

LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF NOLALU
Meeting Minutes of Annual General Meeting
September 23, 2014
7:45 PM
Nolalu Community Centre

Attendance:

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

Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Caren

NCC: Daren Fellner

NEST: John O'Malley, Camille Turcotte

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 7:45 PM.

The Secretary/Treasurer read the minutes from the AGM of September 24, 2013.

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

THAT the minutes of the 2012-2013 AGM held on September 24, 2013, as circulated and read, be accepted.

CARRIED

2. Report from Chairperson

The Chair provided a review of the activities of the Board during the 2013-2014 term. The report is attached.

3. Auditor's Report – 2012/2013 Financial Statements

It was noted that the Financial Statements ending September 30, 2013 were adopted earlier in the year by the Board due to the new requirements of adopting the statements by by-law now that the LSB is funded. The statements are available to the public on the LSB webpage.

4. MNDM Report

Linda Braun, Northern Development Advisor with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM), noted that she gave the Secretary/Treasurer some information on funding available. It was noted by the Secretary/Treasurer that since the Board does not own any infrastructure it is ineligible to apply for many of the funding opportunities. Ms. Braun will send the Secretary/Treasurer information on Trillium Funding that NCC may be able to use for its building accessibility and repair upgrades.

Ms. Braun congratulated the Board on its success in becoming funded, especially since that issue was spearheaded by the Nolalu LSB.

With respect to training for LSBs, Ms. Braun noted that all LSBs want training similar to the session that was held in 2012. The Chair undertook to send Ms. Braun an email requesting training and the type of training required, so that she has information to bring forward to the Ministry.

There was discussion of how the LSB can engage the community and inform it of the role the LSB plays in the community.

5. Elections 2014-2015

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 Lloyd Snider, seconded by John O'Malley,

THAT Sharon Low be nominated.

ii) Moved by Camille Turcotte, seconded by John O'Malley,

THAT the current board members, those being, Sharon Low, Sheree O'Malley, Lloyd Snider and Sandy Snider be nominated.

iii) Moved by Sandy Snider, seconded by Sheree O'Malley,

THAT Don Melnyk be nominated.

iv) Moved by Don Melnyk, seconded by Camille Turcotte,

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. Sharon Low, Sandy Snider, Lloyd Snider and Debra Hitz accepted. Sheree O'Malley and Don Melnyk declined. They were both asked to reconsider and Sheree O'Malley accepted and Don Melnyk declined.

Debra Hitz, Sharon Low, Sheree O'Malley, Lloyd Snider and Sandy Snider are acclaimed as the board members for the 2014-2015 term.

6. Adjournment of Annual General Meeting

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

Moved by Sandy Snider, seconded by Lloyd Snider,

THAT there being no further business and the time being 8:15 PM, the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

Chair _____ Secretary/Treasurer _____

NOLALU LOCAL SERVICES BOARD

Chairperson's Report

2013-2014

It has been a moderately active year for the Nolalu Local Services Board (LSB), with the same Board members that have now remained in place for two years. At the initial meeting of the Board September 24, 2013, the priorities for the year were established as follows:

- Adoption of the Conflict of Interest By-law
- Continued lobbying for a funding grant from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM)
- Review of Procedural and Procurement Policies
- Ensurance of a steady flow of funds through the February/March time period prior to receipt of the year's tax levy at the end of March
- Networking with other Local Services Boards
- Continuation of lobbying for permission for severance of real property in unincorporated areas
- Continuation of support for the process of adding Lismore Township to the LSB's boundary, and removing one Pete's Lake property from said boundary

The Conflict of Interest Policy By-law was adopted, and the Procedural and Procurement Policies were reviewed and accepted with minor changes.

Lobbying for an annual funding grant from MNDM for previously unfunded LSB's was successful, and we are grateful to receive just under \$3,000 annually, an addition of approximately 3.5% to our budget.

Regarding amendments to the LSB's boundaries, we are still awaiting news on the progress of this application from MNDM.

Funds were available this year to carry over the lean period just prior to receipt of the annual tax levy.

Unfortunately, the issue of permission to sever real property in unincorporated townships appears to be "dead in the water". Given the direction and agenda of the Provincial Policy Statement, it appears quite unlikely in the foreseeable future that severances will be allowed within the Nolalu Local Services Board area.

Networking with other LSB's in our area is ongoing, and may become a priority "on the front burner" this year.

Two outstanding issues remain. Initiated by the Provincial Government, the Emergency Procedures Plan is being reviewed and amended. Our draft has been submitted by the Nolalu Emergency Services Team to the Ontario Fire Marshall's office, and we are awaiting a response.

Secondly, the Provincial Land Tax is being reviewed, and several members of our LSB attended the initial meeting for input from the unincorporated areas. A number of points of consideration were made. An article detailing the Review Process was prepared (with the assistance of the East Gorham LSB) for publication in the Grassroots, encouraging residents to provide their individual feedback to the process.

Finally, we say farewell to a long-standing member of the Nolalu Local Services Board. Larry Bockus has, unfortunately, moved out of our area. We shall miss his quiet insightfulness. We thank him for his years of service.

I also wish to thank our other Board members: Sheree O'Malley (also a long-standing member) and Lloyd and Sandy Snider, who have just completed their second year on the Board. Thanks also to Karen Caren, for your expertise and hard work, continuing to keep us all on track.

I thank you all for the opportunity to serve the community another year as chairperson of an excellent Local Services Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Low, Chairperson
Nolalu Local Service Board