



MINUTES  
of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD  
THURSDAY, June 16, 2005

RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON 6:30 p.m.  
MEETING #08/05

**PRESENT:** LINDA ARMSTRONG, Township of Dawson  
GARY GAMSBY, Township of Morley  
RUSS FORTIER, Township of Emo  
BARBARA COURNOYER, Township of Alberton  
JOHN CALLAN, R R Central Electoral Area  
TANNIS DRYSDALE, Town of Fort Frances  
WADE DESSERRE, R. R. West Electoral Area  
EMILY WATSON, Township of LaVallee

**REGRETS:** MICHAEL LEWIS, R. R. East Electoral Area  
VALERIE PIZEY, Township of Lake of the Woods  
DENNIS BROWN, Township of Atikokan  
GLEN ARMSTRONG, Town of Rainy River  
PETER VAN HEYST, Township of Chapple  
DONNA DITTARO, Secretary-Treasurer

**STAFF:** LEANNE ELUIK, Manager of Finance  
DAN McCORMICK, Health Services Manager  
JUDY KOSKI, Recorder

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**1. Call to Order**

The Chairperson, Russ Fortier, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

None.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Russ Fortier, Chair, advised that the following items were to be added to the Agenda:

*New Business:*

*Item 8.4 Request from Val Pizey, Lake of the Woods Township*

*Item 8.5 August Board Meeting*

*Information:*

*Item 11.6 AMO Member Communication, June 15, 2005, re: Allocation for Federal Gas Tax Funding*

Resolution #48/05 MOVED BY J. Callan and SECONDED BY B. Cournoyer:

**RESOLVED THAT** the agenda of June 16, 2005, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4. Presentations/Delegations**

None

**5. In-Camera**

Resolution #49/05 MOVED BY B. Cournoyer and SECONDED BY J. Callan:

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

- *a proposed or pending acquisition of land for Board purposes or disposal of land no longer needed for Board purposes;*
- *labour relations or employee negotiations.*

**CARRIED**

Russ Fortier, Chair, reconvened the meeting to its regular session.

Resolution #50/05 MOVED BY J. Callan and SECONDED BY B. Cournoyer:

**RESOLVED THAT** the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* move forward to gather information required to make a decision regarding the purchase of the building at 214 Scott Street.

**CARRIED**

## 6. Approval of Minutes

Wade Desserre pointed out that Donna Dittaro's name had been listed twice on the first page of the minutes.

Resolution #51/05 MOVED BY J. Callan and SECONDED BY B. Cournoyer:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the *Regular Board Meeting* held May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005, be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

## 7. Business Arising from the Minutes

### 7.1 Cost Apportionment

The Board received a letter dated May 26, 2005, from Marjorie Wilcox, MoHLTC, re: Cost Apportionment, for information purposes, and a letter from Grant Erickson, MCSS/MCYS, with regard to the same subject. Wade Desserre asked for some clarification on the repayment terms, due to his absence from the last meeting. Since each Ministry funds the TWOMO share according to their own respective formulas, Grant Erickson, MCSS/MCYS, will be recommending that we do not receive the money for their unincorporated share of the repayment of these funds, and as well, he advised that we should expect that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will be asking to have their portion, which was already forwarded to us, refunded. He will also advise the Ministry of Health that they do in fact owe us these monies.

## 8. New Business

### 8.1 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program

John Callan advised that the Child Care Committee had not met on this issue, however, he did speak to the members of the Committee regarding the Program. He explained that we have participated in the Homelessness Program over the past several years and it has been funded 100% Provincially. The Province is now suggesting a consolidation of several programs, including Homelessness,

and also that these programs be cost shared with the municipalities. It is suggested that possible formulas could be 80/20, 90/10 or 93/7. John stated he did not believe that the Board should accept any more costs, and he asked that the Board consider refusing the cost share, and request that 100% Provincial funding continue. Tannis Drysdale asked what the impact would be and what this program is used for. Emily Watson stated that this was not necessarily for those who were homeless, but those in danger of becoming homeless, and also for food banks. John also explained that we would not be cancelling the program, but merely asking for funding to remain status quo. This is all part of a consultation process. The Board directed that Kim Gardiman, Children's Services Manager, write a letter to the Ministry, opposing any reductions in funding, and requesting that full 100% Provincial funding continue.

