

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD
THURSDAY, December 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON
MEETING #12/21 via GoTo Meeting

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

The Chair 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 #97/21 MOVED BY M. Ford and SECONDED BY R. Burns:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board approve the agenda of December 16, 2021, as amended.

Carried.

4. Presentations/Delegations

None.

5. In-Camera

The meeting moved in-camera.

Resolution #98/21 MOVED BY A. Hallikas and SECONDED BY D. Brown:

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.
- Labour relations or employee negotiations.
- 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.

Carried.

The Chair reconvened the meeting to its regular session.

In-Camera Report

Resolution #99/21 MOVED BY C. Fadden 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 November 18, 2021 Regular Board Minutes

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

Resolution #100/21 MOVED BY A. Hallikas and SECONDED BY D. Canfield:

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

Carried.

7. Committee Reports

None.

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

8.1 2022 Budget

Draft #2 of the 2022 Budget was part of the meeting package. Updated 2022 federal EI rates and projected rates for WSIB were captured. There could be a possible amendment to the budget before end of March 2022 depending on Children's Services funding. Amendments can be made before March 31, 2022 if needed.

Resolution #101/21 MOVED BY D. Canfield and SECONDED BY A. Hallikas:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) 2022 Budget, be approved:

Department	Budget Amount
Ontario Works	\$ 3,252,090
Children's Services	7,207,769
Emergency Medical Services	8,440,297
Community Housing	6,731,333
Central Administration	2,011,658
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Carried.

9. New Business

9.1 Board Honorarium

Discussion was had on items to be addressed for the Board Honorarium policy. The CAO will have a package to present at the January board meeting.

9.2 January Board Meeting

There was a request to change the January meeting date that is no longer needed. The January board meeting will stay as scheduled for January 20, 2022.

9.3 Fotheringham Court- New hot water heaters

An information sheet was part of the meeting package on the emergency repair per policy *F-5.0 Procurement*.

9.4 Canada–Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI)

To receive COCHI funding for the DSSAB and non-profits, an agreement must be created. The Board directs the CAO to create these agreements.

10. Reports

10.1 CAO Report

The NWHU has issued a travel advisory about no non-essential travel out of the district, gathering sizes and due diligence.

The NWHU asked if we can do in-house vaccines for staff.

Concerns on Minnesota numbers, administration is looking at the current staff policy on going to the U.S. and if they need a rapid test to return.

Staff recognition gifts for 2021 are being distributed.

The CAO shared with the Board that they will be out of the office for the next two weeks, however will continue to monitor emails and stay in contact.

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.

10.4 Board Chair Report

The Board Chair attended and recommends all municipalities attend a Treaty 3 Grand Council meeting when another is scheduled. There was a lot of good information that was shared, along with their willingness to partner with municipalities. The Board Chair encourages any municipality wanting to partner on a project to contact Jim Leonard.

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 January 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. and will be held virtually.

15. Adjournment

Resolution #102/21 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 10:11 a.m.



CHAIR

January 20, 2022

DATE APPROVED



SECRETARY-TREASURER (CAO)