

LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF NOLALU
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2017
7:30 PM
Nolalu Community Centre

Attendance:

Board Members: Ellen Bengtsson, Sherida Bowey Debra Hitz, Don Jantunen, Sharon Low (Chair)
Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Caren
NCC: Phyllis Garton
NEST: John O'Malley, Bob Payne
Visitor: Sylvie Oulton, Planner, Ministry of Municipal Affairs

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.

Sylvie Oulton, Planner with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Municipal Services Office Thunder Bay was introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

2. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Approval of Minutes – June 27, 2017 Meeting

Resolution No. 2017-27:

Moved by Debra Hitz, seconded by Ellen Bengtsson,

THAT the regular meeting minutes of June 27, 2017, be accepted.

CARRIED

4. Financial Reports – May 2017

4.1 June 2017

Resolution No. 2017-28:

Moved by Sherida Bowey, seconded by Debra Hitz,

THAT the LSB expenditures of \$758.80 for administration, \$2,290.17 for recreation services and \$4,187.67 for fire protection services for a total of \$7,236.64 for the month of June 2017 be accepted; and

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

CARRIED

4.2 July 2017

Resolution No. 2017-29:

Moved by Debra Hitz, seconded by Ellen Bengtsson,

THAT the LSB expenditures of \$1,189.16 for administration, \$2,290.17 for recreation services and \$4,187.67 for fire protection services for a total of \$7,667.00 for the month of July 2017 be accepted; and

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

5. Visitor: Sylvie Oulton, Planner, Ministry of Municipal Affairs - to discuss severances and joining Lakehead Rural Planning Board

Sylvie Oulton provided an overview of Planning Boards in Ontario including how to join a planning board, funding for boards, role of boards, development of official plans and zoning by-laws, and the Provincial Policy Statement.

In order for the Nolalu area to join the Lakehead Rural Planning Board, the LSB would need to make a proposal to the board which would include such items as area of coverage, membership composition, population, administration, financial considerations and official plan coverage. Each municipality that makes up the Board needs to approve the idea of expanding the board. If approved, there is funding available from the Province to help the board with creating the Official Plan and Zoning By-law for the Nolalu area.

Benefits to property owners in the Nolalu area to join the board are: ability to sever property and one point of contact for applications for buildings. A potential negative would be the requirement to conform to official plan and zoning regulations for properties and buildings where none exist currently.

Benefits to the Planning Board are: more revenue from government funding and application fees, and more board members to help with difficult applications.

Sharon reviewed the history of the LSB and the subject of allowing severances in the Nolalu area, which dated back to 2007.

Sharon recommended that LSB board members consider the information provided about joining the Lakehead Rural Planning Board for further discussion at the October meeting.

6. Updates

6.1 NCC

Phyllis Garton noted that motorcycle poker run is upcoming on September 9th and all licensed vehicles are welcome to participate. Senior's lunches are starting again in September.

6.2 NEST

John O'Malley noted it has been a quiet summer for calls. Training has continued throughout the summer but not the joint training with Gillies. The board has been busy with the MNR fire hall issue which will be resolved soon. NEST is buying the property that the hall sits on for a reasonable price from the new owner, with the final paperwork to be signed shortly. Once the hall property is owned, work on the helipad at the West Fire Hall can begin.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Notice of Upcoming Provincial Land Tax (PLT) Consultations – PLT Reform Office

Sharon read the email from the PLT Reform Office respecting the upcoming PLT consultation session for LSB members being held in Thunder Bay on September 11th. A formal agenda with date and location are to be released shortly.

8. Old Business

8.1 Educating the Community about the LSB – Brochure (like Lappe's)

Without objection, this item was deferred to the September meeting due to a time constraint to meet the 9PM end of meeting curfew.

8.2 LSB Association Update

Sharon advised that the Steering Committee met to review and coordinate the comments received from other LSBs about the proposed amendments to the *Northern Services Board Act*. These amendments will be presented at the LSB Association meeting, being held on October 14, 2017 at 10AM at the Gorham and Ware School, to be voted on by Association members.

8.3 Recovering Legal Costs for NEST Fire Hall Issue from MNR

NEST advised that it be will be submitting its legal costs to the MNR for reimbursement and will include the legal costs incurred by the LSB in this matter. Karen is to forward John a copy of the LSB's invoice that was paid to the lawyer.

8.4 Refund of Levy to A. Scott (Pete's Lake Property)

The Secretary/Treasurer advised that Allan Scott submitted proof of payment of the LSB levy for the years 2014 to and half of 2017 and that a refund can be issued.

Resolution No. 2017-30:

Moved by Debra Hitz, seconded by Sherida Bowey,

THAT \$449.50 for the 2014 to half of the 2017 levy paid by Allan Scott for the Pete's Lake property removed from the LSB's jurisdiction be refunded to him, with the remaining 2017 levy of \$78.50 to be refunded once Mr. Scott submits payment documentation.

CARRIED

9. New Business

9.1 AGM and Election

Without objection, the following meetings were set:

Annual AGM and Election Meeting – September 26, 2017 (immediately following the Regular September Board meeting)

First Meeting of New Board – September 26, 2017 (immediately following the AGM and Election meeting)

9.2 2017-2018 Insurance

Resolution No. 2017-31:

Moved by Sherida Bowey, seconded by Ellen Bengtsson,

THAT By-law No. 2017-05 being a by-law to enter into contract for insurance against risks that may involve pecuniary loss or liability on the part of the Board for the 2017-2018 fiscal year be approved.

CARRIED

10. Adjournment of Meeting – 9PM

The next regular meeting is September 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM (note earlier start time due to AGM and Election meeting being held directly after the regular meeting).

Resolution No. 2017-32:

Moved by Debra Hitz, seconded by Ellen Bengtsson,

THAT there being no further business and the time being 9:00 PM, the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Chair _____ Secretary/Treasurer _____