



MINUTES  
of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD  
THURSDAY, September 15, 2005

RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON 6:30 p.m.  
MEETING #12/05

- PRESENT:** PETER VAN HEYST, Township of Chapple  
GARY GAMSBY, Township of Morley  
WADE DESSERRE, R. R. West Electoral Area  
TANNIS DRYSDALE, Town of Fort Frances  
MICHAEL LEWIS, R. R. East Electoral Area  
EMILY WATSON, Township of LaVallee  
DENNIS BROWN, Township of Atikokan  
GLEN ARMSTRONG, Town of Rainy River  
LINDA ARMSTRONG, Township of Dawson
- REGRETS:** BARBARA COURNOYER, Township of Alberton  
VALERIE PIZEY, Township of Lake of the Woods  
JOHN CALLAN, R R Central Electoral Area  
RUSS FORTIER, Township of Emo
- STAFF:** DONNA DITTARO, Secretary-Treasurer  
LEANNE ELUIK, Manager of Finance  
DAN McCORMICK, Health Services Manager  
JUDY KOSKI, Recorder
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**1. Call to Order**

Acting Chairperson, Gary Gamsby, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He explained that he had been asked by Russ Fortier to chair this evening's meeting due to the unavailability of himself and John Callan. Gary advised that he had the pleasure this evening of presenting Donna Dittaro with a Certificate of Recognition for five years of valuable contributions to the Rainy River DSSAB.

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

None.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Gary Gamsby advised that there were two added items to this evening's agenda as follows:

*New Business:*

*Item 8.5 2004 Audited Financial Statements*

*Information:*

*Item 11.9 Best Start Coordinator*

Resolution #77/05 MOVED BY E. Watson and SECONDED BY M. Lewis:

**RESOLVED THAT** the agenda of September 15, 2005, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4. Presentations/Delegations**

None

**5. In-Camera**

Resolution #78/05 MOVED BY G. Gamsby and SECONDED BY E. Watson:

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

- *labour relations or employee negotiations;*
- *litigation or potential litigation, including matters before Administrative Tribunals, affecting the Board.*

**CARRIED**

Gary Gamsby, Acting Chair, reconvened the meeting to its regular session.

Resolution #79/05 MOVED BY M. Lewis and SECONDED BY G. Armstrong:

**WHEREAS** the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* has been informed by the *Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care* that further funding for Land Ambulance Services is forthcoming;

**AND FURTHER** that work continues on First Nation Funding issues;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* delay any resolution to reduce Land Ambulance Service until October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**CARRIED**

## 6. Approval of Minutes

Resolution #80/05 MOVED BY W. Desserre and SECONDED BY M. Lewis:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the *Regular Board Meeting* held July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005, be approved;

**AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the *Special Board Meeting* held August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, be approved.

**CARRIED**

## 7. Business Arising from the Minutes

### 7.1 Copy of letter dated August 2, 2005, to Mayor O'Leary from MCSS

Gary Gamsby advised that the correspondence before the Board in regard to this matter will be received as information at this time.

## 8. New Business

### 8.1 Support requested from KDSB, TBDSSAB and Lanark County re: ODSP

Gary advised that letters have been received from the Kenora and Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Boards and Lanark County requesting support for their resolutions regarding 100% provincial funding for ODSP. Linda Armstrong stated that at the recent Ontario Works Committee meeting they supported this action. It was noted that Kenora stated that this constitutes 27% of their Budget while Thunder Bay cited 35%. Leanne advised that this equates to 7.8% of our overall Budget. Leanne was directed to call the Kenora District Social Services Board to determine how the other DSSABS arrived at their percentages.

Resolution #81/05 MOVED BY M. Lewis and SECONDED BY W. Desserre:

**RESOLVED THAT** the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* support the resolutions passed by the Kenora District Services Board, Thunder Bay District Social Service Administration Board and Lanark County, with respect to petitioning the provincial government through the Ministry of Community and Social Services to pay 100% of the cost of ODSP income maintenance and administration for the Province of Ontario.

