



MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD
THURSDAY, March 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON
MEETING #03/16

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
Harold Mosley, Town of Atikokan (via teleconference)
Ken McKinnon, Township of LaVallee
George Heyens, Township of Morley
Debbie Ewald, Town of Rainy River
Don Canfield, Rainy River Central (via teleconference)
Valerie Pizey, Township of Lake of the Woods

REGRETS: James Gibson, Township of Chapple

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

1. Call to Order

Ken Perry, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None

3. Approval of Agenda

Additions to the Agenda included:

8.3 District of Rainy River IDN Health Link

8.4 Inequities in Funding

Resolution #22/16 MOVED BY M. Ford and SECONDED BY D. Ewald:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board approve the agenda of March 17, 2016, as amended.

Carried.

4. Presentations/Delegations

None

5. In-Camera

The meeting moved in-camera for the purposes of personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Board Members and labour relations and employee negotiations.

Resolution #23/16 MOVED BY B. Langner 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 Members.
- Labour relations or employee Negotiations.

Carried.

The Chair reconvened the meeting to its regular session.

In-Camera Report

Issues discussed included labour relations and employee negotiations. The CAO was given direction to proceed as discussed in-camera.

6. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held February 18, 2016 were reviewed.

Resolution #24/16 MOVED BY B. 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 February 18, 2016 be approved, as amended.

Carried.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

7.1 Pocket Housing Site Visits

It was noted that six Board members and some staff recently visited Thunder Bay to view their newly constructed 8-plex pocket housing units. Board members noted that they were impressed with the units and were interested in constructing something similar in the Rainy River District. Possible changes to the design were discussed such as easy access to plumbing for repairs and the addition of laundry facilities. The CAO noted that this housing provides an economical start for tenants promoting advancement to larger units and eventually rehabilitate to ownership of their own home. Discussion was held. Vice-Chair of the Asset & Management Committee, R. Donaldson, recommended the CAO proceed with the pursuit of property, as directed in-camera at the Committee meeting. The CAO stated he will be conducting a cost projection for each of the properties being pursued and will bring it back to the Board for further discussion.

8. New Business

8.1 2016 Provincial Budget Overview

The CAO reviewed the 2016 Provincial Budget which affects Rainy River DSSAB operations and/or funding in detail. He noted that a 1.5% rate increases will commence in October for adults receiving Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODAP). Municipalities will not be required to share the Ontario Works increase until 2017. The budget also contained increased capacity of licensed child care, higher standards and a wage increase for ECE's. Housing enhancements include funding for the construction of new supportive housing, CHPI, pilot portable housing for those fleeing domestic violence, and projects related to homelessness. The budget also provides funding for health and addictions and expands the mandate of the LHIN and remains committed to a balanced budget in 2017-2018. It was requested that the CAO disseminate the 2016 Provincial Budget to the Board members via email.

8.2 Benefits

The CAO explained that in 2015 we moved to an Administrative Services Only (ASO) benefit plan for extended health care and dental. An ASO plan bills for actual usage costs as opposed to set premium costs. As a result, we have saved approximately \$110,000 in benefit costs for 2015. It was noted that the employees contribute 25% of the premiums with the corporation contributing 75% of the premiums. Because the plan is an ASO plan, costs could increase

very fast or decrease very fast depending on the usage of staff on any given month. For this reason, our benefit carrier suggests we have 4 months premiums in a contingency program. Discussion was held.

The CAO recommended that \$55,000 (50%) of our savings be placed in a restricted reserve fund, and the remaining \$55,000 (50%) be reimbursed to the municipalities (75%) and the employees (25%). The RRDSSAB will administrate the reserve funds for the RRDSSAB and the employees using it to temper future increases for all parties and may alleviate the need for special levies mid-year in the event of a large increase. The CAO advised that we will conduct an annual reconciliation and bring it to the Board for their recommendation.

Resolution #25/16 MOVED BY M. Ford and SECONDED BY D. Ewald:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board allocate 50% of the 2015 benefit cost savings in the amount of \$55,000 to a restricted benefit reserve; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the remaining \$55,000 benefit cost savings be split with 75% returned to the municipalities based on the 2015 cost apportionment; and 25% returned to the employees.

Carried.

8.3 District of Rainy River

The CAO explained the LHINS would like to solidify the commitment of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) to the District of Rainy River IDN Health Link, through the display of a signatory document, to demonstrate our commitment to the program. The CAO advised that he will also continue to support the health link partnership through his involvement on the Steering Committee.

Resolution #26/16 MOVED BY R. Burns and SECONDED BY A. Leek:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board supports the *District of Rainy River IDN Health Link: Business Plan*, as developed by MNP and will continue to support the health link partnership through its continued involvement with the IDN Steering Committee.

Carried.

8.4 Inequity in Funding

Kudos were extended to the CAO for his excellent presentation at the Rainy River District Municipal Association where he raised concerns regarding the inequities in funding from various Ministries. The CAO advised he has been attending various meetings to bring inequities in funding to the Ministries attention. It was noted that there are so many issues, perhaps we could zero in on a few of our top issues and prioritize them. The CAO will provide Board members with 4 or 5 priorities to work on in terms of funding inequities for the Board's consideration and/or direction.

9. Reports

9.1 CAO Report

A CAO report was included in the Board Package. The CAO advised that we will be participating on an OPP Committee regarding dealing with mental health crisis issues which doesn't put the individual on the criminal side.

9.2 Finance

The February financial report was sent out to the board. It was noted that there is a new budget format. Please direct any comments to the Director of Finance & Asset Management.

9.3 Board Chair

The Chair advised he attended the housing pocket site visits in Thunder Bay. He noted we had an accident with one of our ambulances yesterday and are working with the insurance company regarding the issue.

9.4 Committee Reports

Finance and Audit Committee: None

Health & Safety: None

Integrated Human Services Committee: None

Emergency Medical Services Committee: None

Policy and Governance Committee: None

Asset Management Committee: An Asset Management Meeting was held earlier today, with the results being discussed under agenda item #7.1. The

CAO advised there will be an Asset Management meeting on April 21, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

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 April 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board Office, 450 Scott Street, Fort Frances.

14. Adjournment

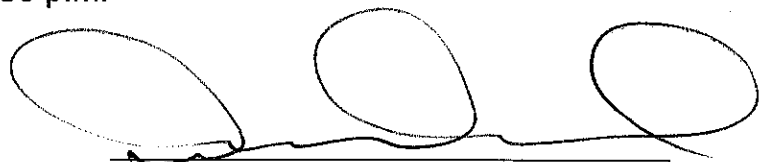
Resolution #27/16 MOVED BY A. Leek and SECONDED BY R. Burns:

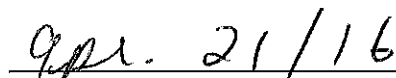
RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.


CHAIR


SECRETARY-TREASURER (CAO)


DATE APPROVED