

LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF NOLALU
Meeting Minutes of Annual General Meeting
September 26, 2017
7:30 PM (following regular meeting)
Nolalu Community Centre

Attendance:

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

Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Caren

NCC: Phyllis Garton

NEST: John O'Malley, Teresa Patcheson

Visitor: Linda Braun, Northern Development Advisor, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines

1. Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The Chair read the minutes from the AGM of September 27, 2016.

Moved by John O'Malley, seconded by Debra Hitz,

THAT the minutes of the 2016-2017 AGM held on September 27, 2016, as circulated and read, be accepted.

CARRIED

2. Report from Chairperson

The Chair provided a review of the activities of the Board during the 2016-2017 term. The report is attached.

3. MNDM Report

Linda Braun, Northern Development Advisor with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) indicated that it was a busy and challenging year in regard to the Nolalu fire hall issue. She thanked NEST and the LSB for helping out to bring the matter to its near conclusion.

Ms. Braun noted the files for the Sunset Lake boundary expansion and the Pete's Lake Exclusion are complete.

She indicated that the LSB training that took place in January 2017 went very well and it was good to have the Ontario Fire Marshall presence at that training. Sharon reiterated that the training was good, especially the networking portion, and that holding this type of training every second year would be valuable.

4. Elections 2017-2018

The Chair explained the nomination and election process and called for the nomination of the five board members.

Nominations were as follows:

i) Debra Hitz moved to nominate Don Jantunen but due to health issues he respectfully declined.

ii) Moved by John O'Malley, seconded by Debra Hitz,

THAT Sharon Low be nominated.

iii) Moved by Debra Hitz, seconded by John O'Malley,

THAT Sherida Bowey be nominated.

iv) Moved by Sharon Low, seconded by Sherida Bowey,

THAT Debra Hitz be nominated.

After calling three times for further nominations, and there being none, the Chair closed nominations and all nominees were asked if they would let their name stand. All nominees accepted.

Sherida Bowey, Debra Hitz and Sharon Low are acclaimed as board members for the 2017-2018 term. Having 3 members means there is a quorum to conduct business but there needs to be 5 members in accordance with the *Northern Services Board Act*. An election to fill the 2 vacant seats will be held at the beginning of the October 24, 2017 regular meeting.

Sharon noted that the October meeting is when the budget will be discussed and that NCC and NEST need to have their budgets in to the Secretary/Treasurer by October 17th.

6. Adjournment of Annual General Meeting

The Chair called for any other business. There was none.

Moved by Debra Hitz, seconded by John O'Malley,

THAT there being no further business and the time being 7:55 PM, the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Chair _____ Secretary/Treasurer _____

NOLALU LOCAL SERVICES BOARD

Chairperson's Report

2016-2017

The Nolalu Local Services Board (LSB) began the year bidding a regretful goodbye to Sandy and Lloyd Snider, two very long-standing and hard-working members of the Board. However, we welcomed two new members in their place: Erin Claeay and Don Jantunen. Don represents Lismore Township (Sunset Lake), the recent addition to the Nolalu LSB Area.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen employment circumstances, Erin was required to resign within a very short time. An actual election was duly held in January, 2017, and we subsequently welcomed Ellen Bengtsson to the vacant position.

It has been an interesting year. The long-standing issue of the mistaken inclusion of the Scotts' Pete's Lake property in the LSB area has at last been resolved in April of this year.

Two members of the Board have been participating in the Association of Local Services Boards of the District of Thunder Bay, Debra Hitz being the Board representative, and the Chair being active on the Steering Committee. Lobbying on the part of the Association resulted in a one-day training session for LSB members, hosted by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM). In addition, a draft amendment to the Northern Services Board Act has been prepared after consultation with LSB's of Northwestern Ontario, and the result has been duly circulated. It will be discussed and finalized at a meeting of all of the Local Services Boards in the District, scheduled for October.

It was decided by the Nolalu LSB and the Nolalu Emergency Services Team (NEST) that it would be beneficial to hold a mock tabletop exercise for emergency procedures every two years. The next one will be scheduled for November, 2018, and will be discussed this coming May.

Attempts to educate the residents of Nolalu, via articles in the Grassroots, on the functioning of the Local Services Board have met with no visible results. As Chair, I am recommending that the subject be dropped for the present.

The Nolalu Community Centre (NCC) took the lead in organizing the celebration of Canada's 150th birthday. The celebration was well attended, and enjoyed by many young families.

During the fall of 2016, a Court Proceeding was initiated by the new owner of property adjacent to the west Fire Hall concerning an anomaly in the location of the hall. Unfortunately, both NEST and the LSB were named as respondents, necessitating the engagement of a lawyer by the LSB at significant expense. The action was eventually withdrawn, and the matter between the parties is in the final stages of resolution, much

to the relief of all concerned. The LSB is hoping to recover the legal costs in the near future.

Finally, members of the Board have been participating in ongoing consults with the Ministry of Finance regarding changes in the Provincial Land Tax, as well as various other government consults normal to the smooth running of our unincorporated community.

As Chair, I would like to thank the members of the Local Services Board for your hard work and perseverance: Ellen Bengtsson, Sherida Bowey, Debra Hitz and Don Jantunen. I sincerely hope that each of you will consider staying on for another term.

A special "THANK YOU" goes to our Secretary/Treasurer Karen Caren. Your expertise and willingness to go above and beyond the required are so invaluable to us!

Finally, thank you to our MNDM representative, Linda Braun, for your support and hard work on our behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Low, Chair,
Nolalu Local Services Board.