

LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF NOLALU
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2017
7:30 PM
Nolalu Community Centre

Attendance:

Board Members: Sherida Bowey, Ellen Bengtsson, Debra Hitz, Don Jantunen, Sharon Low (Chair)

Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Caren

NCC: Phyllis Garton

NEST: John O'Malley, Vince Patcheson, Bob Payne

1. Call to Order and Review of Agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Without objection, the agenda was adopted as presented.

2. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2017 Meeting

Resolution No. 2017-14:

Moved by Debra Hitz, seconded by Don Jantunen,

THAT the regular meeting minutes of March 28, 2017, be accepted.

CARRIED

4. Financial Reports – March 2017

Resolution No. 2017-15:

Moved by Sherida Bowey, seconded by Ellen Bengtsson,

THAT the LSB expenditures of \$3,818.89 for administration, \$2,290.17 for recreation services and \$4,187.67 for fire protection services for a total of \$10,296.73 for the month of March 2017 be accepted; and

THAT the reserve account, petty cash and bank account transactions and balances for March 2017, as per the financial statement as compared to the budget, have been reviewed and are hereby approved.

CARRIED

5. Updates

5.1 NCC

Phyllis Garton noted that there was a concern from a Conservation Officer about someone who had killed some garter snakes and left them on the picnic table, as these snakes are on the endangered species list. NCC will post signs to inform people to leave the snakes alone. Two senior lunches are planned to be held in May and either one or two lunches in June. June 25th is the pancake supper between 4 and 6pm. Planning for a Canada Day event is underway with events to be held from the afternoon through to the evening.

5.2 NEST

John O'Malley noted that it has been a quiet month with only a couple of first response calls. Training is ongoing with the joint training with Gillies and O'Connor going very well. O'Connor will be hosting a Fire Smart training session and Neebing is hosting Wildland Fire training. The Ministry of Fire and Emergency Management will be providing ten new SCBA's to the team and training and FIT testing will need to be done on them. One firefighter attended the Northwest Response Forum in Dryden. NEST is investigating how the Red Cross can help with fundraising efforts for emergencies.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Concern with Grassroots and NCC Financial Discussion at March 28, 2017 LSB Meeting - Sheree O'Malley, NCC Treasurer

Sharon read the letter from Sheree O'Malley, NCC Treasurer, who expressed concern with the discussion of the Grassroots and NCC financial situation that took place at the March 28, 2017 LSB meeting. She indicated that this discussion should not have taken place as it is not the LSB's jurisdiction to discuss these matters. It was the consensus that the LSB will offer Sheree an apology via a written letter that Sharon will draft.

7. Old Business

7.1 Exclusion of Pete's Lake Property –Status

Sharon noted that she received a phone call from Linda Braun at MNDM that the regulation excluding the one Pete's Lake property has been passed. Karen noted that she received an email confirming this from Linda and that a formal letter from the Minister is forthcoming. Sharon had tried calling the Scott's to inform them of the good news but was only able to leave a message. Karen undertook to forward a letter to the Scott's to advise them that the property is now off the assessment roll. Karen noted she is working with MNDM and MPAC to ensure the property is taken off the roll.

7.2 Educating the Community about the LSB

The list of questions one may ask about the LSB as provided by Ellen at the last meeting was reviewed. It was the consensus to publish these questions in the June/July Grassroots and request that people attend the June or September meeting to find out the answers.

7.3 LSB Association Update

Sharon advised that the proposed amendment to the *Northern Services Board Act* put forth by the Steering Committee have been sent out to all LSBs requesting comments. Once all comments are received the Committee will once again review it.

It was noted that Ralph Bullough did an interview on a local radio station discussing the formation of an LSB Association.

7.4 Recovering Legal Costs for NEST Fire Hall Issue from MNR

Sharon read the letter she sent to the lawyer of the property owner who made the claim about the NEST fire hall trespass which named the LSB as a party to the claim. The letter requests that the Liddicoats pay the LSB's legal costs. To date nothing has been heard back. If nothing is heard back by the June 1st deadline, the LSB will discuss what further action is to be taken.

NEST advised that the MNR's legal department is currently reviewing the issue to determine how to handle the location of the fire hall with NEST, MNR and the new owner of the property.

8. New Business:

8.1 Northern Services Board Act Review (as per Steering Committee request)

The proposed amendments to the *Northern Services Board Act* put forth by the Steering Committee were discussed. Sharon advised that the responses from all LSBs will be collected by the Steering Committee who will prepare a formal submission to all LSBs to be voted on.

9. Adjournment of Meeting

The next regular meeting is May 23, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

Resolution No. 2017-16:

Moved by Debra Hitz, seconded by Sherida Bowey,

THAT there being no further business and the time being 8:49 PM, the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

Chair _____ Secretary/Treasurer _____