

**LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF NOLALU**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**July 22, 2014**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Nolalu Community Centre**

**Attendance:**

Board Members: Sharon Low (Chair), Lloyd Snider, Sandy Snider,  
Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Caren  
NEST: Camille Turcotte  
NCC: Jack Erickson

**1. Call to Order and Review of Agenda**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Without objection, the following items were added to the agenda and the agenda was adopted as amended.

- 8.3 PLT Review Consultation
- 8.4 Firewood Issue

**2. Conflict of Interest** - No conflicts of interest were declared.

**3. Approval of Minutes – April 22, 2014**

Moved by Lloyd Snider, seconded by Sandy Snider,

THAT the regular meeting minutes of June 27, 2014, be accepted.  
CARRIED

**4. Financial Reports**

**4.1 May 2014**

Moved by Sandy Snider, seconded by Lloyd Snider,

THAT the LSB expenditures of \$540.40 for administration, \$1,939.53 for recreation services and \$3,722.38 for fire protection services for a total of \$6,202.31 for the month of May 2014 be accepted; and

THAT the reserve account, petty cash and bank account transactions and balances for May 2014, as per the financial statement as compared to budget, have been reviewed and are hereby approved.

CARRIED

## **4.2 June 2014**

Moved by Sandy Snider, seconded by Lloyd Snider,

THAT the LSB expenditures of \$534.05 for administration, \$1,939.53 for recreation services and \$3,722.38 for fire protection services for a total of \$6,195.96 for the month of June 2014 be accepted; and

THAT the reserve account, petty cash and bank account transactions and balances for June 2014, as per the financial statement as compared to budget, have been reviewed and are hereby approved.

CARRIED

## **5. Updates**

### **5.1 NCC**

It was noted that the May and June Financial Statements were received from NCC. The LSB's Secretary/Treasurer is to follow up with NCC's Treasurer as to why the Grassroots printing amount was the same for both months and if the Reliance bill is received monthly or quarterly.

Jack Erickson noted that the recent spaghetti take-out supper was very successful. At the request of the public to hold another one, it has been scheduled to be held in August. The event being held on a Friday evening was popular with the campers who enjoyed picking dinner up on their way to camp.

The motorcycle poker run is tentatively set for September 6, 2014, with a longer route to be planned.

NCC is looking at putting automatic openers on the front doors, obtaining a defibrillator and doing some electrical and plumbing updates.

### **5.2 NEST**

Camille Turcotte noted that training is continuing. The annual golf tournament was again successful. There was a positive response from the participants to continue to hold the wind-up party at NCC versus at the golf course.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **6.1 Shelley Simon – Silver Mountain Historical Society**

Sharon read a letter that was directed to the Lybster Local Roads Board but copied to the LSB, respecting support of the Silver Mountain Historical Society's application to the Ministry of Transportation to designate Highway 593, also known as the Devon Road, as the Dorothea Mitchell Road.

Emailed with the letter was a copy of the MTO's guidelines for Memorial Dedications for Provincial Highways. It states that the application must include a council resolution supporting the highway dedication from each Municipality that the highway passes through, but that a resolution is not required in areas without municipal representation. Since the LSB is not a municipality and the highway does run through an unincorporated area, no municipal resolution is required. Karen noted that she had already replied to Shelley with this information.

## **7. Old Business**

### **7.1 Funding from MNDM: How it Compares to Other LSBs**

Sharon noted that she had not contacted any further LSBs to inquire what their provincial funding grant is. Once she gathers this information, it was the consensus of the board to proceed with petitioning the Province for more money if indeed it appears that the Nolalu LSB receives the least amount of funding.

### **7.2 Emergency Procedures Plan**

There was nothing new to report on this item.

### **7.3 Extension of Board Term**

It was the consensus to wait for a response from Minister Gravelle (MNDM) and therefore to keep this item on the agenda.

## **8. New Business**

### **8.1 Approval of 2012/2013 Financial Statements – By-law No. 2014-05**

THAT By-law No. 2014-05 being a by-law to approve the 2012-2013 audited financial statements, be hereby passed and enacted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2014.

CARRIED

### **8.2 Approval of Interim Budget Report and Request for Second Payment from MNDM – By-law No. 2014-06**

THAT By-law No. 2014-06 being a by-law to approve the Interim Budget Report and Request for Second Payment from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, be hereby passed and enacted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2014.

CARRIED

### **8.3 PLT Review Consultation**

Sharon noted that she had participated in a teleconference held on July 17, 2014 at 4 PM with the Ministry of Finance respecting a discussion of how the review of the Provincial Land Tax should progress. This review was initiated because of the inequality of the taxes paid between municipalities and the unincorporated areas. Sharon read the questions received in a follow-up email that will be asked during the review which is to take place early August to mid-September. It is anticipated that a consultation session will be held in Thunder Bay. Sharon will contact Bob Katajamaki, Chair of the Lybster Roads Board, to inquire if he is aware of the PLT review and interested in participating. Sharon will keep the LSB updated as the review progresses.

### **8.4 Firewood Issue**

Sharon raised a concern that in the local area there is a lack of birch firewood. She understood that the birch wood is being used for biomass or “hog fuel” for use as an energy source at a local paper mill. Jack

Erickson noted that there are fewer people cutting wood now and for those who do, birch is usually not included on their cutting license, which is allocated by the Ministry of Natural Resources. Pellet stoves are starting to become more popular, as well as those who burn firewood may have to look at other types of wood to burn. It was the consensus that this is not an issue that can be further pursued by the LSB.

**9. Adjournment of Meeting**

Due to a commitment Sharon has on the fourth Tuesday of August, without objection, the next regular meeting was scheduled for the following Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:30 PM. Sharon undertook to contact the Grassroots Editor to advise of the date change of the meeting.

Moved by Lloyd Snider, seconded by Sandy Snider,

THAT there being no further business and the time being 8:35 PM, the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary/Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_