

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD  
THURSDAY, June 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.  
RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON  
MEETING #7/21 via GoTo Meeting

**PRESENT:** Debbie Ewald, Town of Rainy River (Chair)  
Andrew Hallikas, Town of Fort Frances (Vice-Chair)  
Don Canfield, Rainy River Central  
Bill Langner, Township of Dawson  
Dennis Brown, Town of Atikokan  
Robert Burns, Rainy River East  
George Heyens, Township of Morley  
Colleen Fadden, Township of Lake of the Woods  
Mike Ford, Township of Alberton

**OTHER:** None

**REGRETS:** Ken McKinnon, Township of LaVallee  
James Gibson, Township of Chapple  
Lori-Ann Shortreed, Town of Emo

**STAFF:** Dan McCormick, CAO - Secretary/Treasurer  
Leanne Eluik, Director of Finance & Asset Management  
Jocelyn Nielson, Administrative Assistant – Recorder  
Chad Buist, Chief of Paramedic Services

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**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

There was no declaration of Conflict of Interest.

The Chair reminded Board Members that a conflict could be declared at any time during the meeting.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Resolution #54/21 MOVED BY A. Hallikas and SECONDED BY D. Canfield:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board approve the agenda of June 17, 2021, as amended.

**Carried.**

**4. Presentations/Delegations**

None.

**5. In-Camera**

The meeting moved in-camera.

Resolution #55/21 MOVED BY D. Canfield and SECONDED BY G. Heyens:

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

- A proposed or pending acquisition of land for RRDSSAB or a local board purpose or disposal of land no longer needed for RRDSSAB or a local board purpose.
- A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the Board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization.

**Carried.**

The Chair reconvened the meeting to its regular session.

**In-Camera Report**

Resolution #56/21 MOVED BY D. Canfield and SECONDED BY D. Brown:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board directs the CAO to proceed as directed in camera, in regards to issues as identified in camera.

**Carried.**

## 6. Approval of Minutes

### 6.1 May 20, 2021 Regular Board Minutes

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on May 20, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

Resolution #57/21 MOVED BY C. Fadden and SECONDED BY G. Heyens:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board held May 20, 2021 be approved.

**Carried.**

### May 20, 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on May 20, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

Resolution #58/21 MOVED BY M. Ford and SECONDED BY A. Hallikas:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board held May 20, 2021 be approved.

**Carried.**

## 7. Committee Reports

### JOHSC Meeting - March 19, 2021

The minutes of the JOHSC Meeting held March 19, 2021 were part of the meeting package.

### Ad hoc Building & Service Review Committee Meeting – June 15, 2021

The Ad hoc Building & Service Review Committee met June 15, 2021. The committee will begin meeting more regularly to address housing options and prepare recommendations for board consideration.

## 8. Business Arising from the Minutes

### 8.1 NOSDA AGM

NOSDA AGM resolutions were provided in the meeting package. The Board had no questions or concerns.

## 8.2 Integrated Care Working Group

The RRDSSAB Board Chair and Vice-Chair attended an Engagement Session on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Board Chair and Vice-Chair reported that the session was very well organized and provided a lot of helpful information. The CAO hopes to have more information on governance structure for the July Board Meeting.

## 9. New Business

### 9.1 Write-Offs

An Issue Sheet prepared by L. Eluik, Director of Finance & Asset Management was part of the meeting package.

Resolution #59/21 MOVED BY D. Brown and SECONDED BY C. Fadden:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board approve the write-off of uncollectible accounts for 2020 in the amount of \$34,812.46.

**Carried.**

### 9.2 Northwestern Ontario & Lifeguard Digital Health

The Lifeguard App is a mobile application with a primary function to connect drug users to emergency services should they need them. The user enters their location on the Lifeguard App and if they need emergency services, an ambulance will be dispatched to their location. Northwestern Ontario is the pilot for the Lifeguard application and involves all three districts, Kenora, Thunder Bay and Rainy River.

### 9.3 AMO Delegations Requested

Confirmation of RRDSSAB and NOSDA AMO delegation requests were part of the meeting package. The Board had no questions or concerns.

### 9.4 August Board Meeting

The CAO recommended the cancellation of the August 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

Resolution #60/21 MOVED BY A. Hallikas and SECONDED BY D. Canfield:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board approve the cancellation of the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for August 19, 2021.

**Carried.**

### 9.5 Employment Services Transformation

A Memorandum and Question & Answers document regarding the Employment Services Transition- Provincial Roll Out was part of the meeting package. There will be no changes for our area until 2023.

**9.6 National Aboriginal Day- June 21, 2021**

June 21, 2021 is National Aboriginal Day. The Board provided the CAO with direction to have a moment of silence at the DSSAB office building the morning of June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**9.7 Women's Shelter Request**

Town of Fort Frances, Mayor June Caul has prepared a letter for a Women's Shelter in Fort Frances and has asked for letters of support. The CAO asked the Board for direction to write a letter of support for Mayor Caul.

Resolution #61/21 MOVED BY A. Hallikas and SECONDED BY C. Fadden:

<p><b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board support Mayor June Caul's letter regarding a Women's Shelter.</p>
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**Carried.**

**10. Reports**

**10.1 CAO Report**

The CAO Report was part of the meeting package.

**10.2 HR Report**

Human Resources Report was part of the meeting package.

**10.3 Finance**

**10.3.1** The Monthly Financial Statements was part of the meeting package.

**10.4 Board Chair Report**

None.

**11. Other Business**

**12. Information Items Attached**

The board received an information package as part of this meeting's agenda.

**13. Information Items Available Upon Request**

**14. Next Meeting**

The next Regular Board meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board will be held July 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and will be held virtually.

**15. Adjournment**

Resolution #62/21 MOVED BY G. Heyens and SECONDED BY C. Fadden:

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

**Carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.



CHAIR



SECRETARY-TREASURER (CAO)

July 15, 2021

DATE APPROVED