## 8.2 2005 Apportionment

Leanne Eluik, Manager of Finance, explained that she had provided the Board with all three apportionment formulas, and stated the 2005 Levy Estimate based on weighted assessment using weighted average tax ratio by class for the DSSAB including P-I-L's, is the formula usually accepted by the Board and currently used since 2000. Russ Fortier pointed out that there are big changes for Atikokan. Leanne advised that Atikokan's large industrial class tripled due to re-assessment and is currently under appeal. If the appeal is successful, Leanne would come back to the Board table for direction. Gary Gamsby asked how the Board would safeguard against a successful appeal. John Callan suggested that the Board would have time to establish reserves in 2006. Leanne advised that we have approximately \$777,000 in reserves plus a 15% Working Fund Reserve which is to be used for contingencies.

Resolution #52/05 MOVED BY B. Cournoyer and SECONDED BY J. Callan:

**RESOLVED THAT** the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* accept the 2005 Cost Apportionment Schedule, as attached.

**CARRIED**

## 8.3 NOSDA 2005 Annual General Meeting

Resolution #53/05 MOVED BY E. Watson and SECONDED BY T. Drysdale:

**RESOLVED THAT** the following be delegated to attend the NOSDA(Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association) 2005 Annual General Meeting being held in Timmins, Ontario, from September 14 to September 16, 2005:

Russ Fortier  
Donna Dittaro

**CARRIED**

#### 8.4 Request from Val Pizey, Lake of the Woods Township

Russ Fortier advised that Val Pizey has requested the consent of the Board to miss three consecutive meetings, due to the ill health of her husband.

Resolution #54/05 MOVED BY W. Desserre and SECONDED BY T. Drysdale:

**RESOLVED THAT** the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* consents to the request of Val Pizey, Board Member for the Township of Lake of the Woods, to miss three consecutive meetings, commencing this day, in accordance with Board Governance Policy G-20.0.

**CARRIED**

#### 8.5 August Board Meeting

Russ advised that the Board has traditionally cancelled the August Board meeting.

Resolution #55/05 MOVED BY G. Gamsby and SECONDED BY B. Cournoyer:

**RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of the *Rainy River Social Services Administration Board* scheduled for August, 2005, be cancelled.

**CARRIED**

### 9. Reports

#### 9.1 CAO and Program Reports

The Board members received and reviewed the reports of the Program Managers.

#### 9.2 Finance

The Board members received and reviewed the Accounts Payable Report for the month of May, 2005, in the amount of \$134,946.86. The Board also received and reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of May, 2005.

Leanne advised that the audit still has not been finalized and she was seeking direction from the Board in that regard. This was due to the fact that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has not confirmed the amount owing to us. She also stated that this holds up the completion of the audits for the municipalities, as the FIRs must be consolidated. Dunwoody is asking that the DSSAB sign a letter confirming that we are confident that the MoHLTC will forward the outstanding funds, in order for them to release the financial statements. John

Callan stated that perhaps a letter should be forwarded to the Ministry from Dunwoody, advising them that they are holding up the municipalities until confirmation is received from them. Leanne advised that Jon Evans, BDO, has asked the Ministry to confirm, and they will not do so. The Board directed a letter be written by Leanne, to be signed by Russ Fortier, Chair, and copied to Jon Evans, BDO, requesting confirmation as soon as possible and explaining the situation created as a result of their not responding to this request.

Leanne addressed the issue of the Board's in-house Short-Term Disability Plan. At the recommendation of our auditor, the sum of \$25,000 is to be transferred to a reserve fund to cover any potential costs of the Plan.

Resolution #56/05 MOVED BY G. Gamsby and SECONDED BY B. Cournoyer:

**RESOLVED THAT** the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* approve the transfer of \$25,000 to the Reserve Funds to cover any potential costs of the Board's Self-Funded Short Term Disability Plan.

**CARRIED**

### 9.3 Board Chair

No report.

### 9.4 Committee Reports

Ontario Works - No report

Russ Fortier reported on behalf of Peter Van Heyst, that the Atikokan duplex sales were progressing, however, the closing date has been extended to July 31, 2005, to allow some legal matters to be addressed.

Land Ambulance - This report was covered in the in-camera portion of this meeting.

John Callan, Chair of the Child Care Committee, advised that the Committee is still awaiting the Best Start Program announcement.

### 10. Other Business

None

**11. Information Items Attached**

The Board members received information items 11.1 to 11.6 which were acknowledged.

**12. Information Items Available Upon Request**

None

**13. Next Meeting**

The next regular Board meeting will be held July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. at the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board Office*, 206 Scott Street.

**14. Adjournment**

Resolution #57/05 MOVED BY T. Drysdale and SECONDED BY W. Desserre:

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

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY-TREASURER

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DATE APPROVED