



MINUTES
of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD
THURSDAY, September 11th, 2008

RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON 6:30 p.m.
MEETING #07/08

PRESENT: JIM BELLUZ, Township of LaVallee
DEBBIE EWALD, Town of Rainy River
WADE DESSERRE, R. R. West Electoral Area
MICHAEL LEWIS, R. R. East Electoral Area
DENNIS BROWN, Township of Atikokan
JOHN CALLAN, R. R. Central Electoral Area
LINDA ARMSTRONG, Township of Dawson
GARY GAMSBY, Township of Morley
GARY JUDSON, Township of Emo
PETER VAN HEYST, Township of Chapple
BARB COURNOYER, Township of Alberton
VALERIE PIZEY, Township of Lake of the Woods

REGRETS: SHARON TIBBS, Town of Fort Frances

STAFF: DONNA DITTARO, Secretary-Treasurer
LEANNE ELUIK, Manager of Finance
JUDY KOSKI, Recorder

1. Call to Order

Mike Lewis, Chair, called the meeting to order.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

3. Approval of Agenda

Dennis Brown stated that he had a personnel issue to be added to the *In Camera* portion of the meeting.

Resolution #69/08 MOVED BY L. Armstrong and SECONDED BY W. Desserre:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* approve the agenda of September 11, 2008.

CARRIED

4. Presentations/Delegations

The Chair advised that the Board had an opportunity to tour Elizabeth Manor and Lady Frances Place immediately before this evening's meeting. He commended the Housing Department and Administration for the work done on these units. It was noted that some of the Maintenance Team had also attended this evening, with Dianne Faragher, RRDSSAB Housing Manager and Rick Bliss, lead for the Maintenance Department. The Board agreed that the units were well done.

5. In Camera

Resolution #70/08 MOVED BY W. Desserre and SECONDED BY L. Armstrong:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* now meet in camera in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- *labour relations or employee negotiations.*

CARRIED

6. Approval of Minutes

Resolution #71/08 MOVED BY L. Armstrong and SECONDED BY J. Belluz:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the *Regular Board Meeting* held July 17, 2008, be approved.

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

7.1 Transitional Housing/Aging at Home Proposal

The CAO advised that proposals had been written for both Transitional Housing and Aging at Home. These proposals have both been denied.

The Transitional Housing proposal would have utilized funds originally earmarked for the establishment of an Area Services Board. The Town of Fort Frances, who was holding the funds in trust, has been asked to return these monies to the Ministry of Northern Development & Mines.

The Aging at Home proposal was prepared by a working group in Rainy River, together with the RRDSSAB Housing Manager and Non-Profit Housing Manager. This proposal would have utilized units at Riverview Manor in Rainy River. The proposal was not accepted, however, other sources of funding will be investigated.

8. New Business

8.1 Cross Border Agreement

The Health Services Manager reviewed an Issue Sheet with the Board. He advised that this matter had been brought before the Land Ambulance Committee earlier in the week. A meeting with the City of Thunder Bay has resulted in a mutual agreement with regard to true costs and reconciled call volumes.

Resolution #72/08 MOVED BY J. Belluz and SECONDED BY D. Ewald:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* accept the proposed settlement of Cross Border Billing for the period January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2007, between the City of Thunder Bay and the RRDSSAB in the estimated amount of \$46,471.56, reflecting true costs and reconciled call volumes. This money will be paid by the City of Thunder Bay to the RRDSSAB.

CARRIED

Resolution #73/08 MOVED BY D. Ewald and SECONDED BY D. Brown:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* utilize Cross Border Billing funds, in the amount of \$88,000, plus legal fees/associated costs, for the final payment of the Emo Ambulance Base; and furthermore that the remainder of the Cross Border Billing funds be placed in a reserve account until recommendations are provided to the RRDSSAB as part of the 2009 Draft Land Ambulance Budget.

CARRIED

It was noted that Kenora data is presently being reviewed, however, it appears there will be no need to bill as figures for both the Rainy River DSSAB and Kenora are nearly equal.

