

LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF NOLALU
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2017
7:30 PM
Nolalu Community Centre

Attendance:

Board Members: Ellen Bengtsson, Debra Hitz, Sharon Low (Chair)

Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Caren

NCC: Phyllis Garton

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

Absent: Sherida Bowey, Don Jantunen

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 – May 23, 2017 Meeting

Resolution No. 2017-23:

Moved by Debra Hitz, seconded by Ellen Bengtsson,

THAT the regular meeting minutes of May 23, 2017, as amended, be accepted.

CARRIED

4. Financial Reports – May 2017

Resolution No. 2017-24:

Moved by Ellen Bengtsson, seconded by Debra Hitz,

THAT the LSB expenditures of \$739.11 for administration, \$2,290.17 for recreation services and \$4,187.67 for fire protection services for a total of \$7,216.95 for the month of May 2017 be accepted; and

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

CARRIED

It was noted that since there is no meeting in July, the regular cheques for that month have been prepared, post-dated and will be distributed to the recipients.

5. Updates

5.1 NCC

Phyllis Garton noted that the seniors' lunches have wrapped up for the summer and will resume in September. The Pancake Supper held on June 25th had 8 volunteers but only 16 people attended. The Canada Day celebration is coming up on July 1st and the organizers are hoping for good attendance.

5.2 NEST

John O'Malley noted that the team is busy mainly with first response calls and that mutual aid training is continuing. Negotiations with the MNR and the new owner of the west fire hall property are progressing. NEST is hoping to have the LSB's legal bill covered by the MNR. All the information is with MNR's legal team in Toronto.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Minister of Northern Development and Mines – Regulation Approving Alteration of Boundary (Pete's Lake Property Exclusion)

Sharon read the official letter from the Minister of Northern Development and Mines advising of the April 2017 passing of the regulation to exclude the one Pete's Lake area property from the LSB's jurisdiction.

7. Old Business

7.1 Educating the Community about the LSB

It was noted that there were no members of the public in attendance with respect to the June/July Grassroots advertisement inviting people to attend the meeting to find out the answers to what the LSB does. It was the consensus that there is really nothing more to educate the public on due to the fact that there has been no response to the information that has been put out. Sharon noted that the Lappe LSB has a brochure about what that LSB does and she will bring it to the August meeting for discussion if the Nolalu LSB would be interested in doing something similar.

7.3 LSB Association Update

Sharon advised that the Steering Committee still needs to meet yet to review the comments received from other LSBs about the proposed amendments to the *Northern Services Board Act*. She noted that it has been one year since the Association formed and in that year quite a bit has been accomplished. An Association meeting is being planned for October 14, 2017 at 10AM at the Gorham and Ware School. Sharon also noted that the Chair of the Association and herself met with a Planner at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to discuss a number of items, one of which included severance of land in unincorporated areas. The Planner suggested the LSB consider joining the Lakehead Rural Planning Board. Sharon and Karen advised that they had reviewed information back in 2010/2011 when this topic was discussed by the LSB but was not pursued. It was the consensus to

invite Sylvie Oulton, Planner with the Ministry to the August LSB meeting to discuss severances and joining the Lakehead Rural Planning Board.

7.4 Recovering Legal Costs for NEST Fire Hall Issue from MNR

With respect to the request to the Liddicoat's lawyer to receive a copy of the "full and final release", Sharon read the document that was received. There were a few uncertain terms where board members had concern that signing the release may impact NEST and its negotiations with the MNR and the new property owner. It was the consensus to defer the matter to the August meeting until NEST has a chance to work through its process with the MNR.

8. New Business:

8.1 Transfer to Reserve Account

Karen noted that every 6 months the reserve account is made inactive by the Credit Union due to non-activity. The LSB usually only transfers surplus money to the reserve account at the end of the fiscal year. To avoid the process to have the account made active again, the Credit Union recommended that small transfers be done every 3 to 5 months to avoid the inactive status.

Resolution No. 2017-25:

Moved by Debra Hitz, seconded by Ellen Bengtsson,

THAT \$5.00 be transferred from the operating account to the reserve account to prevent an inactive status of the reserve account; and

THAT this be a standing agenda item every 4 months to approve a transfer.

CARRIED

9. Adjournment of Meeting

There is not meeting in July. The next regular meeting is August 22, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

Resolution No. 2017-26:

Moved by Debra Hitz, seconded by Ellen Bengtsson,

THAT there being no further business and the time being 8:00 PM, the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Chair _____ Secretary/Treasurer _____