

LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF NOLALU
Meeting Minutes of Annual General Meeting
September 24, 2013
7:30 PM
Nolalu Community Centre

Attendance:

Board Members: Larry Bockus, Sharon Low (Chair), Sheree O'Malley, Lloyd Snider, Sandy Snider

Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Caren

NCC: Caroline DaSilva

NEST: John O'Malley, Camille Turcotte

Visitor: Linda Braun, Northern Development Advisor, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines; Sharla Knapton (Bill Mauro's Office)

1. Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting

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

The Secretary/Treasurer read the minutes from the AGM of September 25, 2012.

Moved by John O'Malley, seconded by Sandy Snider,

THAT the minutes of the 2011-2012 AGM held on September 25, 2012, as circulated and read, be accepted.
CARRIED

2. Report from Chairperson

The Chair provided a review of the activities of the Board during the 2012-2013 term. The report is attached.

NCC and NEST both commended the board on their work and stated that the LSB's levy helps to take the burden away in order to help them keep providing services to the community. They also noted that the LSB, NCC and NEST have a good working relationship which contributes to this success.

3. Auditor's Report

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the audited financial statements from the 2011-2012 fiscal year, ending September 30, 2012.

Moved by Lloyd Snider, seconded by Caroline DaSilva,

THAT the financial statements of the 2011-2012 fiscal year be accepted.
CARRIED

Moved by Lloyd Snider, seconded by John O'Malley,

THAT BDO Dunwoody be appointed as the auditors for the 2012-2013 fiscal year at a cost of \$3,000 plus HST.
CARRIED

4. MNDMF Report

Linda Braun, Northern Development Advisor with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM), expressed thanks to the Board and the Secretary/Treasurer for their work over the past year. She thanked the Chair for her advice given to another local LSB to help ease the conflicts that were happening with that board.

In listening to NCC's concern that other events happening the same day as it's Motorcycle Poker Run may have contributed to a lack of participants, she suggested looking at a website in Thunder Bay that lists all events that are happening in the area, so as to possibly avoid event conflicts. She offered to send the information to Karen to forward to NCC.

The Chair noted that it would be good for MNDM to organize another LSB training session similar to what was held a couple of years ago. The networking from that event was very beneficial. Ms. Braun undertook to bring that suggestion forward to her Ministry as she also believes in the benefits of training and networking.

With respect to the funding issue, Ms. Braun noted that the Province is reviewing this issue as noted by Sharla Knapton, on behalf of Bill Mauro, MPP at the regular meeting held earlier.

Ms. Braun brought information for grants that some organizations in the community may be eligible for. She gave the information to the Secretary/Treasurer to review and forward to interested parties.

Ms. Braun also noted that she has begun the process to add Lismore Township to the LSB's boundary, but this may take a year or more for the legislation to be passed.

She is also continuing to work on how the one property in the Pete's Lake area can be removed from the LSB's jurisdiction.

Earlier in the year MNDM collected statistical information on fire services in the jurisdiction of LSBs. Once this information is compiled it will be shared with all LSBs.

Ms. Braun offered to contact the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to find out who the representative for Nolalu is and suggest that person come to a future LSB meeting to discuss the severance of real property.

The Chair noted the issue of the sale of Crown lots the board has been working on and the complexity of the process for a person to purchase land that has been assumed by the Crown through non-payment of taxes. Since the Crown does not pay a levy, this reduces the revenue of the board.

The Chair thanked Ms. Braun for the work she has done and is doing on behalf of the board.

5. Elections 2012-2314

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 Camille Turcotte, seconded by Caroline DaSilva,

THAT all the current board members, those being, Larry Bockus, Sharon Low, Sheree O'Malley, Lloyd Snider and Sandy Snider 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 five accepted.

Larry Bockus, Sharon Low, Sheree O'Malley, Lloyd Snider and Sandy Snider are acclaimed as the board members for the 2013-2014 term.

6. Adjournment of Annual General Meeting

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

Moved by Sheree O'Malley, seconded by Caroline DaSilva,

THAT there being no further business and the time being 8:13 PM, the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Chair _____

Secretary/Treasurer _____

NOLALU LOCAL SERVICES BOARD

Chairperson's Report

2012-2013

The membership of the Nolalu Local Services Board remained the same in 2012-2013, and I would like first of all to express my thanks to Larry Bockus, Sheree O'Malley, and Lloyd and Sandy Snider for all of your work and commitment. I also would like to express my thanks to our Secretary-Treasurer, Karen Caren, for your hard work, for your expertise and knowledge, and for keeping us all on track.

At the initial Board Meeting last September, priorities for the Board were established as follows:

- Develop and adopt a Conflict of Interest Policy
- Lobby for a funding grant from MNDM
- Lobby for severance of real property
- Review procedural and procurement policies

The Board reviewed a draft Conflict of Interest Policy prepared by the Secretary-Treasurer, and adopted the Policy at the meeting of October 23, 2012.

Lobbying for a funding grant was delayed due to the provincial political situation. A letter was finally sent to the new Premier Wynne in February, 2013, with copies to the other unfunded LSB's in the province. Expression of support was received from a few of them. A follow-up letter was sent to Premier Wynne in June of this year. There has been no response to date. *(Actually, a response was received at the Board meeting this evening; please see the Minutes of the LSB meeting of September 24, 2013 for details.)*

Two members of the Board attended the local Provincial Policy Statement Review session in November, 2012, regarding the issue of the severance of real property. A letter was submitted later in November with our original letter of October, 2011 attached, continuing the lobbying, and also expressing concern about the review process. There has been no response to date (as usual) and the Board had decided not to pursue the issue further, as there is nothing more that can be done.

Through neglect (and nothing else) the review of the procedural and procurement policies has not been accomplished, but it will, hopefully, be on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

At the Budget meeting last year, the tax levy was raised to \$120 from \$110 the previous year. We continue to receive 100% of our tax levy, along with small amounts from the dwindling tax arrears.

This year we received a request from Lismore Township (i.e. Sunset Lake) to join the Nolalu Local Services Board. At a public meeting held in July, a vote was taken to accept Lismore, and the necessary process at the provincial level has begun. Welcome to Lismore! Although this process will likely take a year, NCC is already ensuring that the residents receive the Grassroots monthly.

The Board is currently working with NEST on a review of the Emergency Procedures Plan to conform with proposed new legislation.

In conclusion, it appears that the Nolalu Local Services Board has had an active year, although experiencing some significant frustration with the lack of response from Provincial Government on a number of issues. Hopefully, the new year will see somewhat more success in those areas than this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Low, Chairperson, Nolalu Local Service Board