



MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD
THURSDAY, June 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON
MEETING #07/19

- PRESENT:** Debbie Ewald, Town of Rainy River (Chair)
Andrew Hallikas, Town of Fort Frances
Bill Langner, Township of Dawson
Robert Burns, Rainy River East
George Heyens, Township of Morley
Ken McKinnon, Township of LaVallee
Don Canfield, Rainy River Central
Colleen Fadden, Township of Lake of the Woods
Mike Ford, Township of Alberton (Vice-Chair)
Dennis Brown, Town of Atikokan
Lori-Ann Shortreed, Town of Emo
- OTHER:** None
- REGRETS:** James Gibson, Township of Chapple
- STAFF:** Dan McCormick, CAO - Secretary/Treasurer
Aynsley McKinnon, HRO - Recorder
Leanne Eluik, Director of Finance & Asset Management

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There was no declaration of Conflict of Interest.

The Chair reminded Board Members that this could be declared at any time during the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was amended to add the in-camera definition of "a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied

in confidence to the RRDSSAB or a local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization.”

Resolution #58/19 MOVED BY C. Fadden and SECONDED BY D. Brown:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board approve the agenda of June 20, 2019, as amended.

Carried.

4. Presentations/Delegations

HSC Housing Services Corporation CEO Howie Wong – Housing Investment Corporation delivered a presentation on Building More Affordable Housing. The presentation focused on longer term mortgages and available financing over the life of the project. The presentation slides were provided to the Board at the meeting.

G. Heyens arrived at 5:55 p.m.

D. Brown expressed Atikokan is interested in exploring this further. The CAO has set up two housing meetings and he will bring in some concepts and focus and bring this back to the July board meeting for further discussion.

5. In-Camera

The meeting moved in-camera.

Resolution #59/19 MOVED BY D. Brown and SECONDED BY C. Fadden:

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

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including RRDSSAB or local board employees.
- A proposed or pending acquisition of land for RRDSSAB or a local board purpose or disposal of land no longer needed for RRDSSAB or a local board purpose.
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before Administrative Tribunals, affecting the RRDSSAB or a local board.
- A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the RRDSSAB or a local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or

organization.

- A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the RRDSSAB or a local board.

Carried.

The Chair reconvened the meeting to its regular session.

In-Camera Report

Issues discussed pertained to a personal matters, and information explicitly supplied in confidence to the RRDSSAB Board.

Resolution #60/19 MOVED BY M. Ford and SECONDED BY C. Fadden:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board directs the CAO to proceed as directed in camera, in regards to issues as identified in camera.

Carried.

6. Approval of Minutes

6.1 May 16, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on May 16, 2019 were reviewed.

Resolution #61/19 MOVED BY A. Hallikas and SECONDED BY K. McKinnon:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board held May 16, 2019 be approved.

Carried.

6.2 May 16, 2019 Annual General Meeting

Resolution #62/19 MOVED BY D. Canfield and SECONDED BY A. Hallikas:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board held May 16, 2019 be approved.

Carried.

7. Committee Reports

Finance and Audit Committee

There was a Finance and Audit Committee meeting scheduled for May 29th however the meeting had to be rescheduled as they did not have quorum. The Committee met again on June 20th at 4:30 p.m.

NOSDA AGM Report

A. Hallikas distributed a written report at tonight's meeting. It was the first NOSDA conference he has attended and felt it was very well organized and the hospitality was excellent. He felt it was a great opportunity to network and found the sessions very structured and focused. Many of the sessions highlighted what other DSSAB's are doing and he felt we compare very well with them.

D. Canfield also attended the NOSDA conference and was very impressed by the integration of programs and services by the different agencies. He attended a mental health and addictions presentation which he found very interesting. He also commented the integration between the services and the work with other DSSAB's is amazing. If given the chance everyone should go.

Lori Ann Shortreed left the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

8.1 NOSDA AGM

The CAO advised all the resolutions presented were carried at the NOSDA AGM meeting. The resolutions were included in the board package. The CAO was given direction from the Board to send the resolutions out to the Clerks to be reviewed by each Municipal council.

Resolution #63/19 MOVED BY K. McKinnon and SECONDED BY A. Hallikas:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) support the attached resolutions as approved by NOSDA at the AGM June 7, 2019.

Carried.