Resolution #74/08 MOVED BY P. Van Heyst and SECONDED BY D. Ewald:

RESOLVED THAT a *Memorandum of Understanding* for the continued resolution of Cross Border Costs be developed for 2008 and subsequent years, and executed by the parties based on actual cost per call and number of calls as confirmed between the respective Emergency Medical Services.

CARRIED

8.2 2009 Market Rent

The Manager of Finance advised that the review of market rent is an annual occurrence. The issue was brought forward at the Social Housing Committee meeting last week. Deb Ewald, Chair of the Social Housing Committee advised that the Committee recommends that market rent not be increased in 2009 due to the present economy. John Callan noted that the Faith Non-Profit Housing Corporation had recently met and their Board has also chosen to maintain 2008 levels for 2009.

Resolution #75/08 MOVED BY J. Callan and SECONDED BY J. Belluz:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* maintain the 2009 market rents at the 2008 rates.

CARRIED

9. Reports

9.1 CAO and Program Reports

The *CAO Report* and *Program Reports* were received and reviewed by the Board. Gary Gamsby advised that he had attended a PLT Information Session in Kenora and had expressed his concern there that no Information Session was being held in the Rainy River District.

9.2 Finance

The Board members received and reviewed the Accounts Payable Report for the month of July, 2008, in the amount of \$461,582.20 and for the month of August, 2008, in the amount of \$420,026.02. Financial Statements for the months of July and August, 2008, were received and reviewed.

The Manager of Finance advised that she required a resolution from the Board to deal with 2008 Apportionment for the Land Ambulance Program. This is an ongoing issue and results from a different calculation being used by the Ministry each year. This will require an adjustment between the Budget and actual costs. John Callan stated that this matter had been discussed at the recent Land Ambulance Committee and it was suggested that the Board Chair should write to the Ministry in order to correct this matter and provide some stability. By a show of hands from the Board members present, the Board Chair was directed to write the letter.

Resolution #76/08 MOVED BY G. Gamsby and SECONDED BY J. Callan:

RESOLVED THAT the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* absorb the difference between the RRDSSAB 2008 apportionment for Land Ambulance and the revised 2008 MoHLTC apportionment for Land Ambulance in the amount of \$24,122;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT should any of this amount be in excess of the 2008 Land Ambulance operating budget, surplus Cross Border funds will be used to offset the difference in order to ensure no impact to the Municipalities.

CARRIED

9.3 Board Chair

The Board Chair reported on the recent AMO conference at which he had attended.

9.4 Committee Reports

Ontario Works - No meeting held

Social Housing - Deb Ewald, Chair of the Social Housing Committee, advised that the issues raised during the recent Committee meeting had already been dealt with by the Board earlier in this evening's meeting. She added that the RRDSSAB Housing Manager and Staff have done a great job regarding the recent upgrades to Elizabeth Manor and Lady Frances Place which was witnessed at the tour earlier this evening.

Land Ambulance - Gary Gamsby, Chair of the Land Ambulance Committee, advised that the Committee had met earlier in the week. Twenty-five defibrillators have been received and placed throughout the District; sixteen more have been approved for area school boards. As these units must be sent away once they are used, replacements will be included in the 2009 Land Ambulance. An agreement with the Borderland Racing Association has been reached. No firm details have been received regarding response times and a report will be forthcoming to the Board when more information is received. Protocol for road name changes was discussed. The status of heliports in both Marmion Lake and Fort Frances was discussed. Transport Canada has approved the Fort Frances site and the Town of Fort Frances has agreed with the proposed location. First Nations' revised population figures may mean a slight increase for our funding next year.

Child Care - No meeting was held, however, Barb Cournoyer, Chair of the Child Care Committee advised that she anticipates the Committee will meet before the next regular Board meeting.

10. Other Business

None.

11. Information Items Attached

The Board received an information package as part of this evening's agenda.

11.6 Provincial Land Tax Reform Information Sessions

It was noted that the rates have already been set for Provincial Land Tax Reform. This issue is also covered in the CAO's report.

12. Information Items Available Upon Request

None

13. Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting will be held October 16, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board Office, 450 Scott Street.*

14. Adjournment

Resolution #77/08 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