



MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD
THURSDAY, February 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON
MEETING #02/17

PRESENT: Ken Perry, Town of Fort Frances (Chair)
Ross Donaldson, Rainy River West (Vice-Chair)
Don Canfield, Rainy River Central (via telephone)
Harold Mosley, Town of Atikokan
Ken McKinnon, Township of LaVallee
Debbie Ewald, Town of Rainy River
Anthony Leek, Township of Emo
James Gibson, Township of Chapple
Bill Langner, Township of Dawson
Valerie Pizey, Township of Lake of the Woods

REGRETS: Robert Burns, Rainy River East
George Heyens, Township of Morley
Jennifer Johnson, Township of Alberton

STAFF: Dan McCormick, Secretary/Treasurer
Joanne Spence, Recorder
Leanne Eluik, Finance

1. Call to Order

Ken Perry, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution #13/17 MOVED BY D. Ewald and SECONDED BY K. McKinnon

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board approve the agenda of February 16, 2017.

Carried.

4. Presentations/Delegations

None

5. In-Camera

The meeting moved in-camera for the purposes of litigation or potential litigation including matters before Administrative Tribunals and receiving advice subject to solicitor/client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose.

Resolution #14/17 MOVED BY K. McKinnon and SECONDED BY D. Ewald:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board now meet in-camera in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- litigation or potential litigation, including matters before Administrative Tribunals, affecting the Board; and
- the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried.

The Chair reconvened the meeting to its regular session.

In-Camera Report

Issues discussed include litigation or potential litigation, including matters before Administrative Tribunals, affecting the Board and receiving advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege.

6. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held January 19, 2017 were reviewed.

Resolution #15/17 MOVED BY B. Langner and SECONDED BY K. McKinnon:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board held January 19, 2017 be approved.

Carried.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

7.1 Northern Ontario Health Equity Strategy Planning

A Northern Ontario Health Equity Engagement session was held at the RRDSSAB on February 13, 2017 with the RRDSSAB Chair, CAO and relevant staff members

attending. The meeting was well represented by relevant service providers within the Rainy River District. The intent is to develop a northern Ontario health equity strategy that reflects the unique needs and abilities of northerners and outlines a set of recommended actions necessary to improve overall health and well-being.

The engagement session focused on four priority areas:

- Creating awareness and acting upon the social determinants of health;
- Providing equitable access to high-quality, timely and appropriate health services;
- Improving indigenous health; and
- Ensuring access to equity-related data to address inequities.

Discussions were notable and abundant and many opinions were shared regarding local issues. The RRDSSAB CAO will have an opportunity for input into the draft report scheduled for release in early May. The final report is expected in the fall 2017.

7.2 DSSAB Act Review

The Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) is hosting a planning session on April 5, 2017 to solicit input into the District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) Act Review. The meeting includes NOSDA reps, CAOs and District Chairs. Members were asked to discuss the item with their respective councils and be prepared to bring their suggestions to the March Regular Board meeting for discussion.

7.3 CUPE Negotiation Committee

The CAO advised the CUPE 4807 Collective Agreement expires December 31, 2017 and we will be entering into negotiations prior to the end of this year. Bill Langner has expressed an interest in participating on the ad hoc Board CUPE Negotiations Committee.

Resolution #16/17 MOVED BY H. Mosley and SECONDED BY R. Donaldson:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board amend Resolution #10/17 to reflect the addition of Bill Langner as the 4th member of the ad hoc Board CUPE Negotiations Committee, as follows:

- 1) Ken Perry
- 2) Ross Donaldson
- 3) Val Pizey
- 4) Bill Langner

Carried.

8 New Business

8.1 Investment in Affordable Housing 2014 Extension

Given that we have entered into a Service Manager Administration Agreement, Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (2014 Extension), dated December 3, 2014, the Province has requested a Resolution of the Board to commit to the agreement given the RRDSSAB is both the operator and builder of the project. The agreement is to secure 100% Provincial funding for the pocket housing project we are building in the near future.

Resolution #17/17 MOVED BY A. Leek and SECONDED BY J. Gibson:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board hereby agrees to adopt, be bound by and comply with all program requirements relating to the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (2014 Extension) Rental Housing Component, as set out in the Service Manager Administration Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board, dated the 3rd day of December 2014, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Carried.

9 Reports

9.1 CAO Report

A copy of the CAO's Report was included in tonight's Board package. The CAO recently met with Grant Erickson Erickson, Program Supervisor, MCSS and Anna Cain, Acting Director, MCSS to discuss the Ontario Works Program software and changes for the future. The DSSAB Act Review was also discussed acknowledging that consultation will be held with each DSSAB.

The Ontario Human Rights Commission has extended an invitation to the CAO to attend a community dialogue on racial discrimination on February 27, 2017 at the United Native Friendship Centre.

9.2 Finance

The monthly Financial Statements were included in tonight's Board Package. Please direct any questions to the Director of Finance and Asset Management. Discussion was held.

9.3 Board Chair

None

9.4 Committee Reports

None

10 Other Business

None

11 Information Items Attached

The Board received an information package as part of this evening's agenda.

12 Information Items Available Upon Request

None

13 Next Meeting

The next Regular Board meeting will be held March 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rainy River DSSAB Office, 450 Scott Street, Fort Frances.

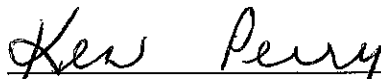
14 Adjournment

Resolution #18/17 MOVED BY H. Mosley and SECONDED BY V. Pizey:

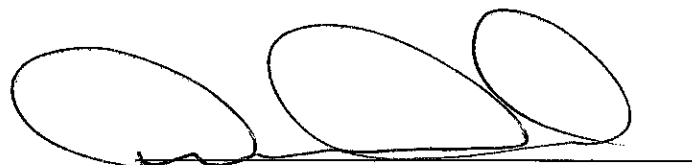
RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



CHAIR (Ken Perry)



SECRETARY-TREASURER (CAO)

March 16, 2017
DATE APPROVED