8.2 AMO Delegations

A discussion sheet, outlining the proposed Ministry meetings with a summary of three topics for each Minister was provided to the Board at the meeting. The CAO would like to submit to meet with the Ministry of Health, Associate Minister of Mental Health & Addictions, Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility, Minister of Education, Minister of Children, Community

and Social Services, Ministry of Labour and the Minister of Infrastructure. He advised each meeting is usually approximately 20 minutes long and he will attempt to touch on as many items as possible listed on the discussion sheet. D. Ewald and D. Canfield will be attending as the board representatives. After discussion the board supported the requests.

9. New Business

9.1 Childcare Funding and Guidelines

The CAO informed the Board we have received the Childcare Funding Guidelines and it looks as though we will have a reduction of approximately \$38,000. He is confident we can cover this cost in the global budget without issue. He advised the RRDSSAB needs to sign off on completing the Robert Moore and Donald Young builds. The Resolution has been worded to tie the funding to the existing operating budget.

Resolution #64/19 MOVED BY R. Burns and SECONDED BY B. Langner:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) direct the CAO to confirm with the Ministry of Education the Joint Confirmation for Previously-Approved School-Based Child Care Capital Projects at Donald Young and Robert Moore; and

FURTHERMORE, that the required operating funding for the new childcare capital spaces will be managed from within the RRDSSAB's existing operating budget.

Carried.

9.2 2019 Budget

The CAO advised we have received the Childcare and the Ontario Works budgets. The Ontario Works budget is based on last year's actuals and for the most part we will be able to work within it. One concern however is the potential change to the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) regarding the definition of who will qualify for this benefit. The current proposal could mean up to 40% of ODSP clients would move to Ontario Works, resulting in a significant increase in costs to the Municipalities if no additional funding is provided.

We have received a Land Ambulance 50/50 funding letter, which indicates a shortfall of about \$380,000 from our approved budget, however the Premier announced that these cuts were rescinded. Currently we haven't received updated funding letters stating such and we have not received any our First Nation or TWOMO letters. Both of these funding areas affect the 50/50 cost share of the ambulance budget. The CAO's recommendation is to leave the budget where it is

for now and if there is a change then we address it in next years' budget. The RRDSSAB agreed by consensus.

9.3 Cancellation of August Board Meeting

The CAO explained that normally the RRDSSAB does not meet in August. Additionally, this year there is also a conflict with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference. It was noted that a special board meeting can always be called if required.

Resolution #65/19 MOVED BY B. Burns and SECONDED BY B. Langner:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) approve the cancellation of the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for August 15, 2019.

Carried.

9.4 Housing Projects

The CAO is looking for direction from the Board to pursue funding for housing projects through the Housing Investment Corporation. The RRDSSAB would be required to come up with 10% of the funding but it is still affordable to the municipalities. The CAO would like to explore two properties further and Howie Wong, CEO of the Housing Services Corporation has stated that they are available to perform this task at a cost and provide the board with formal recommendations.

The Board directed the CAO to pursue having a consultant come in to look at the viability of buildings in the District.

9.5 HR-2.2 Criminal Reference Check Policy

Per policy HR-2.2 Criminal Reference Check all staff are required to obtain criminal reference checks. The Ministry of Health initially wanted criminal reference checks done for Paramedic staff every year, however agreed to once every 5 years in conjunction with renewal of the Ambulance Identification Cards. The Criminal Reference Check policy has been amended to reflect this change.

Resolution #66/19 MOVED BY C. Fadden and SECONDED BY R. Burns:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) approve the following policy, as presented: *HR-2.2: Criminal Reference Check.*

Carried.

10. Reports

10.1. CAO Report

CAO Report was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

10.2. HR Report

Human Resources Reports were part of the meeting package.

10.3. Finance

The Monthly Financial Statements were part of the meeting package.

10.4. Board Chair Report

The Board Chair was unable to attend the NOSDA meeting and thanked the Vice-Chair for stepping in for her.

11. Other Business

D. Brown thanked the CAO for repair of the donated Gazebo and also offered his congratulations to Dan McCormick for being elected the new President of the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA).

12. Information Items Attached

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

13. Information Items Available Upon Request

None.

14. Next Meeting

The next Regular Board meeting will be held July 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Office, 450 Scott Street, Fort Frances.


15. Adjournment

Resolution #67/19 MOVED BY B. Langner and SECONDED BY R. Burns:


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

Carried.

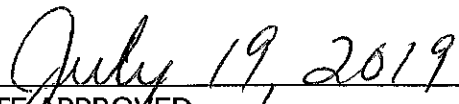
The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



CHAIR



SECRETARY-TREASURER (CAO)



DATE APPROVED