

LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF NOLALU
Meeting Minutes of Annual General Meeting
September 27, 2011
7:45 PM
Nolalu Community Centre

Attendance:

Board Members: Larry Bockus, Sharon Low (Chair), Lloyd Snider
Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Caren
MNDMF: Linda Braun, Northern Development Advisor
Community: Attendance sheet attached

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair noted the passing of Fred Mueller who served as a Board Member 2007-2008, and took a strong interest the community including being a part of the fire department. While on the LSB, Fred asked appropriate questions and brought forth issues to help the Board to be where it is today. He will be missed in the community and on behalf of the Board, the Chair expressed condolences to Fred's wife and family.

1. Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:47 PM.

The Secretary/Treasurer read the minutes from the AGM of September 28, 2010.

Moved by Caroline DaSilva, seconded by Bob Payne,

THAT the minutes of the 2009-2010 AGM held on September 28, 2010, as circulated and read, be accepted.

CARRIED

2. Report from Chairperson

The Chair updated the members on the activities of the Board during the 2010-2011 term. The report is attached.

3. Auditor's Report

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the financial statements from the 2009-2010 fiscal year, ending September 30, 2010.

Moved by Bob Payne, seconded by Lloyd Snider,

THAT the financial statements of the 2009-2010 fiscal year be accepted.

CARRIED

Moved by Larry Bockus, seconded by Lloyd Snider,

THAT BDO Dunwoody be appointed as the auditors for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

CARRIED

4. MNDMF Report

Linda Braun, Northern Development Advisor with the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry (MNDMF), offered that if the Board is pursuing 1:1 funding that she will do what she can to help. She also undertook to aid in resolving the Pete's Lake property issue. If the Board still wishes to seek statistics for the area, she will also be willing to help.

5. Elections 2011-2012

Prior to opening nominations, the Chair informed the members that although Sheree O'Malley could not be in attendance, she wished to have her name stand if nominated. The Chair also provided that Bill Hickman is not able to let his name be nominated as he no longer resides or owns property within the Board's jurisdiction.

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

Nominations were as follows:

- i) Moved by Larry Bockus
Seconded by Lloyd Snider
The current board members, minus Bill Hickman, those being,
Larry Bockus – accepted
Sharon Low – accepted
Sheree O'Malley – accepted
Lloyd Snider - accepted
- ii) Moved by Caroline Da Silva
Seconded by Bob Payne
Sandy Snider – accepted
- iii) Moved by Caroline Da Silva
Seconded by Larry Bockus
Anna Oksanen - declined

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.

Larry Bockus, Sharon Low, Sheree O'Malley, Lloyd Snider and Sandy Snider are acclaimed as the board members for the 2011-2012 term.

6. Arrange First Meeting (Planning Session) of New Board

The first meeting of the Board is set to be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 5:30 PM.

7. Adjournment of Annual General Meeting – 9 PM

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

Moved by Bob Payne,

THAT there being no further business and the time being 8:45 PM, the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Chair _____

Secretary/Treasurer _____

NOLALU LOCAL SERVICES BOARD

Chairperson's Report

2010-2011

The Nolalu Local Services Board for the past year featured four familiar faces, and one new one, as we welcomed Lloyd Snider to the Board.

The priorities for the year were established early in October:

- The annual review of the Emergency Procedures Plan
- The provision of support for the Nolalu Community Centre funding applications
- Lobbying the government on the sale of crown lots and the severance of real property

In the November public meeting re the tax levy, the levy was raised by 10% to \$110., the first raise in the levy since 2007.

Service Contracts with the Nolalu Community Centre, the Nolalu Emergency Services Team, and Moose Media (responsible for the www.nolalu.ca website) were reviewed in October, 2010 and March, 2011, as per contract agreement. All parties involved, including the Local Services Board, were satisfied with the contracts and the services provided.

The Emergency Procedures Plan was reviewed in January, as per the provision in the Plan. Some minor changes were made, but all in all, everyone was satisfied with the Plan as it stands. I would like to note that in any community emergency, such as the flooding of 2008, under the provisions of the Plan, the Nolalu Emergency Services Team takes the lead role in the organization of action responding to the emergency.

The Local Services Board supported the Nolalu Emergency Services Team in the possible establishment of a Fire Cadet Program in the community. A request for additional funding for the program was submitted, but was declined by the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office. It is now up to NEST to proceed or not, dependent on the level of interest in the project expressed by the young people of the community.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to access statistics specific to the Nolalu area through MP John Rafferty's office, without having to pay the normal \$400 fee. There was no follow-through on funding applications by the Nolalu Community Centre.

We continue to receive 100% of our tax levy from the Ontario Ministry of Revenue. In addition, we have this year received \$1,850 in pre-2009 tax arrears, leaving an outstanding arrears amount of \$2,818. The amount received was distributed between NCC, NEST, and the reserve account.

Earlier in 2011, a letter was sent to MPP Michael Gravelle as the Minister of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry re the problematic policy of lots assumed by the crown for non-payment of taxes not being available for re-sale, and the problematic policy of no allowable severance of real property in unincorporated townships. The letter was subsequently forwarded to the Minister of Natural Resources (re the sale of crown lots), and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (re severance of real property). The latter invited input from our Board in the review of the Provincial Policy (Planning) Statement. A

committee is now working to draft a response for submission. A similar submission will also be made as a response to the Provincial Growth Plan for Northern Ontario, released earlier this year, lobbying for the allowable severance of real property for the growth of the community.

We shall also be considering the response from the Ministry of Natural Resources on the sale of lots assumed by the crown, as to whether we are able to pursue that matter further. The Nolalu Local Services Board solicited support from other Local Services Boards in the District of Thunder Bay on the issues of the Fire Cadet Program, the sale of lots assumed by the crown, and the severance of real property. Minimal response was forthcoming. Nevertheless, I strongly recommend that we continue to keep the other LSB's of the District informed. At some point, they may join us in the efforts.

Finally, the Local Services Board has resurrected the issue of matching provincial funding for the LSB with MPP Bill Mauro, at the time of the announcement of increased funding for Local Roads Boards. The lobbying exercise has been interrupted by the provincial election, but will be pursued with the newly elected MPP as soon as feasible in the new year.

In conclusion, I believe that it was a good year for the Nolalu Local Services Board. I thank the members of the 2010-2011 Board for their hard work, and wish the new Board all the best, as they continue to work on the outstanding issues.