



MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD
THURSDAY, April 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON
MEETING #04/16

PRESENT: Ken Perry, Town of Fort Frances (Chair)
Ross Donaldson, Rainy River West (Vice-Chair)
Mike Ford, Township of Alberton
Bill Langner, Township of Dawson
Anthony Leek, Township of Emo
Robert Burns, Rainy River East
James Gibson, Township of Chapple
Harold Mosley, Town of Atikokan
Ken McKinnon, Township of LaVallee
George Heyens, Township of Morley
Debbie Ewald, Town of Rainy River
Valerie Pizey, Township of Lake of the Woods

REGRETS: Don Canfield, Rainy River Central

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

1. Call to Order

Ken Perry, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda item 7.2 Pocket Housing was added under *Business Arising*.

Resolution #28/16 MOVED BY D. Ewald and SECONDED BY M. Ford:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board approve the agenda of April 21, 2016, as amended.

Carried.

4. Presentations/Delegations

None

5. In-Camera

No in-camera issue was brought forward.

6. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held March 17, 2016 were reviewed.

Resolution #29/16 MOVED BY A. Leek and SECONDED BY J. Gibson:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board held March 17, 2016 be approved.

Carried.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

7.1 Inequity in Funding

The CAO presented two issues in inequity in funding to concentrate on. The first issue is lack of funding for inter-facility transfers. A submission has been made in our district between Thunder Bay and Kenora to the Northwest LHIN requesting approximately \$1M in funding in total direct cost recovery for low priority transfers. To date the Northwest LHIN has not replied to their request. The Northeast LHIN has approached EMS providers to develop a funding formula however there has been no funding provided to date from the Northeast LHIN either. Many of the services are prepared to bring this issue forward and the CAO would like to see all 10 DSSABS bring this issue forward to see if they can pursue a portion of the \$50M that has been slated for "northern issues". The CAO would also like to address this issue at NOSDA.

The Chair advised he will bring this forward at NOMA as well. The Board requested the CAO develop some questions to be brought forward at this venue.

The second concern is our per capita cost is much higher here in the north than in southern Ontario. We would like to see the northern group adopt the methodology of determining per capita cost, and if we are able to obtain comparative data from southern Ontario, we could demonstrate that the program costs in the north are much higher.

The CAO would also like to see the Board continue to pursue the issue of inequities in housing funding.

7.2 Pocket Housing

The CAO has looked at three Rainy River DSSAB properties to build the eight pocket housing units; Sixth and Webster, Elizabeth and Lady Frances property, and the Rose and Green Manor property. It was recommended to the Board they utilize the Lady Frances property located at 1300 Fifth Street East, assuming all the required clearances can be met.

Resolution #30/16 MOVED BY R. Donaldson and SECONDED BY H. Mosley:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) proceed with the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario initiative, utilizing up to \$910,200 in 100% Provincial Funding to approve/design/build a multiplex, of eight (8) pocket housing units, on the RRDSSAB Lady Frances property located at 1300 Fifth Street East, subject to appropriate clearances being obtained: and

WHEREAS appropriate clearances are not obtained at 1300 Fifth Street East the multiplex will be built on RRDSSAB Green Manor located at 901 Shevlin Avenue.

Carried.

8. New Business

8.1 2016 Federal Budget

The CAO did a brief presentation on the 2016 Federal budget. A copy of the presentation was included in the Board Package.

9. Reports

9.1 CAO Report

A CAO Report was included in the Board Package and a supplemental CAO report was distributed at the meeting.

The Board was reminded the Regular Board meeting is scheduled for May 19th at 450 Scott Street boardroom at 1:00 p.m. and will be followed by supper for the Board and Management staff at 4:00 p.m. at the Rendezvous. The Annual General Meeting will be held upstairs at the Rendezvous at 6:00 p.m. The Annual report will be presented at the meeting.

9.2 Finance

The March Financial reports, Quarterly Investment report and the Quarterly Maintenance Report were included in the Board Package. Discussions were held around having comparative statements. L. Eluik advised she can do the comparative statements however last year's statements were based on cash basis and this year they are based on PSAB. It was decided to leave the statements as is for this year and revisit this in the New Year after we have a years worth of data using PSAB.

The board asked how we were making out with the RFP's in Atikokan. The CAO advised we are still having some issues, we are not getting any bids from local contractors and the bids from Fort Frances are coming in higher than our budget due to travel costs.

9.3 Board Chair

The Board Chair had no report at tonight's meeting.

The next Finance and Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at 450 Scott Street Board Room.

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 May 19, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board Office, 450 Scott Street, Fort Frances.

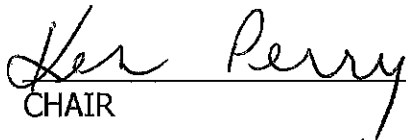
14. Adjournment

Resolution #31/16 MOVED BY J. Gibson and SECONDED BY B. Burns:


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

Carried.

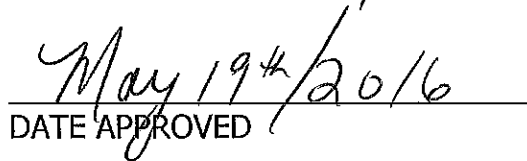
The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



CHAIR



SECRETARY-TREASURER (CAO)



DATE APPROVED