



MINUTES
of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD
THURSDAY, October 21st, 2010

RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON 6:30 p.m.
MEETING #11/10

PRESENT: Rick Neilson, Township of Chapple
Dennis Brown, Town of Atikokan
Michael Lewis, Rainy River East
Linda Armstrong, Township of Dawson
Ross Donaldson, Township of LaVallee
Val Pizey, Township of Lake of the Woods
John Callan, Rainy River Central
Gary Gamsby, Township of Morley
Mike Ford, Township of Alberton
Gary Judson, Township of Emo
Sharon Tibbs, Town of Fort Frances
Wade Desserre, Rainy River West
Debbie Ewald, Town of Rainy River

REGRETS: Donna Dittaro, CAO

STAFF: Dawn Galusha, Acting Manager of Finance
Judy Koski, Recorder

1. Call to Order

Mike Lewis, Chair, called the meeting to order.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution #80/10 MOVED BY D. Ewald and SECONDED BY R. Neilson:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* approve the agenda of October 21, 2010.

Carried.

4. Presentations/Delegations

None.

5. In Camera

None

6. Approval of Minutes

Resolution #81/10 MOVED BY R. Neilson and SECONDED BY D. Brown:

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board held October 21, 2010, be approved.

Carried.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

8. New Business

8.1 Cancel December Board Meeting

The Chair advised that traditionally the Board cancels the December meeting, and it is particularly appropriate in an election year.

Resolution #82/10 MOVED BY R. Neilson and SECONDED BY D. Brown:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board cancel its regularly scheduled Board meeting for December, 2010.

Carried.

8.2 Staff Appreciation

The Chair advised that the CAO has written an Issue Sheet. The RRDSSAB has provided staff with individual gift cards at Christmas time, as an expression of appreciation, rather than hold an annual staff appreciation dinner or Christmas party which is paid for by the staff each year. The matter was discussed by the Board earlier this year. The Acting Manager of Finance has reviewed current expenses and, at this time, it is difficult to determine the funds which will be available. John Callan stated that this matter could be left for the November meeting. He also stated that employees are appreciated on pay day and they are not underpaid. He felt a gift card for \$25 would be appropriate however, the Board should wait to see what funds are available. Sharon Tibbs agreed that the employees are well paid and the Board should wait to see what funds are available. Mike Lewis stated that the Finance and Policy Committee could meet to discuss this matter and bring back a recommendation for the Board at the November meeting. Gary Judson disagreed and stated there should be no "bonus" at all and that his Council was very irate with this practice. Ross Donaldson stated that he agreed with Gary Judson and that this would "send a message".

Resolution #83/10 MOVED BY R. Donaldson and SECONDED BY G. Judson:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* wishes to discontinue its practice of providing its staff with a gift card for 2010.

Carried.

8.3 Insurance Coverage

An Issue Sheet prepared by the Acting Manager of Finance was reviewed. Val Pizey stated that she objected to the fee being charged by the Social Housing Services Corporation. Sharon Tibbs agreed and stated that it interferes with our tendering process. The CAO is directed to send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing with a copy to the Social Housing Services Corporation, protesting the charging of this fee.

Resolution #84/10 MOVED BY M. Ford and SECONDED BY J. Callan:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* accept the quote from Gillons' Insurance Brokers Ltd. for the provision of insurance services for 2010/2011 in the amount of \$125,512.45, excluding taxes.

Carried.

8.4 Land Ambulance Reserve Transfer

An Issue Sheet regarding this matter has been prepared by the Acting Manager of Finance. Val Pizey stated that, under the new accounting rules, the Board does not need a resolution, as reserves are part of the surplus. The Acting Manager of Finance will contact Jon Evans of BDO to ascertain whether or not further resolutions of this nature are required.

Resolution #85/10 MOVED BY L. Armstrong and SECONDED BY R. Donaldson:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* approve the transfer in the amount of \$136,649.94 from the Land Ambulance Vehicle Reserve Fund, per the approved 2010 budget.

Carried.

9. Reports:

9.1 CAO and Program Reports

The Board received and reviewed the CAO and Program Managers' Reports.

Dennis Brown referred to the Acting Children's Services Manager's report regarding the busing of students in Atikokan which is one of the issues affecting the decrease in enrollment at the Rainbow Centre. He stated that if this issue is not resolved, it may result in the closing of the Centre. There is a School Board meeting next week and an attempt should be made to reverse the busing decision. Debbie Ewald stated that there is presently a petition being circulated regarding this matter. Mike Lewis stated that the Board of Education sets the policies. The CAO is directed to write a letter to the Board of Education on behalf of Children's Services supporting the Rainbow Centre's position on busing.

9.2 Finance

The Accounts Payable listing for the month of September, 2010, in the amount of \$388,453.89 was received and reviewed by the Board. Financial Statements for the month of September, 2010, were also received and reviewed by the Board.

The Acting Manager of Finance clarified that the computer purchase price is paid back with interest through payroll deductions, after the employee signs a promissory note for 12, 18 or 24 months. If the employee terminates employment before payment in full is received, the balance owing is deducted from the last pay cheque(s).

9.3 Board Chair

No report.

9.4 Committee Reports

Ontario Works Committee – No meeting was held.

Social Housing Committee – No meeting was held.

Land Ambulance Committee – No meeting was held.

Child Care Committee – No meeting was 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 Meeting of the Board will be held November 18, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board Office*, 450 Scott Street, Fort Frances.

14. Adjournment

Resolution #86/10 MOVED BY L. Armstrong and SECONDED BY R. Donaldson:

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

Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY-TREASURER

DATE APPROVED