



MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD
THURSDAY, April 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON
MEETING #04/22 via GoTo Meeting

PRESENT: Debbie Ewald, Town of Rainy River (Chair)
Andrew Hallikas, Town of Fort Frances (Vice-Chair)
Bill Langner, Township of Dawson
Colleen Fadden, Township of Lake of the Woods
Mike Ford, Township of Alberton
Dennis Brown, Town of Atikokan
Robert Burns, Rainy River East
Lori-Ann Shortreed, Town of Emo
Don Canfield, Rainy River Central

OTHER: None

REGRETS:
George Heyens, Township of Morley
James Gibson, Township of Chapple
Ken McKinnon, Township of LaVallee

STAFF: Dan McCormick, CAO - Secretary/Treasurer
Leanne Eluik, Director of Finance & Asset Management
Jocelyn Nielson, Administrative Assistant – Recorder
Susan Badiuk, Administrative Assistant - Recorder

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- 1. Call to Order**
The CAO called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
 - 2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
There was no declaration of Conflict of Interest.

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

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution #25/22 MOVED BY B. Langner and SECONDED BY C. Fadden:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board approve the agenda of April 21, 2022 as presented.

Carried.

4. Presentations/Delegations

None.

5. In-Camera

The meeting moved in-camera.

Resolution #26/22 MOVED BY A. Hallikas and SECONDED BY D. Canfield:

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

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before Administrative Tribunals, affecting the RRDSSAB or a local board.
- Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the RRDSSAB or a local board, by Canada, a province or territory, or a Crown agency of any of them.
- A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the RRDSSAB or a local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value.

Carried.

The Chair reconvened the meeting to its regular session.

In-Camera Report

Resolution #27/22 MOVED BY D. Brown and SECONDED BY D. Canfield:

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 March 17, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on March 17, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

Resolution #28/22 MOVED BY C. Fadden and SECONDED BY: A. Hallikas:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board held March 17, 2022 be approved.
Carried.

7. Committee Reports

None.

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

8.1 Rainy River District Ontario Health Team (Collaborative Decision Making Agreement)

The CAO sent the Collaborative Decision Making Agreement to the Board Members for their review. Upon reviewing the Board gave few comments with no major concerns.

9. New Business

9.1 HPP Allocation Plan

An Information Sheet prepared by S. Weir, Integrated Services Manager was part of the meeting package.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) program has consolidated funding from three MMAH programs; Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI), Home for Good (HFG) and the Strong Communities Rent Supplement Program (SCRSP) into one new program. The RRDSSAB has received at total of \$540,500 for 2022-23. In 2021/22 we received \$499,021, so total new funding is only \$41,479.

Remaining \$135,497 is planned to be used towards the Capital Retrofit to finish Transitional Housing Phase 3 at 324 Victoria Avenue.

9.2 Warming Centre Operations & Wage Grids

An Issue Sheet prepared by J. Spence, Human Resource Officer was part of the meeting package.

The Warming Center Staff have had no increase in wages since the opening of the center in 2018. Original wage levels were established by the Homelessness

Prevention Committee who at the time were fundraising to support the center staff. The staff are now RRDSSAB staff and wages are not equitable in relationship to other staff members.

Wages for the Warming Centre staff are provincially funded. Administration recommends a wage increase for the Warming Centre staff retroactive to January 1, 2022 and going forward for the position to be included on the non-union, non-management salary grid.

Resolution #29/22 MOVED BY D. Canfield and SECONDED BY B Langner:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board direct Administration to increase the Warming Center staff hourly rate of pay from \$24.00 per hour to \$24.96 per hour retroactively to January 1, 2022; and

FURTHERMORE, that administration perform a job evaluation and place this position on the RRDSSAB established non-union, non-management Salary Grids.

Carried.

9.3 Federal Budget

Budget documents from Municipal Finance Officers' Association and BDO Canada LLP were shared as part of the meeting package. No questions or comments were raised from the Board.

9.4 Canada Wide Early Years Child Care Agreement

A memo from the Ministry of Education was part of the meeting package. The CAO expects to see the demand for childcare rise quickly and has meetings scheduled with the school boards to discuss expansion for future spaces.

9.5 Community Paramedicine- Peel Resolution

An Issue Sheet was prepared by C. Buist, Chief of Paramedic Services and was provided as part of the meeting package. The CAO advised the Board that administration agrees with the Peel Region Resolution and asks for support by resolution.

Resolution #30/22 MOVED BY A. Hallikas and SECONDED BY M. Ford:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board support the Peel Region Resolution Agenda Item 11.1 dated March 10, 2022 that reads as follows:

That in alignment with advocacy efforts by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs (OAPC), the Region of Peel advocate for the provincial government to introduce legislative measures to formalize community paramedicine, and to provide full and sustained provincial funding to municipalities for community paramedicine programs;

And further, that a letter from the Regional Chair, on behalf of Regional Council, with a copy of the report from the Commissioner of Health, listed on the March 10, 2022 Regional Council agenda, titled "Provincial Policy Framework for Community Paramedicine", be sent to the Minister of Health, Minister of Long-Term Care, all Peel-area MPPs, AMO, and OAPC, for their information and consideration.

AND FURTHERMORE,

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Health, Minister of Long-Term Care, Greg Rickford, MPP, AMO, and OAPC for their information and consideration.

Carried.

9.6 Elevator- Fotheringham Court

An Information Sheet was provided in regards to the Fotheringham Court Elevator and was included in the meeting package. As this was a Non-budgeted expense, per Finance Policies the CAO authorized emergency repairs in the amount ~\$12K – this was a non-budgeted expense. These funds will be covered globally within the approved 2022 Budget.

10. Reports

10.1 CAO Report

The CAO reported on a meeting held April 20, 2022 regarding MMAH legislation changes.

10.2 HR Report

Human Resources Report was part of the meeting package.

10.3 Finance

10.3.1 The Monthly Financial Statements was part of the meeting package.

10.3.2 The Investment Report (Quarterly) was part of the meeting package.

10.3.3 The Maintenance Report (Quarterly) was part of the meeting package.

10.4 Board Chair Report

The Board Chair reported on an upcoming NOSDA Meeting being held April 26, 2022 and the NOSDA AGM to take place in mid-May.

11. Other Business

None.

12. Information Items Attached

The board received an information package as part of this meeting's agenda.

13. Information Items Available Upon Request

14. Next Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board will be held May 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in person at La Place Rendezvous, followed by the Annual General Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

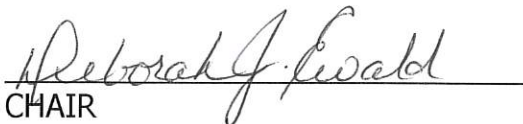
15. Adjournment

Resolution #31/22 MOVED BY M. Ford and SECONDED BY D. Canfield:

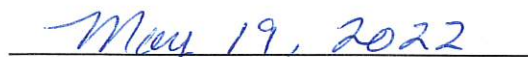
RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.


CHAIR


SECRETARY-TREASURER (CAO)


DATE APPROVED