



MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD
THURSDAY, March 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON
MEETING #03/17

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

REGRETS: None

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution #19/17 MOVED BY A. Leek and SECONDED BY R. Burns:

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

Carried.

4. Presentations/Delegations

None

5. In-Camera

The meeting moved in-camera for the purposes of a proposed or pending acquisition of land for Board purposes or disposal of land no longer needed for Board purposes.

Resolution #20/17 MOVED BY V. Pizey 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:

- a proposed or pending acquisition of land for Board purposes or disposal of land no longer needed for Board purposes.

Carried.

The Chair reconvened the meeting to its regular session.

In-Camera Report

Issues discussed included acquisition of properties.

6. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held February 16, 2017 were reviewed.

Resolution #21/17 MOVED BY R. Burns and SECONDED BY W. Langner:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board held February 16, 2017 be approved.

Carried.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

7.1 DSSAB Act

The Board Chair and the CAO will be travelling to Toronto to meet with the NOSDA group on April 5, 2017. They will be discussing points brought up at the previous Board meeting.

7.2 Apportionment

At the January 20, 2017 Regular Board meeting the 2017 Levy Estimate was approved conditional upon no further assessment changes received by the stated deadline.

The Township of Alberton submitted one MPAC approved change prior to the deadline. The change is a decrease in value of \$31,000 in the Residential-English-Public assessment.

It was suggested our *Finance Policy F-3.1: Cost Apportionment Formula* be revised to include a minimum value at which the apportionment schedule will be revised.

Resolution #22/17 MOVED BY W. Langner and SECONDED BY R. Burns:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board REVISED 2017 Levy Estimate, as attached, be approved.

Carried.

7.3 Pocket Housing

The CAO advised we have received the official tender package for the 8-plex residence building from the Architect and are hoping to have it out by next week. He recapped this project is 100% Provincially funded and approximately \$900,000 has been budgeted to complete this project.

The RRDSSAB is required to provide the Ministry with a commitment to proceed with the construction of this building from the Board prior to March 31, 2017 in order to ensure retention of funding.

After much discussion, the Board decided to pass a resolution affirming their commitment to this project at this meeting, and bring the submitted tenders to the April Board meeting for Board approval per the Procurement policy.

Resolution #23/17 MOVED BY R. Donaldson and SECONDED BY D. Canfield:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board is committed to proceed with the construction of the proposed 8-plex residence building if within the allocated Ministry Investment in Affordable Housing funding.

Carried.

8 New Business

8.1 Benefits

The benefit cost savings in 2016 was approximately \$83,000. The CAO recommended 50% of this savings be put in reserves and the remaining 50% be split with 75% returned to the municipalities based on the 2016 cost apportionment; and 25% returned to the employees.

Resolution #24/17 MOVED BY D. Ewald and SECONDED BY V. Pizey:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board allocate 50% of the 2016 benefit cost savings in the amount of \$41,500 to a restricted benefit reserve; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the remaining \$41,500 benefit cost savings be split with 75% returned to the municipalities based on the 2016 cost apportionment; and 25% returned to the employees.

Carried.

9 Reports

9.1 CAO Report

The Rainy River DSSAB in collaboration with the Rainy River District Best Start Network and Kenora District Services Board will begin implementing our community engagement strategy to initiate the planning for Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres (OEYCFCs) in our communities. The first phase of the strategy, which includes online surveys for community partners, key stakeholders and parents, begins this month. The survey will be accessible through the DSSAB website. The second phase will consist of community consultations, focus groups and key informant interviews which will take place in April and May. We have received an extension for submission until June 30 on our initial OEYCFC plan to the Ministry of Education.

The CAO and the Board Chair attended a meeting with the Rainy River District Network Hub and one of the key components they want to accomplish is to provide training to improve knowledge and understanding of indigenous issues within the Rainy River District. The sessions are provided by the Seven Generations Education Institute and have developed a 4 hour session for front line staff and an 8 hour session for Senior Management and Boards. There is a session scheduled for tomorrow at the Rendezvous from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and another scheduled for March 31st from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. if anyone is interested in attending.

We are still waiting to hear what will transpire with the Community Paramedicine funding. The funding is being moved through the LHINS and they have asked

for a Business Case on the Program.

9.2 Finance

The February Financial Statements were included in tonight's Board Package. The Director of Finance & Asset Management advised that not all entries have been completed on these statements due to the competing demands of Year-End. Since dissemination she has completed some additional entries and will provide Revised February Financials to Board members who would like a copy. Please direct any questions to the Director of Finance and Asset Management.

9.3 Board Chair

None

9.4 Committee Reports

None

The Director of Finance & Asset Management would like to set a meeting either May 3, 4, or 5, 2017 for the Finance and Audit committee to review the Audited Financial Statements with the Auditors. She will contact the Committee members to determine which date works best.

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 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rainy River DSSAB Office, 450 Scott Street, Fort Frances.


14 Adjournment

Resolution #25/17 MOVED BY K. McKinnon and SECONDED BY B. Langner:


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

Carried.

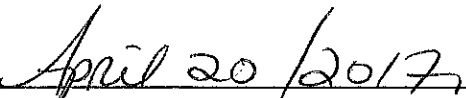
The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



CHAIR (Ken Perry)



SECRETARY-TREASURER (CAO)



DATE APPROVED