



MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD
THURSDAY, March 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON
MEETING #05/15

PRESENT: Harold Mosley, Town of Atikokan
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
Mike Ford, Township of Alberton (Chair)
Valerie Pizey, Township of Lake of the Woods
George Heyens, Township of Morley
Don Canfield, Rainy River Central

REGRETS: James Gibson, Township of Chapple

STAFF: Dan McCormick, Secretary/Treasurer
Aynsley McKinnon, Recorder
Leanne Eluik, Finance

1. Call to Order

Mike Ford, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Conflict of Interest

None

3. Approval of Agenda

The following agenda items were added:

- 8.3 – Media
- 8.4 – April Board Meeting
- 8.5 – Elizabeth Manor Concerns

Resolution #21/15 MOVED BY D. Canfield and SECONDED BY R. Donaldson:

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

Carried.

4. Presentations/Delegations

None

5. In-Camera

Resolution #22/15 MOVED BY R. Donaldson and SECONDED BY K. McKinnon:

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

The personal matters and labour relations items included land ambulance services.

6. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held February 19, 2015 and the Special Board Meeting held March 5, 2015 were reviewed.

Resolution #23/15 MOVED BY K. McKinnon and SECONDED BY B. Langner:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board held February 19, 2015 be approved.

Carried.

Resolution #24/15 MOVED BY R. Burns and SECONDED BY A. Leek:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board held March 5, 2015 be approved, as amended.

Carried.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

7.1 RRDSSAB Committees

A draft Board Committee list was distributed. The CAO suggested each committee be comprised of four members with a term of two years. The committees would meet quarterly and would require three members for quorum. It was clarified these committee meetings could be held during the day and members could attend via teleconference if they wished.

The CAO reported all board members expressed an interest in the asset management committee. He recommended this committee be comprised of the board as a whole. After discussion it was agreed the Asset Management Committee meeting will be held prior to the board meeting. It was suggested the Board Chair or Vice Chair would chair these meetings.

The CAO will circulate terms of reference as drafts for comment. Once the committees meet they will make recommendations.

Resolution #25/15 MOVED BY B. Langner and SECONDED BY D. Canfield:

RESOLVED THAT the following be appointed to the Integrated Services Committee:

1. Mike Ford
2. Ken McKinnon
3. Don Canfield
4. Debbie Ewald

Carried.

The CAO would like to send a letter to the Ministry of Education to express its concern regarding the administration of the changes to the 2015 child care funding allocation. This letter will come under the signature of the Chair and will be copied to the Minister and the Premier.

The Board discussed bringing this issue to NOMA as well.

Resolution #29/15 MOVED BY A. Leek and SECONDED BY R. Burns:

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education introduced a new child care funding formula in 2013 to streamline and simplify funding in order to reduce the burden and support CMSMs and DSSABs in more effectively administering child care services in their communities;

WHEREAS the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board received an increase to child care funding from the Ministry of Education in 2013 and 2014 as a result of the new funding formula enabling the expansion and enhancement of licensed child care services across the District;

WHEREAS the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board experienced nearly a 20% decrease in child care funding from the Ministry of Education in 2015 as compared to its 2014 allocation;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education did not provide official notice of the funding changes until mid-January of the current fiscal year nor provide mitigation funding to offset the decrease in the allocation as was done for DSSABs and CMSMs in 2013 and 2014 to ensure that no service system manager's funding decreased by more than 10% when compared to its 2012 allocations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board send a letter to the Ministry of Education expressing its concern regarding the administration of the changes to the 2015 child care funding allocation.

Carried.

8.2 Board Member Absence

The Board approved J. Gibson's request to be absent for three consecutive Board meetings, in accordance with By-Law #1.

Resolution #30/15 MOVED BY V. Pizey and SECONDED BY G. Heyens:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board accepts the regrets provided by James Gibson and approves his absence for three consecutive meetings, in accordance with By-Law #1.

Carried.

8.3 Media

An article was published in the Fort Frances times on website Tuesday, March 17, 2015 concerning the RRDSSAB's budget increase which included comments by one Board member doubting the understanding of the rest of the Board in this matter. It was stated this goes against the governance policies and board process. The board member was asked if the reported comments were accurate and the member advised they were. Some board members expressed they took offense to the comments that were made. It was noted these comments were made in the council meeting and not in a separate interview.

8.4 April Board Meeting

The April board meeting is scheduled during NOSDA and the CAO along with some board members will be attending. The CAO suggested the April meeting be rescheduled to April 30th, 2015.

Resolution #31/15 MOVED BY G. Heyens and SECONDED BY V. Pizey:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board approve the change of the Regular Board meeting from April 16, 2015 to April 30, 2015.

Carried.

8.5 Elizabeth Manor Concerns

One of the Board Members received a complaint by some of the neighbours of Elizabeth Manor about incidents occurring such as domestic issues, vehicles being scratched, and police having to be called frequently. The neighbours requested a higher fence be put up.

The CAO agreed we have received complaints and we have a strict policy for evictions that we must follow. We are also governed under the Residential Tenancies Act. Neighbours are encouraged to phone the Police if there is an incident. The neighbours are also encouraged to bring any concerns to the Housing department and if they are still unsatisfied they are to contact the CAO.

9. Reports

9.1 CAO and Program Reports

A CAO Report was included in tonight's Board package. The CAO had a teleconference with Rob Giguere and Bruce Farr from ORNGE to discuss the issue with ORNGE not landing at certain heliports due to the "black hole

phenomena". They are going to try and correct some of the issues with these heliports and are going to issue a revised memo to clarify these issues.

We continue to fight over with the Province over SAMS. The Province has acknowledged the higher costs for staffing and has allocated an additional \$52,900 for us to handle this increase. The CAO feels this will probably cover our cost right now for computer issues and staff levels however the problem has not gone away. We've received two previous payments of this amount in 2014 as well.

9.2 Finance

The January financial statements were distributed at the meeting. L. Eluik advised the 2014 numbers are still unaudited, BDO Canada LLP was here last week. They are still waiting for some information before their final report will be issued. We will set up a Finance and Audit Committee meeting once audited report is received.

9.3 Board Chair

Chair report was given to the members at this evenings meeting. Contact information has been included and he's available anytime if they have any questions.

9.4 Committee Reports

Finance and Audit Committee: No Report
Health & Safety: H&S meeting will be next week.

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 April 30, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board Office, 450 Scott Street, Fort Frances.

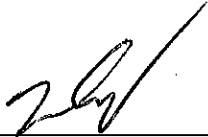
14. Adjournment

Resolution #32/15 MOVED BY V. Pizey and SECONDED BY G. Heyens:

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

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



CHAIR



SECRETARY-TREASURER (CAO)

April 30, 2015

DATE APPROVED