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MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD  
THURSDAY, October 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.  
RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON  
MEETING #09/16

**PRESENT:** Ken Perry, Town of Fort Frances (Chair)  
Ross Donaldson, Rainy River West (Vice-Chair)  
Jennifer Johnson, Township of Alberton  
Robert Burns, Rainy River East  
Harold Mosley, Town of Atikokan  
Ken McKinnon, Township of LaVallee  
Debbie Ewald, Town of Rainy River (via teleconference)  
Anthony Leek, Township of Emo  
James Gibson, Township of Chapple

**REGRETS:** Bill Langner, Township of Dawson  
Don Canfield, Rainy River Central  
George Heyens, Township of Morley  
Valerie Pizey, Township of Lake of the Woods

**STAFF:** Dan McCormick, Secretary/Treasurer  
Joanne Spence, Recorder  
Leanne Eluik, Finance  
Tanis Fretter, Child Care

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**1. Call to Order**

Ken Perry, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

None

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Resolution #68/16 MOVED BY J. Gibson and SECONDED BY H. Mosley:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board approve the agenda of October 20, 2016.

**Carried.**

**4. Presentations/Delegations**

None

**5. In-Camera**

The meeting moved in-camera for the purposes of personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Board employees and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before Administrative Tribunals, affecting the Board.

Resolution #69/16 MOVED BY A. Leek and SECONDED BY J. Gibson:

**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.
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before Administrative Tribunals, affecting the Board.

**Carried.**

The Chair reconvened the meeting to its regular session.

**In-Camera Report**

Issues discussed included human resources and possible litigation matters. The CAO was directed to proceed as discussed in-camera.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held September 15, 2016 were reviewed.

Resolution #70/16 MOVED BY A. Leek and SECONDED BY H. Mosley:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board held September 15, 2016 be approved.

**Carried.**

**7. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**7.1 DSSAB Act**

Board members were asked to review the current DSSAB Act and provide their comments and suggestion for changes to the CAO. The suggestions were shared and discussion was held. The CAO will try and set up meetings with our Board members who indicated they were interested in participating in the

NOSDA discussions regarding this matter. We are looking to have the Province consult directly with the municipalities and the District Social Service Administration Board's and not have a Committee decide for everybody.

Resolution #71/16 MOVED BY A. Leek and SECONDED BY J. Gibson:

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Community and Social Services is moving forward with a review of the District Social Services Administration Board Act;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ministry has requested advice on engagement;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board advises the Ministry of Community and Social Services to engage directly with municipalities regarding Board governance, composition and levy matters and with the Northern Ontario Service Deliverer's Association and the individual District Social Services Administration Board's on matters related to accountability and operational issues;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board share this Resolution with NOSDA, NOMA, FONOM, AMO and member municipalities.

**Carried.**

## 7.2 Child Care Personnel

An Issue Sheet was provided to the Board. We have compared with other DSSABs and in order to be competitive, we propose to increase the Data Analysis Coordinator grid to attract qualified personnel to our organization. This is an important position as the Ministry observes data analysis such as performance indicators and statistics for allocating funding. In addition, beginning in January 2018, the funding that is currently being provided to Ontario Early Years Centre lead agencies through the Ministry of Children and Youth Services for Early Literacy Specialists will be redistributed to CMSMs/DSSABs as part of the new funding approach for Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres. It was noted that we do not want the Ministry to rely on census data to base funding decisions because the north experiences rapid changes in population making it an unfair process. In the north, there needs to be a Base funding to maintain a certain infrastructure, i.e. just to offer the services, whether you have 1 child or 100 children. The Ministry continues to struggle with developing a fair formula for all recipients. As we are amending a resolution, it was noted that a 2/3 majority vote is required.

Resolution #72/16 MOVED BY B. Burns and SECONDED BY A. Leek:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board Resolution #49/16, passed on July 21, 2016 be amended to reflect a change from "grid #6" to "grid #8".

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| Alberton          | Yea |          |
| Atikokan          | Yea |          |
| Chapple           | Yea |          |
| Dawson            |     | (Absent) |
| Emo               | Yea |          |
| Fort Frances      | Yea |          |
| Lake of the Woods |     | (Absent) |
| LaVallee          | Yea |          |
| Morley            |     | (Absent) |
| Rainy River       | Yea |          |
| R.R. Central      |     | (Absent) |
| R.R. East         | Yea |          |
| R.R. West         | Yea |          |

**Total** **10**

**Carried.**

## 8. New Business

### 8.1 MoHLTC Service Review

The CAO advised that we completed our tri-annual Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care (MoHLTC) Service Review on September 14, 2016. This item was tabled as we have not received the Report to date.

### 8.2 Insurance Services

An Issue Sheet was provided to the Board. It was noted that the term is for 1 year and our insurance cost has decreased since last year.

Resolution #73/16 MOVED BY J. Johnson and SECONDED BY K. McKinnon:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) accept the quote from Gillons' Insurance Brokers Ltd. in the amount of \$147,309.00 excluding taxes and HSC fees, for the provision of insurance services for the period of November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017.

**Carried.**

### **8.3 Pocket Housing**

An Issue Sheet was provided to Board. The pocket housing initiative is moving forward and we will be advertising the tender in the near future. Work will need to commence by March 31, 2017.

### **8.4 Social Assistance Reform**

Board members were advised that the Ministry of Community & Social Services is committed to a new initiative, Social Assistance Reform. The model appears to be beneficial for DSSABs and municipalities and should streamline processes significantly. We should know more regarding the program after a meeting scheduled with OMSSA next week.

### **8.5 2017 Budget**

Board members were provided with a 2016/2017 Tentative Meeting Schedule. Board members are asked to respond asap to the Human Resources Officer if they are unable to attend the December Committee of the Whole meeting or the December Regular Board meeting.

## **9. Reports**

### **9.1 CAO Report**

The CAO, Director of Integrated Services and our Integrated Services Manager recently attended a Housing and Homelessness meeting with the Northwest LHINS. A change in strategy was discussed where buildings would *fund themselves* based on a mix of commercial space, market rent and RGI rental spaces. Some concerns were discussed such as the difference in service boundaries, addition issues and poverty reduction, patient transfers, lack of coordination on housing LHINS, and orphan patients (those without family doctors).

The Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) funding allocations appear to have inequities and we are advocating to have it reviewed and possibly rectified. The funding formula is based on population census thereby disadvantaging the smaller municipalities such as ours.

### **9.2 Finance**

The monthly Financial Statements were included in tonight's Board Package. Please direct any questions to Leanne Eluik, Director of Finance and Asset Management.

**9.3 Board Chair**

The Chair recently attended an Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) meeting in Dryden where discussions were held regarding a possible increase in HST. The annual performance appraisal is due for the Chief Administrative Officer. Board members were provided with a template and advised that their input will be sought at the November 17, 2016 Regular Board meeting.

**9.4 Committee Reports**

None

**10. Other Business**

None

**11. Information Items Attached**

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

**12. Information Items Available Upon Request**

None

**13. Next Meeting**

The next Regular Board meeting will be held November 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rainy River DSSAB Office, 450 Scott Street, Fort Frances.

**14. Adjournment**

Resolution 74/16 MOVED BY K. McKinnon and SECONDED BY J. Johnson:

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

**Carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

  
CHAIR (Ken Perry)

  
SECRETARY-TREASURER (CAO)

November 17, 2016  
DATE APPROVED