



MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD
THURSDAY, February 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON
MEETING #03/15

PRESENT: Harold Mosley, Town of Atikokan
James Gibson, Township of Chapple
Ken Perry, Town of Fort Frances (Vice-Chair)
Ken McKinnon, Township of LaVallee
Debbie Ewald, Town of Rainy River
Robert Burns, Rainy River East
Ross Donaldson, Rainy River West
Bill Langner, Township of Dawson
Anthony Leek, Township of Emo (via teleconference)

REGRETS: Mike Ford, Township of Alberton (Chair)
Valerie Pizey, Township of Lake of the Woods
George Heyens, Township of Morley
Don Canfield, Rainy River Central

STAFF: Dan McCormick, Secretary/Treasurer
Joanne Spence, Recorder
Leanne Eluik, Finance
Sandra Weir, Housing
Shelley Shute, Ontario Works
Chad Buist, Land Ambulance

1. Call to Order

Ken Perry, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Conflict of Interest

None

3. Approval of Agenda

The following Agenda Item was changed:

- 7.1 – from *Supported Housing* to *Investment in Affordable Housing*

Resolution #11/15 MOVED BY B. Langner and SECONDED BY K. McKinnon:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board approve the agenda of February 19, 2015, as amended.

Carried.

4. Presentations/Delegations

None

5. In-Camera

Resolution #12/15 MOVED BY R. Burns and SECONDED BY B. Langner:

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

- * Personal Matters about an identifiable individual, including Board employees; and
- * Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations.

Carried.

The Chair reconvened the meeting to its regular session.

In-Camera Report

Personal matters discussed included sick leave of an employee. Labour relations item included land ambulance services.

6. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held January 15, 2015 and the Special Board Meeting held January 20, 2015 were reviewed and revisions were made.

Resolution #13/15 MOVED BY R. Burns and SECONDED BY B. Langner:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board held January 15, 2015 be approved, as amended.

Carried.

Resolution #14/15 MOVED BY H. Mosley and SECONDED BY R. Burns:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board held January 20, 2015 be approved, as amended.

Carried.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

7.1 Investment in Affordable Housing

The Federal and Provincial governments have announced an extension to the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (IAH) Program, providing RRDSSAB with an additional \$910,200 in funding over the next five (5) years. We have the option to either continue with the Ontario Renovates Program or undertake a new initiative, the Rental Housing Component (RHC) Program.

Specific dollars have been allocated for each year, however, a request may be made to combine all five years into one to complete a larger project. In order to accomplish this, we would need Ministerial Consent as well as another Service Manager to switch their allocation with ours. There are specific criteria for utilizing the funds and it cannot be applied to social housing projects/units, as defined under the *Housing Services Act, 2011*.

A Rental Housing Component project would need to be initiated by September 30, 2015. If this can not be achieved we will revert the funding back to the Ontario Renovates Program. We will continue to accept applications for the Ontario Renovates Program so we are ready to move forward immediately, if required. We should know by mid-summer which Program we will pursue.

Resolution #15/15 MOVED BY D. Ewald and SECONDED BY R. Donaldson:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River Social Services Administration Board, Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (IAH) funding, for the 2015 to 2020 years, be directed to the Rental Housing Component (RHC), once all necessary approvals and partnerships are achieved;

AND WHEREAS the approvals and partnerships cannot be achieved, prior to September 30, 2015, the funding will be redirected to the Ontario Renovates Program (ORP).

Carried.

7.2 RRDSSAB Committees

Discussion was held regarding the types of Committees required, as well as their function and composition. It was determined Committees will consist of four (4) members, including the Chair, who will be a standing member on each Committee. It was reiterated that the role of a Committee is to bring recommendations to the Board for their consideration.

Members were asked to submit their top three choices, in writing, in order of preference. The already established Finance and Audit Committee will remain status-quo.

7.3 2015 Budget

The CAO provided an overview of the Board's history of using Reserves to off-set the municipal levy, citing this is not sustainable and is to our detriment. Our surplus is getting smaller each year and we are very close to actual operating budget. A variety of 2015 Draft Budget scenarios was reviewed in detail noting that, in all scenarios, we have maintained \$195,000 in capital to complete the roof repairs, per the direction of the Board. Each scenario included the apportionment value for each municipality. Members communicated their views on the scenarios presented and discussion was held. The CAO reiterated that we are mandated to provide these services and have a due diligence to maintain our assets to acceptable standards.

Discussion was held on capital reserves, utilization and the need to put more capital dollars away on an annual basis. Various methods of handling the roof expenditure was discussed. The lack of appropriate funding and methods of obtaining additional funds was discussed; and debated innovative ways of reinforcing this to the Ministry. The CAO advised that the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association Board (OMSSA) is also advocating for additional funding for DSSAB's.

Interest was expressed to adopt the practice of some other DSSAB's who pass their budget based on estimates and then adjust the actual budget later when we know what the actual cost will be.

The next Committee of the Whole meeting was confirmed for March 5, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. (450 Scott Street, Fort Frances) followed by a Special Board Meeting, if required.

8. New Business

None

9. Reports

9.1 CAO and Program Reports

A CAO Report was included in tonight's Board package. A Ministry of Community & Social Services (MCSS) representative will be meeting with front line staff regarding the new Ontario Works software (SAMS) problems.

Members were asked to advise the CAO if they are interested in attending the NOSDA Annual General Meeting (AGM) being held in Thunder Bay on April 15, 16 and 17, 2015.

9.2 Finance

No Report

9.3 Board Chair

No Report

9.4 Committee Reports

Finance and Audit Committee: No Report
Health & Safety: No Report

10. Other Business

None

11. Information Items Attached

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

12. Information Items Available Upon Request

None

13. Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting will be held March 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board Office, 450 Scott Street, Fort Frances.

14. Adjournment

Resolution #16/15 MOVED BY R. Donaldson and SECONDED BY D. Ewald:

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

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



CHAIR



SECRETARY-TREASURER (CAO)

Mar. 19, 2015

DATE APPROVED