

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD  
THURSDAY, April 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.  
RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON  
MEETING #5/21 via GoTo Meeting

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

**OTHER:** None

**REGRETS:** James Gibson, Township of Chapple

**STAFF:** Dan McCormick, CAO - Secretary/Treasurer  
Leanne Eluik, Director of Finance & Asset Management  
Jocelyn Nielson, Administrative Assistant – Recorder  
Chad Buist, Chief of Paramedic Services

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**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 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**

Agenda Item 9.9 Northwestern Ontario Integrated Care Working Group Meeting was added.

Resolution #38/21 MOVED BY A. Hallikas and SECONDED BY C. Fadden:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board approve the agenda of April 15, 2021, as amended.

**Carried.**

**4. Presentations/Delegations**

None.

**5. In-Camera**

The meeting moved in-camera.

Resolution #39/21 MOVED BY G. Heyens 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:

- 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.
- Labour relations or employee negotiations.

**Carried.**

The Chair reconvened the meeting to its regular session.

**In-Camera Report**

Resolution #40/21 MOVED BY D. Canfield 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 March 18, 2021 Regular Board Minutes

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on March 18, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

Resolution #41/21 MOVED BY D. Brown and SECONDED BY B. Langner:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board held March 18, 2021 be approved.

**Carried.**

## 7. Committee Reports

None.

## 8. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

## 9. New Business

### 9.1 2021 Audited Financial Statements

Director of Finance & Asset Management, L. Eluik will soon be setting up a Finance and Audit Committee meeting. Members of that committee shared dates that would work for everyone.

### 9.2 Finance Policies

*F-3.0 Budgeting Process*

*F-4.15 Travel & Accommodation*

*F-5.0 Procurement*

**Human Resources Policy**

*HR 1.3 Compensation Review (new)*

This agenda item was tabled.

### 9.3 Rainy River District Ontario Health Team (RRDOHT)

An Information Sheet was provided to the Board. The Rainy River District Ontario Health Team is set to receive up to \$937,500 in one-time finding for the 2021-22 funding year and up to \$187,500 in one-time funding for the 2022-23 funding year to support the implementation of the Ontario Health Tam model of integrated, coordinated, and accountable care delivery. A list of examples was shared with the Board on what the funding may be used to support.

### 9.4 Mental Health & Addictions Crisis Center Proposal

An Information Sheet was provided to the Board on a report, developed by the Rainy River District Ontario Health Team, of needs for services in the Rainy River

District. This report was a component of a final report by Thunder Bay Regional Hospital titled: Proposal to Establish a Mental Health & Addictions Crisis Centre in Thunder Bay". This report was completed and presented to the Minister of Health (Ontario Health- North). The CAO will share further information with the Board as it becomes available.

#### **9.5 Mental Health & Addictions Agreement**

An Information Sheet was provided to the Board. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing provided additional funding through the Social Services Relief Fund with stipulation that the funding must be used or committed by March 31, 2021. RRDSSAB entered into an agreement with Canadian Mental Health Fort Frances Branch (CMHA-FF) and Fort Frances Family Health Team (FF FHT) and an excerpt of the Agreement was shared with the Board.

#### **9.6 NOSDA AGM (virtual June 22-21)**

The CAO has registered the RRDSSAB Chair and Vice-Chair as voting members for the NOSDA AGM. As NOSDA resolutions are still being worked on, the CAO has asked the Board to share any issues they would like brought forward.

#### **9.7 Paramedic Services Funding COVID**

The CAO shared a letter with the Board advising that the Ministry of Health will be providing the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board up to \$38,632 in additional one-time funding for the 2020 calendar years and up to \$32,560 in one-time funding for the 2021 calendar year to support paramedic services and dispatch centres as part of the COVID-19 response in the emergency health services sector.

#### **9.8 CP Vehicle**

An Issue Sheet was provided to the Board for a Community Paramedicine (CP) Vehicle for the Long Term Care Program. The Board discussed many benefits of purchasing a vehicle for the program such as the ability to wrap the vehicle with decals portraying Community Paramedicine pictures, DSSAB and paramedic services. The vehicle would also be available for our regular program for an additional seven years if the CP-LTC program is not continued after three years.

Resolution #42/21 MOVED BY A. Hallikas and SECONDED BY D. Canfield:

<p><b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board purchase a 2021 Jeep Cherokee for use by the Community Paramedicine Program in the amount of \$39,800 plus taxes and licensing.</p>
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**Carried.**

#### **9.9 Northwestern Ontario Integrated Care Working Group Meeting**

The CAO shared a summary of preliminary recommendations and key messages from the North West Regional Integrated Care Working Group meeting. The CAO asked the Board to share any lack of care/services they see in their areas so it can be brought forward to the group.

## **10. Reports**

### **10.1 CAO Report**

The CAO reported that Vaccine Rollout continues and expressed thanks to the paramedics and Chief for their involvement in providing oversight and administering the vaccine. To date they have administered 49 staff, 70 individuals in housing units, over 1000 with Fort Frances Tribal Area Health Services and Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre, and 372 with the Northwestern Health Unit.

### **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 Quarterly Investment Report was part of the meeting package.

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

### **10.4 Board Chair Report**

None.

## **11. Other Business**

Board members were asked if they would be interested in AMO Course: "Leading Through Crisis: Strengthening Personal Resilience" taking place virtually May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Those interested are asked to reach out to J. Nielson to be registered.

## **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 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and will be held virtually.

The Annual General Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board will be held May 20, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. and will be held virtually.

## **15. Adjournment**

Resolution #43/21 MOVED BY C. Fadden and SECONDED BY B. Langner:

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

**Carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



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CHAIR



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SECRETARY-TREASURER (CAO)

May 20, 2021

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DATE APPROVED