



RRDSSAB BOARD MEETING

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD THURSDAY, July 19, 2007

Land Ambulance Base, Fort Frances, ON 6:30 p.m.
MEETING #08/07

PRESENT: PETER VAN HEYST, Township of Chapple
WADE DESSERRE, R. R. West Electoral Area
MICHAEL LEWIS, R. R. East Electoral Area
EMILY WATSON, Township of LaVallee
LINDA ARMSTRONG, Township of Dawson
JOHN CALLAN, R. R. Central Electoral Area
VALERIE PIZEY, Township of Lake of the Woods
GARY GAMSBY, Township of Morley
TANNIS DRYSDALE, Town of Fort Frances
BARBARA COURNOYER, Township of Alorton
DENNIS BROWN, Township of Atikokan
DEBBIE EWALD, Town of Rainy River

REGRETS: GARY JUDSON, Township of Emo

STAFF: DONNA DITTARO, Secretary-Treasurer
MILDRED BECK, Acting Manager of Finance
KIM GARDIMAN, Children's Services Manager
JUDY KOSKI, Recorder

GUEST: JON EVANS, BDO Dunwoody

1. Call to Order

Michael Lewis, Chair, called the meeting to order.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

3. Approval of Agenda

Dennis Brown asked that an item regarding coal plants be added under *New Business*. Emily Watson asked that an in camera item regarding personnel be added.

Resolution #52/07 MOVED BY D. Ewald and SECONDED BY P. Van Heyst:

RESOLVED THAT the agenda of July 19, 2007, be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

4. Presentations/Delegations

Jon Evans, BDO Dunwoody, presented the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2006. Jon advised that the Board is in “good shape” and also added his thanks to the staff for their assistance during the audit. He noted that the Board ended the year with a surplus of \$4,131 which he assumed would be used to offset the cost of the new building.

Jon advised that some municipalities have formed committees regarding the upcoming PSAB tangible asset project beginning in 2009. He stated that the RRDSSAB is in a better position than most municipalities, as they already keep good asset ledgers. The RRDSSAB is well positioned in that regard.

Resolution #53/07 MOVED BY D. Brown and SECONDED BY D. Ewald:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* receive the audit as presented by BDO Dunwoody for the year ended 31 December 2006.

CARRIED

The Chair thanked the finance staff for their work on the audit.

5. In Camera

This item will be dealt with at the end of the meeting.

6. Approval of Minutes

Resolution #54/07 MOVED BY D. Ewald and SECONDED BY T. Drysdale:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the *Regular Board Meeting* held June 21, 2007, be approved.

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

The Board asked that it be noted that Board Member Barb Cournoyer did express appreciation to Non-Profit Housing Manager, Sandra Weir for dealing with a complaint from a taxpayer on senior housing matters. It was noted that the complainant was satisfied that all issues were addressed and matters explained. It was also stressed by the member that the Rainy River DSSAB is required, by legislation, to ensure that all Programs meet and/or comply with Provincial standards and that DSSABs are not another level of government but a "flow-through" for various programs.

8. New Business

8.1 Child Care Service Plan

The Children's Services Manager presented the 2007/08 Child Care Service Plan. She noted that there are several similarities to the Best Start Community Plan. She reviewed the Plan and explained how Child Care would meet the needs of specific groups. Barb Cournoyer stated that the Best Start Plans created a huge amount of work for the Children's Services Manager and she has done an excellent job.

Resolution #55/07 MOVED BY G. Gamsby and SECONDED BY E. Watson:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* approve the 2007 - 2008 Child Care Service Plan, as presented.

CARRIED

8.2 New Child Care Funding

The Children's Services Manager stated that a letter has been received from Minister Chambers announcing that a total of \$105,800 in Best Start wage improvement funds will be made available to the Rainy River DSSAB. This letter is under *Information 11.1*, in this evening's Board package.

