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of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD  
THURSDAY, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON 6:30 p.m.  
MEETING #06/09

- PRESENT:** Ross Donaldson, Township of LaVallee  
Gary Gamsby, Township of Morley  
Michael Lewis, Rainy River East  
Wade Desserre, Rainy River West  
Linda Armstrong, Township of Dawson  
Debbie Ewald, Town of Rainy River  
Barbara Cournoyer, Township of Alberton  
Dennis Brown, Town of Atikokan  
Rick Neilson, Township of Chapple  
Sharon Tibbs, Town of Fort Frances  
John Callan, Rainy River Central
- REGRETS:** Gary Judson, Township of Emo  
Valerie Pizey, Township of Lake of the Woods
- STAFF:** Donna Dittaro, CAO  
Leanne Eluik, Manager of Finance  
Dawn Galusha, Assistant Manager of Finance  
Dianne Lampi, RRDSSAB Housing Manager  
Judy Koski, Recorder

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**1. Call to Order**

Mike Lewis, Chair, called the meeting to order, and welcomed Rick Neilson as the new representative for the Township of Chapple.

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

None.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

The Chair advised that the following item is to be added to this evening's Agenda:

*New Business: 8.3 Riverview Manor: Aging at Home Proposal*

Resolution #43/09 MOVED BY D. Ewald and SECONDED BY L. Armstrong:

**RESOLVED THAT** the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* approve the agenda of July 16, 2009.

**Carried.**

### 4. Presentations/Delegations

The Chair introduced Dianne Lampi, RRDSSAB Housing Manager, who presented a lengthy review of the Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program, and Affordable Housing Program (AHP) Extension 2009, as well as a brief history of the evolution of Social Housing.

Dennis Brown suggested that we explore other agencies to assist with administration of the AHP or, in the alternative, the RRDSSAB. The CAO advised that the DSSAB does not have the resources or expertise to carry out all of the inspections required by the Program, however, the job could be tendered and/or additional resources secured through the AHP administration allocation. The Chair suggested that this matter be discussed at the next Social Housing Committee meeting.

The RRDSSAB Housing Manager distributed a copy of a letter and attached proposal for Renewable Energy Projects in the sum of \$2,295,000. The projects include the installation of sixteen solar photovoltaic systems and four geo-thermal systems at various Housing Units.

### 5. In Camera

None

### 6. Approval of Minutes

Resolution #44/09 MOVED BY J. Callan and SECONDED BY W. Desserre:

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the *Regular Board Meeting* held June 18, 2009, be approved.

**Carried.**

## 7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

## 8. New Business

### 8.1 Cancel August Board Meeting

The Chair advised that it has been the past practice of the Board to cancel the August Board meeting.

Resolution #45/09 MOVED BY R. Donaldson and SECONDED BY J. Callan:

**RESOLVED THAT** the regular Board meeting for August be cancelled.

**Carried.**

### 8.2 Provincial Reform Housing Provider Reconciliations

An *Issue Sheet* prepared by the Manager of Finance was reviewed. She advised that the overall impact on the 2009 Budget was a recovery of \$4,600.

Resolution #46/09 MOVED BY J. Callan and SECONDED BY W. Desserre:

**RESOLVED THAT** the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* Approve the recovery/payment from/to the Housing Providers, as presented.

**Carried.**

### 8.3 Riverview Manor: Aging at Home Proposal

An *Issue Sheet* prepared by the RRDSSAB Housing Manager and a copy of a letter and attachments dated July 16, 2009, addressed to Peter Boban, MMAH, regarding the Affordable Housing Program Extension and the Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program were presented.

Resolution #47/09 MOVED BY D. Ewald and SECONDED BY D. Brown:

**RESOLVED THAT** the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* approve using *Social Housing Renovation & Retrofit Program* funding in the amount of \$392,000.00 for the *Riverview Manor: Aging at Home* project, based upon the Ministry guidelines of \$28,000.00 per unit, with the difference of \$40,000.00 funded from the provincially-funded one-time *2008 Social Housing Capital Repair Fund*, with no cost to the municipalities.

**Carried.**

## **9. Reports:**

### **9.1 CAO and Program Reports**

The Board received and reviewed the CAO and Program Reports.

### **9.2 Finance**

The Accounts Payable listing for the month of June, 2009, in the amount of \$432,854.10, was received and reviewed. Financial Statements for the month of June, 2009, were also reviewed.

### **9.3 Board Chair**

The Chair commended former Chapple representative, Peter Van Heyst for the tenacious and judicious manner in which he represented his Township and the clients of the Rainy River District.

### **9.4 Committee Reports**

*Ontario Works* – No meeting held. The Chair of the Committee asked that a breakdown of the Ontario Works stats for each municipality be available periodically for the Board.

*Social Housing* – No meeting held.

*Land Ambulance* – No meeting held, however, the Chair of the Committee noted that an Emergency Services Agreement has been reached.

*Child Care* – No meeting held.

## **10. Other Business**

None.

## **11. Information Items Attached**

The Board received an information package as part of this evening's agenda.

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

None.

## **13. Next Meeting**

The next regular Board meeting will be held September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board Office*, 450 Scott Street, Fort Frances.

**14. Adjournment**

Resolution #48/09 MOVED BY R. Donaldson and SECONDED BY D. Ewald:

**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