



MINUTES
of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD
THURSDAY, October 20, 2005

RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON 6:30 p.m.
MEETING #13/05

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
LINDA ARMSTRONG, Township of Dawson
BARBARA COURNOYER, Township of Alberton
JOHN CALLAN, R. R. Central Electoral Area
RUSS FORTIER, Township of Emo

REGRETS: GLEN ARMSTRONG, Town of Rainy River
VALERIE PIZEY, Township of Lake of the Woods

STAFF: DONNA DITTARO, Secretary-Treasurer
LEANNE ELUIK, Manager of Finance
DAN McCORMICK, Health Services Manager
ROSS DONALDSON, Property Manager
JUDY KOSKI, Recorder

1. Call to Order

Russ Fortier, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution #87/05 MOVED BY G. Gamsby and SECONDED BY E. Watson:

RESOLVED THAT the agenda of October 20, 2005, be approved.

CARRIED

4. Presentations/Delegations

None

5. In-Camera

Resolution #88/05 MOVED BY E. Watson and SECONDED BY G. Gamsby:

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;*
- *labour relations or employee negotiations.*

CARRIED

Russ Fortier, Chair, reconvened the meeting to its regular session. Tannis Drysdale stated that she sits on many boards and receives in-camera materials prior to meetings. She asked Donna if that would be possible. Donna indicated that distribution of in-camera materials prior to our meeting was previous practice at the DSSAB, however, unfortunately, those confidential materials were being distributed by some Board members to their municipal councils before our Board members had the opportunity to view and discuss them. Donna stated she would not object to the packages being mailed previously, if possible, but cautioned the Board members that these matters are confidential and must be treated accordingly. Frequently, in-camera materials are not finalized until the day of the Board meeting.

Resolution #89/05 MOVED BY E. Watson and SECONDED BY G. Gamsby:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* approach the Municipalities to determine their ability and their willingness to finance all or a portion of new accommodations for the RRDSSAB, including the terms of financing.

CARRIED

Resolution #90/05 MOVED BY P. Van Heyst and SECONDED BY D. Brown:

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has advised that funding for service provided on First Nations and retroactive funding for Territories Without Municipal Organization is being determined;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* maintain the existing service levels for Land Ambulance in the District of Rainy River, until such time as further provincial funding announcements are made or the 2006 Land Ambulance Budget is finalized.

CARRIED

6. Approval of Minutes

Resolution #91/05 MOVED BY G. Gamsby and SECONDED BY J. Callan:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the *Regular Board Meeting* held September 15th, 2005, be approved.

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

7.1 Copy of resolution from Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls

Russ Fortier advised that this matter will be discussed at the Kenora District Services Board regular meeting this evening. He also advised that unless we see a double majority vote from KDSB with regard to this matter, we will not move forward.

7.2 Ontario Disability Support Plan

Russ explained that Leanne has prepared a memo as a result of a question which arose from the last regular Board meeting with regard to ODSP. The memo was reviewed and accepted.

7.3 CP Bonus Dollars

A memo was received from Shelley Shute, Ontario Works Manager, offering \$50,000 from the Community Placement Bonus Funding to the Land Ambulance program to help offset monies requested from the accumulated surplus to cover Sick Leave Benefits. The CP Bonus Funding dollars must be spent prior to our year end of December 31, 2005.

Resolution #92/05 MOVED BY P. Van Heyst and SECONDED BY W. Desserre:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* rescind Resolution #72/05.

CARRIED

Resolution #93/05 MOVED BY P. Van Heyst and SECONDED BY D. Brown:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* approve the allocation of \$100,000 to replenish the Land Ambulance Sick Leave Reserve, as follows:

\$50,000 to be transferred from CP Bonus Funding

\$50,000 to be transferred from Accumulated Surplus

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any further requirements to maintain the Reserve be budgeted in 2006.

CARRIED

Russ asked that the Board's thanks be conveyed to Shelley for her generosity.

Donna advised that we receive CP Bonus Funding based on our Community Placements for the funding of "human services", and that it cannot be used for capital.

7.4 Land Ambulance Funding Announcements

Russ noted that this had already been covered in the *In-Camera* portion of the meeting.

8. New Business

8.1 Child Care Service Plan

This matter is deferred to the next regular Board meeting in November.

8.2 2006 Market Rent

A memo prepared by Cathe Hoszowski, Social Housing Manager, was received by the Board.

Resolution #93(a)/05 MOVED BY M. Lewis and SECONDED BY L. Armstrong:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* maintain the 2005 Market Rents for the year 2006.

CARRIED

8.3 Affordable Housing Program Announcement

Donna advised that we have forwarded an expression of interest to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on behalf of the Board, with respect to this matter. Gary Gamsby noted that one of the eligible costs is for Social Housing projects. Donna advised that this is only for new construction and we are presently waiting for the Remote component to roll out which is for repairs and/or renovations. Our expression of interest is not a commitment, but if we did not submit the letter, our allocation would automatically be disbursed to other applicants, and therefore lost.

9. Reports

9.1 CAO and Program Reports

The Board members received and reviewed the reports of the CAO and Program Managers.

9.2 Finance

The Board members received and reviewed the Accounts Payable Report for the month of September, 2005, in the amount of \$76,677.74. Emily Watson questioned the legal fees paid out to Lawrence G. Phillips by cheque #5403. Donna explained that the Ontario Works Family Support Worker must consult with legal counsel from time to time on behalf of a client. Dennis Brown questioned the payment to the Town of Fort Frances by cheque #5438. Leanne advised that our system processes one cheque per vendor and this was a payment for fee subsidy for the Day Care Centre, as well as payment of the invoice for water and sewer.

9.3 Board Chair

Russ Fortier advised that the Northwestern Health Unit Budget has been frozen for 2006.

9.4 Committee Reports

Ontario Works - Linda Armstrong referred the Board to Shelley Shute's report, as the Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

Social Housing - Peter Van Heyst advised that their Committee had not met since the last Board meeting.

Land Ambulance - This report was covered in the in-camera portion of this meeting.

Child Care - John Callan advised that the Child Care Service Plan will be available to the Board at the next regular meeting in November. The Network Group for Best Start has been formed. With regard to the NOSDA meeting attended by John in November, a report is available to the Board in the information section of this evening's Agenda. He noted that there is some value in continuing to participate in NOSDA. He advised that the NOSDA meeting will be held in Dryden next year and urged Board members to attend, if possible.

10. Other Business

None

11. Information Items Attached

The Board members received information items 11.1 to 11.7 which were acknowledged.

12. Information Items Available Upon Request

None

13. Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting will be held November 17th, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. at the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board Office*, 206 Scott Street.

14. Adjournment

Resolution #94/05 MOVED BY M. Lewis and SECONDED BY L. Armstrong:

<p>RESOLVED THAT the <i>Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board</i> meeting be adjourned.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

CHAIR

SECRETARY-TREASURER

DATE APPROVED