved by France Caissy. Seconded by Joanne Maillet. Carried unanimously	

5. Overview of City of Dieppe actions aimed at promoting La Francophonie (Annie Duguay)

A document was distributed to members in attendance which provided an overview of actions undertaken by the City of Dieppe aimed at promoting La Francophonie, including a promotion kit entitled *Offering bilingual service: A savvy business decision!* Annie Duguay explained the work currently being done to promote and spread francophone pride, which is also one of the goals of the municipality's strategic plan. It was explained that the kit is distributed to Dieppe businesses as well as throughout Champlain Place.

It was mentioned that the *Association francophone des municipalités du Nouveau-Brunswick (l'AFMNB)* plays a leadership role **in encouraging municipalities to offer bilingual service to other municipalities in the province.**

6. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14.

An invitation will be sent to committee members with choices for dates for a meeting in June.

7. Information sharing

The Chair invited and encouraged members who were available to register for the day-long brainstorming session on the subject of the use of French language in teaching in southeastern New Brunswick entitled “Le français dans l’enseignement au sud-est du Nouveau-Brunswick : parlons-en!” organized by the Université de Moncton’s Centre de recherche en linguistique **appliquée** and the District scolaire francophone Sud. The event takes place on Saturday, May 10.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.