



MINUTES
of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD
THURSDAY, May 18, 2006

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

- PRESENT:** PETER VAN HEYST, Township of Chapple
WADE DESSERRE, R. R. West Electoral Area
TANNIS DRYSDALE, Town of Fort Frances
GARY JUDSON, Township of Emo
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
VALERIE PIZEY, Township of Lake of the Woods
GARY GAMSBY, Township of Morley
- REGRETS:** GLEN ARMSTRONG, Town of Rainy River
MICHAEL LEWIS, R. R. East Electoral Area
- STAFF:** DONNA DITTARO, Secretary-Treasurer
LEANNE ELUIK, Manager of Finance
DAN McCORMICK, Health Services Manager
ROSS DONALDSON, Maintenance Supervisor
JUDY KOSKI, Recorder

1. Call to Order

Val Pizey, 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

Val advised the Board members that the following information item has been added to the Agenda this evening:

11.5 Memo dated May 15th, 2006, from Joanne Spence re:Property Supervisor Position

Resolution #55/06 MOVED BY E. Watson and SECONDED BY G. Gamsby:

RESOLVED THAT the agenda of May 18, 2006, be approved.

CARRIED

4. Presentations/Delegations

None

5. In-Camera

Resolution #56/06 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

Val Pizey, Chair, reconvened the meeting to its regular session.

Resolution #57/06 MOVED BY P. Van Heyst and SECONDED BY D. Brown:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* rescind Resolution #28/06, dated March 23, 2006.

CARRIED

Resolution #58/06 MOVED BY T. Drysdale and SECONDED BY E. Watson:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* purchase 450/460 Scott Street, Fort Frances, from Armstrong Investments 1 for the building and lot as is, per the terms of the letter dated May 18, 2006, signed by Shane Armstrong.

CARRIED

6. Approval of Minutes

Resolution #59/06 MOVED BY P. Van Heyst and SECONDED BY D. Brown:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the *Regular Board Meeting* held April 20, 2006, be approved.

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

Dennis Brown referred to page 7 of the minutes regarding the sale of lots and units for Atikokan Native Non-Profit Homes Corporation and asked whether any interest has been shown to date. John Callan stated he had spoken to Cathe Hoszowski who advised that there is no interest yet however, the application for consent has been forwarded to the Minister. He also advised that a new staff member has been assigned to the Ministry to grant consents, therefore, it is anticipated this may hold up the process somewhat.

8. New Business

8.1 Health and Safety Policy Review

Donna advised that this matter is brought forward to the Board annually as required by the Occupational Health and Safety Act. There are no changes to the policy since last year.

Resolution #60/06 MOVED BY G. Judson and SECONDED BY J. Callan:

RESOLVED THAT the following Human Resources Policy be approved as presented:

- HR-33.0 - Health & Safety

CARRIED

8.2 2004 Non-Profit Housing Provider Reconciliations

An Issue Sheet prepared by Leanne Eluik was reviewed by the Board members. Val Pizey questioned if we must pay out another \$9,000. Leanne stated that enough savings had been generated through mortgage renewals to cover the net amount owing without additional cost to the municipalities. Tannis Drysdale asked for an explanation of the process. Leanne explained that each provider submits an annual information return at the end of the year which reconciles the subsidies received by them. She also added that this had already been set up on our financial statements.

Resolution #61/06 MOVED BY D. Brown and SECONDED BY P. Van Heyst:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* approve the recovery from, or payment to, the identified Non-Profit Housing Providers, per the 2004 Annual Information Return reconciliations.

CARRIED

8.3 NOMA DSSAB Liaison Committee

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of Tannis Drysdale who sits on the NOMA Board. Iain Angus, Thunder Bay DSSAB Chair and NOMA Executive member has suggested that a Committee be formed in order to bring issues forward to NOMA. The Committee would meet before the NOMA meetings. Tannis also stated that NOMA has a better system for bringing matters to the forefront than NOSDA. Val agreed that we have similar issues with other DSSABs. Gary Gamsby agreed that NOMA has brought forward DSSAB issues at other levels and this would coordinate our issues for consideration by NOMA. Tannis advised that the next NOMA meeting is in June and perhaps the staff of our DSSAB could prepare issue sheets to bring forward at that meeting. Tannis was directed to advise Mr. Angus that our DSSAB will take part. Donna was also asked to write a letter to him on behalf of our Board.

8.4 2006/2007 Ontario Works Service Plan

Shelley Shute, Ontario Works Manager, advised that the Plan before the Board this evening was an update to the existing Service Plan, as we are moving to employment outcome measures. The changes begin on page 6 of the Plan, and include a change in statistics as well as Labour Market Information. The Plan is generic and will likely have to be amended again as this is a trial year. Val Pizey noted that there are already concerns regarding availability of employment in the District and in some cases there may not be enough jobs to go around. Shelley advised that the staff is working closely with employers in order to obtain jobs. She has been using community placements to drive the van in order to assist the clients to get to work, and mileage has been paid through employment supports.

Resolution #62/06 MOVED BY J. Callan and SECONDED BY G. Gamsby:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* approve the 2006 Ontario Works Service Plan, as presented.

CARRIED

9. Reports

9.1 CAO and Program Reports

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

9.2 Finance

The Board members received and reviewed the Accounts Payable Report for the month of April, 2006, in the amount of \$164,859.26. The Board also received and reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of April, 2006. Val Pizey inquired when the audit will be complete. Leanne advised that she expects to receive the audit in June. We have just received the Variance Report from Riverside which causes some concerns, and we had received their audit before we received their fourth quarter report. Our DSSAB portion is complete with the exception of the documents from Riverside. These will be reviewed and thereafter our financial statements will be finalized.

9.3 Board Chair

Val thanked the staff for their efforts regarding the Rainycrest proposal. She stated that the Municipalities have received the best deal they could get. The main concerns were governance and accountability.

9.4 Committee Reports

Ontario Works - No Report

Social Housing - No Report

Land Ambulance - Dan McCormick advised that the government's Mobile Communications Project meeting has been postponed. He also shared information with regard to the project.

Child Care - John Callan advised that Kim Gardiman will be meeting with the Ministry tomorrow and a meeting of the Child Care Committee will be planned in order to share this information.

10. Other Business

None

11. Information Items Attached

The Board members received information items 11.1 to 11.5 which were acknowledged.

12. Information Items Available Upon Request

Committee Minutes.

13. Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting will be held June 15th, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. at the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board Office*, 206 Scott Street.

14. Adjournment

Resolution #63/06 MOVED BY G. Judson and SECONDED BY J. Callan:

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

CARRIED

SECRETARY-TREASURER

DATE APPROVED