

LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF NOLALU
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2017
7:00 PM
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 (7:20pm), Teresa Patcheson

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

1. Call to Order and Review of Agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Without objection, the agenda was adopted as presented.

2. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Approval of Minutes – August 22, 2017

Resolution No. 2017-33:

Moved by Debra Hitz, seconded by Don Jantunen,

THAT the regular meeting minutes of August 22, 2017, be accepted.

CARRIED

4. Financial Reports – August 2017

Resolution No. 2017-34:

Moved by Sherida Bowey, seconded by Debra Hitz,

THAT the LSB expenditures of \$738.56 for administration, \$2,290.17 for recreation services and \$4,187.67 for fire protection services for a total of \$7,216.40 for the month of August 2017 be accepted; and

THAT the reserve account, petty cash and bank account transactions and balances for August 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 motorcycle poker run held on September 9th had a poor turnout; only 17 participants. The senior's lunches have resumed for the year and have been well attended as usual. NCC is holding its annual election for board members on October 12th. Phyllis expressed a concern about people who are not premium members, or who do not support the NCC events, using NCC's wifi. A suggestion was to password protect the wifi, or to approach TBaytel to have a wifi hotspot. There is no Halloween dance this year as there is no one available to organize it and there were only 35 participants last year.

5.2 NEST

There was no update.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7. Old Business

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

Without objection, this item was deferred to the October meeting.

7.2 LSB Association Update

Sharon provided a reminder that the LSB Association meeting is being held on October 14, 2017 at 10AM at the Gorham and Ware School. The agenda has been emailed out and consists mainly of looking back at last year's activities and getting a consensus on the recommended revisions to the *Northern Services Board Act*.

7.3 Recovering Legal Costs for NEST Fire Hall Issue from MNR

John O'Malley noted that this matter is coming to a conclusion. NEST is in the process of purchasing the fire hall property and recovering costs from the MNR.

At the June 27, 2017 meeting, the Board reviewed a release letter from the Liddicoat's lawyer whereby the Liddicoat's offered \$500 as consideration to be released from any further costs or litigation on the matter. The lawyer, via a phone call and an email, requested a decision if the release will be accepted by the Board.

Resolution No. 2017-35:
Moved by Sherida Bowey, seconded by Debra Hitz,

THAT the Release attached to correspondence dated June 8, 2017 from Scrimshaw Scott with respect to the Nolalu Fire Hall Trespass matter be accepted and the agreement entered into.
DEFEATED, unanimously

Without objection, the Secretary/Treasurer was directed to notify Scrimshaw Scott of the decision and to close their file on this matter.

7.4 PLT Reform Consultation – Update

Sharon advised that she had attended the in-person PLT Consultation session held on September 11th in Thunder Bay. Her opinion is that she was not impressed with the consultation and that updates to the PLT are already a “done deal”. She did express at the consultation that the Province needs to take into consideration the number of volunteer hours inhabitants of unincorporated areas undertake as an in-kind donation to the land tax. As well, she raised the concern that LSBs are only notified by the Province at the time a property is forfeited to the Crown and not in advance. The issue with not receiving the updated assessment roll prior to the LSB’s budgets being passed was raised but the Province did say that there is a way in OPTA, the online program used to submit levy information, to view updates. The Secretary/Treasurer undertook to review OPTA.

8. New Business

The Secretary/Treasurer noted that two other insurance quotes were received for 2018/2019. AON in Thunder Bay did not submit any documentation since the quote was higher than what is currently being paid. The other company, PBL Insurance located in Sudbury, submitted a quote for \$810; about half of what is currently being paid through Brokerlink and Frank Cowan. It was noted however that there was not information at this time to ensure that the lower priced policy is offering the same coverage as what is currently being received. The Board had already accepted the Brokerlink policy at the August 23rd meeting. The Secretary/Treasurer undertook to receive a quote again from PBL next year in order to make a better comparison.

9. Adjournment of Meeting

The next regular meeting is October 24, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

Resolution No. 2017-36:
Moved by Debra Hitz, seconded by Sherida Bowey,

THAT there being no further business and the time being 7:30 PM, the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

Chair _____ Secretary/Treasurer _____