

LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF NOLALU
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 23, 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

1. Call to Order and Review of Agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. Without objection, the agenda was adopted as presented.

2. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Approval of Minutes – April 25, 2017 Meeting

It was noted that in Section 5.2 that garter snakes are a protected species and not endangered. The word “endangered” was replaced with the word “protected”.

Resolution No. 2017-17:

Moved by Debra Hitz, seconded by Sherida Bowey,

THAT the regular meeting minutes of April 25, 2017, as amended, be accepted.

CARRIED

4. Financial Reports – April 2017

Resolution No. 2017-18:

Moved by Sherida Bowey, seconded by Ellen Bengtsson,

THAT the LSB expenditures of \$740.21 for administration, \$2,290.17 for recreation services and \$4,187.67 for fire protection services for a total of \$7,218.05 for the month of April 2017 be accepted; and

THAT the reserve account, petty cash and bank account transactions and balances for April 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 the Secretary of the NCC board has resigned due to other commitments. NCC is currently seeking a person to fill this position. The garter snakes appear to have left the area of the Community Centre.

5.2 NEST

John O'Malley noted that it has been a busy month with approximately eight to nine calls consisting of fire, first response and motor vehicle accidents. The higher number of calls is mainly due to the tourist season starting. The fire calls were brush and grass fires so NEST plans to reeducate the public about starting fires and walking away. The team is undertaking training on stroke recognition. The Canada Day celebration is being planned in cooperation with NCC. There has been no further movement on the fire hall trespass issue but the MNR is positive it will be resolved soon.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence received from Srimshaw Scott LLP with respect to the LSB's request to the Liddicoat's lawyer for the Liddicoats to cover the LSB's legal cost in the NEST fire hall trespass issue was dealt with under item 7.4.

7. Old Business

7.1 Exclusion of Pete's Lake Property – By-law

The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines requires the LSB to support the regulation to exclude the Pete's Lake property from the LSB's jurisdiction.

Resolution No. 2017-19:

Moved by Debra Hitz, seconded by Sherida Bowey,

THAT By-law 2017-04 being a by-law to support Ontario Regulation 103/17, a regulation amending Ontario Regulation 737 to exclude a property from the jurisdiction of the Local Services Board of Nolalu be hereby passed and enacted this 23rd day of May 2017.

CARRIED

7.2 Educating the Community about the LSB

The list of questions about the LSB has been forwarded to the Grassroots Editor to be in the June/July Grassroots. It is hoped that people will attend the June or September meetings to find out the answers. The next Grassroots issue goes out in August so for the June meeting the Chair requested that the board members bring forward ideas of what type of information can be put into the Grassroots to educate the public about the LSB.

7.3 LSB Association Update

Sharon advised that the Steering Committee plans to meet within the next two weeks to review the comments received from other LSBs about the proposed amendments to the *Northern Services Board Act*. She indicated that six of the LSBs in the Thunder Bay District did not respond and only three did not from the Kenora District. She plans to contact the ones from the Thunder Bay District that did not respond to request their comments. Once the Steering Committee has compiled the results it will go to the LSB Association for a formal submission to the Minister. Sharon noted that of the LSBs that submitted comments, all were in favour of board member's receiving compensation to cover expenses only such as mileage, but not a honourarium. Two LSBs were not in favour of a 4 year term.

7.4 Recovering Legal Costs for NEST Fire Hall Issue from MNR

The letter received from the Liddicoat's lawyer Scrimshaw Scott LLP was sent via email to the board members for review prior to the meeting. This letter was in response to the one forwarded by the LSB requesting that the Liddicoats reimburse the LSB for its legal expense with respect to the NEST fire hall trespass issue.

It was the consensus of the members to inquire what a final release would say before signing it in order to accept \$500 from the Liddicoats. The members wished to see both parties being released from past, present and future liability dealing with the NEST fire hall being located on private property and not MNR property. Sharon undertook to forward correspondence to the lawyer requesting further details of what signing a "full and final release" would entail.

There was discussion about seeking compensation through the small claims court process but it was the consensus that the costs and time required would potentially exceed what the LSB may get back.

There was also discussion about seeking compensation from the MNR but it was the consensus to wait and see what the outcome is with NEST's dealings with the MNR first.

8. New Business:

8.1 Annual Destruction of Records Approval

Resolution No. 2017-20:

Moved by Sherida Bowey, seconded by Ellen Bengtsson ,

THAT the Records Destruction Form dated May 23, 2017 is approved and the records noted on the form may be destroyed by the Secretary/Treasurer.

CARRIED

8.2 2017 Interim Budget Report and Second Request for Payment – By-law

Resolution No. 2017-21:

Moved by Debra Hitz, seconded by Sherida Bowey,

THAT By-law 2017-03 being a by-law to approve the Interim Budget and Request for Second Payment from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines be hereby passed and enacted this 23rd day of May 2017.

CARRIED

9. Adjournment of Meeting

The next regular meeting is June 27, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

Resolution No. 2017-22:

Moved by Debra Hitz, seconded by Don Jantunen,

THAT there being no further business and the time being 8:10 PM, the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Chair _____ Secretary/Treasurer _____