DISTRICT OF RAINY RIVER SERVICES BOARD

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Highlights

From the October 15, 2026 regular board meeting

In an effort to keep the community informed, we're pleased to share the key highlights from the regular board meeting held on October 15, 2026.

The Board received:

- an update from the Directly Operated Early Years Manager on the opening and early progress of River's Edge Atelier, the DRRSB's directly operated EarlyON and Child Care Centre in Rainy River, which opened on August 31, 2026.
- an update from the CAO on the NOSDA Housing Portfolio Project, including Phase 2 planning for the Fifth & Frenette redevelopment in Fort Frances, which could provide up to 58 new housing units.
- an update on supports for tenants displaced by the September 22 Rose Manor fire. The CAO explained that insurance-funded hotel accommodations will end on November 15 and DRRSB staff will continue to help tenants identify longer-term housing options.
- the Q3 Financial Reports for all programs areas, as well as the third quarter Investment Report.

The Board approved:

- the TWOMO Vacancy and Appointment Process as outlined, authorizing Administration to initiate the approved process and return eligible applicants to the Board for appointment consideration when/if required.
- the District of Rainy River Services Board Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2026-2030, directing Administration to implement the Plan and provide periodic updates regarding accessibility initiatives and compliance activities.
- non-competitive procurement through direct negotiation with MoveMobility for one Type II ambulance not exceeding $256,128.34 before applicable taxes, funded from the Ambulance Vehicle Reserve.

- the 2026–27 insurance coverage through Westland Insurance Group Ltd., including $455,853 for general insurance through Intact Public Entities and $24,065 for cyber insurance through CFC Underwriting, both excluding taxes and applicable fees.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of the District of Rainy River Services Board will be held in person in January 2027. Date and time to be determined.