8.3 Housing Year End Reconciliations

An Issue Sheet prepared by Leanne Eluik, Manager of Finance, was reviewed by the Board. The Acting Manager of Finance stated that this is a matter dealing with Urban Native Housing Providers only.

Resolution #56/07 MOVED BY G. Gamsby and SECONDED BY E. Watson:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* retain Marc Poitras from the firm of Sostarich, Ross, Wright & Cecutti LLP, to perform the reconciliations for the Urban Native Housing Providers for the years 2001 to 2006, at a cost of \$4,500 plus disbursements and applicable taxes, with the funds to be recovered from the Housing Federal Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

8.4 Cost Apportionment Formula

The Chair advised that the only way anything could change is if each council looked at the formula and made recommendations. A double majority vote must then take place. It was noted that the three formulas benefit each municipality differently. The Board chose not to review the cost apportionment formula in the spring. Other DSSABs calculate apportionment differently. Apportionment must be addressed once PLT reform is introduced. The Chair stated that the information should be sent out to each municipality once again in order for further discussion to take place.

8.5 Cancel August Board Meeting

Resolution #57/07 MOVED BY J. Callan and SECONDED BY E. Watson:

RESOLVED THAT the regular Board meeting for August be cancelled.

CARRIED

8.6 Coal Fired Plants

Dennis Brown distributed a news article from the Chronicle Journal entitled "City opposes closure of coal plants". He stated that the future of the assessment of coal fired plants could affect the RRDSSAB. He requested comments be made on the Atikokan website.

9. Reports

9.1 CAO and Program Reports

The CAO's Report and Program Manager Reports were received and reviewed by the Board members.

The CAO reported that the Grand Opening for the Emo Land Ambulance Base will take place on Wednesday, July 25th at 1:00 PM. Cathe Hoszowski has resigned as the RRDSSAB Housing Manager and internal postings for the position have been distributed. The move to the new building at 450 Scott Street has begun and we will commence business there on Monday, July 23rd. There has been some difficulty in moving the circuit for the SDMT technology used by the Ontario Works Program, however, we are hopeful that it will be up and running by the July 23rd date.

9.2 Finance

The Board members received and reviewed the Accounts Payable Report for the month of June, 2007, in the amount of \$764,330.76 and also the Financial Statements for the month of June, 2007.

9.3 Board Chair

The Chair reported that the matter relating to the transfer of 206 Scott Street, which had been discussed at the last regular Board meeting, had been resolved.

The Chair also reported that the architect has lowered his bill to \$12,000 which will likely be taken from surplus. The architect explained that lowering the bill would now put his firm at a "break even point".

9.4 Committee Reports

Ontario Works - Linda Armstrong, Ontario Works Committee Chair, reported that the Committee met on July 11th. She advised that grant application packages will be forwarded to all municipalities in the district regarding the 2007 - 2008 Employment Innovations Fund.

Social Housing - No report.

Land Ambulance - Gary Gamsby, Land Ambulance Committee Chair, reported that Emo Land Ambulance Base grand opening will be held on July 25th at 1:00 PM. He extended his thanks and congratulations to the staff in Emo, and the Health Services Manager, for being involved in the physical move to the base.

Child Care - No report.

Building - Mike Lewis, Chair of the Building Committee, referred the Board to a memo in this evening's Board package.

10. Other Business

None.

11. Information Items Attached

The Board members received information items 11.1 to 11.2 which were acknowledged.

12. Information Items Available Upon Request

n/a

13. Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting will be held September 13, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board Office*, 450 Scott Street.

5. In Camera

Resolution #58/07 MOVED BY E. Watson and SECONDED BY G. Gamsby:

RESOLVED THAT the <i>Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board</i> now meet in camera in order to address a matter pertaining to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> labour relations or employee negotiations.
CARRIED

The Chair reconvened the meeting to its regular session.

14. Adjournment

Resolution #59/07 MOVED BY J. Callan and SECONDED BY B. Cournoyer:

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

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY-TREASURER

DATE APPROVED