
MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD
THURSDAY, April 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON
MEETING #05/20 via Teleconference

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

OTHER: None

REGRETS: Lori-Ann Shortreed, Town of Emo

STAFF: Dan McCormick, CAO - Secretary/Treasurer
Leanne Eluik, Director of Finance & Asset Management
Jocelyn Mueller, Administrative Assistant - Recorder

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:09 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 #33/20 MOVED BY A. Hallikas and SECONDED BY R. Burns:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board approve the agenda of April 16, 2020, as presented.

Carried.

4. Presentations/Delegations

None.

5. In-Camera

The meeting moved in-camera.

Resolution #34/20 MOVED BY K. McKinnon and SECONDED BY D. Canfield:

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

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including RRDSSAB or local board employees.
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before Administrative Tribunals, affecting the RRDSSAB or a local board.
- Labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried.

The Chair reconvened the meeting to its regular session.

In-Camera Report

Resolution #35/20 MOVED BY A. Hallikas and SECONDED BY C. Fadden:

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 March 19, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on March 19, 2020 were reviewed and approved.

Resolution #36/20 MOVED BY B. Langner and SECONDED BY J. Gibson:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board held March 19, 2020 be approved.

Carried.

7. Committee Reports

None.

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

9. New Business

9.1 Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF)

Discussion held in-camera.

Resolution #37/20 MOVED BY D. Canfield and SECONDED BY C. Fadden:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board directs the CAO to prepare a letter to Minister Steven Clark, Municipal Affairs and Housing, for signature of the Board Chair, regarding the inadequacy of the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) allocation of \$92,500 to the Rainy River District;

FURTHERMORE that the extreme inequities of allocations between districts/regions be raised; and that the letter be copied to Minister Rickford, MPP for Kenora-Rainy River, Greg Powlowski, MPP for Thunder Bay- Rainy River, RRDSSAB board members, RRDSSAB member municipalities and The Association For the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried.

9.2 Warming Center/ Sleepy Owl

The Board directed the CAO to proceed as planned with closing the warming center and transitioning to the Sleepy Owl.

9.3 Emergency Childcare Centres

Discussion was held in-camera.

The CAO advised the Board on details if we move forward with Emergency Childcare such as a specific list of who would qualify for childcare, changes in ratios, personal protective equipment (PPE), and screening processes for children,

staff and parents. There would be a lot of protections built in that would follow the directions of the Ministry of Education and the Northwestern Health Unit.

Resolution #38/20 MOVED BY J. Gibson and SECONDED BY M. Ford:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board directs administration to explore and if feasible, establish Emergency Childcare centres, as a directly operated service and/or in conjunction with our contracted providers;

AND FURTHERMORE that all centers will fully comply with the directives of the Ministry of Education and the Northwestern Health Unit.

Carried.

9.4 RRDSSAB Staffing

The Board directs the CAO to proceed as directed in-camera.

10. Reports

10.1 CAO Report

The CAO Report was part of the meeting package.

The CAO also reported the suspension of move-ins at this time.

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.

10.3.2 Investment Report (Quarterly) was part of the meeting package.

10.3.3 Maintenance Report (Quarterly) was part of the meeting package.

10.4 Board Chair Report

The Board Chair is happy with the low number of COVID-19 cases in our area and encourages everyone to keep safe by practicing the proper hand washing and social distancing.

11. Other Business

None.

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 May 21, 2020 at 10 a.m. and will be held virtually.

The Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board Annual General Meeting will be held virtually on May 21, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

15. Adjournment

Resolution #39/20 MOVED BY D. Brown and SECONDED BY D. Canfield:

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

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.



CHAIR



SECRETARY-TREASURER (CAO)

May 21, 2020
DATE APPROVED