

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD
THURSDAY, July 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
RRDSSAB Office, Fort Frances, ON
MEETING #08/20 via Teleconference

PRESENT: Lori-Ann Shortreed, Town of Emo
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
Bill Langner, Township of Dawson
James Gibson, Township of Chapple

OTHER: None

REGRETS: Colleen Fadden, Township of Lake of the Woods
George Heyens, Township of Morley
Ken McKinnon, Township of LaVallee
Mike Ford, Township of Alberton
Robert Burns, Rainy River East

STAFF: Dan McCormick, CAO - Secretary/Treasurer
Leanne Eluik, Director of Finance & Asset Management
Jocelyn Mueller, Administrative Assistant – Recorder
Shelley Shute, Director of Integrated Services
Sandra Weir, Integrated Services Manager

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:15 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 #61/20 MOVED BY A. Hallikas and SECONDED BY D. Brown:

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

Carried.

4. Presentations/Delegations

None.

5. In-Camera

The meeting moved in-camera.

Resolution #62/20 MOVED BY D. Canfield and SECONDED BY B. Langner:

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 #63/20 MOVED BY A. Hallikas and SECONDED BY J.Gibson:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) declares the Rainy River District Women's Shelter of Hope, Second Stage Housing as a "Project in Difficulty" (PID), in accordance with the *Housing Services Act, 2011, S.O. 2011, c.6, Sched. 1*. Administration is directed to take the following steps:

- 1) Dismiss the existing three RRDWSOH Board members;
- 2) Appoint the following RRDSSAB Board members to a new Board to represent Second Stage Housing,
 - a) Dennis Brown,
 - b) Robert Burns,
 - c) Debbie Ewald,
 - d) Andrew Hallikas, and

- e) Don Canfield;
3) Secure all records related to Second Stage Housing from RRDWSOH;
and
4) Assume direct management control of Second Stage Housing on an interim basis;

AND FURTHERMORE;

That administration prepare a letter for the RRDSSAB Board Chair's signature to the Minister's of the Ministry of Child, Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the proposed restructuring of the Rainy River District Women's Shelter of Hope.

Carried.

6. Approval of Minutes

6.1 June 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on June 18, 2020 were reviewed and approved.

Resolution #64/20 MOVED BY L. Shortreed and SECONDED BY D. Brown:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board held June 18, 2020 be approved.

Carried.

7. Committee Reports

None.

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

8.1 FFNUWC

There was no further discussion on this topic. Administration continues to review financials and will bring forward information to the Board as needed.

8.2 AMO Delegation Requests

The CAO advised the Board of the delegation requests submitted for the 2020 AMO Conference. Once meetings are confirmed, an Issue Sheet for each delegation will be presented to the Board.

8.3 Pandemic Pay

The CAO advised the Board that all Pandemic Pay should be paid out to the appropriate staff on the next payroll.

9. New Business

9.1 August Meeting

The Board discussed cancelling the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for August 20th, 2020.

Resolution #65/20 MOVED BY D. Canfield and SECONDED BY J. Gibson:

RESOLVED THAT the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) approve the cancellation of the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for August 20, 2020.

Carried.

9.2 Contracts

The Board discussed possible meeting dates for an Ad Hoc Negotiations Committee meeting. The CAO will send out proposed dates to the members and a meeting will be set up accordingly.

9.3 Childcare Opening, Funding & Early Years review

The CAO advised the Board that we have reopened Tall Oaks Atelier and Pathways Atelier. On July 27th, Stage 3 will allow 15 children plus instructors at the Child Care Centre.

The ministry is launching two surveys online, one for families and one for child care sector partners, to support the review of the Child Care and Early Years Act. The ministry is also looking to receive submissions from individuals and organizations by July 31, 2020.

9.4 Homelessness Funding Initiative

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has announced additional funding to support municipalities and Urban Indigenous Community Partners of \$150 M to continue to protect vulnerable people. This funding approximately doubles the initial funding amount. Previously under the SSRF program the RRDSSAB only received \$92,500. The board responded to the Minister with a letter noting the inequity in funding and the need for additional monies to support homelessness. We are awaiting the letters that will detail the funding allocation. We have been

advised that even though we will be identified a specific funding allocation, it will have to be supported with a business case to receive the funding.

Locally, Mayor Caul has raised issues with homelessness individuals tenting at the Volunteer Bureau (former train station). The individuals have been causing issues in the neighborhood and several complaints have been received. The tenting is supported by the Family Center which has apparently amalgamated with the Volunteer Bureau board.

10. Reports

10.1 CAO Report

The CAO reported the decline of COVID-19 cases in Ontario and the extension of the border closure.

The CAO reported on the new Ambulance and new Jeep.

The CAO had a meeting with Atikokan General Hospital on opportunities to work together/share or combine services.

10.2 HR Report

Human Resources Report was part of the meeting package.

10.3 Finance

10.3.1 The Monthly Financial Statements will be sent to the Board electronically.

10.4 Board Chair Report

None.

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 September 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and will be held virtually.

15. Adjournment

Resolution #66/20 MOVED BY A. Hallikas and SECONDED BY D. Canfield:

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

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.



CHAIR



SECRETARY-TREASURER (CAO)

September 17, 2020

DATE APPROVED