



Rainy River District
Social Services
Administration Board

RRDSSAB BOARD MEETING

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD THURSDAY, December 15, 2005

RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON 6:30 p.m.
MEETING #15/05

- PRESENT:** PETER VAN HEYST, Township of Chapple
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(**By Phone**)
LINDA ARMSTRONG, Township of Dawson
BARBARA COURNOYER, Township of Alberton
JOHN CALLAN, R. R. Central Electoral Area
RUSS FORTIER, Township of Emo
VALERIE PIZEY, Township of Lake of the Woods
- REGRETS:** GARY GAMSBY, Township of Morley
GLEN ARMSTRONG, Town of Rainy River
- STAFF:** DONNA DITTARO, Secretary-Treasurer
LEANNE ELUIK, Manager of Finance
DAN McCORMICK, Health Services Manager
JUDY KOSKI, Recorder
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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

Russ Fortier advised the Board that the following items are to be added to this evening's Agenda:

8.2 Apportionment

*11.11 News Article from Kenora Daily Miner & News dated December 12, 2005,
re: 2006 District Service Board Budget*

Resolution #103/05 MOVED BY P. Van Heyst and SECONDED BY V. Plzey:

RESOLVED THAT the agenda of December 15, 2005, be approved.

CARRIED

4. Presentations/Delegations

None

5. In-Camera

Resolution #104/05 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:

- *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.

6. Approval of Minutes

Resolution #105/05 MOVED BY V. Pizey and SECONDED BY T. Drysdale:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the *Regular Board Meeting* held November 17th, 2005, be approved.

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

8. New Business

8.1 Northern Ontario Service Deliverer's Association(NOSDA)

Donna outlined a brief history of NOSDA and advised that the group presently represents Northern DSSABs. In 2004, NOSDA decided to hire a Research Analyst and administrative support. It was decided at their Annual General Meeting that each DSSAB would be apportioned \$5,000, in order to fund these positions. RRDSSAB suggested that the costs be based on a formula, in order to equalize the payments. The decision to hire a Research Analyst was not supported by our DSSAB, as it was felt that we could carry out our own research. Currently, the RRDSSAB does not have a close relationship with NOSDA. Our Managers belong to their respective groups in the North and continue to share information and collaborate in those forums. We recently received a bill from NOSDA for \$5,000 together with a letter from the Chair of NOSDA. We feel it is better to flow information to and from the Municipal Associations such as the Rainy River District Municipal Association, the Northern Ontario Municipal Association and the Association for Municipalities of Ontario. Mike Lewis stated that we do not need another level of bureaucracy. Emily Watson asked if there was a charge for the Annual General Meeting. Donna advised that we pay for the administrative support's time to organize the

meeting whether we attend or not. In 2004 we sent three people to the AGM at a cost of approximately \$7,500. Wade Desserre suggested that if this is a voluntary membership, we should withdraw. John Callan stated that he had attended the NOSDA AGM last year and this year. He also stated that sometimes we are better off belonging, in order to be aware of their agenda. Donna was directed to send a response to the NOSDA Chair stating that we continue to recommend an equalization formula and that NOSDA does not represent all DSSABs.

Resolution #106/05 MOVED BY M. Lewis and SECONDED BY P. Van Heyst:

WHEREAS the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* supports the need for administrative support for the Northern Ontario Service Deliverer's Association(NOSDA);

AND WHEREAS the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* agrees that costs associated with administrative support should be shared by all member organizations;

AND WHEREAS the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* believes that a formula should be applied to equalize the payment to DSSABs, based upon per capita, total budget or some other agreed upon factor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board* will not contribute \$5,000.00, as requested in the NOSDA Invoice #20-2005, dated November 14, 2005.

CARRIED

8.2 Apportionment

Russ Fortier advised that this is a matter which is normally reviewed after the Budget is passed, however, we have received a copy of a resolution from the Township of Chapple, requesting that the DSSAB revisit the apportionments of Townships within the Rainy River District, and also that the apportionments be calculated using the Municipal Class Ratio rather than the average ratio. Val Pizey stated that we will never agree on which calculation we like and we don't want the Province to impose their own so we leave it alone. We all have to compromise. After some discussion, it was decided to table this matter to the June or July meeting when the current property assessment and tax ratios are received from the

Municipalities and apportionment is normally reviewed. Donna was asked to advise the Township of Chapple that the matter will be discussed at that time.

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

Leanne Eluik advised that due to requirements imposed by our auditors, she is asking for an amendment to Resolution #46/05, dated May 29, 2005, dealing with capital equipment for Land Ambulance. For audit purposes, the specific amount must be reflected in the resolution.

Resolution #107/05 MOVED BY J. Callan and SECONDED BY E. Watson:

RESOLVED THAT further to Board Resolution #46/05, dated May 19, 2005, the actual amount of \$47,927.76 recovered from the Ambulance Van Reserve for procurement of identified capital equipment, be confirmed.

CARRIED

The Board members received and reviewed the Accounts Payable Report for the month of November, 2005, in the amount of \$207,665.62. Emily Watson questioned cheque #5625 for Internet Charges. Leanne Eluik advised that this also includes the cost of videoconferencing.

9.3 Board Chair

None.

9.4 Committee Reports

Ontario Works - Linda Armstrong advised that there has been no meeting since the last Board meeting.

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

Land Ambulance - Discussion was held during the in camera session of this meeting.

Child Care - John Callan advised that he has spoken to Kim Gardiman, Children's Service Manager and she is moving ahead with the Best Start Program. A Child Care Committee meeting will be held in the New Year.

10. Other Business

None.

11. Information Items Attached

The Board members received information items 11.1 to 11.11 which were acknowledged.

12. Information Items Available Upon Request

Committee Minutes.

13. Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting will be held January 19th, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. at the *Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board Office*, 206 Scott Street.

14. Adjournment

Resolution #108/05 MOVED BY B. Cournoyer and SECONDED BY J. Callan:

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

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY-TREASURER

DATE APPROVED