**CARRIED**

## 8.2 Proceeds from sale of DSSAB Housing Duplex, Atikokan

Gary Gamsby advised that the proceeds of the Atikokan duplex were earmarked for the Capital Asset Contingency Fund, therefore the Board is required to pass a resolution in this regard.

Resolution #82/05 MOVED BY D. Brown and SECONDED BY P. Van Heyst:

**RESOLVED THAT** the proceeds from the sale of 121-123 Hawthorne Street, Atikokan, Ontario, in the amount of \$26,739.98 be placed in the Rainy River DSSAB Capital Asset Contingency Fund.

**CARRIED**

## 8.3 Land Ambulance First Nations Funding

Gary stated that Dan McCormick has prepared an Issue Sheet with respect to this matter, which is in the Board package this evening.

Resolution #83/05 MOVED BY P. Van Heyst and SECONDED BY D. Brown:

**RESOLVED THAT** the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* negotiate a per capita funding formula for First Nations with the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care, provided that the funding formula captures total First Nations population, reflects the actual per capita costs, and increases current First Nations revenue for the Rainy River District.

**CARRIED**

## 8.4 Insurance Formal Quote

Gary Gamsby advised that Leanne Eluik, Manager of Finance, has provided a brief Issue Sheet regarding the Formal Quote. Leanne stated that only one complete quote had been received on time and that was from our current carrier. Leanne noted that this reflects a 7% increase to our insurance premiums. Gary

Gamsby pointed out that there were increases in General Liability, Property and Owned Automobile. Michael Lewis questioned whether our coverage was with Gillon's Insurance or ING Insurance as it was his understanding that ING was the insurer. Leanne stated that our policy would be with Frank Cowan, however, she will clarify with Gillon's Insurance.

## 8.5 2004 Audited Financial Statements

Gary Gamsby advised that the audited statements for 2004 have now been released by the auditors since we have received confirmation of the amount of TWOMO owing from the 2004 Apportionment from the Ministry of Health. Dennis Brown asked if the municipalities would be receiving copies of the statements. Leanne advised that copies will be mailed out to the Clerks tomorrow.

Resolution #85/05 MOVED BY D. Brown and SECONDED BY P. Van Heyst:

**RESOLVED THAT** the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* receive the audit as presented by BDO Dunwoody for the year ended 31 December, 2004.

**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 July, 2005, in the amount of \$106,800.49. Glen Armstrong inquired about cheque #5304 in the sum of \$14,893.87 payable to The Stonewell Group Inc. Leanne explained that this is the group which was hired to carry out the Building Condition Audits for some of our housing units. This amount has been taken out of reserves specifically set aside for this project. The final report from the Group will be delivered next week.

The Board members also received and reviewed the Accounts Payable Report for the month of August, 2005, in the amount of \$94,273.23.

### 9.3 Board Chair

No report.

#### **9.4 Committee Reports**

Ontario Works - Linda Armstrong advised that the Ontario Works Committee met on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September and discussed a number of items including the revised Ontario Works Service Plan and the Addiction Services Program. Linda explained that the Addictions Program may not go ahead here as it is not 100% funded by the Ministry.

Social Housing - This report was covered in the in-camera portion of this meeting.

Land Ambulance - This report was covered in the in-camera portion of this meeting. Dennis Brown asked if it was possible to send a memo to the municipalities with regard to the new funding. Gary stated it would be better to wait until we receive the letter from the Ministry. Dan McCormick advised that the letters have supposedly been sent this week.

Child Care - No report.

#### **10. Other Business**

None

#### **11. Information Items Attached**

The Board members received information items 11.1 to 11.9 which were acknowledged.

#### **12. Information Items Available Upon Request**

None

#### **13. Next Meeting**

The next regular Board meeting will be held October 20th, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. at the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board Office, 206 Scott Street.*

**14. Adjournment**

Resolution #86/05 MOVED BY L. Amrstrong and SECONDED BY G. Armstrong:

**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