



MINUTES
of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD
THURSDAY, June 21, 2007

RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON 6:30 p.m.
MEETING #07/07

- 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
- REGRETS:** BARBARA COURNOYER, Township of Alberton
DENNIS BROWN, Township of Atikokan
DEBBIE EWALD, Town of Rainy River
GARY JUDSON, Township of Emo
- STAFF:** DONNA DITTARO, Secretary-Treasurer
DIANNE FARAGHER, Acting Assistant Manager of Finance
KIM GARDIMAN, Children's Services Manager
ROSS DONALDSON, Maintenance Supervisor
JUDY KOSKI, Recorder
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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

Resolution #46/07 MOVED BY W. Desserre and SECONDED BY P. Van Heyst:

RESOLVED THAT the agenda of June 21, 2007, be approved.

CARRIED

4. Presentations/Delegations

Ross Donaldson, Maintenance Supervisor, provided an information overview of Housing Maintenance in the Rainy River District, including the staff's roles and responsibilities for move-outs, regular maintenance, emergency maintenance, preventive maintenance and capital work.

5. In Camera

Resolution #47/07 MOVED BY W. Desserre and SECONDED BY P. Van Heyst:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* now meet in camera in order to address a matter pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Board employees, and 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.

Resolution #46/07 MOVED BY W. Desserre and SECONDED BY P. Van Heyst:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* approve the sale of 109-111 Alder Avenue, Atikokan, Ontario, based upon the Offer submitted 13 June, 2007.

CARRIED

6. Approval of Minutes

Resolution #49/07 MOVED BY E. Watson and SECONDED BY V. Pizey:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the *Regular Board Meeting* held May 17, 2007, be approved.

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

7.1 Municipal Cost Apportionment

Information was provided on the assessment and subsequent cost apportionment for each Municipality.

8. New Business

8.1 Best Start Community Plan

The Children's Services Manager presented the 2007/08 Best Start Community Plan, as prepared by the Best Start Network. The Child Care Committee recommends that the Board support the Plan in principle.

Resolution #50/07 MOVED BY G. Gamsby and SECONDED BY E. Watson:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* support the Best Start Community Plan for 2007-2008, in principle, at no additional cost to the Board or municipalities.

CARRIED

9. Reports

9.1 CAO and Program Reports

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

9.2 Finance

The Board members received and reviewed the Accounts Payable Report for the month of May, 2007, in the amount of \$793,125.79 and Financial Statements for the month of May, 2007.

9.3 Board Chair

No report.

9.4 Committee Reports

Ontario Works - No meeting.

Social Housing - Peter Van Heyst gave a report on behalf of the Social Housing Committee Chair, Debbie Ewald. An agreement has been signed with the Metis of Northern Ontario regarding the Affordable Housing Program. DOOR Funding has been allocated to both DSSAB Housing and Non-Profit Housing which will assist with capital projects. The Morley Business Case has been denied and they have been asked to cover their deficit out of surplus funds. A Business Case has been submitted on behalf of Atikokan Municipal Non-Profit to cover prior brick work. Operational Reviews are ongoing.

Land Ambulance - Gary Gamsby, Land Ambulance Committee Chair, reported that the service review is now complete and a draft report has been received. A Tiered Response Agreement has been signed with the Township of Atikokan. The Fort Frances Base hosted its grand opening today. The Emo grand opening has been postponed as some items are not yet complete. The Heart and Stroke Foundation will be forward five defibrillators together with training dollars in the near future; we anticipate receiving five more from the Foundation. The Ministry has approved First Nations per capita funding which equates to an annualized funding increase for our DSSAB in the sum of \$210,000. Two new vehicles will be received soon and another one is expected in the fall. Four new casual paramedics have been acquired. Critical Incident Debriefing is being made available to all responders to a recent incident which resulted in a fatality. Linda Armstrong, Dawson Board Member, stated that she has received high reviews from some of the paramedics with regard to both the new bases and the new management. Gary added his thanks to Dan and staff for their work on the move to the new bases.

Child Care - No report. A meeting was recently held with regard to the Best Start Community Plan which was presented to the Board this evening.

Building - Mike Lewis, Building Committee Chair, reported that the Construction Manager has asked all contractors to be finished their work at 450 Scott Street by July 6th.

10. Other Business

None.

11. Information Items Attached

The Board members received information items 11.1 to 11.3 which were acknowledged.

12. Information Items Available Upon Request

n/a

13. Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting will be held July 19, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board Office*, 206 Scott Street.

14. Adjournment

Resolution #50/07 MOVED BY G. Gamsby and SECONDED BY E. Watson:

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

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY-TREASURER

DATE APPROVED