



## **RRDSSAB BOARD MEETING**

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### MINUTES of the SPECIAL MEETING of the BOARD THURSDAY, December 14, 2006

RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON 6:30 p.m.  
MEETING #14/06

**PRESENT:** JOHN CALLAN, Rainy River Central  
WADE DESSERRE, Rainy River West  
TANNIS DRYSDALE, Town of Fort Frances  
EMILY WATSON, Township of LaVallee  
LINDA ARMSTRONG, Township of Dawson  
VALERIE PIZEY, Township of Lake of the Woods  
GARY GAMSBY, Township of Morley  
PETER VAN HEYST, Township of Chapple  
BARBARA COURNOYER, Township of Alberton  
GARY JUDSON, Township of Emo  
MICHAEL LEWIS, Rainy River East  
DEBORAH EWALD, Town of Rainy River

**REGRETS:** DENNIS BROWN, Township of Atikokan

**STAFF:** DONNA DITTARO, Secretary-Treasurer  
LEANNE ELUIK, Manager of Finance  
JUDY KOSKI, Recorder  
ROSS DONALDSON, Maintenance Supervisor  
DAN MCCORMICK, Health Services Manager

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#### **1. Call to Order**

The Chair, Val Pizey, called the meeting to order, and welcomed Debbie Ewald, Mayor of the Town of Rainy River, as our newest Board member.

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

None.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

The Chair advised that three additional information items have been added to the agenda this evening, as follows:

11.8 *Letter dated December 6, 2006, from Wayne Woods, Riverside, re: Emo Ambulance Base Lease*

11.9 *Notifications from Alberton, Dawson, Fort Frances LaVallee, Lake of the Woods and Rainy River re: DSSAB representative*

11.10 *Letter dated December 5, 2006, re: NWLHIN Services Plan*

The Chair also advised that Board member, Tannis Drysdale requested that a letter from the Mayor of Fort Frances be distributed this evening. The item will be addressed under 10. *Other.*

Resolution #129/06 MOVED BY E. Watson and SECONDED BY G. Gamsby:

**RESOLVED THAT** the agenda of December 14, 2006, be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

### 4. Presentations/Delegations

None

### 5. In-Camera

Resolution #130/06 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:

*- a proposed or pending acquisition of land for Board purposes or disposal of land no longer needed for Board purposes.*

**CARRIED**

The Chair reconvened the meeting to its regular session.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

Resolution #131/06 MOVED BY D. Ewald and SECONDED BY P. Van Heyst:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the *Regular Board Meeting* held November 16, 2006, be approved.

**CARRIED**

Resolution #132/06 MOVED BY P. Van Heyst and SECONDED BY D. Ewald:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the *Special Board Meeting* held November 24, 2006, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**7. New Business**

**7.1 School Board Property Assessment**

The Manager of Finance presented a summary of information she has compiled, based upon Rainy River District School Board data. Further information is required, including area code definitions.

**8. New Business**

**8.1 Northern Ontario Affordable Housing Program - Housing Repair Program**

Information on the RRDSSAB's Proposal for the Housing Repair Program which will assist seniors to remain in their existing homes was presented. It was noted that the RRDSSAB is eligible for a funding allocation of \$700,000, including \$100,000 for administration fees. The Program is 100% Provincially funded.

Resolution #133/06 MOVED BY T. Drysdale and SECONDED BY L. Armstrong:

**RESOLVED THAT** the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* enter into an Administration Agreement with the Province of Ontario to deliver the Affordable Housing Program - Housing Repair Program, Northern Remote Program, in the amount of \$700,000, which is 100% provincially funded.

**CARRIED**

## 8.2 OMERS Authorization

A Board resolution is required to authorize any changes to OMERS.

Resolution #134/06 MOVED BY G. Judson and SECONDED BY T. Drysdale:

**RESOLVED THAT** the CAO for the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents and to do all such things as are necessary to participate in OMERS, in accordance with Section 6 of the OMERS Regulation.

**CARRIED**

## 9. Reports

### 9.1 CAO and Program Reports

The CAO reported that a “meet and greet” was held in Emo where she, the Health Services Manager, Manager of Finance, and Personnel & Policy Officer met with the Riverside Paramedics. The Health Services Manager will be attending a luncheon in Atikokan to recognize the Atikokan General Hospital Paramedics.

Myrna Beachy was the successful internal applicant for the vacant Income Maintenance Caseworker position in Ontario Works. Maureen Thompson was the successful internal applicant for the vacant Housing Clerk position.

Budget development for 2007 has begun and the staff will attempt to present preliminary Program budgets to the Service Committees and Board in January. The Board Orientation for new members will be held in January.

### 9.2 Finance

The Board reviewed the Accounts Payable for the month of November in the sum of \$244,925.64 and the financial statements for the month of November, 2006.

### 9.3 Board Chair

The Chair thanked the staff for their attendance and preparations.

### 9.4 Committee Reports

Ontario Works: No meeting has been held recently.

Social Housing: No report.

Land Ambulance: Committee Chair, Gary Gamsby reported that the Fort Frances Base renovations will be re-tendered. An agreement has not been reached with Riverside in regard to the lease of the Emo base. A Memorandum of Settlement been reached with CUPE. Negotiating Committee Member, Mike Lewis provided an extensive report on the negotiations. The current agreement continues to September of 2009.

Resolution #135/06 MOVED BY D. Ewald and SECONDED BY P. Van Heyst:

**RESOLVED THAT** the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* ratify the Memorandum of Settlement between CUPE and the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board*.

**CARRIED**

Child Care: Committee Chair, John Callan advised that a Committee meeting had been held today. The Province is moving from needs assessment to income testing for child care subsidy, effective January 1, 2007. The Day Care in Rainy River is being temporarily housed in a church. The Rainy River District School Board hopes to carry out renovations for its relocation within the school, however, the tenders came in over budget.

Building Committee: Committee Chair, Mike Lewis reported that the Committee met on December 1<sup>st</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup> and this afternoon. As a follow up to the last board meeting, all consultants have signed an Oath of Confidentiality, MMP Architects have once again confirmed that they are eligible to work in Ontario, and RRDSSAB staff have confirmed that they were not informed by the Construction Manager in September of the costs to renovate the building to Building Code requirements. The staff continue to work diligently to realize further cost savings. Our requirement for three phase power will increase costs initially but will result in cost efficiencies over the long run. We are still awaiting final mechanical drawings from the architect. The Fort Frances Fire Department has verified that we no longer require a fire alarm system.

The Building Committee is deeply concerned with recent public statements in the Fort Frances Times. The Committee Chair read a prepared statement, on behalf of the Building Committee, confirming the receipt of information from the staff and emphasizing the Committee's support of the staff.

**10. Other Business**

The Chair indicated that, unless otherwise directed by the Board, she will not attend a meeting of the Fort Frances Council. The CAO was instructed to forward a request to the Rainy River District Municipal Association to be placed on the agenda at their next Annual General Meeting in January. The Chair reported that the Building Committee and staff are not aware of any issues with the role of the Chief Building Official.

**11. Information**

The Board members received and reviewed Information Items 11.1 to 11.10 in their packages this evening.

**12. In Camera**

Resolution #136/06 MOVED BY P. Van Heyst and SECONDED BY D. Ewald:

**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.

**CARRIED**

The Chair reconvened the meeting to its regular session.

**13. Adjournment**

Resolution #137/06 MOVED BY B. Cournoyer and SECONDED BY T. Drysdale:

**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